



## **LATE SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER**

### **NEW "COMPETITION"**

It was decided to run a monthly challenge for those members who wish to write a little something. Theme for September was "Talking Zebras" – which mean we're encouraging new poems on "Talking" or "Zebras" or indeed "Talking Zebras". Closing Date 1<sup>st</sup> October. The winner shouldn't expect a huge prize(!), but we're keen to put submissions on our website and Facebook pages.

### **SPOTLIGHTS**

Our popular 15 minute Spotlights for members continue with upcoming spots as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> October - David Lindsay

15<sup>th</sup> October – Ann Rhodes

29<sup>th</sup> October – David Kidman

5<sup>th</sup> November – Trevor Alexander

There are still free spots thereafter which anyone can apply for, especially for those who haven't had a turn yet in 2016 – please just email us at [talking\\_zebras@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:talking_zebras@yahoo.co.uk) or speak up at a Saturday session.

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

### **FRIENDS OF HONLEY LIBRARY**

There'll be a coffee morning this coming Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 10am until 12pm to raise money for Macmillan. All very welcome and there'll be a raffle and tombola.

### **PERSPECTIVES ON CONFLICT**

Also taking place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October (9.30pm) is this free-event featuring two of our own members on the Ilkley Festival Fringe:

<http://www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk/events/35-fringe-from-both-sides-perspectives-on-conflict>

### **CLECKHEATON LIBRARY GROUP**

This friendly group continue to run their sessions from 5.45pm to 6.45pm every other Thursday. The next meeting is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October (National Poetry Day!) and the theme is "People"

### **CREATIVE SCENE, OPEN MIC EVENT**

This event for National Poetry Day will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm to 9pm at Sensory World, Old Westgate, Dewsbury, WF13 1NB.

It promises to be an interesting cultural event with food and drink provided. We're hoping some of you will be able to attend. Please email [parveen@creativescene.org.uk](mailto:parveen@creativescene.org.uk) if you wish to join in.

### **POETRY JAM, MARSDEN**

There's also a brilliant open mic session at Marsden Jazz Festival every year compered by Writeoutloud's Julian Jordan. 11am onwards at The Railway, Station Lane, Marsden HD7 6DH. Details here:

<https://www.writeoutloud.net/public/eventview.php?day=09&month=10&year=2016&eventID=13677>

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our regular short AGM will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 4:00pm after our usual meeting at the Wickham Arms.

We'll be looking to fill the usual positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasure etc. We're delighted to have received nominations for all 3 main positions, but welcome further nominations for these at or before the meeting.

All members are encouraged to take part in the committee meetings and have a say in the way the group is run.

There will be a committee meeting following the AGM, subject to timings.

### **MEMBERS MEAL**

Following on from 2 enjoyable meals this year, we have booked a table for Thursday evening 17<sup>th</sup> November at the Wickham Arms.

This will follow after the regular meeting of Poetry Group at Cleckheaton Library, so we'll be meeting at 7pm, to eat at 7.15pm. Menu details to follow.

### **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 need to sell a further 40 copies or so before we break even on these, but our bank account is safely back in the black after our recent raffles, so thanks to everyone who buys tickets and brings prizes – every little will help to fund our next project.

## **OTHER NEWS**

- 1) On National Poetry Day, Jim Saville will be one of the featured poets appearing on the large screen in Centenary Square, Bradford. Probably on a loop throughout the day.
- 2) David Lindsay is getting one of his poems "Brahms & Liszt" published in a collection entitled "Half Moon: Poetry about Pubs"

If you'd like a copy, then please let him know – full price is £8.50, but they are available for £7.50 at the launch night on National Poetry Day. Details of which are here:

<https://www.writeoutloud.net/public/eventview.php?day=06&month=10&year=2016&eventID=13681>

- 3) Trevor Alexander is also due to have another couple of poems published too. "Poets Anonymous" will be in "The Great British Write Off", due out on 31st December, and "Go Forth My Child" is to be published in a Villanelle issue of Form Quarterly – date tba.
- 4) It's currently a busy time for local festivals, so please do check out events taking place, especially in Morley and Ilkley:

<http://www.morleyartsfestival.co.uk/whats-on.html>

<http://www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk/>

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

We'd welcome any contributions to our next newsletter in October, or to our website. 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.

The Talking Zebras Team