

AHI's Annual Conference 2008

Poetry and prose for people at places



A pre-conference workshop for word jugglers

Wednesday 17 September 2008

09.30 - 12.30 at Henderson Hall, University of Newcastle

A chance to review and compile fine words with Michael Hamish Glen of *QuiteWrite*, part of Touchstone Heritage Management Consultants

A workshop arranged by the [Association for Heritage Interpretation](#)

Many people like words that sparkle at interpretive sites. For many years, Michael has been writing text and verse for sites all over the UK and enjoying the work of other writers. This workshop is intended for those who are wordsmiths themselves or who savour good writing in interpretation and would like to share the exploration of their own talents.

If you would like to join in the workshop, please bring a favourite (and short) example of good writing from an interpretive installation of some kind - or a truly interpretive passage from another source – and be prepared to say why you think it works for you.

We will consider Michael's own choice of good examples, as well as some of his own work, and discuss the pros and cons of working with words (sometimes in more than one language). We will spend time asking you to create two or three examples of your own 'words as art' that will enhance and extend visitors' enjoyment and understanding wherever they are used.

Part of the success of this workshop on other occasions has been discovering that people can write better and more creatively than they thought – and often more than they are allowed to!

The cost of the workshop is only £50.00 per person and all proceeds go to AHI. Should you need it, accommodation for the night of Tuesday 16 September is available at Henderson Hall at the rate shown on the main conference booking form, also available on this website.

Programme

09.00 – Registration and refreshments

09.30 – Welcome, introductions and favourite examples

10.00 – Influences, situations and results – a review of prose and poetry at sites

10.50 – Refreshments break

11.00 – An exercise in re-writing an existing 'interpretive' panel

11.20 – Verse or worse – working to a brief for a piece of poetry (or prose)

11.50 – A matter of place – creating an evocative description of a special place

12.20 – Review and conclusions

12.30 - Close

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Booking form

Cost for the day

- The cost of the workshop (£50.00) includes refreshments on arrival and during the break.
- Two places at half-price are reserved for students on a first-come, first-served basis.

Booking

- Places are limited so please book early. Please complete **one form per person**. Bookings will be acknowledged only if you specifically request it and provide either an email address or an **SAE**.
- Bookings on this form should be sent to: Alison McQuitty, AHI Administrator, 37 Cholmeley Road, Reading, RG1 3NQ, tel: 0118 966 4894, email: admin@ahi.org.uk

Payment

Please pay by cheque with your booking form or by credit card. *If essential*, we will invoice you but please enclose a **stamped, addressed envelope**. If you need a receipt, please send an **SAE**. The cost is £50.00 per AHI member, £75.00 per non-member, £25 per student (two places available).

Name (for label).....

Organisation.....

Job title Phone no.....

Address

Email address AHI member? yes no

I need help with physical / other access (specify)

I require bed and breakfast at Henderson Hall for the night of 16 September @ £35.00.

I enclose a cheque for £ made payable to Association for Heritage Interpretation

Please debit £ from my Visa M/card Other card expiry /

Card no Security code

Signature of card holder..... Name Date

I enclose **a stamped addressed envelope** and require a receipt or credit card voucher.

I enclose an official order form and **a stamped addressed envelope** for an invoice.

Getting to Henderson Hall, University of Newcastle

www.ncl.ac.uk/accommodation

Tel: 0191-222 3026

For full details about the University and its facilities, go to the website address above. Henderson Hall is fully wheel-chair accessible and there are other facilities for visitors with a range of sensory impairments.

By car: Henderson Hall (NE7 7UY) is situated to the north east of Newcastle upon Tyne city centre. Its address is Redhall Drive which is just north of the A1058 Coast Road, just east of the A188 and just south of the A191.

By bus: There is a good service of buses from the city centre – go to www.newcastlebuses.info. The nearest Metro station is Benton, close to the A191 but some way from Henderson Hall.

By rail: Newcastle upon Tyne is served by mainline trains run by National Express East Coast and Cross Country as well as by several regional services. For full details, go to www.nationalrail.co.uk.

By air: There are flights to Newcastle from several UK and many overseas airports. For full details, go to www.newcastleairport.com.