

Wales U3A Web Site – Short Story Writing Competition 2018

Please read all of this carefully:

The Story

- It must be **in English**.
- It can be fictional or non-fictional.
- It must be a **maximum of 1500 words** (including the title) or it could be less than 100 words if you wish. (All word processors have a facility for counting the number of words) Any script over 1500 words will not be read by the judges.
- Your story must start with **'It was a beautiful stretch of Welsh coastline....'**, **failure to do this will result in disqualification.**
- Please give it a title to avoid confusion with the other entries.
- Worldwide copyright for the story will remain with the author but the organiser will have the right to edit & publish the submitted work on its website and/or in an eBook, and use it in the Coastline and Borders Celebration Exhibition.
- No poems please.

The Rules

- The competition is open to current members of all Welsh U3As
- Entry is free but limited to one story per person
- Entries must be received between **1st July** and the **31st August 2018**. However, please do send it in as soon as it is ready, preferably not on the last day.
- Entrants whose stories are short listed for the top ten will be informed by **5th October 2018**.
- The winner will be announced by the **1st November 2018** and receive a £25 gift token.
- The results will be published on the Wales Web Site and in Third Age Matters
- The winning entry will be published on the Wales Web Site
- The Judges' decision is final in all matters. Judges and Organisers will not enter into any correspondence/discussion with any entrant.

How to Present Your Story – Very Important

- It must be clearly typed in black with a 'normal' font, double spacing, using pdf, Word or Pages format.
- The title must appear at the top of every page.
- **In a separate document**, give the title of your story, the number of words, your name, address & phone number, your e-mail address, and your U3A. These details will not be seen by the judges.
- Your name and U3A **MUST NOT** appear in the story.

How to Submit Your Story

- Your story should be attached to an e-mail and sent to story@u3aswansea.org.uk . This makes it easier to distribute to the judges.
- Paper versions will be accepted but if you do not have e-mail, if at all possible, please ask a friend who does, to send it for you. Paper versions make a lot more work for the administrator.
- If your entry has not been acknowledged within seven days then please contact me at hilary.jones@u3a.org.uk

Judging

- The best ten entries will be decided by the following panel of judges:
 - Jo Brookes Porthcawl U3A
 - Mari Dafis Llanelli U3A
 - Margaret Mason Llandrindod Wells U3A
 - Val Ormrod Chepstow U3A
 - Bob Vidler Welshpool U3A
- The ten short listed stories will then be passed to Marcia Humphries, the Subject Adviser for Creative Writing for the Third Age Trust, who will select the winner.

If you have any queries, please contact Hilary Jones at: hilary.jones@u3a.org.uk