

the Green Parent

FESTIVAL GUIDE 2023

Everything you need to plan an epic family adventure this summer. Seriously, from tiny camps to bombastic music extravaganzas we've packed it in here!



ELDERFLOWER FIELDS

BEARDED THEORY

Catton Hall, Derbyshire,
25-28 May

beardedtheory.co.uk

The Children's Village at Bearded Theory is centred around a colourful village green, which will be taken over by the Festival School, running from 9am-3pm and providing a huge itinerary of fun educational classes. Expect everything from maths (how to budget a music festival), P.E classes to a pop-up library and poetry tent. Creative Intentions Café on site offers veggie/vegan food at child friendly prices/ portions, and a chill out area with games and a small acoustic stage.

SHINDIG FESTIVAL

Dillington Estate,
Somerset, 25-28 May
shindigfestival.co.uk

The Kids Kingdom at Shindig is literally that, a huge kingdom just for kids! There are tons of free activities available from 9am until 5pm daily with performances

and shows throughout. Also kid-friendly films showing in the cinema until late. Activities include: breakdancing, graffiti, MCing, drumming, climbing, puppet shows, a giant marble run and more.

ELDERFLOWER FIELDS

Ashdown Forest, 26-29 May
south.elderflowerfields.co.uk

New this year is the Moonshine Fandango Stage featuring everything from beatboxing workshops to wild fitness and middle-aged raves! If you love to dress up and get silly Sunday's Big Family Dance Off is for you. There's a dance contest that takes place after a giant family picnic in front of the stage.

HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN

Hay On Wye, 26-29 May
howthelightgetsin.org

This year's magical speaker lineup includes Slavoj Žižek, Esther

Freud and Brian Greene. Music lineup features Welsh Music Prize-winning songwriter and producer Gruff Rhys, experimental composer Anna Meredith and BRIT Award-winning indie legends Belle and Sebastian.



HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN

FIRE IN THE MOUNTAIN

Cambrian Mountains, 1-5 June
fireinthemountain.co.uk

Celebrating the music of Wales, Fire in the Mountain is all about folk music. Folk is music that is ancient, and which has been passed down through generations, thus being part of the oral tradition and benefitting from the folk process. As well as the natural playground of woodland, hills and streams, there's a varied programme of interactive activities and entertainment for all ages.



HEVER FESTIVAL

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Hever, 27 May – 30 Aug heverfestival.co.uk

This summer is the 40th anniversary of Hever Festival, a series of events bringing some of the finest theatre and music to the grounds of Hever Castle. From David Walliams to Horrible Histories, Jungle Book to the Wizard of Oz, there's an exciting line up for the whole family. Tickets for matinee performances include entry into the castle gardens after the show has finished.



3 WISHES FAERY FEST

Torpoint, Cornwall, 16-18 June fairyfestival.co.uk

There will be around 100+ workshops and activities for you at this magical festival for all the family. The Fairy School is free and opens every day. Join Freyja Faery for the Unicorn Dog Show and at night time playing with fire! There's also a Mermaid School. This is a plant-based festival – all food is vegetarian and vegan. Under 7's are free.

WYCHWOOD

Cheltenham

Racecourse, 2-4 June

wychwoodfestival.com

Expect a massive programme of workshops and activities for all the family to get involved in. In fact, over 100 workshops and activities for all ages, such as magic workshops, circus skills, interactive story-telling, junk drumming, bleephaus electronic music, art & crafts workshops, street theatre, buskers and much more. Wychwood offers a safe, family friendly environment, it's big enough to have LOADS to explore but small enough to know your family are safe. This provides a great environment to let your teens enjoy the festival with a little independence!

THE MAJOR OAK

Woodland Festival

Sherwood Forest, 17-18 June

sherwoodforest.org.uk/1524-2/

A weekend of outdoor family fun celebrating all things woody! Watch craft demos, try traditional woodland skills, listen to stories and hang out with ancient oaks – many over 500 years old and a vital home to birds, bugs, bats and fungi. All set in the leafy groves of Robin Hood's legendary home. Free entry.



