



CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP MENU 2017

Below are the suggestions from our workshop leaders of what they are offering this summer.

THOSE WORKSHOPS WITH * MARKED AFTER THEM INDICATE THEY ARE SUITABLE FOR ANY OF OUR VENUES SITED IN THE SOUTH DORSET RIDGEWAY AREA AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THOSE VENUES TO TRY AND BOOK THESE WORKSHOPS PLEASE.

1. DORSET FOREST SCHOOLS

OUTDOOR

***Making a Myth - Stories and Games from the past**

- Investigating the myths and legends surrounding some of the ancient stones in the area – such as the Hel Stone, Grey Mare and her Colts and the valley of the stones.
- Working to create some new Myths about how they came to be there, by working in small groups and then hearing the new stories around the fire circle at the end.
- Focussing on the geology of the site – and using the chalk to make paint, we will then decorate our own stones with chalk and coloured clay to make a simple game of tic tac toe.
- Using stones, wool and leather cord we will make staffs and story sticks using wool and lashing techniques.
- Extension tasks will be - looking at knapped flint and trying to spot discarded knapped flint on the ground.

***Wonderful Warriors of Wessex**

- Puppet making - Ancient peoples of the Dorset landscape
- Using coppiced Hazel , natural textiles , leather , wool and simple woven fabrics
- Create a character and devise a story for them
- Share your ideas and creations around the fire

***Clay , sticks and stones**

- A sensory art session making beads and designing shields using clay , Elder and a wooden or stone pendant worn by Men and Women alike to show their status and bring good luck or even use for Dowsing.
- Design a Celtic style Shield using a natural colour palette

***Village Hilltop life**

- Help create an Iron age Hill fort, using gathered sticks , straw , stones and clay.
- Each participant can make a simple mini round house and model some inhabitants then add to a group creative experience of village living

***Hill figures**

- Our landscape is full of giant art from our past.
- Paint your own beautiful image of the Dorset rolling countryside , with inks, paint, charcoal and pastels.

- Adding a secret creature of myth and legend in white wax -last of all paint over the hidden image to reveal the lost and forgotten beast share the story of your picture around the fire.

***Making a Mark**

- Learn to write your name in runes – make an amulet using ancient cordage techniques.
- Using air-drying clay make a Saxon coil pot or necklace, finding natural things to decorate our pots with.
- Using chalk and clay make natural paint to decorate our beads and pots with and tools to decorate the clay with.

Workshop Duration: 11am – 3pm

Age Group: 5 – 12yrs

Dates Available: 24th, 27th, 28th July & 21st, 22nd, 29th, 31st August

Helpers required: 2

Maximum number of children: 12

Minimum ticket price: £10

2. TREEHOUSE THEATRE

STORYTELLING/DRAMA/MUSIC

STORY BOX

An hour of dressing up, story-making, music with instruments and interactive story-telling. Ideas include:

Pirates Ahoy! Sing sea shanties, dress up as a pirate, invent and perform your own pirate tale, all rounded off with some swash-buckling interactive story-telling

The Jurassics Got Talent! Travel with us back in time to the days when dinosaurs walked this coastline, Dress up invent and perform your own tale from the Dinosaur Age, enjoy some actions, then get ready for....The Jurassics got Talent interactive story-telling.

The Dancing Turtle! Dress up and create your own rainforest tale, sing some songs of the jungle and learn a special turtle dance ready to join in with our interactive storytelling.

The Gingerbread Man. Action songs, some noisy instruments, and colourful dressing up will all help us create our own fairy tale to act out. Interactive storytelling to finish, with this timeless classic fairy tale.

Workshop Duration: 1 hour

Age Group: 2 – 8 years old (children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult)

Dates Available: Tues 25th July; Tues 1st Aug; Wed 2nd Aug; Sat 5th August; Tues 29th Aug; Wed 30th Aug; Thurs 31st Aug; Fri 1st Sept; Sat 2nd Sept.

