

2017
MERE LITERARY FESTIVAL
POETRY COMPETITION
FOR AN ORIGINAL POEM
(Not exceeding 40 lines)

ALL ADULT ENTRIES TO BE JUDGED BY

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Award Winning Poet, Arts Practitioner & Journalist

OPEN POETRY COMPETITION

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**Write a poem on any topic of no more than 40 lines for a
chance to win a cash prize**

MAJOR PRIZES: 1st Prize £200; 2nd Prize £100; 3rd Prize £50

Prize winners may be published on the Festival website.

Three runners-up £15 - Certificates of Distinction and Merit

PERFORMANCE PRIZES: Short-listed poems will be showcased at a Festival event and judged by the audience, prior to the announcement of competition results.

LOCAL AWARDS: Poem by a resident within a 10-mile radius of Mere. Please send two copies of your poem and mark your cover sheet with a capital 'L'.

JUNIOR SECTION: 12 Years and Under. Cash awards.

ADJUDICATION AND AWARD CEREMONY

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER AT 3.00PM

MERE LITERARY FESTIVAL - 9th – 15th OCTOBER

Talks – Workshops – Events - For details log on to www.merelifest.co.uk

Please Turn Over for Entry Details

ENTRY FEES

OPEN:- £3.50 first poem; £2.50 second and subsequent entries

JUNIORS:- £1.00 per poem – 25% discount on school entries of ten or more poems.

Please make cheques payable to: PennyBank Writers

Entries must not bear the name of the author but should be sent with a cover sheet with author's name, address, phone number, email where possible and title/s of poem/s submitted together with the correct entry fee to:

**M.L.F. Poetry Competition, Monkswell Cottage, Mill Lane,
Mere, Wiltshire, BA12 6DA**

Please indicate on cover sheet eligibility for the Local Award.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: MONDAY 26TH JUNE, 2017

COMPETITION RULES

1. All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been previously published, broadcast on radio or TV or awarded a prize in a competition.
2. Entries must be in English and typed or very clearly written on one side only of A4 paper.
3. Submissions must not bear the name of the author which should only appear on the Cover Sheet. Submissions bearing author identification will be disqualified and entry fees will not be returned. Entries will be coded for the judging.
4. Any number of entries may be submitted providing they all are listed on the cover sheet and the relevant fees are enclosed.
5. No competitor may win more than one major prize. This limit does not apply to supplementary or special prizes.
6. Entries will not be returned and competitors are advised to keep a copy of their work. All reasonable care will be taken but the Mere and District Linkscheme and PennyBank Writers of Mere accept no responsibility for the loss or damage to manuscripts.
7. Submissions will not be acknowledged unless a suitably worded, stamped addressed postcard is included with the entry.
8. The judges decisions are final. No correspondence will be entered into.
9. Copyright of material remains with the author but the Mere and District Linkscheme reserve the right to use entries at festival events.
10. Trustees of the Mere and District Linkscheme and anyone helping to organise the festival are not eligible to enter any competition.
11. Shortlisted entrants and merit awards will be notified by 30th September and all winners will be announced at the Festival Sunday event. Results will be made available to the Local and Writing Press. Competitors wanting a copy of the results or monies raised should enclose a s.a.e. marked 'Results' or 'Money' with their entry.
12. In the event of the competition being cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, all monies will be refunded in full.

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