

Waveney & Blyth Words

The Poetry of Crows Writing Competition

Open until 9am 12 September 2017

Cost: £3 per entry or £5 for two.

Waveney & Blyth Arts is very pleased to link with the Ferini Art Gallery to stage an open exhibition on the theme *A Murder of Crows*. In support of this exhibition, we invite submissions of written work inspired by the Crow, whether rook or magpie, fable or truth.

Entries should be poems of no more than **30 lines** or flash fiction of no more than **100 words**. Work can be submitted independent of attendance at the exhibition or Crows writing workshop.

The authors of the top three short-listed entries will be invited to join us at the Arts & Eats lunch at the Ferini Art Gallery, Pakefield. They will read their work to the audience and the winner will then be chosen by secret ballot, and receive their prize, a crow themed print from the exhibition, with certificates for all three authors.

Full entry details below:

Theme: Crows and corvids

Format: Poem max 30 lines or flash fiction max 100 words

Closing Date: 9am Tuesday 12 September 2017

Email entries only to:

desk(at)melindaappleby(dot)co(dot)uk. Please send as an attachment in Word format or as a PDF.

- ↻ Each piece must have a title and be typed on one side of A4 - no indication of the author's name should appear on this sheet.
- ↻ Each piece must be on a separate sheet of A4.
- ↻ Entries must be accompanied by a separate covering note stating the name and contact details (including email address and telephone number) of the author and the titles of the work being submitted. Please advise which method of payment you are using (see below) so your payment can be traced.
- ↻ Also, please indicate if you will be available to attend the Arts & Eats lunch should your work be short-listed. If you are unable to attend, a member of Waveney & Blyth Arts Management Committee will read the piece on your behalf and it will still qualify for inclusion in the public vote.
- ↻ Payment by a cheque payable to 'Waveney & Blyth Arts' and sent to:
Waveney & Blyth Words, c/o Haymead House, The Street, Wickham Skeith Eye
IP23 8LP with a note of your name, address and titles of work submitted;

- ~ Or by BACS transfer or on-line banking to Waveney & Blyth Arts Account no. 3560 4786 sort code 40-65-00 if paying before 15th August – *if paying after this date contact bookings@waveneyandblytharts.com as Norwich & Peterborough Building Society is ceasing all accounts from the end of August and we will have new bank details.*
- ~ Poems should be in English and should not have been published or accepted for publication elsewhere.
- ~ Poems that have won or are under consideration in other poetry competitions are not eligible.
- ~ Entries will be judged by members of the Waveney & Blyth Arts Management Committee.
- ~ Copyright of each poem and flash fiction piece remains with the author but Waveney & Blyth Arts has the unrestricted right to publish the winning entries on the Waveney & Blyth Arts website, after the Arts & Eats lunch, plus unrestricted rights to use the winning poems and prose and any related material for PR purposes.
- ~ The three successful entrants will be informed by telephone on 13 or 14 September 2017 and invited to attend the Arts & Eats lunch, *A Chatter of Crows*, on Wednesday 20th September 2017 12.00-2.30pm as the guest of Waveney & Blyth Arts. Address - Ferini Art Gallery, 27-29 All Saints Road, Pakefield, Lowestoft, NR33 0JL
- ~ The winner is responsible for any other expenses involved in attending.
- ~ Unsuccessful entrants will be informed by email.
- ~ Your poems will not be returned, so do keep a copy.
- ~ We do not send copies of the results to entrants.

Thank you for your interest in our writing competition. We look forward to reading your work. Good luck.