

The Earthhouse, Cranborne  
presents  
Michael O'Leary – The Hagstone  
Storyteller



Stories for the Dark Season  
From Hollow Hills, Stagnant Ponds  
& Hilltop Tombs

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2003, 6.30 p.m.  
Tickets £7 for adults & £3.50 for children  
(suitable for children 8 years and older)

"All right, I did say that I told lies for a living, but when I said that I was telling a lie. So how do we find the truth in a story? Well it happened like this..."

Michael O'Leary, otherwise known as the Hagstone Storyteller, comes from a background of Irish, Welsh and English ancestry and was raised in Scotland and the west of England; which may be why so many of his stories are rooted in the West Country. Mike's particular aim is to encourage people to recognise the stories that they have rattling around in their own heads! The evening promises to include some gruesome, spooky stories but also music and a great deal of laughter. Hear the story of the crumbling skeletons found in Waylands Smithy, of Jenny Greenteeth lurking in the millpond; hear how flight was possible between the west of Ireland and Corfe Castle five hundred years before Ryanair, and listen to the story of the copperaxe.



"Michael O'Leary has travelled the length and breadth of his own back garden, and occasionally as far as the nearest pub, in his search for stories."

The Earhouse will be a perfect venue for ghostly stories as it will be lit only by firelight. The question is, will you be brave enough to venture out into the darkness afterwards?

The Earhouse is the latest addition to the Ancient Technology Centre which forms part of Dorset County Council's Outdoor Education Service. If you would like more information on the Service, please call Marnie Shaw on 01305 224517 or visit our website at: [www.dorsetcc.gov.uk/outdoored](http://www.dorsetcc.gov.uk/outdoored).

**Entry is by ticket only, available from: East Dorset Heritage Trust, Allendale House, Hanham Road, Wimborne Minster, Dorset, BH21 1AS. Telephone 01202 888992 to confirm availability before sending a cheque made payable to A.T.C. Friends Account (enclosing S.A.E.).**

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