



Tamworth Literary Festival 2019

Our programme celebrates both the spoken and the written word with authors and artists from near and far. Check our social media and Eventbrite for more information and to book. Many events are **FREE**.

Monday 4th March, 7pm for 7.30pm, Bolehall Manor - Academic Beverley Rogers provides a fascinating insight into one of the town's renowned citizens: vicar, philanthropist and founder of the Tamworth Co-operative society **William MacGregor**. The talk, in his former home, will focus on his Egyptology collection (joint event with Tamworth Heritage Trust). **FREE**. Bucket collection at end.

Tuesday 5th March, 7pm for 7.30pm, Bolehall Manor – Open Mic Poetry/Storytelling Night, hosted by **Mal Dewhirst**, Staffordshire's original Poet Laureate. All welcome to read their own work, but please ensure your place is reserved beforehand. **FREE**. Bucket collection at end.

Wednesday 6th March, 7pm for 7.30pm, The Castle Hotel – Dr Johnson's WikiWords – Fired Up Theatre perform the latest episodes of this exciting new sitcom. Dr Johnson returns to the 21st Century and finds someone has stolen his BIRTHDAY! **Tickets £7 per person** via Eventbrite or contact us.

Thursday 7th March, 7pm for 7.30pm, Tamworth Library - Our popular **Crime Night**, this year focusing on **Forensics**. With authors Toni Bolton, Jane Shemilt, Prudence S Thomas and Andrew Sparke, and Neil Thorne, Forensic Scientist, Eurofins Forensic Services. **Tickets £7 per person** via Eventbrite and Tamworth Library. **Sponsored by SSSB** <https://twitter.com/sssbcnf>

Friday 8th March, 7pm for 7.30pm, The Castle Hotel - An evening with author Mary Shelley, with Sarra Kassourai as Mary, Kraig Gilmore as the Monster and Dylan Knight as Victor Frankenstein. **Tickets £6 per person** via Eventbrite or contact us.

Friday 8th March local schools invite authors to talk about their writing and their stories.

Saturday 9th March - Chat with a wide range of authors at Tamworth Library with an opportunity to purchase signed copies of their books. 10 am -3 pm. **FREE**. Also a workshop **Thinking of carrying out a Research Project? Not sure where to start?** 11 am -1.30 pm, with Anne Parsons, PhD (Tutor at Lancaster University). **Cost: £3: Tickets available from Tamworth Library.**

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Help us raise money to pay for venues, authors, illustrators and publicity for Tamworth Literary Festival, March 2019.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/anthony-poulton-smith-1>

Writing Competition 2018/19

Entries are now open for 2018/19. We are seeking stories and poems on any theme. Children's prizes funded by the Rawlet Trust. Best entries could appear in the anthology to follow.

Three categories: Ages 16+ (above school age and beyond) – 1,500 words limit – **£4** entry; **Secondary School** (years 7 – 11) – 1,000 words limit - **FREE** entry; **Primary school** (up to and including year 6) – 500 words limit - **FREE** entry.

Prizes * 16+ -1st prize £100, 2nd – £50, 3rd - £25; Secondary School category – 1st – £50, 2nd - £25, 3rd - £15; Primary School category – 1st - £20, 2nd - £15, 3rd - £10.

*Proof of age required prior to award of prizes.

Submission Guidelines - Closing date – 30th April 2019

Announcement of winners – August/September 2019:

Submissions will be taken as permission to publish the names of winners/participants against their entries unless clearly stated.

- Entries to be typed in black ink, double spaced, on one side of A4 only, in size 12 font.
- Please use a Word document (or comparable) & ensure your contact details and word count appear on a covering letter, NOT on your entry to give anonymity at the judging stage.
- Entries can be submitted online to ([marked as 'Writing Competition' entry](#)) or by post or by hand to: 31 Juniper, Amington, Tamworth, Staffordshire B77 4ND, United Kingdom.

Payment: By cheque made payable to Tamworth Literary Festival or by B.A.C.S (using your name as payment reference) to: Tamworth Literary Festival, Barclays Bank, Account no: 33368440, Sort code: 20-84-13

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