



16TH DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

SEASONS GREETINGS

We'd like to wish all our members a very happy Christmas and a merry New Year!

MEETINGS / SPOTLIGHTS

We have our regular sessions as follows:

17th December (tomorrow!) - Spotlight Anne Broadbent

31st December - It's the 5th Saturday of the month, so despite the date, we will be meeting.

7th and 21st January

We've a fresh page for 2017 if you wish to volunteer to do a 15 minute spotlight.

Please just email us at talking_zebras@yahoo.co.uk or speak up at a Saturday session.

The list for 2016 is here <http://www.talkingzebras.co.uk/2016-spotlights.html>

The 2017 list will be up when we have some spots filled!

HUDDERSFIELD LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2017

This will run from 4th - 19th March and will not disappoint poetry fans.

We've excited to confirm we've been invited to run a poetry open mic event at this wonderful festival.

This will be on Thursday 9th March at Small Seeds (formerly Bar 122) in Huddersfield at 8pm.

More info on the festival can be found at <http://www.litfest.org.uk/>

and the venue: <https://www.facebook.com/smallseedstalltrees/>

LEND US YOUR EARS 2017

More details to follow in January, but meanwhile we're delighted to confirm our annual fundraiser for Kirkwood Hospice will be going ahead, but a little earlier than normal.

This will take place on Friday 10th March at Millbridge WMC, Liversedge.

MONTHLY CHALLENGES

For those who are interesting in writing - the monthly challenges continue. Please feel free to post these on the facebook page, and we're hoping too to add them to our website (technical glitches should soon be resolved)

Theme for September was "Talking Zebras" – poems on "Talking" or "Zebras" or indeed "Talking Zebras".

Theme for October was "Poems that paint a picture"

Theme for November is "Responding to" - so, a poem written in response to another you've read or heard.

Theme for December/January is "Resolution"

BOOKLET / CD

We have booklets/CD sets available at £5 for members (£6 retail). CDs in a hard case are £3. MP3s in a hard case (with 83 tracks) are also £3. We're happy to provide these on a sale or return basis for members.

OFFCUT ADRIFT

Philip Beverley's wonderful collection of poetry and artwork is still available should you wish to reserve your copy.

THE GREAT BRITISH WRITE OFF

Trevor Alexander has had a poem published in the above book.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We'd welcome any contributions to our next newsletter in January. Just email us the details.

LISTINGS

Our events are proudly listed here:

<http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/blogentry.php?blogentryid=57447>

<https://algebraofowls.com/yorkshire-word/>

and, of course, at

<http://www.talkingzebras.co.uk/>

Thanks for reading and have a great festive season.

The Talking Zebras Team