

## ***EXAMPLE OF STORY PAGE FORMAT***

Stories should be written in an easy to read font (this is Times New Roman), size 12 pt and double line spaced. Indent the start of each paragraph except for the first one.

You don't need extra spaces between paragraphs.

Each page must have a page number and a footer showing only the name of the story. Please don't put your real name on any of the story pages. For postal entries, these should be fastened together securely.

Stories are always easier to read if paragraphs are kept short. If you're not sure how short is short, read stories published in magazines to see the current trend.

Read your work aloud, or ask a friend to read it to you. This is a very good way to make sure no badly written sentences or 'clunky' dialogue get missed.

Check your entry carefully as poor presentation, bad spelling and punctuation, and lack of attention to detail is off-putting to judges.

If submitting by post, make sure that you have the correct postage on the envelope as NWC will not pay the extra. Also, make sure you use a strong envelope and fasten with sticky tape. One year an envelope arrived empty and several others were torn. Luckily the cheques were still inside. Your house number or house name plus your postcode on the back of the envelope is also a safeguard.

Check that you've printed your entry in accordance with the Entry Format Rules above and, if you'd like to enter three stories for free, the Membership Form is included below.

Good luck.