

# The Larkin & East Riding Poetry Prize 2011

We are delighted that the Philip Larkin Society has agreed to donate £1000 for the next three years to the East Riding Open poetry competition. In recognition of this significant contribution, and in honour of the life and work of Philip Larkin, we have renamed the competition the Larkin and East Riding Poetry Competition.

Winners and commended poets will be invited to read their poems at the Bridlington Poetry Festival, 10-12 June 2011, in the company of some of the finest poets around. And there'll be workshops, readers' groups, walks and talks for everyone who cares about the art and craft of writing and reading poetry.

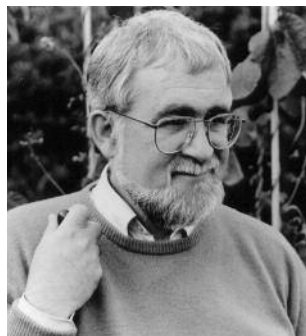
All this will take place in the beautiful Georgian surroundings of Sewerby Hall, with its unimpeded views over the North Sea.

The East Riding Open Poetry Competition, the Bridlington Poetry Festival, and the well established Beverley Literature Festival in October, all illustrate why the East Riding 'is one of the best poetry venues in the UK' (Carol Ann Duffy). To join our mailing list, go to [www.bevlit.org](http://www.bevlit.org) or tick the box on the competition entry form.

**The Beverley and Bridlington festivals, and The Larkin & East Riding Poetry Competition, are part of the East Riding Library Service's literature development work delivered through the organisation Wordquake.**

**Wordquake receives regular funding from Arts Council England.**

## Judge: Douglas Dunn



Douglas Dunn was born in Renfrewshire in 1942 and lived there until he married at the age of twenty-two. He studied English at Hull University, graduating in 1969. He then worked for eighteen months in the university library with

Philip Larkin, after which, in 1971, he became a freelance writer. In 1991 he was appointed Professor in the School of English at the University of St Andrews.

As well as ten collections of poetry, including *Elegies* (1985), *The Year's Afternoon* and *The Donkey's Ears* (both 2000), Douglas Dunn has written several radio and television plays, including *Ploughman's Share* and *Scotsman by Moonlight*. He has also edited *The Faber Book of Twentieth-Century Scottish Poetry* (2000).

Douglas Dunn has won a Somerset Maugham Award, the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Prize, and has twice been awarded prizes by the Scottish Arts Council. In 1981 he was awarded the Hawthornden Prize for St Kilda's Parliament. In January 1986 he was overall winner of the 1985 Whitbread Book of the Year Award for his collection *Elegies*.

His *New Selected Poems* was published by Faber in 2003.

Name in full \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to join the Beverley Literature Festival & Bridlington Poetry Festival mailing list  
(please tick)

I enclose \_\_\_\_\_ poem(s) @ £3.00 each

and £\_\_\_\_\_ payment by cheque / postal order in sterling (GBP) payable to ERYC (East Riding of Yorkshire Council)

I enclose the following poems:

Titles

01 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please use a continuation sheet if necessary.

Where did you hear about this competition?

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Please send your competition entries to:

Larkin & East Riding Poetry Prize, Libraries and Information,  
Council Offices, Skirlaugh, HU11 5HN

# bridlington poetry festival

at Sewerby Hall  
10 - 12  
June 2011

[www.bridlington-poetry-festival.com](http://www.bridlington-poetry-festival.com)

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1. Each poem must be no longer than 45 lines and may be on any subject or in any style.
2. Each poem must be typed or clearly written on one side of A4 paper.
3. Poems must be the original work of the competitor, in English, and must not have been published, broadcast or have won a competition prize.
4. No alterations can be made to a poem once it has been submitted.
5. The entrant may submit an unlimited number of poems, each to be accompanied by a £3.00 entry fee.
6. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to ERYC (and include entrant's name on back).
7. Please check that you have used the correct postage when sending in your entry.
8. The poem(s) and payment should be enclosed with the entry form or a cover sheet containing the same information as the entry form. The name of the entrant must not appear on the poem itself.
9. Entrants to the East Riding Prize must reside or work within the boundaries of East Riding of Yorkshire Council.
10. Entries for the East Riding Prize must be marked 'ER' in top right-hand corner of each poem.
11. Entries to the East Riding Prize will also be considered for the main competition.
12. Entries cannot be returned – so please keep a copy.
13. Acknowledgement of receipt of poems will only be given if a stamped, self-addressed envelope marked 'A' is enclosed.
14. Entrants can win only one prize. The decision of the judge is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
15. Results will be published at [www.bridlington-poetry-festival.com](http://www.bridlington-poetry-festival.com). To receive the results by post, include a stamped self-addressed envelope marked 'R'.
16. Prize winners will be notified by Friday, April 8. Copyright remains with the author, but the organisers reserve the right to publish the winning poems online or in print for one year after 31 January 2011.
17. The organisers reserve right to alter details of the competition if necessary.
18. All entries with payment to arrive postmarked on or before 31 January 2011.

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in association with East Riding Libraries  
and The Philip Larkin Society

Prizes

**£1000 First**

**£500 Second**

**£200 Third**

East Riding Prize £100

Ten commendations £20

All  
winners  
invited to read  
their winning poems  
at Bridlington  
Poetry Festival,  
10-12 June  
2011

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**Closing date: 31 Jan 2011**