Helpers required: 2

Maximum number of children: 30 – must be accompanied by an adult

Minimum ticket price: £3

3. FRANCES QUINLAN

CRAFT

Wacky Willow Sea Creatures

Bend and bow willow to make a fish or sea creature-shape which you can then use tissue paper and pva glue to colour and/or lengths of coloured fabric to weave. Hang it in your room!

Workshops Times: 10.00am – 1.00pm or 1pm – 4pm

Age Groups 5 yrs +

Dates Available: All days except Wed and Thurs

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children booked

Maximum No. of children: 15

Minimum ticket price: £6

Fantastical and whimsical plant and flower structures

Make large and crazy natural structures out of willow and use tissue paper and fabrics to decorate. Flowers, leaves, They can hang from walls or ceilings or stand in a pot!

Workshops Times: 10.00am – 1.00pm or 1pm – 4pm

Age Groups 5 yrs +

Dates Available: All days except Wed and Thurs

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children booked

Maximum No. of children: 15

Minimum ticket price: £6

Pots and Planting

Learn the three clay hand-building techniques – (slab, coil and thumb) and make a pot. Decorate it by making marks using shells, feathers, stones, sticks and leaves. Plant a seed in the pot and take it home to watch it grow!

Workshops Times: 10.00am – 1.00pm or 1pm – 4pm

Age Groups 5 yrs +

Dates Available: All days except Wed and Thurs

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children booked

Maximum No. of children: 15

Minimum ticket price: £6

Folding Book Story

Make a folding book out of A5 paper and card. Tell a picture and word story about yourself or something else of your choice using a variety of materials such as paint, pencils, pastels and chalks, collage and charcoal.

Workshops Times: 10.00am – 1.00pm (half day workshop) or 10.00 – 4.00pm (if full day)

Age Groups 5 yrs +

Dates Available: All days except Wed and Thurs

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children booked

Maximum No. of children: 15

Minimum ticket price: £6 or £12 if full day

4. SARAH BUTTERWORTH

CRAFT

Dorset Shadow Ghosts

Did you know Dorset villages are full of ghouls and witches? Create your own with moving limbs and put on a musical shadow show on the shadow screen for your parents.

Workshops Times: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Age Groups 10 years + or younger children accompanied by an adult

Dates Available: July 25th, 26th, Aug 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 10th

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children booked

Maximum No. of children: 15

Minimum ticket price: £15

5. JUSTINE FRY

SONG & DANCE

African themed dance workshops

Come and explore African Culture through dance, song, arts, theatre and music.

Duration of workshop: 11am – 3pm

Age Range for workshop: 5+

Dates you are available: Fridays only from 24th July to 1st Sept

Maximum No. of children: 30 max

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children

Minimum ticket price: £8

6. DARRELL WAKELAM

3D SCULPTURES

Darrell provides tailor made art workshops, projects and staff training sessions for schools, museums, theatres and other educational organisations.

He creates a broad range of artwork including illustrative and 2D artwork but mainly focusses on 3D models, sculptures and masks using cardboard construction, paper mache and collage techniques.

Darrell has been providing art workshops for over 25 years and has worked for hundreds of different clients nationwide. I have experience of working with children and young people of all ages and abilities and from a diverse variety of backgrounds and cultures.

Darrell is an extremely experienced and very professional workshop leader, with over 25 years experience. He is offering the following 3 workshops.

*3D Owl Sculptures

Based on birds of the South Dorset Ridgeway.

“Make your very own 3D owl sculpture to take home with you.”

Terrifying Pterosaurs

Inspired by Fossils from the Jurassic coast.

“Design and create your own Pterosaur sculpture.”

Crazy Clowns

Crazy 3D clown sculptures

“Create an amazing 3D clown sculpture to take away with you.”

Workshops Times: 10.30am – 3.00pm

Age Groups 6 – 12yrs

Dates Available: Any day during the week 24th - 28th July

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th August

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th August
Any day during the week 21st - 25th August
Helpers Required: 2
Maximum No. of children: 16
Minimum ticket price: £10

7. REBECCA FREIESLEBEN

STONE CARVING

Stone carving workshops

Participants carve a small 'tile' of Bathstone with a simple, bold design, focussing on specific flora and fauna found along the South Dorset Ridgeway – any theme or none! Tools and equipment provided, as is paint, if children want to paint their work after carving.