WEALDEN FESTIVAL

Boldshaves, Kent, 24-25 June

wealdenliteraryfestival.co.uk

Launched in 2015 as an antidote to screen-dominated, fast-paced lives, Wealden Literary Festival offers up a chance to pause and unearth both the wonder of the natural world and our own creative potential. At the heart of the festival, Tinkertown is a traditional adventure playground, which gives kids the space and freedom to design, build and play as they like with real tools, pallets and scrap timber.

FOLK IN A FIELD

30 June – 2 July

Bradmoor Woods, Norfolk

folkinfield.co.uk

Set in a remote woodland clearing, Folk in a Field brings together a diverse mix of folk and roots from all over. Expect a laid back environment, free activities and shows, workshops, stalls, treatments and open mic.

Kids can get involved in clay play, circus workshop and more.



TIMBER FESTIVAL

Fearnedock, The National Forest, 7-9 July

timberfestival.org.uk

At this exciting nature-based festival, activists and makers will invite you to join them in a joyous celebration of the natural world. Learn all the skills and trickery you'd need to run away with the circus. From juggling to partner acrobatics and even getting up in the air on a trapeze. Or visit Nature Makers and use sustainable and vegan materials to create works of art.

LOST IN THE HILLS FESTIVAL

Peak District, 8 July

wattsrussell.co.uk

Creative Peaks is an arts and music organisation, joining the dots between sound, words, image, movement and the natural world. Based at the

Watts Russell Arms, an ancient stone-built venue nestled between the River Dove and Thor's Cave in the Peak District National Park, Lost in the Hills festival brings together creatives with an emphasis on improvisation, experimentation and collaboration.



FOLK BY THE OAK

Hatfield Park, Herts, 16 July folkbytheoak.com

Folk by the Oak is just outside of London but it feels a million miles away. This one day festival is surrounded by the leafy green parkland of Hatfield Park, where you will be immersed in music, history, ancient oaks, bunting, fun and laughter. From the intimacy of the Acorn Stage to the open air festival buzz of the Main Stage, expect award winning musicians and inspiring new talent in one memorable day. From circus skills to henna art, climbing walls to singing workshops, archery to fairy dancing, it's all here to enjoy AND within sight and sound of the Main Stage, so grown-ups can share the fun without missing out! ➡



STANDON CALLING

BLUEDOT

**Jodrell Bank Observatory,
Cheshire, 20-23 July**
discoverthebluedot.com

Bluedot's unique nature as a celebration of planet Earth unveils a new theme of Space Carnival, which invites revellers to get creative and immerse themselves in a celebration of everything intergalactic. There'll be special parades, immersive art and silent disco parties. Expect a riot of colour, light and dance, taking Rio to Orion, and Notting Hill to Neptune! For families there's science shows, kids cinema, hands-on activities, Jedi Lightsaber training, interactive & dance-fuelled workshops. Children's tickets start from £35.00 and under 5's are free.

LATITUDE

Suffolk, 20-23 July
latitudefestival.com

There's a huge array of family-friendly activities for both children and parents at Latitude, spread across four exciting areas. The Kids Area is an entire festival in itself! Curated with love and imagination, and featuring a vast array of activities, it's colourful, & creative, wild and adventurous.

Then, in a woodland location, the Inbetweeners' Area for 12-17yr olds is THE place to be for teens interested in music, broadcast media, fashion, dance, theatre and the arts.

NOZSTOCK

**Bromyard, Herefordshire,
20-23 July** nozstock.com

Little Wonderland is located in the Dingle at the heart of the festival, providing crafts, activities and entertainment for little ones and parents alike. There's circus and theatre shows and tons of opportunities to get involved and learn some new skills or create something to



BLUEDOT

take home. The nearby Family Camping area is stewarded so only families with children can camp there. Plus there are showers so you don't need to rely on rain to keep you clean! And child sized toilets.

STANDON CALLING

Standon, Herts, 20-23 July
standon-calling.com

This is an easy to reach escape from the everyday (only 60 minutes from London!), and the Kids' Area has dance, theatre, circus, music, arts, crafts, sensory play and fire camp storytelling. In the woods, Woodland Tribe take over an area for creative play and construction, Wild Wellbeing hosts family-friendly bushcraft, yoga and movement, while The Playing Fields bring silly games and challenges to spark the imaginations of your little ones.

