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**2018 CHICHESTER CHILDREN'S POETRY  
COMPETITION**

The format for the 2018 Children's Poetry Competition has now been established. As in previous years the event is being organised by the Rotary Club of Chichester in association with Waterstones Booksellers of Chichester who will collect the entries and issue entry forms where necessary.

The competition is open for entries on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 and closes on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2018. Children living or being educated in West Sussex are eligible to enter.

There are three age categories 5-7, 8-11 and 12-15 years. There are three prizes in each of the age categories. These are in the form of Book Vouchers and/or vouchers for goods at local shops that sell products of interest to children. The nominal value of the prizes in each category is:

1<sup>st</sup> prize £90, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £50, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £30.

An award ceremony will take place in April 2018 where the prizes and certificates of merit will be presented by the Mayor of Chichester. Winning poems will then be posted on this website.

**The poems will be judged by the prize winning poet and author,  
Emma-Jane Hughes, Lecturer in English and Creative Writing at  
Chichester University.**

There is a fee of one pound for each entry that will be donated to charity. However, the competition is primarily focussed towards fostering creativity and international understanding and this is reflected in the theme of the competition which is:

**“The Place I would like to Visit”**

Poems can be based on any place, country or even continent anywhere in the world But NOT in the United Kingdom.

Entry forms and competition rules may be printed from this website and are also available from WATERSTONES in Chichester. We gratefully acknowledge the support of our sponsors:

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**Cliff Hughes  
Rotary Club of Chichester**

*The rules and entry form are shown below and may be printed from this PDF. document*

**Rotary Club of Chichester**

**2018 CHILDREN'S POETRY COMPETITION RULES**

- 1) The competition opens for entries on Monday 22nd January 2018 and closes at 5pm on Saturday 24th March 2018. Poems must be registered at the Chichester branch of Waterstones Booksellers, together with a completed entry form and fee of one pound. The proceeds will be donated to charity.
- 2) Poem authors must be under sixteen years of age on 24th March 2018. Only one entry per child is permitted.
- 3) Each poem shall be no longer than 32 lines and clearly written or typed on a single A4 sheet of paper along with the author's name. Illegible entries will not be judged.
- 4) Poems need to reflect the theme of "The place I would like to visit". They can be serious or light hearted, specific or general. They can be about anywhere in the world but NOT in the United Kingdom.
- 5) Prizes will be awarded to poems judged first, second and third in each category. These poems, together with the names of the authors, will be published on our website and in the local media where possible.
- 6) The decision of the judges will be final.
- 7) Copyright of all poems submitted will rest with The Rotary Club of Chichester.

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**ENTRY FORM**

Poem Author : First name ..... Surname.....

Date of birth ..... Age category: 5-7, 8-11, 12-15 *\*please delete as appropriate*

School attended .....

Responsible adult: First Name ..... Surname.....

Relationship to poem author. eg. teacher,parent,etc.....

Please provide the Email address and Telephone Number where you can be reached, in the event of winning a prize, to invite you to the award ceremony. Bear in mind that you may need to be contacted during the School Easter Holidays.

Email.....Telephone.....

Signature..... Date.....

Make sure that this form and the poem are firmly attached to each other before handing them over in Waterstone's, West Street, Chichester together with the entry fee of one pound.