

# Battered Moons

## Poetry Competition

For poets in Swindon  
and its 'Moons'

Winners will read at the

SWINDON  
FESTIVAL of LITERATURE  
2011



Accepting submissions now  
until 28 February 2011

Free entry

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Public reading at the  
Swindon Festival of Literature 2011  
and booklet publication awarded to

7 winning poems

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- Poets must be **18 years old or over** and **resident within the SN post-code** to enter.
- Entry is **free**.
- The poem(s) must be **entirely the poet's own work** and **previously unpublished** (this includes self-publication, web publishing and broadcasting).
- The poem(s) must be **no longer than 40 lines**, not including title.
- **Maximum 3 poems** per person.
- Entries must be in English and typed on one side only of the page, **one poem per page**, in A4 size.
- **No personal details** or identification marks must be written anywhere **on the poem**.
- Poems cannot be returned, so please keep your own copies.

- On a different Word document, type your full name, address, email address, telephone number and poem title(s) and send as a separate attachment.
- The closing date for entries is **28 February 2011**.
- The **7 winners** will be notified by post towards mid April 2011.
- The judges' decision is final.
- The winners will be chosen **anonymously** by the two judges, poets Lesley Saunders and Cristina Newton, who will both read all the entries.
- **The 7 winners** will be invited to read their work at the **Swindon Festival of Literature 2011**, on the same bill as a well known guest poet, in a public performance at the Swindon Arts Centre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011.
- Copyright remains with the poet. However, finalists' poems may be displayed or used in promotional material. Submitted poems may be printed in the media or featured on local radio.
- Send your poem(s) as a Word document, with details in a separate attachment, to: **swindonpoetry@googlemail.com**

Judges:  
Lesley Saunders and  
Cristina Newton

Arbiter:  
Mark Stopforth  
Registrar:  
Hilda Sheehan

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*“Dim, dusty moon in second-hand light,  
worn and well-battered, but going.”*

