



WREXHAM CARNIVAL OF WORDS

MURDER MYSTERY COVER SHEET

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Wrexham Carnival of Words

Murder Mystery Script Writing Competition 2023



Open to published and unpublished writers, aged 16 or over, entrants are invited to create a short murder mystery script, suitable for performance at the annual Wrexham Carnival of Words Murder Mystery evening, April 2024.

Entrants are required to create a four-part character script plus confession, for two male characters and two female characters. You will also need a separate paragraph setting the scene of the murder and investigation, which should include the location of the script, the era in which it is set, and other relevant background information. The winning script will be delivered by four amateur actors who will read/act each character part at the Wrexham Carnival of Words, Murder Mystery event 2024. Your script for each character will be a maximum of one side of A4. The separate murderer's confession will also be a maximum of one side of A4 and will be in addition to the four-character parts. The Confession will include the motive and description of how the murder was committed and will be read out by the actor playing the murderer at the end of the evening.

The ability to draw the audience into the murder mystery as they play detective is key. Curating the characters in your script is crucial to the success of the plot, with your narrative arc making it clear where the storyline is going. It is up to you as a writer how subtle or obvious you want to be with your clues. However, these clues should be in line with who the murderer is and don't forget to add the odd red herring!

The competition will run from 1st August 2023 until 29th September 2023.

Wrexham Carnival of Words promotes and encourages quality writing from local writing enthusiasts.

The author of the winning entry will be notified in the New Year with details published on www.wrexhamcarnivalofwords.com and then Wrexham Carnival of Words and Wrexham Libraries social media platforms thereafter.

The Judge: The competition will be judged by Simon McCleave, Wrexham Carnival of Words patron and best-selling crime author and his decision will be final.

The Prize: The winning entrant will receive a cash prize of £100 and the script will be performed in English at the Murder Mystery evening as part of Wrexham Carnival of Words 2024, plus the winning author will receive four free tickets to the Murder Mystery event in 2024 where they will be presented with their prize money.

To Enter:

- Your entry should be written in English and be an exclusive and original script by you and will not have been entered or performed anywhere else in any format.
- All Competition entrants agree that once a work has been entered to this competition it must not subsequently be entered into any other competition or published until either (a) it has been determined that it has not won a prize or (b) after the prize winner has been revealed.
- Your script should be not more than five sides of A4 paper, one side per character and one for the confession, typed with a font size of 12 and using single line space and normal margins, plus half a page setting the scene. Handwritten entries will not be accepted. You

should make sure you have a title for the script and number each page. Entries which exceed the stated length will be disqualified.

- Your entry will be written in the ethos of a traditional murder mystery style and be suitable for staging in a public library.
- To enter you must pay a non-refundable fee of £5 payable at the time of submission of your script and only one entry per person/group.
- Print and deliver/post your entry to Murder Mystery Competition, Wrexham Library, Rhosddu Road, Wrexham, LL11 1AU. Make sure you add your name and contact details to your entry cover sheet and the date you paid your fee by bank transfer. Entries will not be returned. Entries must be submitted to Wrexham Library by 5.00pm on Friday 29th September 2023. Late entries will not be accepted.
- All entries will be shortlisted by our experienced shortlisting panel. The shortlist will then be sent to the advertised judge. In case of necessity, Wrexham Carnival of Words (WCoW) reserves the right to change a judge without notice.
- Shortlisted entries will be notified, and their names may be published by WCoW in any format and in any medium, no later than 30th November 2023.
- The winner will be notified in the new year, 2024, and their name will be published by WCoW in any format and in any medium.
- By entering the competition, all entrants grant permission and all appropriate rights to WCoW to publish, promote and perform their script for any purpose of the competition, including on the WCoW website, social media, and in any promotional material published by WCoW and Wrexham Library service. WCoW reserve the right to make alterations to the script to enhance the performance. WCoW reserve the right to change the date of the performance.
- The judges' decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into. If there is no suitable script we reserve the right to perform an alternatively sourced script and no prize will be awarded.
- Library staff and WCoW staff are not allowed to enter.
- By entering you have agreed that you have read, understood and agreed these WCoW competition terms and conditions.

