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2017 New Angle Prize Awards

The winner of the 2017 New Angle Prize for Literature will be announced next month and tickets are now on sale for places at the Awards Dinner.

The biennial prize was established in 2009 to celebrate the literature of East Anglia. There are no categories – the books simply have to have a strong East Anglian theme.

The choice this year will be from a very strong all-women shortlist of six: Julia Blackburn, *Threads*, *The Delicate Life of John Craske* (Jonathan Cape, April 2015) Jill Dawson, *The Crime Writer* (Hodder & Stoughton, June 2016) Fiona Melrose, *Midwinter* (Little, Brown, November 2016) Julie Myerson, *The Stopped Heart* (Jonathan Cape, February 2016) Sarah Perry, *The Essex Serpent* (Profile Books, May 2016) Rosy Thornton, *Sandlands* (Sandstone Press, July 2016).

The Awards Dinner will be a three-course meal with wine, in the company of the shortlisted authors and the judges, hosted by BBC Radio Suffolk's Lesley Dolphin. The judges' review of the books will be followed by the announcement of the £2,000 winner and £500 runner-up, sponsored by Gotelee Solicitors. A separate Readers' Choice will be awarded by Suffolk Libraries.

Tickets cost £30 (discount for tables of 10) and are available from the organisers, Ipswich Institute – see www.ipswichinstitute.org.uk. Follow the competition on Twitter @PrizeNewAngle.

The event is also supported by Scrutton Bland Financial Services, and Charles Stanley, Investment Managers.

New Angle Prize Judges for 2017:

Midge Gillies Cambridgeshire-based biographer and director of creative-writing at Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education

Steve Russell Booklover, journalist and leader-writer for the East Anglian Daily Times

Kate Worsley Harwich-based author of prize-winning first novel *She Rises* (Bloomsbury, 2014)

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