



Sefydliad Materion Cymreig  
Institute of Welsh Affairs

**Thursday 5 July 2007**

IWA Gwent Branch and Academi  
6.30 pm buffet 7.00 pm event (cost £10.00)  
University of Wales Caerleon, Newport  
An evening chaired by Meic Stephens celebrating

**Arthur Machen: Master of Holy Terrors**

"I shall always esteem it as the greatest piece of fortune that has fallen to me, that I was born in that noble, fallen Caerleon-on-Usk, in the heart of Gwent." Arthur Machen

Arthur Machen (1863-1947) joined together unspeakable fears and wonders with Roman Isca, Victorian London, the Holy Grail, and the Gwent countryside. He has been admired by Oscar Wilde, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Iain Sinclair, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Sir John Betjeman. Now in the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death a sculpture is being erected to honour him. Join a panel of fantasy writers to explore Machen's world of terror and wonder. Find out why they and Stephen King, Clive Barker and HP Lovecraft consider Machen to be amongst the greatest writers of all time of tales of supernatural horror and fantasy. Hear why Machen wrote what has been called the most decadent book in the English language, *The Hill of Dreams*. Learn how Machen was the first novelist to place the Holy Grail in a modern setting - 100 years before Dan Brown. For more information visit **Friends of Arthur Machen**. [www.machensoc.demon.co.uk](http://www.machensoc.demon.co.uk) and **Celf Caerleon Arts Festival 2007** - [www.caerleon-arts.org](http://www.caerleon-arts.org).

**Simon Clarke**, from Doncaster, won the 2001 British Fantasy award for *The Night of the Triffids*, sequel to John Wyndham's novel. Other titles include *Blood Crazy*, *Darker*, *Vamphyrrhic*, *The Fall* and *The Dalek Factor*.

**Catherine Fisher** is an award winning children's writer from Newport. Her novels include *Book of the Crow*, *Darkhenge*, *Snow-walker*, and *The Oracle Betrayed* which was finalist for the Whitbread Children's Book Award, while *The Candle* won the *Tir-Na-n'Og Award 2002*.

**Gwilym Games**, also from Newport, is editor of *Machenalia*, one of the journals of *Friends of Arthur Machen*, which was a finalist for a World Fantasy Award in 2006. An expert on Machen he has been responsible for the organisation of the 2007 commemorative sculpture.

**Tim Lebbon**, from Newport, has won two British Fantasy Awards, a Bram Stoker Award and a Tombstone Award. His novella *White* is shortly to be adapted to the big screen. He collaborated with Simon Clark on the Machen-inspired *Exorcising Angels*.

**Meic Stephens**, poet and writer, has taught creative writing for many years. He has edited many magazines and books on Welsh culture, writers and poets.



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Cost: £10.00 to include buffet and glass of wine

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