

# MAY 2018

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WREKIN WRITER REVIEW

### SHORT STORY, POETRY COMPETITIONS & MARKETS

#### **The Dorset Fiction Award**

Looking for short stories in fewer than 1,000 words in any genre and topic. The winner of this competition will receive £500 and also be featured in an anthology and on the website. Entry fee is £7 and for full information see <http://www.dorsetfictionaward.co.uk/>

**Closing date 9 June 2018**

#### **The Canterbury Festival Poet of the Year Competition 2018**

This competition seeks poems of all types, long, short, tragic and funny. Entry fee is £5 per poem and prizes are: University of Kent prize £200, second £100, third £50. People's Choice £25. For more information see website <https://www.canterburyfestival.co.uk/learning-and-participation/poet-of-the-year.aspx>

**Closing date 18 June 2018**

#### **The Wells Festival Competitions 2018**

This competition is looking for entries in the categories of short stories, poetry, books for children and Young Poets. Entry fees are: £3 to enter the Young Poets Competition, £6 for short stories, poetry and books for children.

Top prizes in the short story and poetry competitions: £750. The winner in the book for children competition will receive £750 and a critique. For the Young Poets competition, the winner will receive £150 plus a year's subscription to The Poetry Society. For full details of rules and how to enter see <http://www.wellsfestivalofliterature.org.uk/>

**Closing date 30 June 2018**

#### **The Winchester Poetry Prize**

Entry fee for this competition is £5 for the first poem and £4 for each subsequent poem and prizes are: £1000, £500, £250. The winners will be invited to read at a prize-giving event at the Winchester Poetry Festival on Saturday 6th October 2018. Winning and commended poems will also be published in an anthology. See <http://www.winchesterpoetryfestival.org/prize> for full information.

**Closing date 31 July 2018**

### ODDS & ENDS

#### **Chairman's Challenge**

The winners of the Dickens Challenge were:

1<sup>st</sup> Frank Lannon

2<sup>nd</sup> Roland Twynam

3<sup>rd</sup> Mike White

Many thanks to Jemma Picken for Judging

#### **Stop Press!**

May's Planned Workshop will be 'Crime Writing' with Olga Tramontin, author of *The Killing of Ellie Swales*.

#### **The Michael Terence Publishing Short Story Competition**

This competition is open to new authors worldwide who have never had a full-length work published. The entry fee is £5. Prizes offered are: £300, £200, £100 – plus publication (print book). To enter submit up to 3000 words, see: <https://www.mtp.agency/competition> for full details.

**Closing date 30 June 2018**

### NEXT MEETING and CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE

*All Wrekin Writer meetings take place on the third Saturday of the month unless you are informed in advance that an alternative has been arranged.*

**VENUE:** *The Wrekin Housing Trust Ltd, Colliers Way, Old Park, Telford, Shropshire TF3 4AW.* **PRE-MEETING** 9.00am until 10.00am (general chatter, sharing writing problems). **MAIN MEETING** 10.00 am until 12 noon. **TEA/COFFEE BREAK** about 11-ish – please bring your own mug!

Next challenge: Write two brief newspaper articles, one in the style of a 'red top' and one in the style of a 'broadsheet' The articles will be inspired by 'an invention' and have a word count of 150 in total for both articles.

Give your piece a **TITLE** as this will be the only way of identifying the entry as yours. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON IT OR EXCEED THE 100 WORDS OR TOTAL WORDS/LINES SET FOR THE MONTH (see above)** If you can, email your challenge to [chairmanschallenge@gmail.com](mailto:chairmanschallenge@gmail.com).

### TAILPIECE

"There are books of which the backs and covers are by far the best parts."

(Charles Dickens, *Oliver Twist*)