

**BLANDFORD ROTARY**  
**SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2015**

**CRITERIA**

**FICTION ONLY**

**1000 WORDS MAXIMUM**

**ANY GENRE/SUBJECT** (excl: Ultra-adult subjects)

**Rules:** Entries must be:

1. Un-published by commercial publisher (incl. Magazines, Journals and Newspapers) and
2. Not previously a **winner** or **runner-up** or **short-listed** in **any** competition and
3. Author's own original work

**NOTE:** Stories previously self-published singly or in an anthology and/or on-line may be submitted (subject to Rules 1 – 3)

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**CATEGORIES:**

1. **UNDER-18 SECTION (DOB: Post-31/07/97)**
2. **OPEN SECTION**

**NO LIMIT TO NUMBER OF ENTRIES MADE BY  
AN INDIVIDUAL**

**PRIZES:**

**CASH PRIZES:**

**Open: £50**

**Under 18: £25**

**Plus: SPECIAL PRIZE** for 'Best Story set in  
Blandford area'

**Plus: SPONSORS' PRIZES**

**POSSIBLE** PUBLICATION OF ANTHOLOGY IN  
PAPERBACK/E-BOOK: EDITOR: A FORD

**COMPETITION JUDGING PANEL:**

Locally-selected from Dorset Authors/Creative  
Writing groups/Education:

**PAM FUDGE**

**NICK ALLEN**

**MIKE MCDOWELL**

**EMMA BEVIN**

**SHORT LIST** of the best stories as selected by  
judges – authors (or nominees) will be invited to  
read out their stories at Evening Presentation  
Event in Blandford in October.

## **ENTRY FEES:**

**£3 PER OPEN ENTRY**

**£1 PER UNDER-18 ENTRY**

## **KEY DATES:**

Submission of stories by **31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2015 (23:59)**

Short List out by **31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2015**

Final Judging: **SEPTEMBER 2015**

Presentation Event: **OCTOBER 2015**

## **SUBMISSIONS FORMAT:**

**E-MAIL entries ONLY and BY ATTACHMENT,  
ONLY**

**WORD doc/docx (NOT protected) ONLY**

## **PAGE LAYOUT:**

Font: **Times New Roman 14 pt;**

Double spaced; justified; indented paragraph 1.5  
cm; RH Margin 3 cms

No spaces between paragraphs

New chapters start on new page

AUTHOR'S FULL NAME (+ AGE/DOB IF UNDER 18), FULL POSTAL AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES SHOULD APPEAR ON FIRST PAGE **ONLY**

TITLE and WORD COUNT (NOT INCLUDING TITLE) AND ENTRY CATEGORY SHOULD APPEAR ON FIRST and SECOND PAGES

STORY SHOULD COMMENCE ON THIRD PAGE  
(TITLE + TEXT)

**PAGES SHOULD NOT BE NUMBERED**

**FEES MUST BE PAID AT TIME OF SUBMISSION**  
– CHEQUES OR POSTAL ORDERS TO:

**ROTARY CLUB OF BLANDFORD  
SHORT STORY COMPETITION  
C/O THE CROWN HOTEL  
WEST STREET  
BLANDFORD FORUM  
DORSET DT11 7AJ**

ENTRANTS WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF  
RECEIPT OF ENTRY AND ENTRY FEE(S) BY  
E-MAIL

NO OTHER CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE  
ENTERED INTO EXCEPT AT THE DISCRETION  
OF THE EVENT ORGANISER

PLEASE E-MAIL ANY PRE-SUBMISSION  
QUERIES TO ADRIAN FORD  
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