

Writing Wales

Weekly Events Listings

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

Wednesday 5th June: *The Poetry of Dylan Thomas* - Book Launch with John Goodby (Waterstones, Swansea)

John Goodby will be launching his new book *The Poetry of Dylan Thomas: Under the Spelling Wall*, in Waterstones, Swansea at 7pm on Wednesday 5th June. The book is the most comprehensive treatment of the subject since Walford Davies's 1985 study and further information about the book and the launch are available on the Swansea University [website](#).

Thursday 6th June: First Thursday: New Poetry and Fiction with Christopher Meredith, Francesca Rhydderch and Lesley Saunders (Chapter Arts Centre, Cardiff)

This month's First Thursday session at Chapter Arts Centre will feature Christopher Meredith reading from his new collection of poetry, *Air Historie* and the launch of Francesca Rhydderch's new novel, *Rice Paper Diaries*. Poet Lesley Saunders will also be reading from her *Mulfran* press booklet of poems and the event will be followed by an open-mic session. Events start at 7.30pm and tickets are priced at £2.50. For more information about the evening contact Amy Wack: amylwack@aol.com or visit the Seren Books [website](#). This event is supported by Seren Books, Literature Wales and Mulfran Press.

Thursday 6th June: R S Thomas Pilgrimage and Poetry (St Hywyn's Church, Aberdaraon)

This event will feature a guided walk to significant places around the church, with readings of Thomas's poems from the collection *Etched by Silence* compiled by Jim Cotter (retired vicar of St Hywyn's Church). The event starts at 7.30pm and more information can be obtained through the Church [website](#).

Saturday 9th June: Return Journey Production (Swansea)

Lighthouse Theatre Ltd, in association with the Dylan Thomas Centre, Gower Walking Festival and DT100 will present a promenade production of 'Return Journey' on Saturday 9th June. The production will include snippets of history and enactment on the streets that inspired the famous words, starting in Castle Street and ending in Cwmdonkin Park. Visit the Dylan Thomas Centre [website](#) for further information.

Saturday 9th June: Riotous Rhondda with Rachel Trezise, Professor Dai Smith and Boyd Clack (Rhondda)

Literature Wales joins forces with Parthian Books for the *Riotous Rhondda* bus tour, the latest event in Literature Wales' Literary Tourism Programme. Treorchy author Rachel Trezise, Rhondda-bred writer, singer and actor **Boyd Clack** and the Library of Wales series editor Professor Dai Smith will lead a bus tour through the area with rolling commentary from Boyd Clack, readings from Rachel Trezise's books in the places that inspired them and extracts from local Library of Wales classics. Anyone interested in this event should contact: Susie Wild by email at: susiewild@hotmail.com

Sunday 9th June: An evening with Jan Morris (Galeri, Caernarfon)

Profardd Twm Morys will be interviewing Jan Morris as part of a special evening with the Welsh historian and travel writer at Galeri in Caernarfon. The event is the highlight of a packed weekend of events celebrating the rich history of journalism in Caernarfon and takes place at 7.30pm, supported by Literature Wales. Contact the ticket office: 01286 685222 for further details.

News at a Glance

- Literature Wales have announced a new Welsh Government funded project entitled 'Developing Dylan' which will run from October 2013 in schools, colleges and universities across Wales with the aim of bringing the work of one of Wales' best known literary figures to a new audience.

The project, organised alongside a host of events being held to celebrate Dylan Thomas' centenary in 2014, will invite new interpretations of the work of Dylan Thomas using a variety of mediums including rap, social media and film. Full details of the project are available on the Literature Wales [website](#), with a dedicated Developing Dylan website due to be launched in July.

- Aneirin Karadog has been announced as the new Bardd Plant Cymru (Children's Poet Laureate of Wales) and will take the role over from Eurig Salisbury. Visit the Bardd Plant Cymru website for information about the [project](#).
- Rachel Trezise has been talking about her new collection of short fiction *Cosmic Latte* in a special interview with Kirstie McCrum which is available to read on the Wales Online [website](#).