Dress for mess. Venue needs to have sturdy lip-less tables (for secure use of bench hooks) and not be particularly sensitive to dust. I obviously always clean up as much as possible afterwards.

Workshops Times: 10.00am – 12.30pm or 2 – 4.30pm

Age Groups 4yrs +

Dates Available: Flexible and free at the moment

Helpers Required: 2

Maximum No. of children: 8 absolute maximum

Minimum ticket price: £10

8. JEANNIE BRUNSKILL

CRAFT

Stone bugs

Create your very own box of stone bugs.

Make up a story about your own little creature, where it lives what it eats what it likes and what it hates! Then make your own collection of stone bugs nestling in their own little home. Paint them and decorate them to reflect their individual personality as pretty or scary as you like.

Woodland fairy folk

Create your own woodland scene.

Make your own collection of gnomes and fabulous crazy toadstools all made from wood and recycled bits and pieces.

Crazy koi kites

Create a traditional Koi kite from kraft paper decorated with pastel and water-colours, and give it a sheen with shimmering acrylics and gold dusting powder to make it really fishy,...!! finish it off by hanging it from a decorated stick to carry it home.

*Gorgeous insects and butterflies

We will start by studying insects and butterflies of the Dorset countryside, and then draw a detailed image of your favourite, then we will make a box of beautiful insects and butterflies made from sparkling gems and hand decorated paper.

Create a fantastic mixed media picture with a fabulous watercolour background and take home your own insect and butterfly collection!!

Workshops Times: 10.30 – 12.00

Age Groups 5 – 8 yrs

Dates Available: TBA

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children booked

Maximum No. of children: 12

Minimum ticket price: £4

9. Creative Clay

CRAFT

Mermaids – Dorset Myths and legends

Learn of Dorset's mermaid legends including Chesil beach and the ancient mermaid. Create your own idea of a mermaid out of air drying clay using a range of stamps, wallpapers and textiles including textures to create fish scales.

Workshops Times: 10.30 – 12.30 or 2 – 4pm

Age Groups 6yrs

Dates Available: 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd August

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children booked

Maximum No. of children: 20

Minimum ticket price: £4

Toads and Lizards

Sand lizards like mature sunny habitats and open undisturbed sand to lay their eggs in. They enjoy the Dorset protected heathland. Natterjack toads are only found in a few coastal dunes, saltmarsh and inland sites in Britain. I will demonstrate how to create a toad or lizard in air drying clay starting with a basic pinch pot I will show you how to use texture and create personality. Then have fun creating your own.

Age Groups 8yrs

Dates Available: 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd August

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children booked

Maximum No. of children: 20

Minimum ticket price: £4

10. Moonstudio – Imogen Charleston

CERAMICS

Medieval coat of arms

Make your own family coat of arms. We will first take a look at the history of heraldry before designing and making your shield with a modern twist taking inspiration from family interests. Using air drying clay. Option to paint.

Clay Creatures

Get inspired by nature. Using the pinching technique sculpt a 3D animal from air drying clay. At texture and pattern to the surface. Using air drying clay. Option to paint.

Workshops Times: 10.30 – 12.00

Age Groups 4 – 8 yrs (under 8 must have an adult with them for support)

Dates Available: TBA

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children booked

Maximum No. of children: 12

Minimum ticket price: £5

11. Lizzie Bryant

CRAFT & STORYTELLING

*Mask Making and Storytelling.

Exploring the animals (or fantastic beasts and fairy creatures) of the Ridgeway, make a fantastic mask from fabric and cardboard to take home, and enjoy a fun and interactive story with the masks and other story props.

Themes: Animals of the Ridgeway

Fantastic Beasts and Fairy Creatures (...of the Ridgeway)

Workshops Times: 10.30am – 12.30pm or 2pm – 4pm

Age Groups 5 yrs +

Dates Available: Aug 3,4,7,8,9, 11,14, 17,18, 21,22,23,25,28,29,30.

