

Writing Wales

Weekly Events Listings

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

Tuesday 30th April: Patrick Hannan Lecture with Ian Hargreaves (Hoddnott Hall, Cardiff Bay)

This year's Patrick Hannan Lecture will be delivered by Ian Hargreaves, Professor of Digital Economy at Cardiff University. Professor Hargreaves will be offering his vision for Wales in the lecture which takes place at 7.30pm in the BBC Hoddnott Hall in Cardiff Bay. Tickets are free and can be booked by calling the BBC's Audience Line on: 03700 10 10 51. Visit the [BBC website](#) for further details of this event.

Tuesday 30th April: Launch of Ric Hool's Selected Poems (The Hen & Chicks, Abergavenny)

Red Squirrel Press will be hosting the launch of Ric Hool's *Selected Poems* at The Hen & Chicks in Abergavenny at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30th April. This event is free.

Wednesday 1st May: Poetry and Creative Writing with Menna Elfyn (County Hall, Swansea)

Swansea and District Writers' Circle will be joined by Menna Elfyn who will be reading from her work and discussing creativity in poetry and prose. The evening starts at 7pm and is supported by [Literature Wales](#).

Thursday 2nd May: First Thursday: New Poetry and Fiction (Chapter Arts Centre, Cardiff)

American poet and columnist Katha Pollitt will be joining Mary-Ann Constantine and Crystal Jeans who will all be reading from their new collections as part of the First Thursday: New Poetry and Fiction evening at Chapter Arts Centre. Tickets cost £2.50 and readings will start at 7.30pm, to be followed by an open mic session. For more information contact Amy Wack: amylwack@aol.com.

Thursday 2nd May: Launch of R. Williams Parry Biography (Swansea University)

Gwasg Gomer and Academi Hywel Teifi will be launching a biography of Welsh romantic poet R. Williams Parry by Alan Llwyd entitled *Bob: Cofiant R. Williams Parry* at Swansea University on Thursday, 02 May at 6pm. Visit the Welsh Books Council [website](#) for further details.

News at a Glance

- Literature Wales will be hosting a series of events celebrating the centenary of R. S. Thomas at this year's Hay Festival. A full list of the events is available on the Literature Wales [website](#) and tickets can be booked through the Hay Festival [site](#).
- Cardiff University's *Fiction Fiesta* festival will take place from on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May. The weekend will be a celebration of literature in translation and will feature readings and discussions with Jon Gower, Angharad Price and Richard Gwyn, alongside a host of other internationally renowned authors. Visit the [website](#) for full details of each session.
- Registration of the *Constructing Identities and Changing Spaces in Wales* Postgraduate symposium at Cardiff University will open shortly. Keep up to date with the latest symposium news on the [website](#).
- Swansea University are offering a number of bursaries for candidates wishing to pursue an MA in Welsh Writing in English or Creative Writing starting in the Autumn. Further information can be obtained by contacting Kirsti Bohata at: k.bohata@swansea.ac.uk