PENNFEST

Buckinghamshire, 21-22 July
pennfest.net

At PennFest you can expect a fun-filled day of activities and performances for babies, kids and teens in one dedicated space called Kids Kingdom. The Family Camping Zone, for those with children under 12, is a secluded area set way from the rest of the festival so you can get the little ones down earlier. Inside the camping zone you'll find family toilets and Saturday morning yoga, face painting and more.

FESTIVAL AT THE EDGE

**Hopton Court,
Kidderminster, 21-23 July**
festivalattheedge.org

Festival at the Edge strives to bring you the very best in traditional, and contemporary storytelling from the British Isles, and around the globe. Expect stories that make you think, make you happy, make you sad, make you laugh out loud. There's something for everyone. Plus live music, dance artists and morris troops, performing throughout the weekend.

WHAT TO BRING

Tent. If you're thinking about bringing your lovely canvas bell tent, do remember you've got to get it from your car to the campsite and back again so bring a trolley or sturdy buggy if you need to. A mallet is also useful.

Mattresses and bedding.

Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows and roll mats. Nothing is worse than feeling like you can't get a good night's sleep and it can be surprisingly cold in the middle of the night. It's also a good idea to keep spare blankets and a set of dry clothes for everyone in the car, just in case.

Torches/lights.

Bring torches to help avoid tripping over other people's guy ropes and seeing what you are doing inside the tent. Solar fairy lights are also helpful for spotting your tent at night.

Clothing. Pack clothing for all eventualities, even if the forecast is great! It is possible to have an amazing festival experience in the wet, provided you're properly equipped, so make sure you bring wellies and raincoats as well as flip-flops and sun cream.

Fancy dress. It's strongly encouraged for everyone!

Food & drink. It's not a bad idea to bring some snacks and drinks to keep the kids happy back at camp.

Cups, mugs and water bottles.

Bring a drinking bottle and fill it up with water from the taps around the site. Using your own coffee cup for your hot drink will help reduce waste.

Extras. Pack sun cream, ear defenders for any kids not keen on loud music, and a potty if you have small children. ☺

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DOUNE THE RABBIT HOLE

Cardross Estate,
Stirlingshire, 21-23 July
dounetherabbithole.co.uk

The Kid's Field runs from 10am - 10pm with a riot of activities, games, play and experimenting from morning till night. In the Play Zone, there's gloop, water beads, baby bathing, fairy garden, robot making, ice cream parlour, magnet exploration, gravity games, lego, farms, cars, rock pools, dinosaurs, penguins in the snow, digging for worms, herb exploration, cereal smash, heat reactive playdough, threading, mending, clay sculpture and tea parties. There's a library with DIY membership cards, snuggle area for when you need a moment's peace, toddler toys and books you can borrow during the festival.

STAINSBY FESTIVAL

Debryshire, 21-23 July
stainsbyfestival.org.uk

A well-established, intimate and family friendly event in a rural setting, on a greenfield site. Run entirely by unpaid volunteers, Stainsby is all about live music and performance: hearing, playing, writing, performing, learning. Children under 12 are free. Children 12 to 17 can get in on a special youth ticket.

TRILL ON THE HILL FAMILY CAMP

East Devon, 23-28 July
trillonthehill.co.uk/family-camp

A chance to connect to the wilds of nature, share food, skills and good times. This is a unique camp for up to 10 families in rural East Devon. Cook on a campfire, gaze at the stars, run wild through the woods, track creatures of the night, make music, whittle, weave, wallow. Relax. Slow down. Connect. It's properly wild and off-grid – there's cold running water, compost loos, a wild wash area, a covered fire circle, and flat ground to pitch a tent. The day begins with a camp check-in after breakfast.



DOUNE THE RABBIT HOLE

You'll then have a choice of two activities in the morning and afternoon; one is usually fast paced and active, such as playing a wide game through the fields, and the other is something calmer, such as willow lantern weaving or whittling by the fire. In the evening, there's a campfire story after supper and another activity like a bat walk or night game. Guests prepare their own meals with a communal feast on the last night.

