

Puppets in the woods



10am – 4.30pm Saturday 13th June 2020

Course Information

Enjoy a day in the woods making new friends with puppets. This course will show you how to transform a puppet from being just a glove on the end of your arm into a believable character. The day will cover a short history of puppetry, why we use puppets, development of skills in the use of a hand or muppet style puppet. Chris will show you how to effectively use puppets in storytelling and performance (here there will be a focus on stories from the natural world).

Chris hopes you'll leave the day with new skills and enthusiasm to try something different.

Plenty of tea and coffee with fruit and homemade cake are on offer throughout the day.



Course venue

The course provides the opportunity to spend a day in the beautiful and peaceful setting of Bottoms' Corner Wood. We will be outside in Bottoms' Corner Wood, a working hazel woodland that's part of the Wassledine farm, Upper Gravenhurst, Bedfordshire. The wood is midway between the villages of Gravenhurst and Campton, a location that's hidden away, so further directions will be sent before the course date. Although it's a beautiful setting, please be aware that the facilities are quite basic. There is off road parking along a surfaced but bumpy track. We have an outside, composting toilet with camping style hand wash.

Access and requirements for the day

There's a walk of about 300m over grass rides (including a slope), from the car park, through the woodland to the venue. We can provide a lift from the car park for you if you need it. Please call for a chat if you are concerned about the accessibility, we'll do all we can to make the day work for you.

If you would like to come by public transport, please let us know in advance; we will assist if we can.

What to bring

- Your favourite puppets, if you have some (there will be other puppets available for you to use)
- Packed lunch (we'll provide tea, coffee, other drinks, biscuits, fruit and homemade cake.)
- Suitable outdoor clothes, boots, waterproofs or sunhat (remember we will be outside all day)

Wet weather plan

There is some shelter in the wood, so a little rain is not a problem, but if the weather is extremely bad the course may have to be cancelled. The decision will be taken a day or two before the course and we will contact you by phone, so please provide us with the best number to use in case we are very unlucky with the weather. If this happens a full refund will be provided. We will try our best to rearrange another date for the course. If you don't hear from us assume the course is going ahead.

Booking & Payment

The cost of the course is £65 per person. Please complete the attached booking form.

Course tutor

The course will be led by Chris Bassett. Chris has always believed that using ventriloquism and puppetry to entertain and communicate is a form of magic. Throughout his career spanning over 25 years, Chris has had many opportunities to share with adults and children how they too can use the magic of puppetry. He has trained people to be able to use puppets skillfully and effectively, engaging audiences young and old.

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Wassledine Days in the Woods - booking form

Course Title			
Course Date		Cost	

Your Details:

Name	
Organisation (if any)	
Address	
Telephone	
Mobile Your contact on the course date	
Email	
Please tell us of any allergy, medical or mobility issues we should be aware of	
Where did you hear about Wassledine's <i>Days in the woods</i> ?	

To secure your place please return this booking form with payment to:
 Wassledine, 45, Clophill Road, Gravenhurst, Beds MK45 4JH
 or email info@wassledine.co.uk

Please tick as appropriate

<input type="checkbox"/>	I enclose a cheque made payable to "Wassledine"
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have made BACS payment (bank details – sort code 60-24-77, acc. 17842433)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please invoice my organisation (if different to above address please supply details)

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Course:	Participant name:
Booking received & confirmation sent	Date:
Payment Amount	Payment Method: Date:
Pre course information & directions sent	Date:

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Booking Terms and Conditions

Payment - The price of the course includes the cost of all materials and refreshments (excluding lunch).

Your place is confirmed once payment has been made.

Payment methods – BACS, cash or cheque

Payment is required in full at the time of booking

Please use these bank details if paying by BACS – ‘Wassledine’ Nat West Account number 17842433 Sort Code 60 24 77

Please make cheques payable to “Wassledine”

Cancellation

Wassledine reserves the right to cancel a course at short notice should events beyond our control make this unavoidable. One reason for a last-minute cancellation is a very poor weather forecast. There is some shelter in our woodland site so light rain and wind is not too problematic, however, the prospect of heavy or prolonged rain or very high winds would mean that a course could become unsafe or at least not enjoyable. If this occurs, a decision will be made 24-36 hours before the course and a full refund of the course fee will be made. An alternative date will be offered.

For participants cancelling - a full refund will be made providing more than 14 days’ notice is given. For cancellations of less than 14 days’ notice a 50% refund will be made. For cancellations within 7 days no refund will be made.

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