

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

2017 Tales in Trust Participant

Tales in Trust 2018: Three Golden Apples

Hosted by **Taffy Thomas** with: **Kate Corkery** (Storyteller), **Richard York** (Musician and Storyteller), **Tom Goodale** (Storyteller), **Paul Knox** (Musician), **John Crouch** (Cumbrian Chef & Food Historian)

Fri 19 – Sun 21 | Oct



Three golden apples
fell from the sky. The first is
for me who told the story. The
second is for you who listened.
The third I take in my right
hand, and throw over my
left shoulder for all the
people who told the
story before me

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ABOUT TAFFY

Taffy Thomas was awarded the MBE in 2001 for services to storytelling and charity, is the patron of The Society for Storytelling, and received The English Folk Dance and Song Society Gold Badge award in 2010. With Taffy's head bursting with stories, riddles and folklore, professional storyteller Giles Abbot once commented, "*when Taffy goes it will be like a library burning down.*"

Taffy has a repertoire of more than 300 stories, collected mainly from traditional oral sources, which he is happy to tell in almost any situation. This repertoire was built by meeting and working with virtually all the great traditional storytellers who were alive in Britain. He is now the most experienced English storyteller, having performed in many countries on four continents.

Join England's first storyteller laureate Taffy Thomas MBE and guests for a weekend of stories, food, music and merriment to stir the heart and feed the soul.

This year a feast of traditional folktales will link two great delights - folktales and food. Award winning storyteller Kate Corkery will perform 'The Sweet Shop on the Shore', which skilfully blends folktale with reminiscence. Cumbrian chef and food historian John Crouch will demonstrate dishes that link to traditional tales. Richard York and Paul Knox will enrich the broth with tasty music and song. Expect to be nourished in both body and mind.

The weekend will be packed with workshops, performances, presentations and story rounds. Bring your stories to share, your instruments if you play, and most importantly, your ears.

WHO'S IT FOR?

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

"I am new to storytelling. I am now interested in taking up the art, and have already made contact with a storytelling group." 2016 Participant

BOOKING

01984 618274 ext 1 / office@halswaymanor.org.uk

Full board per person (workshops & activities, performances, all meals and accommodation):

£160 - £232 depending on room choice

Camping per person (workshops & activities, performances, all meals): £149

Non Resident (workshops & activities, performances, meals except breakfast): £139

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.

Company No: 849615 Charity No: 247230

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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