

# Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod

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## Latest News



With less than two months to go before the first closing dates for the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod, the preparations are going well locally and nationally as the town prepares for the visit of Wales' leading festival from 4-11 August next year.

1 December is the first closing date, and all entries in the Daniel Owen Memorial Prize and the Prose Medal have to reach the Eisteddfod office in Mold by then.

In 2012, the Prose Medal will be awarded for a volume of creative prose, including no more than 40,000 words, responding to the title 'Magnolia'. The Medal and the financial prize of £750 are donated by Janet and Glenda and family, to remember Bill and Megan James. This year's adjudicators are Gweryll Pierce Jones, Aled Iwan and Fleur Dafydd. The Daniel Owen Memorial Prize is awarded for an unpublished novel of no less than 50,000 words. John Rowlands, Gareth F Williams and Steward Williams are the 2012 adjudicators and the winner will receive £5,000 and the Medal.



Can you offer accommodation?

We're in the process of collecting details in the Vale of Glamorgan for our accommodation list which will appear online and will be used to spread contacting the office for information. We're currently encouraging anyone with beds and breakfasts, guest houses, private homes, self-catering accommodation and caravans available during the week to get in touch, so we can make use of what they've on the list.

With thousands flocking to the Eisteddfod every year and many of them looking for places to stay for a number of nights it's the whole week, please are staying up-to-date with a number of hotels already fully booked. If you can help us by offering accommodation, please fill in the online form or get in touch with your details either by sending [info@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:info@eisteddfod.org.uk) or by ringing 0845 4090 300. The list will appear on [eisteddfod.org.uk](http://eisteddfod.org.uk).

If you're considering taking part in any competitions, the List of Competitions is available to download - [www.eisteddfod.org.uk](http://www.eisteddfod.org.uk) - or in local bookshops across the whole of Wales, and includes all the information you need to take part in next year's festival, as well as all the relevant forms for competitors.

A list of all key dates are available online and in the List of Competitions. We'll also be reminding you regularly in the next few editions of the newsletter.



Remember about National Eisteddfod merchandise

Christmas is coming, and many of us are busy buying gifts for friends and family. Nowadays, more and more of us are shopping online, but do you know that you can raise money for the National Eisteddfod by doing so?

The festival has organised with a shopping partner website, which operates on behalf of charities on behalf of Christmas. By using this gateway to shop online with some of the UK's leading brands and retailers, you can raise money for next year's Eisteddfod - and you don't have to do anything!

The Giving Merchant is a not-for-profit organisation and a registered member of the Institute of Fundraising. For more details and to register to support the Eisteddfod when shopping go to [www.givingmerchant.co.uk](http://www.givingmerchant.co.uk).



Merchandise

Remember about National Eisteddfod merchandise - available to sell at events and activities locally. We have T-shirts, notebooks, bags, our stickers, trolley bags, Christmas cards, pens, umbrellas, mug, bags, aprons, mugs, aprons, posters, water bottles and hot towels - with a percentage of each sale going to the local fund.

If you'd like to order a stock of merchandise, contact the office in Cardiff: 0845 4090 300 - or visit before your event if possible. All items will be available to buy online soon as we further develop the website. A good stock of prizes will be available by the beginning of November, and please let us know - [info@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:info@eisteddfod.org.uk) - if you can help us to gather them across the collection area.

The Most Thomas Jewellery collection, designed to celebrate the 150th anniversary will be available to buy online very soon. If you would like some information about the collection in the meantime, please ring 0845 4090 300 and ask for either Steward or Eira.

Special offer - our popular shoulder bags are available online for £2.50 during October. Make sure you don't get caught without a bag when you're shopping and order one of our sturdy bags today.

## Calendar

### October

4 October  
**Patrols a Fair Loner** - An evening of great and contemporary Welsh music and Manon Rhys on their success at this year's Eisteddfod at Wrexham. Price of £10.00, Cardiff 20.00. Admission £5.

