



# The Jaywick Martello Tower Bicentennial Writing Competition

To celebrate the bicentenary of the building of our Tower, The Friends of the Jaywick Martello Tower are holding a Short Story and Poetry Competition based on Martello Towers and their place in British history.

The first prize for each category will be £150 and there will be other prizes for the runners up and special categories. The **closing date** for the competition is **23 September 2010**.

## Rules and Entry Requirements

1. Entrants should be resident in the Tendring District, or attending a Tendring Primary/ Secondary School or College.
2. The theme of both short stories and poems should (1) reflect an aspect of the history, construction or use of Martello Towers through the ages, or (2) be written around the life and times of the Napoleonic era.
3. Each submission must be accompanied by an official entry forms. These are available from schools and libraries in Tendring or may be downloaded from the website at [www.jaywickmartellotower.org](http://www.jaywickmartellotower.org)
4. Entries should be submitted *by post only* to:  
Bicentennial Writing Competition  
Jaywick Community Resources Centre  
Brooklands Gardens  
JAYWICK  
CO15 2JP

Please note that entries submitted by email *will not be accepted*.

5. All entries must truly reflect the entrant's own work.
6. Short stories may be up to 2000 words and a word count should be included at the end. Each poem should be on one side of A4 paper only.
7. Entries should preferably be typewritten in double line spacing. However, hand written entries will still be welcome, providing they are fully legible. Write on one side of the paper only.
8. Only the title and word count should appear on your entry.
9. Entry forms should be clearly marked with the title, category entered, name and address, and for under 18s, date of birth. If entering the over 65 category, please also indicate this clearly and give date of birth.

10. An entry fee of £3 for each short story or poem must be included at the time of submission. Cheques to be made payable to 'Jaywick Writers' Circle' with the entrant's name and address on the back of the cheque.
11. There is *no* fee for under 18s.
12. Entries must be received by **23 September 2010**.
13. No acknowledgements will be issued.
14. Please keep a copy of your work as we regret entries cannot be returned.
15. All short listed entries will be checked for historical accuracy before submission to the Judging Panel.
16. The first prize for each category will be £150 and there will be other prizes for the runners up and special categories. Certificates will be awarded for all entries deemed Highly Commended by the judges.
17. The Judges' decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into.
18. Entries should not have been published elsewhere.
19. Winners will be informed of the results by the second week of November. Prize winners will be invited to a presentation on 3 December 2010. A list of winners will be available on the website after 3 December 2010.