

Storytelling

"As ever it was BRILLIANT!!!  
Part of my annual storytelling calendar."

# Tales in Trust 2017: Spinning Yarns & Weaving Dreams



Fri 20 – Sun 22 | Oct

## A weekend of Story Magic...

Taffy Thomas MBE hosts a weekend packed with workshops, story rounds, discussions, music and merriment, to stir the heart and feed the soul.

Featuring: Dave Tonge, Justine De Mierre, Tom Goodale, musicians Richard York & Paul Knox, and The History Press.



Plus  
**MERRY  
NEET**

Sat 21 Oct / 8pm

Join Taffy & friends for an evening of stories, music and merriment!

£10 / £4

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## THE TEAM

**Taffy Thomas MBE** is England's first storyteller laureate and patron of The Society for Storytelling. Taffy received The English Folk Dance and Song Society Gold Badge award in December 2010. "*When Taffy goes it will be like a library burning down.*" Giles Abbot

**Dave Tonge** – the Yarnsmith of Norwich – is an author, historian and storyteller. He can oft be found inside his medieval style 'burgundian' tent, filled with sheepskins and benches to sit on, and packed full of artefacts and replica objects. Dave recently published his first book of Tudor Tales for the History Press.

**Justine De Mierre's** multi-faceted storytelling practice "So... what's the story?" uses stories to entertain, educate, comfort, challenge or sometimes, just for the joy of telling them! She offers storytelling and story-based activities for children, adults and businesses – from toddler parties to pub nights, festivals to corporate training. She is founder of the East Anglian Storytelling Festival and Chairs The East Anglian Fabulation.

**Tom Goodale** is a storyteller with a large repertoire of stories – and also enjoys creating stories on the fly using suggestions from the audience. He will tell wherever people want to be entertained or informed. Since 2011 Tom has been a Director of the Society for Storytelling.

**The History Press** has become known as the premier contemporary resource for British folk tales. They are delighted to be associated with the Society for Storytelling and the Scottish Storytelling Forum, and the excellent work they do in upholding and reviving traditional stories and culture.



## THE WEEKEND

Taffy Thomas hosts a weekend packed with workshops, story rounds, discussions, music and merriment, to stir the heart and feed the soul. Saturday will feature a new commission '**Embroidering the Truth? Tales from the Bayeux Tapestry**' by Dave Tonge, and a storytelling performance of '**The Mermaid's Song**' by Justine De Mierre, in addition to the regular evening '**Merry Neet**'. Individual event tickets are available for these performances – see website for details.

## WHO'S IT FOR?

Tellers of all levels of experience, and those who just want to listen; after all, "*if speaking were more important than listening, we'd have two tongues and one ear.*" Taffy Thomas

## BOOKING

**01984 618274 ext 1 / [office@halswaymanor.org.uk](mailto:office@halswaymanor.org.uk)**

Full board per person (all activities, accommodation & meals): £155 - £225 depending on room choice.

Camping per person (all activities & meals): £145

Non Resident (all activities, meals except breakfast): £135

## GETTING HERE IS EASY

We're just off the A358 Taunton – Minehead road, approx 20 minutes from the M5. The mainline railway station in Taunton has a regular bus service stopping an easy 5 minute walk from our door.

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Halsway Manor is a creative organisation that provides courses, events and activities for everyone interested in traditional music, dance, song, storytelling, folklore, arts and crafts.

Located in the Quantock Hills – a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – the historic Manor has a Great Hall, a Victorian Ballroom, wood-panelled lounge/bar and folk library (housing a nationally important collection of books and audio recordings), and six acres of lovely gardens and grounds – great spaces for workshops and relaxing!

Our friendly staff ensure you are well looked-after, and our chefs provide tasty, home-cooked food (all diets catered for).

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