15 October  
**Sponsored Walk** around the Square and starting at 10.30 from the Railway car park. Further details available from [www.walking.org.uk](http://www.walking.org.uk)

16 October  
**Becy Watty** will run as the Cardiff Best Member to raise funds for us. You can sponsor Becy on [www.becywatty.com/](http://www.becywatty.com/)

17 October  
**Carry Printing of The Star, The Square, Digos Pwys, Tickets £12** with meals served between 18.00 and 21.00. Further details available from Julia 2051 2185 or June 2051 2000

### November

11 November  
Opportunity to taste different cheeses (with wine to suit each cheese) whilst listening to the producer on a specialist of The Cheese Company. Tickets £9. Further information and tickets from Meryn Chudson @01464 881513 or [meryn@cheese.com](mailto:meryn@cheese.com)

12 November  
**Supper with a BANAN 19.00** - 21.00 at the Old Village Inn, Llanwrtyd. Admission £10 includes a beverage, exhibition, mulled wine, coffee and music by AC. Tickets - bring your own bowl, spoon and plate! Further details available from 07790 418068

18 November  
A evening of Grand Slam with John Bode, Sharon Morgan & David Pevr Morris at Tŷgyl Dylan Bro Morgannwg. Tickets £20 (to include refreshment and entertainment). Dress. Busby Tickets available from Gweryll Jones 07790 40771 or general@eisteddfod.org.uk

Carry Pary Jones 07748 98285 [carrypary@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:carrypary@eisteddfod.org.uk) or Glenda Jones 07711 632 117 [glendajones@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:glendajones@eisteddfod.org.uk)

20 November  
**Wheat Drive of the Old School, 7.00pm.**

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**Sunday Lunch** at home with Mair and Ewys. Public House, Brynorchard, Pwllheli.

24 November  
Nia Roberts presents An Evening of Song and Brass with City of Cardiff (Morgannwg) Brass Band, Maelor Ffrwdale Valley Choir & Head of Music Children's Choir of Tŷgyl Dylan Bro Morgannwg. Start of 19.30. Tickets £18.00 (adults) £15.00 (children) available from Eira Roberts 07846 51964 [airaroberts@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:airaroberts@eisteddfod.org.uk). Also see Run 07764 613057 [www.eisteddfod.org.uk](http://www.eisteddfod.org.uk) announced date is Glendy Jones 07711 632117 [glendajones@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:glendajones@eisteddfod.org.uk)

25 November  
**Concert with The Last Choir of Tŷgyl Dylan Bro Morgannwg, St Nicholas, Tickets £5** - contact Gwynn on 014646 76006

### St T H Pary Williams Memorial Medal

The St T H Pary Williams Memorial Medal is presented annually to an individual who has contributed widely within their local community with a particular emphasis on working with young people. St T H Pary Williams was a great supporter of the National Eisteddfod and in August 1978, following the death of a few months earlier, a trust was set up to celebrate his invaluable contribution to Eisteddfod activities. The fund is administered by the St T H Pary Williams Trust.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Medal, contact National Eisteddfod Chief Executive, Eidd Roberts on 0845 4090 300 or send an email to [info@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:info@eisteddfod.org.uk). The closing date is 31 January 2012.

### 2012 Prizes

It's not too late to enter a prize of next year's Eisteddfod. There's a few opportunities available in the following categories - folk singing, lyrics books, visual arts, card-draw, music, drama and literature. It's easy to choose a prize, simply complete the online form on our website, or you can contact the office, either by phone on 0845 4090 300 or email [info@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:info@eisteddfod.org.uk). The response to the response for prizes in the Vale of Glamorgan has been excellent, and we are indebted to everyone who has already donated a prize, helping us to ensure that the 2012 Eisteddfod is a great success.

### Local businesses

We're producing a business pack which will be available for distribution at the beginning of November. In the meantime, the information has been published online - [www.eisteddfod.org.uk](http://www.eisteddfod.org.uk)

The pack includes all kind of information about how local companies and businesses can get involved in supporting the Eisteddfod, and also includes information on the opportunities available to businesses, including training of the festival, attending at the festival, session so that local companies can provide leaders to work over the coming months, and the pack will also include information on how to support the work of local committees.

