

# **ACROSS THE STONES**

## **WIRKSWORTH FESTIVAL STORY WALK**

### **lead by PETE CASTLE**

Thursday 15th September  
Sunday 25th September

Starting at 10.30am (prompt!) from outside Ken's Mini Market in Wirksworth town centre.  
(Opposite the Red Lion and the Town Hall)

Tickets £5 (£4 usual concessions) from Pete (booking form below)

**NO UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN**

**Please book in advance because places are limited.**

#### **THE WALK**

The walk is about 3.5 miles and is quite easy although it covers a variety of terrain. It is aimed at adults and children over 9 yrs. It is not suitable for those with mobility problems, wheelchairs, prams etc. The first part is a fairly long climb on a road, then across footpaths on rough quarry ground, through fields and along the High Peak Trail. There will be frequent stops for stories appropriate to the setting.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

The walk will go ahead except in the direst of circumstances—"We'll weather the weather whatever the weather" so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Bring a packed lunch because we'll stop for a picnic and a longer story session.

If for some reason the walk can't go ahead then your money will obviously be refunded. If you don't turn up it won't.

#### **WAIVER**

In these days of risk assessments and health and safety I'm afraid that I have to say that you come on the walk at your own risk and you are responsible for yourself and your children. Obviously I will not lead you into dangerous situations.

#### **WHAT'S A STORY WALK?**

Easy answer: a walk with stories. Sometimes it's one story told in episodes over the course of a long walk; sometimes there are different storytellers at different locations on the walk; but often—as on this—the storyteller walks with you and stops at various locations to tell an appropriate story. It's something I like. Stories take on a different aura when told in atmospheric venues—you can tell a ghost story in a village hall or sports centre and it's OK, but tell the same story in a dimly lit gothic manor house or a ruined castle and it has a lot more power! People have always had the need to make up stories to explain things in the landscape—an isolated hill, a strangely shaped rock, why a road suddenly veers for no obvious reason—these stories linger on and become myths and legends. On a more personal level it's like the traditional Sunday afternoon family walk when Dad always tells the old tale of how he met your mother in that field or how his granddad lived in that house... And on an altogether higher plane it's related to the Aborigine's 'Dreamtime' and Walkabouts. On this walk we'll have stories about stones, some traditional Derbyshire tales, and various others inspired by the scenery. Some will be ancient, some more modern.

If you haven't experienced it before, come and give it a try..

# BOOKING FORM

Please reserve me the following places  
on the storytelling walk on

Thursday 15 Sept..... tick or delete  
Sunday 25th Sept ..... tick or delete

No of adults @ £5 .....  
No of children @ £4 .....  
No of other concessions @ £4 .....

TOTAL places.....

I enclose a cheque for £.....

(Cheques made to Steel Carpet Music and sent to 42 Mill Street, Belper,  
DE56 1DT along with this form please.)

Your name.....  
Address.....  
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Phone number.....

Email address.....

I have read and understand the details above (signed).....

I will not post you tickets but will send an email to acknowledge your  
booking so please write your email address VERY CLEARLY!