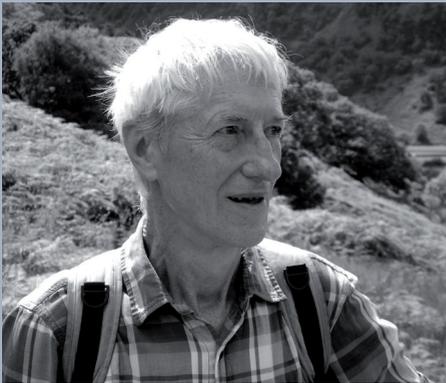


The Words by the Water Mirehouse Poetry Competition

JUDGE: **Grevel Lindop**

Grevel Lindop is a poet, biographer, critic, essayist: a writer and academic.



1st Prize £500

In addition, the prize-winning poem and eight highly commended poems will be displayed on the Mirehouse Poetry Walk and appear on the Mirehouse website.

The eight highly commended poets will each receive a box of new books (value £100).

There will be a reading of some of the winning poems at an event with the judge, Grevel Lindop at Mirehouse on Saturday 12 March 2016 at 11am (See this programme for full event details.)

The Poetry Prize is supported by Mirehouse to celebrate Mirehouse's longstanding literary connections with writers including Wordsworth, Southey, Tennyson, Carlyle and Thackeray.

COMPETITION THEME:

*“Old Echoes Hidden in the Wall”
(Tennyson)*



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY :

- Entries are invited for original poems of no more than 40 lines.
- Entry fee £4.50 per poem.
- Entrants may submit as many poems as they wish.
- No entry should have been accepted for publication, read on radio/television or stage or have been awarded a prize in any other competition.

FORMAT FOR ENTRIES :

- Two copies of each poem must be submitted.
- Entries should be typed on one side of paper.
- Entrants must not put names or addresses on the work but must put name, address and titles of poems on a separate sheet.
- Cheques payable to 'Ways With Words' and sent with entries to:
Mirehouse Poetry Competition, Droridge Farm,
Dartington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6JG

Alternatively the entry poems can be emailed to admin@wayswithwords.co.uk under the subject heading, *Poetry Competition*. If this method of submitting poems is used it will be necessary to phone 01803 867373 and pay the entry fee for the poems by card or else to send a cheque through the post.

Closing Date - Thursday 11 February 2016
Winners notified by Thursday 3 March 2016

Entrants should enclose an s.a.e. for notification of results. (Emailed entries will be notified by email.)
Entries cannot be returned.