

Writing Wales

Weekly Events Listings

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

Sunday 27th October - Saturday 9th November: Dylan Thomas Festival (Dylan Thomas Centre, Swansea)

This year's annual Dylan Thomas Festival will include the launch of a new Dylan Thomas centenary commission from Gillian Clarke, an evening on *The Killing* and a special Fluellen production preview of their new version of *Rebecca's Daughters*. Also during the event Swansea University's John Goodby will be discussing his new critical study of Thomas' poetry. Events take place at The Dylan Thomas Centre, Swansea and the full programme is available through the Centre [website](#).

Thursday 31st October: Gwyn Thomas in the Kingdom of the Chip (Barry Arts Central, Barry)

Join Professor Dai Smith and Professor Peter Stead as they look back on the life and legacy of Gwyn Thomas. The evening will start at 7pm in Barry Arts Central and is free, but ticketed so registration is required through the event's [webpage](#).

Friday 1st November: Laboratories of the Spirit (Taliesin Arts Centre, Swansea University)

The aim of this event will be to consider the religious poetry of R. S. Thomas in celebration of the centenary of his birth. A panel of experts including The Most Reverend Dr Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales and the Right Reverend Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, will be participating in a discussion chaired by Professor M. Wynn Thomas. Tickets are priced at £5 (£3.50 for concessions) and are available from the Taliesin Arts Centre Box Office on: 01792 60 20 60. The event starts at 6.30pm.

Saturday 2nd November: Words and Wellbeing: Healing through Poetry Workshop (Gladstone's Residential Library, Mold)

Gladstone's Residential Library will host this workshop from 10am - 4pm on Saturday 2nd November, run by poet and tutor and tutor Bethany Rivers. Lunch and light refreshments are included in the price, which is £25 for the whole day.

Saturday 2nd November: R. S. Thomas Event (National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth)

M Wynn Thomas and former National Poet of Wales, Gwyneth Lewis will be taking part in this Friends of the Welsh Books Council event at The National Library of Wales from 2pm on Saturday 2nd November.

News at a Glance

- National Poet of Wales Gillian Clarke has written a new poem as part of a residency project at the University of Cambridge. The finalised poem, 'Dodo' is now available to read on the Literature Wales [website](#).
- Seren Books will be launching the final instalments of their series retelling some of the best-known tales from the Mabinogion at a special evening at the Senedd on November 5th. Authors of the final two books, Tishani Doshi and Trezza Azzopardi, will be at the launch event which is free, but ticketed. For more information and details of how to register, visit Seren's [website](#).