

Writing Wales

Weekly Events Listings

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

Tuesday 7th May: 'English Topography and Welsh Community: Reflections on Studaying the Historic Welsh Landscape' – 2013 O'Donnell Lecture (Cardiff University)

The 2013 O'Donnell lecture will be delivered at Cardiff University on Tuesday 7th May by Professor David Austin. This year's lecture is entitled 'English topography and Welsh Community: Reflections on studying the historic Welsh landscape' and will offer a conscious reflection on the experience of recording and analysing the evidence for the making of the Welsh upland landscape. The lecture, which starts at 5.30pm, is free but booking is required and can be completed [online](#).

Thursday 9th May: Writers' Day at the Dylan Thomas Centre (Dylan Thomas Centre, Swansea)

This year's Writers' Day at the Dylan Thomas Centre will include discussions, advice and readings from Menna Elfyn, Stevie Davies, Jo Bell, Bethany Pope, Nigel Jenkins and Dave Oprava. Head of the Welsh Books Council, Elwyn Jones and Claire Houguez from Parthian Books will be considering the future of publishing, while John Lavin, Gary Raymond and Rhys Milsom will be discussing online editing with Jon Gower. The day will conclude with a centenary celebration of RS Thomas. Tickets can be booked through the Dylan Thomas Centre [website](#).

Thursday 9th May: Devolution and the Politics of the United Kingdom (Swansea University)

Swansea University's Research Institute for Arts and Humanities presents a lecture by Professor Jonathan Bradbury as part of the public lecture and event series 2012-2013. Admission is free and light refreshments will be available from 5.15pm, with the lecture starting promptly at 6pm. For further details visit the Swansea University's [website](#).

Friday 10th – Saturday 11th May: 60th Anniversary of Under Milkwood (Dylan Thomas Centre Swansea)

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the first performance of Dylan Thomas' *Under Milkwood*, the Dylan Thomas Centre will be hosting a series of events including a young writers workshop and a presentation by the Fluellen Theatre Co. on Saturday 11th May at 1pm. Following the success of last year's extracts, the Dylan Thomas Centre will also be presenting further conversations from the play on Twitter, follow them @DTCSwansea to join in and keep up to date with developments.

Saturday 11th May: Small Farms: Landscape Writing Programme (The Ciliau, Builth Wells)

Christine Thatcher and Emma Metcalfe will be delivering a series of poetry workshops from 11am – 5pm on Saturday 11th May. Future dates also include 8th June and 2nd August. Literature Wales are supporting the event and more information is available through their [website](#).

News at a Glance

- The closing date for this year's All Wales Comic Verse competition is June 1st so there's still plenty of time to get scribbling your witty entries. Keep following on Twitter @WalesComicVerse for news and updates.
- Cardiff Story is holding a weekly session on Fridays at 1.30pm for parents who are currently learning Welsh and want to read stories to their children. The meeting is suitable for children under 5 and is free to attend. Visit the Cardiff Story [website](#) for details.
- The Dylan Thomas Prize is now open for entries. Full details of how to enter this prestigious prize are available [online](#) and the closing date is 28th June. The £30,000 prize is awarded to a writer under the age of 30 for a published or produced English language work. Past winners have included Maggie Shipstead, Elyse Fenton and Rachel Trezise.
- 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](#).