

## **Horningsea Short Story Competition 2021**

You are invited to enter the second Horningsea Short Story Competition. There are separate classes for young people and adults. This competition is open to all writers, but please check the rules. Entrants are welcome to submit more than one story, but a fee is payable for each entry.

Theme for all entries : **Light**

**Adults' competition: 1st prize £50, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £25**

Over 16s should submit a short story of a maximum length of 2,000 words.

**Competition for writers aged under 12 on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. 1<sup>st</sup> prize £15 book token**

Young people aged 12 years and under should submit a story of a maximum length of 500 words.

**Competition for writers aged 12-16 years on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. 1<sup>st</sup> prize £20 book token**

Young people aged 12-16 years should submit a story of a maximum length of 1,000 words.

**Entry fee: £1 for young people; £5 for adults per entry.**

**Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 for all age groups.**

### **Rules and conditions.**

All entries must be the original work of the entrant. Stories must not have won a competition before and must not have been published.

All stories must be within the word limit for the age group.

All stories must have been delivered by email or by hand before the deadline of midnight on **March 31st.**

All stories must be written in English. The theme can be interpreted in any way.

Stories will be judged anonymously by an independent panel. Entrants must not put their name or any other identifying details on their story. Instead, they should include a separate electronic file or sheet of paper to accompany their story on which they put their name, address and a contact telephone number/email address *as well as the title of their story.* Pages should be numbered and each page should include the title of the story as a header.

**Emailed entries should be sent to: [franjohnstone@me.com](mailto:franjohnstone@me.com).** If you wish to pay the entry fee electronically, you should ask for details when you send your entry.

Entries being delivered by hand can be left at St John's Barn, St John's Lane, Horningsea and should include the entry fee in cash.

The judges' decisions will be final. Brief comments will be given on the winning children's entries only.

Up to 10 stories will be shortlisted in each category. The shortlist will be made available on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2021. Winners in each category will be announced at a literary event, but the date and whether this can be a live event depends on Covid regulations, so will be announced later. Winners will be invited to attend and read part of their story aloud at the event, which will include book sales and talks by local authors.

If writers wish to be included, an anthology of stories may be published. 2019's stories, on the theme 'Borders' are still available from Amazon

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=Horningsea+writers&i=stripbooks&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=Horningsea+writers&i=stripbooks&ref=nb_sb_noss)

This event is supported by Horningsea Residents' Association. If any profit is made, it will be donated to St Peter's Church, Horningsea to cover the costs of hosting the prize giving celebration.

**Entry Form**  
**Horningsea Short Story Competition 2021**

Writer's Name.....

Address or contact email address

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I am entering my story for the Under 12/12-16 years/Adult competition (please circle your choice)

My story's title is.....

I certify that I am of the right age to enter the age group competition I have chosen:

(Signature).....

I enclose my entry fee (£1 for under 16s, £5 for 16s and above)

I wish to pay online and have contacted [franjohnstone@me.com](mailto:franjohnstone@me.com) to make the arrangements