CAMP BESTIVAL

Lulworth Castle,
Dorset, 27-30 July
campbestival.net

At the heart of Camp Bestival lies a magical, woodland refuge, the Dingly Dell. Beneath the canopy of old English trees, you'll be carried away from the rush of the festival and into the nurturing bosom of nature's playground. Surrounded by nature, craft, wild workshops and messy activities come and celebrate the outdoors life. Roll up your sleeves, build things from wood, make mud pies, climb trees and more.

KENDAL CALLING

27-30 July Nr. Penrith, Cumbria
kendalcalling.co.uk

Kids Calling features all sorts of activities for children of all ages, including yoga, theatre shows, inflatables, circus workshops face painting and more! While the little ones are off enjoying themselves, this is also a chance for the parents to kick back, relax and recharge their batteries away from the hustle and bustle of the main festival.

STARRY SKIES

Kentchurch Estate,
Herefordshire, 27-30 July
starry-skies.net

Starry Skies is a family camping holiday with a difference! Expect star gazing, lantern lit paths through wooded glades, a wooden roundhouse, lush meadows, rippling wheat fields, with a backdrop of the rolling hills of the black mountains and loads of activities designed to get kids running wild all day.

Y NOT FESTIVAL

Derbyshire, 28-30 July
ynotfestival.com

Y Not Festival is for all ages and an epic weekend away for families. Not only is it a chance to instill really good music taste into your little ones, there's plenty on offer in the daytime. The Circus brings a cast of talented performers ready to dazzle with their brilliant bendy acrobatic skills! Mega Stars provide a range of games, sports and craft activities assisted by specialist sports coaches offering athletics, orienteering, invasion games, multi-skills games, and many more.



Y NOT FESTIVAL



HARLEQUIN FAYRE

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West Norfolk, 27-30 July harlequinfayre.co.uk

This is a wonderful family friendly space powered by people and sun. The renowned Harlequin Kidz Area is a fun, safe and thoughtfully designed children's field with room to explore a mountain of materials and endless inspiration. Every day there are scheduled shows, heaps of free play, rollicking entertainment, thoughtful workshops and creative spaces. Plus check out the Woodland Play zone where there's Forest School every day of the festival – expect animal tracking, fire lighting, mud kitchen, natural weaving and more. ➔



GREEN GATHERING

DEER SHED FESTIVAL

Baldersby Park,
N. Yorks, 28-31 July
deershedfestival.com

There are no kid's areas as such at Deer Shed. The whole site is accessible to everyone and designed to invoke wonder. This is a cultural event where you'll be exposed to many new things. And the music coming through high fidelity PA systems will be thrilling and contemporary, but you can share that thrill with your kids and feel perfectly safe at the same time.

GREEN GATHERING

Chepstow, 3-6 August
greengathering.org.uk/tickets/

The festival site is bursting with safe spaces and adventurous places for young people - with chance to explore, learn, play and perform. There's a large central Children's Garden with shady trees and grassy lawns to run around in, surrounded by tents packed with activities and kids' hang-outs. There's a Teen's Space with circus skills, crafts, music and games. And there's tons of child-friendly activities all over site.

VALLEY FEST

Somerset, 3-6 August
valleyfest.co.uk

Valley Fest is nice and compact. The Alchemist's Playground, is a place for grown ups and kids to play. Other activities include learning to DJ - Always wanted to learn how to get a dance floor jumping? DJ Elley Phunk will be showing you round some CDJs so you've got the basics covered. This is for kids and teens to have a try. And you might even get to play at the mini rave later in the weekend.



VALLEY FEST



WILDERNESS FESTIVAL

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Cornbury Park, Oxon,
3-6 August
wildernessfestival.com

The perfect alternative family holiday destination, Wilderness is a cosmic family-friendly dreamland for those of all ages, teaming with fantastical family activities, including sensory raves, games and dance sessions, family theatre, circus, clowning, performance and play. A place where children can roam and go wild amidst the cultural hijinks and ancient oaks.

UNDERNEATH THE STARS FESTIVAL

Barnsley, Yorks, 4-6 August
underneaththestarsfest.co.uk

Designed with kids in mind, there's plenty on offer for younger festival goers - craft activities, music and dance workshops, theatre and puzzles. Brand new this year is a fascinating and mysterious multicoloured tent, with puzzles, riddles and conundrums for anyone who dares to enter.

