

Writing Wales

Weekly Events Listings

A brief look at what's ahead in the week to come:

Wednesday 15th May: Summer Poetry Evening with Rhian Edwards and Damian Walford Davies (Aberystwyth Arts Centre)

Award-winning poet and Aberystwyth Arts Centre writer in residence, Rhian Edwards will be reading poetry from *The Universal Doodle of Birds* and *Clueless Dogs* in this special evening event on Wednesday 15th May. Edwards will be joined by Damian Walford Davies who will be reading from his forthcoming poetry collection *Judas*, as well as from *Witch* and *Suit of Lights*. The event starts at 7.45pm in The Studio, Aberystwyth Arts Centre and tickets range from £3.50 to £7.00. Further information can be obtained from the Aberystwyth Arts Centre [website](#).

Thursday 16th May: Launch of Murielle's Angel (Palas Print, Bangor)

Cinnamon Press will be launching Mary J Howell's novel *Murielle's Angel* at Palas Print in Bangor on Thursday 16th May. The event, which starts at 6.30pm, is free and details are available from the Cinnamon Press [website](#).

Thursday 16th May: Open Mic Night with Sally Roberts Jones (Imperial Hotel, Merthyr Tydfil)

Poet Sally Roberts Jones will be taking part in an Open Mic Night at The Imperial Hotel in Merthyr Tydfil on Thursday 16th May. Entry to this event is free and details can be obtained by contacting Gus Payne at gus.payne@merthyr.gov.uk.

Thursday 16th May: Poems and Pimms with Phil Caradice (Machen Library)

Welsh poet Phil Carradice will host an open mic session for both new or more experienced writers and poets to read their own literary works in a welcoming environment at Machen Library. Refreshments will be provided, although tickets are required for this free event. For more information, please contact Machen Library: libmach@caerphilly.gov.uk. The event is supported by Literature Wales.

Friday 17th - Saturday 18th May: Gwyl Pili Pala Festival (Venues across Swansea)

The Gwyl Pili Pala Festival will be held on 17th – 18th May at venues across Swansea. Annie Bell-Davies, Peter Murphy, Rachel Trezise and Horatio Clare are among those taking part in the literary events at the festival which is being held in support of the West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Ltd. Further information is available through the festival [website](#).

Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th May: Fiction Fiesta (Cardiff University)

Cardiff University will host the second Fiction Fiesta on Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th May, with a range of writers and academics taking part. Sessions will include translation duels, discussions and readings from a number of Welsh and international writers. Tickets are free but must be booked by emailing publicbookings@cf.ac.uk.

News at a Glance

- The latest Lampeter Review is available to download including new poetry from Kate North, Cynan Jones, Susie Wild, Jeremy Hooker, Kathryn Gray and many more. Visit the [website](#) to download your copy.
- With just over a week until the start of the Hay Festival you can visit the [website](#) to find out which events still have tickets available.
- The short list for this year's Wales Book of the Year Award has been announced. The following books have been shortlisted:

English Language Books

The Roland Mathias Prize for Poetry

Banjo - Samantha Wynne-Rhydderch
Burying the Wren - Deryn Rees-Jones
Clueless Dogs - Rhian Edwards

Fiction

The Testimony - James Smythe
Singing a Man to Death - Matthew Francis
A Girl's Arm - Gee Williams

Creative Non-fiction

Wales at Water's Edge - Jon Gower
Forgotten Footprints - John Harrison
Welsh Lives - Meic Stephens

Welsh Books

The Roland Mathias Prize for Poetry

Trydar Mewn Trawiadau - Llion Jones
Parlwr Bach - Eigra Lewis Roberts
O Annwn i Geltia - Aneirin Karadog

Fiction

Blasu - Manon Steffan Ros
Cig a Gwaed - Dewi Prysor
Ras Olaf Harri Selwyn - Tony Bianchi

Creative Non-fiction

Cofnodion - Meic Stephens
Tuchan o Flaen Duw - Aled Jones Williams
Yr Erlid - Heini Gruffudd

The award is administered by Literature Wales, with funding from the Arts Council of Wales and the winners will be announced at a ceremony in Cardiff on July 18th. You can join in with debate about the books on the shortlist by visiting the Wales Book of the Year Award [website](#).