



NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

LEND US YOUR EARS

Thanks to everyone who contributed (money and/or time) to this year's event.

We raised £402, including a £156 donation from our own funds. This will be doubled by HBOS - so £804 raised for Yorkshire Air Ambulance, who also sold £78 of their own merchandise.

Despite some over-running due to unscheduled background introduction by the charity, individual members and some technical issues, we still managed to finish by 11pm.

Altogether a great social evening and a successful fund-raiser.

CHANGES TO SESSION RULES

As per the discussion at the AGM, the 5-minute rule per round (increased from 4 minutes) is in place and is generally being observed. Countdown timers have been bought and these might be put into play from December.

SPOTLIGHTS

Our 15 minute Spotlights continues to produce some excellent sessions. Trevor Alexander is keeping a program of performers and would like to fill in the remaining gaps in the schedule. If you would like a spot (even if it is a second spot this year) please contact Trevor at talking_zebras@yahoo.co.uk

The current list is here <http://www.talkingzebras.co.uk/spotlight--meeting-dates-2018.html>

BOOKLET / CD

We will be donating the majority of the remaining stock we have to Kirkwood Hospice for them to sell at their discretion. Their Cleckheaton Shop currently have some on sale and we'll keep a small number ourselves in the short-term.

For those who are concerned about the lack of information accompanying the CD/MP3 – these can be found here and links now added to the appropriate page on our website:

http://www.talkingzebras.co.uk/uploads/1/2/4/3/12431150/cd_tracks_-_full_listing.pdf

http://www.talkingzebras.co.uk/uploads/1/2/4/3/12431150/mp3_disc_-_all_tracks.pdf

MEAL OUT

A date for your diary? - We are planning a social evening on **Saturday 2nd February at 5pm** (after our regular session) - details of venue and menu will be made available in the second half of December.

BOOKLET / CD IN 2019/2020

We might be looking at doing a booklet/CD set in late 2019 or early 2020, this time for our new adopted charity, Yorkshire Air Ambulance. More details to follow, but constructive feedback so we can improve from the last project is also welcome.

CLECKHEATON LIBRARY POETS

The next date for this friendly fortnightly read-a-round is this Thursday 29th November 2018 and the theme will be "meetings".

"THE PAPER AEROPLANE MAN" BOOK LAUNCH

John Ling's book "The Paper Aeroplane Man" – published by Olympia Publishers, is now on sale. There's a book launch on 9th December from 1pm at The Quaker Meeting House, Church Street, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD1 4TR.

HONLEY LIBRARY READ-A-ROUND

Friends of Honley Library are kindly extending an invitation to their Winter/Christmas Poetry Readaround, which will take place on 11th December, 7pm - 9pm at the Library in Honley. It's a free event with refreshments. All welcome! Bring your own poems to read, some favourites or just relax and listen. If you wish, you can bring a spare copy of your poems for them to display in the library.

"REFLECTIONS" BOOK LAUNCH

At Cleckheaton Library at 1pm on Saturday 15th December there will be a book launch for an anthology entitled "Reflections" – put together to celebrate the legacy of Cleckheaton Literature Festival.

ONGOING MEMBERS NEWS

- a.) Trevor Wainwright is continuing his radio broadcasts on a regular Sunday spot on 5-Towns radio - contact him if you wish to get involved. <https://tunein.com/radio/5-Towns-Radio-s286579/>
- b.) Jim is still performing around the area and if you know of a society or community group that would like an hour or two of poetry please get in touch with him.

NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

We always welcome any contributions to our newsletters and the Website. Just bring along the details to any meeting, or email them to talking_zebras@yahoo.co.uk

Thanks for reading.

The Talking Zebras Team