

Arti Sharma-Grey & Jane Deane, Story Tellers

Presenters' Biography :

Arti Sharma-Grey's background is in both Corporate IT and Educational settings, and she has worked with vulnerable people and adults and children with special needs.

A Professional storyteller, script writer and event host, Arti will be leading the stories for the MBR. She also claims to be a stand up comedian, so please laugh at all her jokes as she thinks she is funny (deluded more like!).



Jane Deane has worked professionally in the UK for 25 years as an actress, director, writer and entertainer. For those of you with young children, she was 'Dee Livery' the unicycling paper girl who appeared alongside Justin Fletcher in the first 23 episodes of his BAFTA Award winning show "Justin's House" on CBeebies. Jane ran away with the circus but we picked her on the bus and bought her home! <https://www.janedean.com>

Once Upon A Bus

The multi-award winning '**Once Upon a Bus**' is an idea created, developed and funded by Arti (The Elf) and Matt Grey (aka The Captain/Bubbleman) and has been established for 6 years, serving over 300 Schools around the UK and appearing at many prestigious events. It delivers a range of educational activities to children and an opportunity for their parent/carers to engage in a positive and productive social environment. It is especially well positioned to service schools; providing tailor-made experiences to support project themes, specific genres / authors and the National Curriculum. [once upon a bus - YouTube](#)

Title of workshops :

Three separate Sessions :

- *The Gruffalo*
- *The Witch in the Broom Cupboard*
- *Stick Man*

Brief Summary of the workshops :

Arti of Once Upon a Bus, with the support of Jane Deane, creates fabulous and magical storytelling experiences combining the traditional social function of storytelling with progressive learning techniques. They deliver inspiring, interactive and truly immersive experiences that delight and enlighten, and encourage children to listen to and love reading.

Website :

<https://www.onceuponabus.com>

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