

## 2009 ABERGAVENNY EISTEDDFOD COMPETITIONS ANNOUNCED

Wales' recent success in choral competitions has inspired the organisers of the Abergavenny Eisteddfod (20 June 2009) to include some new competitions in this year's line-up.

For the first time, there will be competitions for youth and adult choirs, introduced on request from local groups. "One of the members of Only Men Aloud is a regular competitor at the Eisteddfod" commented Eisteddfod Chairman Ceri Thomas, "so we may have a surprise entry in the choir competition!"

Another new venture is sight-reading. Instead of just recitation competitions, youngsters will have the option of reading a set text or poem on sight. "We thought it would be an interesting experiment," said committee member and web editor Chris Ellis. "We consulted some of the secondary school pupils who compete regularly in the Eisteddfod, who suggested the idea, and we're delighted to be giving it a try."

Photography is also among the competitions for local young people only, part of the art and literature section of the Eisteddfod sponsored by Abergavenny Town Council. 'Local Scenes' is the theme for budding photographers, and winning entries will be displayed at the Eisteddfod in June.

More information on the competitions, together with entry forms, is available on the website – [www.abergavennyeisteddfod.co.uk](http://www.abergavennyeisteddfod.co.uk) Entry forms will shortly also be available in local libraries or from the Secretary Chris Watson, on 01873 853894.