

Press release - Lyme Regis ArtsFest 2011

In a drive to involve more young people in this year's ArtsFest (17th - 25th September), the organisers are delighted to have the generous support of Rotary for a series of poetry workshops and a poetry competition - free to enter and open to anyone under the age of 18.

As it is the year of Maritime Lyme, poems should be inspired by the beautiful Lyme Regis coast but can cover anything from

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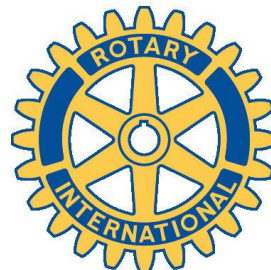


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pirates and smugglers to mermaids and dolphins or, quite simply, the sea itself.

Captain Artful has visited St Michael's, Mrs Ethelstan's and Charmouth Primary Schools to explain the competition and to explore the sea shanty genre. She has already received some excellent entries from the children and looks forward to many, many more!

Winners and runners up will be invited to read their poems at the WordFest event in the Marine Theatre on **Friday 23rd September**, 7pm. The event will also feature the Lyme Regis Gig Club singing shanties including, hopefully, ones written by the children and young people! Imagine that! Your shanty being sung on stage in the Marine Theatre!



Please visit the website www.lymeregisartsfest.com/events for more information on how to enter, or telephone Captain Artful (aka Anthea Simmons) on 01297 551142.