

The Saki Short Story Competition Rules

The opening date for entries to be received is November 20th 2020

The final date and time for entries to be received is midnight on 30th June 2021.

The competition is open to anyone of any age.

(Please note, these rules have been updated following requests, originally entry was restricted to those aged 17 and over. Anyone younger than 17 can now enter but must understand there is no separate children's category so they will be judged anonymously in competition with adults.)

Entries are welcome from anywhere in the world.

Entries can be submitted online or by post in the UK, but overseas entries must be submitted online (postal entries from abroad will not be accepted.).

One entry form, whether submitted online or posted, can cover up to three stories. Multiple entry forms can be submitted.

All postal entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form and appropriate entry fee. They must be addressed to:

Ms C. Shaw, Saki Short Story Competition, Friends of Manning's Pit, 60 Windsor Road, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 4AQ

There will be an email confirmation of receipt for all online entries at the time of submission.

A receipt confirming that a postal entry has been received will be sent to the email address, if supplied, otherwise the entrant should enclose a stamped addressed envelope/postcard.

An individual can submit an unlimited number of entries providing payment is received for each one.

The entry fee is £5 per story; if three stories are entered at one time the charge will be £12.

Cheques must be made payable to The Friends of Manning's Pit.

Stories must be no more than 3000 words and written in English.

Stories must be typed, double-spaced, on single-sided sheets and in Times New Roman or Arial, 12 point font.

Stories must not have been published in any form, including press, social media, or have been awarded a prize in any competition.

All pages of stories sent by post must be numbered and the complete set held together with a paper-clip.

The title of any story sent by post must appear at the top of every page, but there must

not be anything on the typescript that will identify the author.

Stories will not be returned, so please make sure you have kept a copy.

Stories cannot be altered once entered.

All entries will be considered anonymously first by a panel of readers and then the judges will choose from a short list.

The members of the organising committee, judges, any sponsors and the panel of readers are not eligible to enter the competition.

Any plagiarised work will be disqualified along with any other work submitted by the entrant.

The winner of the first prize will receive £500, the second prize £200 and the third prize £100.

(Please note the correction to the amount of the second prize, in the original pdf of the rules the second prize was £150.)

We are hoping, if sponsorship is received for this, that there will also be an additional prize of £100 awarded to the best story written by a resident of Pilton or Bradiford

If a story is shortlisted, the writer will be notified on July 31st 2021, and the story must not be published or considered for another competition elsewhere until the result is decided.

All results will be announced at the Awards Presentation Evening to be held in October 2021 and posted on The Friends of Manning's Pit website the following day. The Friends of Manning's Pit reserve the right to move the date of this event if particular circumstances require this (such as renewed lockdown rules.)

The competition organisers reserve the right not to award prizes if, in the judge's opinion, such an action is justified.

Judging is blind and unbiased. The judges' decision is final and no individual correspondence can be entered into.

The Saki Short Story Competition Organisers reserve the right to change and replace one or more judges in the event of illness or any other emergency.