WILDWISE FAMILY CAMP

Devon, 6-11 August
wildwise.co.uk

The programme at this family camp will be in part guided by those attending. You might end up wildlife watching, bat-detecting and bug hunting at night, wild-fire making and wild food gathering, listening to stories/ music around the campfire and, of course, den-making!

THE MAGPIES FESTIVAL

Sutton Park, York, 11-12 August
themagpiesfestival.co.uk

The Magpies Festival is a family-friendly festival that strives to introduce children to live music. There's the freedom to run around beautiful parkland whilst listening to great musicians.

FESTIVAL OF SPORT

Holkham Estate, Norfolk,
11-14 August
festivalofsportuk.com

Holkham Park encompasses 25,000 acres of grounds including woods, a deer park, formal gardens and a glorious lake, plus one of the most unspoilt stretches of beach in the country. Each zone at this festival of sport is led by a famous face from the sporting world. From Olympians to World Cup winners, you'll be rubbing shoulders with a whole host of legends all weekend. They'll be on hand throughout, leading the coaching and joining in the activities.



FESTIVAL OF SPORT

ON THE HILL FAMILY CAMP

Devon, 16-21 August
onthehillcamp/new-family-camp

Now more than ever we need community. At this family camp there'll be games, green woodwork, felting, basketry, gardening and cooking, creative writing, clay play, drumming, singing, circus skills, yoga and much more. Evenings are spent storytelling with live music and candlelit cinema. The camp is fully catered using organic produce grown onsite. ➔



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STOWAWAY

CAMP BESTIVAL

Weston Park, Shropshire,
17-20 August campbestival.net

For kids the adventure playground is home to swings, slides, cargo net, climbing wall, ground level trampolines, nest swing, log swing, large sandpit complete with sand diggers plus one of the longest double zip wires (nearly 40 metres long) in the country.

GREEN MAN

Brecon Beacons,

17-20 August greenman.net

An entire galaxy of fun to be had in Little Folk. Suitable for little ones ranging from babies to 12-year-olds, there'll be creative workshops, activities and adventures of the imagination, all free. Intrepid young explorers can set off on their own epic quests, and there's a Little Folk Parade on Sunday afternoon.

THE WILDERNESS GATHERING

West Knoyle, Wilts,

17-20 August

wildernessgathering.co.uk

If you love nature and the outdoors, this is the family show for you - Wilderness Gathering is a festival of bushcraft, survival and primitive living skills.

The Gathering brings together families and friends, all those interested in bushcraft and wild living skills to enjoy four days of knowledge sharing in a relaxed and family friendly atmosphere.

MEDICINE FESTIVAL

Berkshire, 17-21 August
medicinefestival.com

Medicine Festival is about interweaving communities and bridging cultures - wisdom keepers, indigenous communities visionaries, artists, and solutionaries of all traditions to inspire and ignite a deeper understanding of how we can tread lightly, and live harmoniously as we support each other in the creation of the world we want to see - an equitable and thriving world.

BEAUTIFUL DAYS

Ottery St. Mary, Devon,

18-20 August

beautifuldays.org

Beautiful Days is the Levellers' family music festival and this year the theme is OUT OF THIS WORLD! Think extra-terrestrial and intergalactic.... supernatural, alien, fantastical or mythical. As well as several stages including a seated Theatre Tent, the festival has art installations, a huge children's area, healing village, walkabout theatre, family camping, folk sessions and a vast selection of carefully chosen food and craft stalls.

STOWAWAY

Bucks, 18-20 August

stowawayfestival.co.uk

Step into a secret world of ancient woodland & lakes with hidden parties, soulful relaxation, glorious comedy,

plentiful feasting & kid's revelry.

We love the sound of the tree climbing, where fully qualified tree climbing instructors will fit you out with all the protective equipment and harnesses needed so you can climb higher than ever before. Catch views of the festival like no other, from a 300 year old oak tree!

CAMP KINDLING

Sevenoaks, Kent, 18-21 August
campkindling.co.uk

A wild weekend in a gorgeous forest retreat. Learn and discover new skills. Activities are all included in the ticket price and pre-booked to help you make the most of every minute. Dance the night away amongst the trees with an award-winning festival programme, relax in wood-fired hot tubs, or listen to stories around the campfire.

