

About the Judge



'Welsh Hero', 'punk legend', 'environmental activist', 'one of Wales' most talented and original artists, writers and film-makers'.

John Evans started his career in the music industry as the singer-songwriter in Wales' first punk rock group the *Tax Exiles*. Since that time he has worked as a full-time writer and filmmaker.

He is the author of numerous critically acclaimed books, such as his factual study of postindustrial culture and society, **How Real Is My Valley?**, and works of fiction and poetry like his novel, **Giants**, and poetry collection, **The Acid Real**. He has written for film and television and been broadcast by the BBC amongst others.

He is a prominent environmental campaign organiser and activist. He wrote **The Red Kite in Wales**, the first ever book published to focus solely on the species that successfully highlighted the need for greater conservation to ensure it's long term survival. **Goshawk**, was the result of a three-year study of the life and habits of this rare bird which also led to him setting up 'Raptor Watch'.

More recently, he created 'Save The Badger' and, alongside Queen's guitarist Brian May, he helped halt the proposed badger cull in Wales.

During 2004, in a public poll to find the 'greatest Welsh men and women of all time', John Evans was voted at number 27 out of a list of 100 names, also nominated by the public.

And in 2011, Swiss airline company Helvetica Airways chose John to be the 'public face' of Wales. They also asked him to write a guide book to Wales which is given to all passengers visiting the country and his text appeared alongside images by Magnum photographer, David Hurn.

Welsh Poetry Competition - 2022



About the Competition

The Welsh Poetry Competition offers a chance for budding writers and published authors from all over the world to compete on an equal footing and be recognised for their work.

After many hugely successful years we are now offering in our **16th** international competition:

1st Prize - £500
2nd Prize - £250
3rd Prize - £100

Judge – John Evans

All entries to the competition will be judged anonymously so your creativity will be judged on its own merits. We do not use filter judges!

Further information can be found at our website:

www.welshpoetry.co.uk

Winners will be announced on our website and in the media after the closing date and when all entries have been judged.

Closing date is: **Sunday 29th May 2022**

The Entry Form

Name

Address

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Postcode

Country

Telephone

Email

I enclose poems @ **£6** each and £ payment by cheque/PO in GBP made payable to: **The Welsh Poetry Competition** (Note: £6 if using PayPal)

I enclose the following poems:

Title 01.....

02.....

03.....

04.....

05.....

06.....

07.....

Continue on separate sheet if required

Where did you hear about us?

Please attach this form to your poems and payment and forward to:

The Welsh Poetry Competition
9 The Avenue, Pontypridd, CF37 4DF, Wales, UK

Rules of Entry

1. Each poem must be no more than 50 lines in length.
2. Each poem must be typed/clearly written on 1 side of paper.
3. No covering letter or other material should be enclosed.
4. No alterations can be made to a poem once it has been submitted.
5. The entrant may submit an unlimited number of poems, each to be accompanied by a **£6** entrance fee. We only accept sterling. (Note: £6 if using PayPal)
6. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to: **The Welsh Poetry Competition.**
7. The poem(s) should be firmly attached to the entry form. The name of the entrant must not appear on the entry itself.
8. Once entered, poems cannot be withdrawn from the competition. It is regretted that no entries can be returned, so keep a copy of your work.
9. All winners may be requested to provide a biography and photograph and take part in any subsequent publicity surrounding the competition.
10. Acknowledgement of receipt of poems will only be given if a SAE marked "Acknowledgement" is enclosed.
11. Entries must be in English, not previously published in any form (including appearing on the Internet).
12. The author must be living.
13. No translations are allowed.
14. Entries can be in any style and on any subject.
15. Entries should not be submitted for publication elsewhere while the competition is running.
16. Winners will be decided by our judge **John Evans**. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
17. The organisers reserve the right to change the judge if circumstances dictate.
18. The competition is open until **Sunday 29th May 2022**. All entries must reach us by that date.
19. All winning poems will be announced and published on our website, may be published elsewhere in the media and will also appear in a future anthology.
20. Copyright remains with the competitor, but **The Welsh Poetry Competition** reserves the right to arrange the first publication or broadcast of selected poems as it sees fit. Submission of a poem(s) implies the competitor's acceptance of the rules.

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