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1. BOOK LAUNCH - SALT BLUE

Twenty-year old Stella's quietly conservative life is diagnosed as in need of a major change by her glamorous friend. 'Salt Blue' is Stella's journey from seaside Wales to upstate New York, from child to woman. A colourful first novel of tangible sensual pleasures, 'Salt Blue' paints a striking picture of life in the 50s...

Do come along to the launch, and meet author Gillian Morgan. Gillian will also be in the Victoria Bookshop, Haverfordwest on Saturday 17th April, from 12 - 1pm, and in Waterstones Carmarthen from 12-1pm on the 22nd May.

Thursday 15th April, 6.30pm.
Haverfordwest Library
All Welcome. Refreshments. Free Entry.

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2. AUTHOR EVENTS - JUDITH BARROW

Author of 'Pattern of Shadow', a wonderful wartime story, being published on May 20th, Judith Barrow is holding a series of talks, readings and signings at events around Pembrokeshire and Lancashire, so do come along to meet her.

"Mary lives in a struggling mining town blighted by the presence of a converted mill housing a hospital and prison camp for German POWs. Her sister is seeing a Yank, her boyfriend is cutting up rough and her best friend is pregnant by her younger brother.

The only lights on her blacked-out horizon are a growing friendship with the intriguing Doctor Peter Schormann, and letters from her imprisoned Conchie elder brother. When friendship turns to romance the spectre of fraternisation and a vicious assault end in tragedy."

See: <http://www.honno.co.uk/events.php> for full details of the events.

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3. FREE RESOURCE FOR FANTASY / SF WRITERS

A new 145-page guide to writing speculative fiction, free on the web at www.writingtips.com.au. All 145 pages will help fantasy/SF writers, about 100 are relevant to genre writers generally, and the last 30 pages on 'Getting Published' are relevant to anyone wanting to get published in any form.

The producer is Australian fantasy and SF author, Richard Harland, who has also taught creative writing and conducted workshops throughout Australia .

The guide covers i) Good Writing Habits, ii) Action, Setting, Dialogue and Interior Thought, iii) Characters and Point of View, iv) Story, Narrative Momentum and Pacing, v) Language, and vi) the all-important art of Getting Published.

See: www.writingtips.com.au

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4. BE INSPIRED...

In celebration of their new Keepsakes project the Women's Arts Association are inviting women from all over the world to join them in creating flags that represent our dreams, memories, hopes and aspirations.

With help from volunteers they will magic your flags into beautiful bunting, which will be publicly exhibited in cultural venues across Wales. The project will also be archived on the WAA website.

Asking for a payment of £5 per flag in support of the Keepsakes project. WAA is working in collaboration with St Fagans: National History Museum to provide vital access to vibrant arts activity for women from diverse communities across Cardiff and Barry.

FREE WORKSHOP

Thursday 13th May, 6-8pm

To kick-start your creativity, Keepsakes Project Manager, Lucy Lilley, will be hosting a flag-making workshop. Share your recycled materials, stitches and stories!

Places are limited –to book your place, please contact WAA.

Email: admin@womensarts.co.uk / Tel: 02920 487850

For more information about Keepsakes and WAA's work see: www.womensarts.co.uk

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5. 'WHAT ABOUT WOMEN?' - A PRE-ELECTION DEBATE

Wales Women's National Coalition, The Fawcett Society and the Wales Assembly of Women have great pleasure in inviting you to this debate where we will be asking and debating with political parties about women on the political agenda. We want to know how parties' proposals will impact upon women.

On Wednesday the 14th of April, 18.30 – 21.00 at St Peter's Church Hall, Cardiff.

With Parliamentary Candidates TBC.

Everyone welcome

£Free

For further enquiries or booking please contact Suzy Barrett:

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6. HONNO'S LATEST TITLE - FRESHERS

Launched at a wonderful evening at the Cardiff Arts Institute, with upcoming young actors Aled Wyn Thomas and Catrin Mai joining author Joanna Davies as well as a performance by local blues band, 'The Royston Boys'.

First published as 'Ffreshars', the Welsh language novel that raised a few establishment eyebrows on its publication in September 2008, due to its no-holds barred account of Welsh University life, now published as 'Freshers' the English language novel by the same author. The story was so good, she did it twice!

Freshers follows the misadventures of a group of young people beginning their first year as students in Aberystwyth University. We follow their sexual and social dilemmas from their first week in University until the end of the Summer term.

Joanna explains why she wrote it in both languages:

"It's not the same book as I've added 20,000 words to the original story so it's a 'Director's Cut' if you like with even more action and sauce than the Welsh version! A lot of my friends who aren't Welsh speakers were really taken by the extracts that I translated for them. So that inspired me to create an extended English version and with Honno's support it's been a brilliant experience."

You can buy Freshers now in your local bookstore, from online retailers and from the Honno website.

ISBN: 9781906784140 £8.99

<http://www.honno.co.uk/dangos.php?ISBN=9781906784140>

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7. BBC SHORT STORY AWARD LAUNCHES

Submissions for the BBC National Short Story Award are now being sought and must be received by 18th June.

The BBC National Short Story Award has launched its fifth year. The award is one of the most prestigious for a single short story, with the winning author receiving £15,000. The runner up receives £3,000 and three further shortlisted authors, £500 each.

See <http://www.theshortstory.org.uk/nssp/> for details of how to enter.

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8. NEW LOOK HONNO WEBSITE

We have revamped the look of our website, thanks to a grant from the Welsh Books Council.

If you have not already admired our new look why not have a browse through our new content? We have added some new 'Editor's Choice' pieces, more details on all our books, a new gallery section and will continue to add more content through the coming months!