GONE WILD FESTIVAL

Powderham Castle,
Devon, 24-27 August

gonewildfestival.com

The festival is packed with a range of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy, including

kayaking and stand up paddle boarding on the Exe Estuary, a purpose-built obstacle course, open water swimming and climbing. Expert instructors from the Bear Grylls Survival Academy will teach children and adults essential survival skills such as shelter building, fire lighting and campfire cooking.



INTO THE WILD

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Chiddinglye Estate,
Sussex, 24-28 August

intothewildgathering.com

This nature based festival, encourages festival goers to learn new skills, relax and be yourself. Set in the beautiful Chiddinglye estate in Sussex surrounded by meadows, forests and dark skies, Into the Wild is like a nomadic village of like-minded folk.



JUST SO FESTIVAL

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Rode Hall, Cheshire, 18-20 August justsofestival.org.uk

Just So is an imaginative outdoor family adventure like no other. With a love of stories and childhood escapades at its heart, Just So enables families to step out of their day to day lives and into a wonderland of world class literature, arts, theatre, dance, music, comedy and creative pursuits together. Just So takes audiences (from bumps to great grandparents) on a unique expedition of mischief and mayhem, to lands full of magical midnight feasts, curious creatures, hidden retreats, top notch food, drink and boutique camping options. ➔

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TOWERSEY FESTIVAL

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Claydon, 25-28 August Estate,
Nr Buckingham towerseyfestival.com

With sessions aimed at different age groups throughout the day as well as "Drop-in" anytime activities, this is proper outdoor learning and fun. Activities will include nature detectives, kids campfire cooking, bushcraft skills, whittle a tree wand and guided walks. The resident storyteller will have stories all day and a few spooky ones at night.

SHAMBALA

Northants, 24-28 August
shambalafestival.org

Here's a family-friendly festival, with a wild side. Expect music, magic and mayhem! To make life easier for families they provide family camping (near the car park) with compost loos, hot showers and wash basins, kid-sized loos, a woodland adventure area with free-play, nets and nature workshops and the family yurt – a dedicated space for families with children, providing information, advice and warm hugs.

BETWEEN THE TREES

Merthyr Mawr National Nature Reserve, 25-27 August
betweenthetrees.co.uk

Between the Trees has a unique theme of nature and science, and aims to reconnect people to the natural world. It features a blend of original indie folk music, art and spoken word within a community that embraces all and encourages thinking and creativity. Merthyr Mawr National Nature Reserve is a haven for wildlife, with magical woodland areas, magnificent sand dunes and the sea beyond.



BETWEEN THE TREES



SHREWSBURY FOLK FESTIVAL

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Shropshire, 25-28 August
shrewsburyfolkfestival.co.uk

Pandemonium! is a children's festival within a festival. And this year it's all about going wild. Situated close to the Purity Village Stage, the kids area is perfectly positioned for parents and children to have fun together.

THE BIG FEASTIVAL

Kingham, Oxon, 25-27 August
thebigfeastival.com

At this festival dedicated to food, there's plenty for young foodies too. GROW are hosting workshops about the natural environment, teaching little ones the importance of sustainability, food production and the outside world. The woodland play area uses the natural environment to create magical outdoor spaces. Expect mud cafes, story dens and puppet theatres.



THE BIG FEASTIVAL

INTO THE TREES

Pippingford Park, 8-10 Sept
into-the-trees.co.uk

This is a chance to relax and explore natural surroundings, connect with nature and camp out under the stars. The large communal campfire will host an evening performance both nights. But this is primarily about nature connection.

OXFORD STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Waterperry House, Oxon, 25-27 August
oxfordstorytellingfestival.co.uk

This is the third year of this intimate weekend festival weaving stories, spoken word, poetry and song. The theme is 'Wildest Imaginings!' Expect a grand tipi full of stories and magic, handicrafts to try, areas for little ones to explore and perform and fireside stories into the night.



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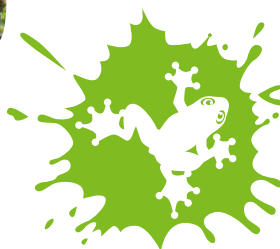
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