

TEIGNMOUTH POETRY FESTIVAL COMPETITION 2023

OPEN COMPETITION JUDGE – FIONA BENSON



Fiona Benson's third collection, *Ephemeron*, has recently been published by Jonathan Cape. This follows *Vertigo & Ghost* (Cape, 2019), which won both the Roehampton Poetry Prize and the Forward Poetry Prize, while her first collection, *Bright Travellers* (Cape, 2014) won the Seamus Heaney Prize and the Geoffrey

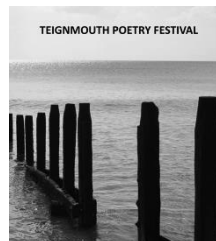
Faber Memorial Prize. Fiona was the first author selected for the Faber New Poets pamphlet series, and in 2021 was one of the three judges for the National Poetry Competition.

GRAHAM BURCHELL AWARD FOR DEVON POETS JUDGE – SUE PROFFITT



Sue Proffitt lives by the coast in South Devon. Having won this award in 2022 and previously been placed 1st and 2nd in the Teignmouth Poetry Festival Open Competition, she is ideally qualified to be our judge in 2023. Her poetry has been published in many magazines and journals, as well as two collections. Her first, *Open After*

Dark (Oversteps, 2017) was followed by *The Lock-Picker* (Palewell Press), written during her month on a Hawthornden Fellowship. She has an M.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Bath Spa and is currently working on her third collection. www.owlmagic.com



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The 2023 Competition is open to all poets, UK and international.

Entries from writers with Devon postcodes will automatically and additionally be entered for the Graham Burchell Award for Devon Poets.

Open Poetry Competition

Prizes: 1st - £600 2nd - £300 3rd - £200

Judge: Fiona Benson

Graham Burchell Award – Devon residents only

Prizes: 1st - £200 2nd - £100 3rd - £50

Judge: Sue Proffitt

Closing date: 31 January 2023

Details at: www.poetryteignmouth.com
from 1st November 2022

TEIGNMOUTH POETRY FESTIVAL - 2023 COMPETITION - Rules

- Poems may be on any subject, must be the original work of the entrant, unpublished and not accepted for publication in any medium. They must not have been awarded a prize in any other competition.
- Poems should be in English and not exceed 40 lines of text, no minimum. Titles, epigraphs, dedications and blank lines are not included in the line count.
- Poems must be typed on a **single** side of A4, and must have a title
- Each poem must be on a separate page, which must not bear the author’s name or any other mark by which the author could be identified.
- **Postal Entries - Two** copies of each poem are required, accompanied by a completed entry form (see opposite). One entry form may cover multiple poems.
- **Online entries** – please submit Word document or pdf via the online entry form.
- There is no restriction on the number of poems that may be submitted, provided the appropriate entry fee is included.
- Poems entered will not be returned – keep a copy for yourself.
- Each poet can only win one prize.
- Copyright will remain with the author, but the organisers reserve the right to publish any of the prizewinning poems as they deem appropriate.
- Once entered, poems may not be amended.
- The results of the competitions and prize winning poems will be published on www.poetryteignmouth.com
- The Open Competition judge will read ALL the entries. The judge for the Graham Burchell Award will read all eligible entries.
- Judges’ decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The Festival reserves the right to change the judge/s if the need arises.
- In exceptional circumstances the organisers reserve the right to return poems and entry fees.
- The judges and Festival organisers are not eligible to enter the competitions.
- POEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT 31st JANUARY 2023.

The entry fee for **POSTAL ENTRIES** is **£4.00** for one poem, and **£3.00** each for additional poems. Cheques/POs should be made payable to Poetry Teignmouth and sent with two copies of each poem and entry form to:

Poetry Teignmouth , C/O Virginia Griem, 12 Little Hayes, Kingsteignton TQ12 3YP

The entry fee for **ONLINE ENTRIES** is **£4.50** for one poem, and **£3.50** each for additional poems. Payment and submission of poems should be made at:

www.poetryteignmouth.com/competition-2023

ENTRY FORM

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Name: (block capitals)

Address: (block capitals)

Post code Tel:

email:

Titles of poems: No of poems:

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Please continue on separate sheet if necessary.

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £..... payable to Poetry Teignmouth.

Submission of this form signifies acceptance of the competition rules.

THIS ENTRY FORM CAN BE PHOTOCOPIED OR DOWNLOADED FROM:
www.poetryteignmouth.com

I would like to receive e-mails with Competition news - **Yes / No**