

Writing Wales

Weekly Events Listings

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

Thursday 18th April: Open Mic Night with Ruth Bidgood (Merthyr Tydfil)

Ruth Bidgood will be taking part in an open mic night at the Imperial Hotel in Merthyr Tydfil on Thursday 18th March. Visit the Literature Wales website for further details.

Thursday 18 April: Celebration of R. S. Thomas (Dylan Thomas Centre, Swansea)

The Dylan Thomas Centre in Swansea will be the venue for an evening of poetry, music and discussion to mark the centenary of R.S. Thomas' birth. During the evening Professor M. Wynn Thomas will be launching his new book, *R.S. Thomas: Serial Obsessive*, while Professor Tony Brown will introduce R.S. Thomas' *Uncollected Poems*, which he has edited with Jason Walford Davies. Responses to Thomas' work will be given in the form of poetry and music from Menna Elfyn and Brian Breeze. The evening, which is held in association with the University of Wales Press, will start at 7pm and entry is free. Further information can be obtained through the Dylan Thomas Centre [website](#).

Saturday 20th April: St Fagans Book Group (St Fagans)

The next St Fagans Book Group meeting will take place on Saturday 20th April from 11am – 1pm. The group will be discussing Sarah Waters' novel *The Night Watch* during a session at the Oakdale Workingmen's Institute. You can get in touch with the group through their Facebook [page](#).

Saturday 20th April: Tales Told to the Magic Carpet (Wales Millenium Centre, Cardiff)

A free event for children will be held at the Wales Millennium Centre on Saturday 20th April from 2.30pm – 3.15pm, organised by Beyond The Border. *Tales Told to the Magic Carpet* will feature stories and music suitable for 4 – 8 including a family storytelling session. Contact the Wales Millennium Centre for more details or visit the Beyond the Border [website](#).

News at a Glance

- Performance poet Martin Daws has been announced as the new Young People's Laureate for Wales for 2013 – 2015. Daws will be working with young people from across Wales and tweeting regularly from his Twitter account @YPLWales, where there will also be the opportunity to contribute to an interactive poem which will build daily on Twitter. You can visit the Young People's Laureate's [website](#) for further information about the project and news of forthcoming events.

- If you haven't already done so there is still time to take a look at the fascinating and touching *Field Notes* exhibition, a collaboration by Iwan Bala and Menna Elfyn currently on show at Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre. Entrance to the exhibition is free and more information can be obtained from: www.lgac.org.uk.
- The latest Cinnamon Press mini-competition is open for entries. The subject of this competition is the sonnet (although creative interpretations are welcomed) and you can view the full list of entry requirements on the Cinnamon Press [website](#).
- The April [E-Newsletter](#) for Parthian Books is now available to view online, with information about forthcoming titles, readings and special offers.