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children booked

Maximum No. of children: 20

Minimum ticket price: £6

Story Sacks

Create the ingredients for some fun stories to take home in your own story sack: Imagine characters, objects, problems, landscapes and create them using fabric, card, recycled and natural materials and explore using them to create enchanting stories. Enjoy an interactive story session creating new stories from our story sacks.

Workshops Times: 10.30am – 12.30pm or 2pm – 4pm

Age Groups 6 yrs +

Dates Available: Aug 3,4,7,8,9, 11,14, 17,18, 21,22,23,25,28,29,30.

Helpers Required: 2 – dependent on numbers of children booked

Maximum No. of children: 15

Minimum ticket price: £6

*Questing the Ridgeway

CREATIVE STORYTELLING & WRITING

A workshop creating stories set in the ancient and magical Ridgeway landscape. I will share a bronze age story about a young girl, some old, old bones and a riddling quest, and together we'll explore fun ways to inspire and develop ideas for your own stories.

Stories and ideas will be recorded in hand made books or on story cloths or scrolls to take home.

Workshops Times: 10am – 1pm or 2pm – 5pm

Age Groups 9-13

Dates Available Aug 3,4,7,8,9, 11,14, 17,18, 21, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 30.

Helpers Required: 1

Maximum No. of children: 10

Minimum ticket price: £10

12. Lizzie Bryant and Caelia Leuniss

STORYTELLING & CRAFT

Dragon's Hope: A Woodland Adventure by MaidenCrone – Lizzie Bryant storyteller and Caelia Leuniss, Musician

Come and create on a carousel of craft activities using willow, clay, natural and recycled materials, headdresses, willow weave feathers, percussion instruments, dragon masks and other props to support and interact with the storytelling performance of:

Be pixie-led, and fairy-bound, in the wood turn thrice around. If riddles speak and paths unwind then Dragon's hope is yours to find.

All is not well with the deep dwelling dragon of the dimpsy wood and the fairy queen is worried, very worried. If she cannot find the right remedy for the dragon, and he leaves, never to return, what will happen to the wood?

It falls to Scrumpy, the wood's naughtiest pixie and most unlikely heroine, to save the day, the wood, and possibly the whole world...

A woodland adventure story for the whole family. Come dressed as fairies and pixies!

Can be performed outside and the story tailored to local woods, orchards and landscape settings.

Duration of workshop: Crafts 70 mins, performance 60 mins

Age Range for workshop: Age from 5+ accompanied by adult. Family show

Helpers Required: 1

Dates available: tba

Number of children in workshop: 40 plus adults

Minimum ticket price: £10 per child – adults free

12. Kathy Kelly

MUSIC AND ACTIVITIES FOR TODDLERS

Fiddlesticks on Tour

Baking bread , singing , art with natural resources, musical fun, sharing snack together and hand made puppet show

Duration of workshop: 10am – 12pm

Age Range for workshop: 2 – 5 yrs

Helpers Required: 2

Dates available: 1st , 2nd and 4th Aug , 7th 9th and 11th , 14th , 15th 16th

Number of children in workshop: 12 – 15

Minimum ticket price: £5

What help will be needed on the day?

*The workshop will be much more fun for everyone if there is plenty of adult/older teenager help on the day especially at arrival and departure times and over lunch. The workshop leaders need a break to have their own lunch and to organise the afternoon session, so you need to have enough help to look after the children during this break. Some workshop leaders may want to leave the hall during lunch time. Many items are marked ***Sufficient to reach recommended adult/child ratio** – this means a minimum of 2 adults with 1 adult for every 8 children if the group includes any children under 8, or 1 adult for every 10 children if all the children are 8+. Where the workshop leader is male, please make sure that there is at least one adult female helper there throughout the workshop. These helpers are in **addition** to the workshop leaders. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Ticket Prices

We have tried to keep suggested ticket prices down – these are quite a bit lower than in the towns and are subsidised. However, please don't let the suggested ticket prices put you off. If you would like to book a workshop, but feel that children in your village would be put off by the price, please phone me up to discuss it. We will see what can be negotiated! Also, we want to make sure no children are excluded because of the ticket price so we can arrange appropriate concessions, or you could offer a free place to the child of a helper.

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