

Writing Wales

Weekly Events Listings

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

Tuesday 12th March: Menna Elfyn Workshop (The Hours Bookshop, Brecon)

Menna Elfyn will be reading from her latest poetry collection *Murmur* in an event organised as part of the Brecon Women's Festival. The event starts at 5.30pm in The Hours Bookshop, Brecon and tickets are priced at £5. Contact The Hours Bookshop to book tickets: 01874 622800. This is a bilingual event which is supported by Literature Wales.

Tuesday 12th March: Poetry Evening with Steve Griffiths (Abergavenny)

Cinnamon Press poet Steve Griffiths will join William Ayot for an evening of poetry at the Hen & Chicks in Abergavenny. The evening starts at 8pm and entry is free. See the Cinnamon Press website for more information.

Thursday 14th March: Open Mic Night with Mike Jenkins (The Imperial Hotel, Merthyr Tydfil)

Join Mike Jenkins for an Open Mic night at The Imperial Hotel in Merthyr Tydfil to celebrate the launch of his new book *Barkin*. Entry is free and further details are available through Mike Jenkins' website.

Friday 15th March: OxSlam: The Decider! (Howard Gardens Campus, Cardiff)

The deciding poetry slam between local rivals Cardiff and Swansea will take place at the Howard Gardens Campus in Cardiff at 7.30pm on Friday 15th March. Tickets are available for just £4 in advance and £5 on the night and the event is in aid of Oxfam.

Saturday 16th March: St. Fagans' Book Club (St. Fagans Museum)

The first meeting of this new reading group will take place at St. Fagans Museum on Saturday 16th March 11am – 1pm. Sian Lile-Pastore will lead a study of Amy Dillwyn's novel *The Rebecca Rioter* and discussion will be supported by experts and curators from St. Fagans. You can get in touch with the group via their Facebook page.

Saturday 16th March: Gwyneth Lewis Reading (Clwyd Theatr Cymru, Flintshire)

Former National Poet of Wales Gwyneth Lewis will be reading from her book *Sparrow Tree* at Clwyd Theatr Cymru on Saturday 16th March. The reading starts at 8.00pm and tickets start from £5. Contact Clwyd Theatr Cymru for further information and to book tickets.

News at a Glance

- Author of *Winterton Blue* and *The Hiding Place*, Trezza Azzopardi, will be running a workshop for Horta Writing this summer aimed at helping writers who are currently in the process of completing their first novel. The course will run from 1st – 7th June and those wishing to apply for a place will need to submit 3000 words of their novel, a 300 word synopsis and a short list of what they hope to focus on during the course. Visit the Horta Writing website for further information.
- Tickets for the Laugharne Festival are now on sale. The festival will take place from 5th – 7th April and tickets are priced at £75.
- Cardiff University Creative Writing PhD student João Morais has been named the winner of the 2013 Terry Hetherington Award for writers under 30 with his short story ‘Asking a Shadow to Dance’. Joint second place was awarded to Swansea University English Literature student Natalie Holborow for her poem ‘Craig y Nos’ and teacher Sion Tomos Owen for his short story ‘Running into the Ground’.
- Earlybird tickets for selected events at this year’s Hay Festival are now on sale, visit their website for a full list of available events.