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SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2009

(PROCEEDS IN AID OF THE MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL)

The rules for the competition are as follows :

1. The competition is open to persons regardless of age or location.
2. There is no theme.
3. Entries should be typed on (one side of) A4 paper - double spacing please - and not exceed 4,500 words.
4. Entries must be accompanied by a cheque, postal order or International Money Order for a minimum of £3.00 Sterling (although a greater donation would naturally be appreciated). These should be made payable to "Wellington Town Council". Due to sponsorship by the Town Council and businesses **ALL** entry fees collected will go to the Mayor's Charity Appeal.
5. Although every care will be taken of manuscripts, Wellington Town Council, its Members, employees or agents cannot be responsible for damage or loss, however caused. All manuscripts are submitted at the risk of the author. Entries without a S.A.E. will not be returned. It is recommended that authors retain a copy of their entry.
6. Each entry must be the work and the property of the person submitting it and it must not have been previously published in any form.
7. Writers groups or writers classes submitting 15 or more entries can offer a reduced donation of £2.00 per manuscript, should they so wish.
8. Authors submitting manuscripts to Wellington Town Council do so on the understanding that the Council has the right to publish any story by whatever means it considers appropriate.
9. The closing date for entries is **31st August 2009**. Winners should be notified before the end of October 2009.
The decision of the judges is final. No correspondence will be entered into, although details of the winners can be made available – S.A.E. please.
10. Prizes are awarded in the following categories:-
 - a) First Prize overall £150
 - Second Prize overall £100
 - Third Prize overall £75
 - b) Best Story submitted by a Shropshire resident :
First Prize Glass Trophy – retained by winner

Wellington Town Council reserves the right to include additional prizes at its discretion.