

WORDPLAY MONTHLY WRITING COMPETITION RULES

- Open Theme. Closing Date is rolling, the 25th of each month. Any entries received after his date will be entered for the following month's competition.
- Maximum of 2,500 words for short stories. No minimum.
- The prize is open to anyone, including non UK residents, over 18 years of age.
- Posthumous entries are not eligible.
- Entries must be the entire work of the entrant, and must never have been published, self-published, published on any website or broadcast, nor winning placed or placed in any other competition prior to closing date of the **WordPlay** Competition for which it has been entered.
- You may enter as many times as you like. Each entry must be by separate email, and each must be accompanied by separate payment.
- E-Members and Showcase Members are allowed one free entry per month. E-Members and Showcase Members may, however, place further entries in line with the rules for non-members contained herein.
- E-Members and Showcase Members should insert their membership number in the title line of the email entry, and also on each page of their entry.
- Entries are only accepted by email in line with the rules contained herein, and other competition rules which may be published on the website from time to time.
- Entries must be in English, on a word document as an attachment to entry email, typed in 12 point Times New Roman Text and double line spaced.
- Each page should be numbered, and title of piece and name of entrant on each page (with member number if applicable).
- No corrections may be made after receipt, nor fees refunded.
- No entrant may win more than one prize per month.
- In the event that five entries or fewer are received for any month's competition, **WordPlay** reserves the right to cancel that month's competition and place any received entries into judging for the following month's competition.
- Judging is fair and unbiased. Experienced readers may help the judges in selecting shortlists.
- The judges' decision is final, and no individual correspondence can be entered into.
- Judges are unable to comment on individual entries.
- Worldwide copyright of each entry remains with the author, but **WordPlay** will have unrestricted right to publish the winning entries (including runners up) in any ensuing anthology or for promotional purposes.
- Prize winners' will be posted on the website, and notified by email.
- Entry implies acceptance of all the rules. Failure to comply may result in disqualification