**Poetry**

**TWO POETRY COMPETITIONS AND AN EASTER POETRY CLUB – 2018 –** *Rotary Club of Plymouth, UK*

**Competition A:** Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) is sending 50 poems - ‘A Poem for the Wedding of (Prince) Harry and Meghan (Markle)’- to Harry and Meghan for their wedding.

The Rotary Club of Plymouth invites you to submit to a location/person as specified by your school, before the end of School on 27th March 2018 (i) your poem(s) (with your name on every page) and (ii) related entry form (included in this pack). The Rotary Club of Plymouth will collect your poems from your School on Wednesday 28th March.

**Competition B:** The Rotary Club of Plymouth is running a competition with the title, ‘A Poem about the Special Olympics Plymouth and District’.

The Rotary Club of Plymouth invites you to submit to a location/person as specified by your school before the end of School on 26th April 2018 (i) your poem(s) (with your name on every page) and (ii) related entry form (included in this pack). The Rotary Club of Plymouth will collect your poems from your School on Friday 27th March.

**Easter Poetry Club**

The Rotary Club of Plymouth will hold an Easter Poetry Club during the period 10-12 April at the YMCA, Honicknowle Lane, PL5 3NG

Any pupil interested in the Easter Poetry Club should ask their parent/guardian to email Rotarian Pat Pearce, Youth Chair, Rotary Club of Plymouth, UK

[pat.pearce@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:pat.pearce@plymouth.ac.uk)

and she will liaise directly over the availability of places, meeting times and the necessary forms to complete.

You are invited to bring your own poetry to this club and a poet will attend to lead discussions.

Competition B above will be discussed.

**Who can take part?**

The competitions are open to all schools and college communities including those that are home educated and any other young people’s community organisations, for example, community RotaKids, community Interact, Scout Groups, Girl Guides.

Competition A - The age categories are:

Junior 7 to 11 years old on 31 August 2017

Senior 12 to 17 years old on 31 August 2017

Competition B - The age categories are:

Intermediate 11 to 13 years old on 31 August 2017

Senior 14 to 17 years old on 31 August 2017

With the age qualifying date of 31st August 2017, it should be noted that some junior entrants may be 12, and some senior entrants may be 18 at the time of some or all the stage competitions i.e. a competitor who may be 17 on 31st August but turns 18 on 1st September is allowed to enter. **Competitors must include their date of birth on the entry form.**

For entrants with motor control difficulties, an amanuensis may be used to record the entrants work to paper.

**Students should enter the competition organised by the local Rotary club through their respective group as detailed above.**

**Competition A:** A Poem for the Wedding of (Prince) Harry and Meghan (Markle)’.

**Stage 1: Local Heats**

Organised by local Rotary clubs. Age group winners of local heats are submitted to the district competition.

**Stage 2: District Competitions**

Organised by Rotary District on 16th April and one entry per age group per district will be submitted to RIBI by Saturday 21st April.

**Stage 3**: **RIBI**

The two winners from each District will be sent to Prince Harry and Meghan with a letter attached from RIBI President Denis SPILLER. It is hoped that we will be able to send off a maxi-mum of 50 poems, i.e. two from each District.

Note: (i) This is a ‘one off’ competition (which will run in parallel with the RIBI annual Young Writer Competition).

(ii) Competitors, school, colleges, and organisations can participate in a district that is outside of their boundary, but can only compete in one club/district competition.

**Competition B:** ‘A Poem about the Special Olympics Plymouth and District’

To find out more about the Special Olympics Plymouth and District, please visit their web site:

[**http://www.sopd.org.uk**](http://www.sopd.org.uk)

and start with the video on the front page, which will hopefully provide some inspiration.

The poem may be from any viewpoint eg. an athlete, a coach, a volunteer, a parent and the athletes may be any age from 8 to 80.

There will be 3 prizes in each of the 2 age categories: -

First Prize: £50 of book vouchers

Second Prize: £30 of book vouchers

Third Prize: £20 of book vouchers

**Competition Guidelines for Poems**

* Questions have been asked about spelling and although this is not an issue the only advice to be given are that judges of similar competitions have made comment upon spelling in the past.
* Entries may not be returned unless specifically requested
* Judges with appropriate skills, appointed by Rotary, will judge and select the entries to proceed.
* Only in exceptional circumstance, at the sole discretion of the competition organiser, will correspondence or discussions be entered into following a competition by the competition organiser.

**RIBI Youth Competitions -** **Working with Children**

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, the vulnerable and those with disability.

The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties.

A Poem for the Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

**Entry Form 2017/2018**

Please read the Information Pack before completing this form clearly. By signing this form, you confirm you have read, understood and agreed to the terms of this Information Pack. Please return this form to the **competition organiser** by the date specified.

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| Entrant’s Name: (**please type or use CAPITAL letters**) | Age on 31st Aug 2017: |
| Home Address:  Post Code: | School/College/Organisation: |
| Email: | Tel: Mob: |
| Category: Junior □ Senior □ (please tick category) | |
| Entrant’s signature:    **I declare that this entry is entirely my own work.** | Date: |
| Personal Contact Person: | Email: |
| Tel No: |
| Sponsored by Rotary Club of: | District Number: |
| Rotarian Contact Person: | Email: |
| Tel: |

Copyright remains with the writer but submission authorises Rotary to use it for promotional purposes

For any entrant under the age of 18 at the date of the competition, the parent, guardian or carer of the above entrant has given permission:

a. for the named person to take part and be identified in the competition. **Yes/ No**

b. for reprographic/photographic/video records to be taken and used for Rotary International in Great Britain

and Ireland (RIBI) publicity purposes in printed, electronic and online formats. **Yes/No**

c. for RIBI, District and Club Public Relations Officers to make contact for public relations purposes. **Yes/No**

**Not agreeing to c above does not preclude the candidate from entering the competition.**

**Note: Any entrant over 18 at the date of the competition, should sign this declaration below. No permission from a parent, guardian or carer is required.**

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| Signature:  Parent/Guardian/Carer/Entrant  (delete as appropriate) | Please print name: | Date: |

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| Entrant’s Name: (**please type or use CAPITAL letters**) | Age on 31st Aug 2017: |
| Home Address:  Post Code: | School/College/Organisation: |
| Email: | Tel: Mob: |
| Category: Intermediate □ Senior □ (please tick category) | |
| Entrant’s signature:    **I declare that this entry is entirely my own work.** | Date: |
| Personal Contact Person: | Email: |
| Tel No: |

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