

Wales U3A Web Site – Short Story Writing Competition (English) 2019

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 shorter 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 can be on a theme of your choice **or** if you would like it to be included as part of the new Castles shared learning project, a reference to a castle or castles should be included in your story.
- Please give it a title which will 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. If a reference is made to a castle or castles the organiser will have the right to include it use it in published material generated by the Castles shared learning project.
- Poems will not be considered.

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 2019**. 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 **7th October 2019**.
- The winner will be announced by the **15th November 2019** and receive a £25 gift token.
- The results will be published on the Wales Web Site and possibly 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, Word or Pages format. If you use Open Office, please submit you entry as a pdf.
- 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 your story.**

How to Submit Your Story

- Your story should be attached to an e-mail and sent to **Penni Joy <penu3a@btinternet.com>** . 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 chris.winner@U3A.org.uk

Judging

- The best ten entries will be decided by a panel of judges
- 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 Chris Winner at: chris.winner@U3A.org.uk