

**THE JOHN BETJEMAN CENTENARY
YOUNG PEOPLE'S POETRY COMPETITION
2006
ENTRY FORM**

The John Betjeman Centenary Young People's Poetry Competition is open to all 11-14 year olds in the British Isles and Republic of Ireland.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded by Andrew Motion at Bristol Temple Meads Station on September 9th 2006.

Name.....

Address.....

Age.....

Telephone.....

e-mail.....

School Name.....

School Address.....

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the rules (see below) of the John Betjeman Centenary Young People's Poetry Competition and guarantee that the enclosed entry is all my own work.

Signed.....

Date.....

Please send **ONE POEM** only about any aspect of your local surroundings, with a title. Please note that for administrative reasons entries will not be acknowledged.

**Completed entry forms to be sent to Matt Holland, PO Box 2995,
FARINGDON, SN7 7WS by 29th May 2006.**

RULES

1. The competition is open to young people aged 11-14 inclusive, during the John Betjeman Centenary year 2006, living anywhere in the British Isles and the Republic of Ireland.
2. Entrants may submit one poem each, about their local surroundings or any aspect of them, whether a house, a street, a garden, a park, a city or a wider landscape. The spirit behind the competition is to encourage an understanding and appreciation of the importance of 'place'. We are not looking for pastiches of John Betjeman's own work
3. Each poem must be given a title.
4. Entries may be in handwriting (which must be legible) or typescript.
5. Poems must not have been published, self-published, published on a website or broadcast (except in an individual school magazine.)
6. All entries must be attached to the completed entry form.
7. Entrants must ensure that they keep a copy of their poem as poems cannot be returned and for administrative reasons entries cannot be acknowledged.
8. **Poems may be submitted by post only and must be received by 29th May 2006.**

JUDGES

Andrew Motion is the Poet Laureate and Chairman of the Arts Council of England's Literature Panel.

Matt Holland is a poetry reviewer and founder, organiser and director of the Swindon Festival of Literature.

Candida Lycett Green is the daughter of John Betjeman, and the author of 16 books. She is also a journalist and lyricist.

PRIZES

There will be three prizes, a proportion of which will be in book tokens; First £500, Second £250, Third £100. In addition each prize-winner will receive a full set of John Betjeman's works in print.

The presentation, by Andrew Motion, will take place on September the 9th 2006 at Bristol Temple Meads Station. Fares of the prize-winners and their parents will be paid.