We'll be sending to the website information regularly over the next few months and will give each committee a stock of packs for distribution to local companies.

### Celebrating our winners' success

There's an opportunity to enjoy the talents of some of winners from the Wrexham and District National Eisteddfod at two events in Cardiff next week. On Friday 14 October, the festival's National evening will be held at the Duke of Clarence in Cardiff. This is an evening to celebrate the success of Rhys Iwan and Manon Rhys, with contributions from poets and writers and a live song from Gwyneth Glyn. The evening starts at 20.00 and ends at 23.00. The proceeds from the evening will go towards the 2012 Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod. If you've not yet had a chance to read the winning poem and the adjudicators' notes of the Cymanwladfa at Barmouth are available to buy from the Eisteddfod's online shop - [www.eisteddfod.org.uk](http://www.eisteddfod.org.uk).

Two days later, Cardiff's the Western and District Eisteddfod's Festival Choir, will be holding a concert with Eidd Roberts, one of the most prolific composers of the twenty first century, at St David's Hall, Cardiff on Sunday 16 October at 19.30. Tickets cost £15 or £12, and can be ordered by sending an email to [concerts@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:concerts@eisteddfod.org.uk)

### Keep in touch

There's plenty of ways to keep in touch with the National Eisteddfod. You can call on 0845 4090 300 if you've got any questions about the festival, but, or send us an email - [info@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:info@eisteddfod.org.uk). You can keep in touch with us by following the Eisteddfod on Twitter - [www.twitter.com/eisteddfod](http://www.twitter.com/eisteddfod) or Facebook - [www.facebook.com/eisteddfod](http://www.facebook.com/eisteddfod) or the address if you want to keep in touch through a newsletter - and remember about the 2012 and 2013 Eisteddfod supporter groups and the group in these instances in UK. So remember, keep in touch with us throughout the year.

If you've received this newsletter through someone else or online and you'd like to be included on our database, go to our website and register. Alternatively you can send us an email - [info@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:info@eisteddfod.org.uk)

The newsletter will be changing over the next few weeks. For the past two years we've published a specific newsletter for each Eisteddfod, but from next month onwards everything will be included in one newsletter. You'll be able to catch up with everything happening in the Vale of Glamorgan, Ddeuddegion and District and some of the Vale of Glamorgan's own news in one newsletter from now on. We hope you'll keep reading!

### Raffle

The finance committee has launched a raffle to raise funds for the 2012 Eisteddfod. Tickets are available from Rhys Jones at the Eisteddfod office 0845 4090 300 and are priced at £1 each.

The prize is £1000, second prize is £500 and the third prize is £250. Good luck!

### Information for Welsh learners

We welcome learners that to the Eisteddfod form as our festival. One of the ways that we'll be promoting the language and the Eisteddfod in the Vale of Glamorgan and working closely with the Welsh for Adults Centre locally is to have a series of people are co-ordinators of the services and support available to help them to learn Welsh.

The Most Dialect on the 2012 website is currently being created. Details of the Welsh Language of the Year competition are already available to download and the hope is that the competition will attract a high number of entries again this year. The competition is open to anyone over the age of 18 who has learnt to speak Welsh since the start of the year. The closing date is 31 March and all details are available to download online.

Over the next few weeks information about the opportunities for learners at the Vale of Glamorgan Eisteddfod will be published on the interactive booklet. Both online and available across the country with the support of the Welsh for Adults Centre. Copies will also be available to download from the website.

Remember about Tŷgyl Dylan Bro Morgannwg the usual competition for anyone wishing to learn Welsh and to find out more about the Eisteddfod. You can contact Chwarae by calling 0845 4090 300 or emailing [chwarae@eisteddfod.org.uk](mailto:chwarae@eisteddfod.org.uk)