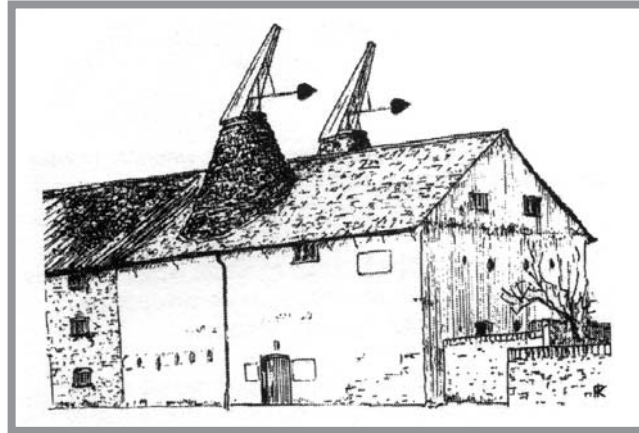


Ware Poets



WARE POETS were founded in 1991 to provide a forum for poets to read their own work, and also to hear and enjoy guest poets. They usually meet on the first Friday of each month. There is a modest entrance charge, and refreshments are available. Everybody is welcome and has the opportunity to read one or two of their own poems in the first half of the evening - or to read poems by other published poets. Regulars come not just from Ware, but from a wide area of Hertfordshire, Essex, Bedfordshire and North London. Ware Poets meet at Ware Arts Centre, Kibes Lane, Ware. Details of forthcoming Ware Poets events can be found in the relevant area of the POETRYPF website at:- www.poetrypf.co.uk

Ware Poets



Open ²⁰¹³ Poetry Competition

- **1st Prize** £600
- **2nd Prize** £250
- **3rd Prize** £100

SOLE ADJUDICATOR
**SUSAN
UTTING**

- plus **The Ware Sonnet Prize** of £100 awarded for the best sonnet submitted.

CLOSING DATE: 30TH APRIL 2013

Susan Utting

Ware Poets



Susan Utting runs poetry workshops countrywide and taught poetry & creative writing at Reading University for 17 years, where she was awarded a Creative Writing Fellowship. She has read and performed her poetry at arts venues and festivals including Edinburgh, StAnza, Henley and Marlborough Literary Festivals, Ledbury Poetry Festival, and for the Poetry Trust at Aldeburgh.

Her various awards include the Peterloo Prize, an Arts Council Laureateship, the Berkshire Poetry Prize, an Academi Cardiff prize, and a Poetry Business pamphlet prize. Her poems have been published in *The Times*, *The TLS*, *The Independent*, *The New Welsh Review* and the *Forward Book of Poetry*, with work appearing in anthologies from *Poems on the Underground* to a celebration of Bob Dylan at 60: *The Captain's Tower (Seren)*.

Following *Something Small is Missing* and a first collection, *Striptease*, from Smith/Doorstop, her latest collections from Two Rivers Press are *Houses Without Walls* (2006) and *Fair's Fair* (2012).

Ware Poets

COMPETITION ANTHOLOGY 2013

We shall once again be producing an Anthology of the winning and shortlisted poems. It will be published in July 2013. The price will be £3.50, post free. To receive a copy, please complete and return the form overleaf.

Rules and Instructions for Entry

1. The competition is open to anyone aged 16 or over.
2. Poems should be in English, **must not have been published** either in print or on a website, nor be currently submitted or accepted for future publication. **They must not previously have been awarded a prize in any other competition.**
3. Poems must be your own original work and may be on any subject. They must be typed or neatly hand-written on A4 paper, and **not longer than 50 lines**. Each poem must be on a separate sheet of paper **which must not bear your name** or any other form of identification.
4. On the entry form or a separate sheet of paper, you should give your name and address and the title(s) of the poem(s) submitted. Please tell us where you heard about the competition. **Sonnets** to be considered for **The Ware Sonnet Prize** should be marked with an "S" in the top right hand corner. Sonnets should be no longer than 14 lines. They will also be considered for the main competition.
5. Any number of poems may be submitted on payment of the appropriate fee which is **£4 per poem, £12 for 4 poems, and £3 thereafter in the same submission**. Cheques and Postal Orders (in sterling only) should be made payable to **WARE POETS COMPETITION**.
6. For confirmation of receipt of entry if required, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope marked RECEIPT. For the results sheet, enclose SAE marked RESULTS.
7. We regret that we are unable to return poems, or amend them after entry.
8. The closing date is **30th April 2013**; results will be sent out in mid-June. An informal prize-giving ceremony and reading will be held at Ware Arts Centre on Friday, 5th July, 2013.
9. Copyright remains with the authors but Ware Poets reserve the right to print winning and shortlisted poems in the Competition Anthology.
10. Entrants in the competition will be deemed to have accepted these conditions of entry. The adjudicator's decision will be final; no correspondence can be entered into.
11. Entries should be sent to:
The Competition Secretary, Ware Poets Competition 2013, 21 Trinity Road, Ware SG12 7DB.
We are unable to accept entries by e-mail.



Entry Form

Ware Poets

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Poem Titles

Continue overleaf if necessary

1. _____

2. _____

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4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

I enclose a cheque/PO to the amount of £ _____

NOTE: Please make all cheques/POs payable to **Ware Poets Competition**

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Please send _____ copies of the **Ware Competition Anthology 2013** at £3.50 per copy to the address above.

(Please add the relevant amount on to your entry fees.)