



30TH JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS / SPOTLIGHTS

Just a reminder that we have our regular sessions as follows:

4th February - Spotlight Barbara Schiff
18th February
4th March
18th March - Spotlight Ann Rhodes

We've a fresh page for 2017 - <http://www.talkingzebras.co.uk/spotlight--meeting-dates-2017.html> - if you wish to volunteer to do a 15 minute spotlight.

Trevor Alexander is now looking after this (and our web site), so please just email us at talking_zebras@yahoo.co.uk or speak up at a Saturday session.

COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a committee meeting at 4.30pm on Saturday 18th February. All members are invited to attend or raise points for discussion.

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

As per our last newsletter, we're delighted to confirm our annual fundraiser for Kirkwood Hospice will be going ahead on Friday 10th March at Millbridge WMC, Liversedge.

Any money we raise will be cashed matched by HBOS.

Jim Saville will be our MC for the night.

Several members have volunteered to read on the night and we've already confirmed support from the following musicians:

Morley Folk - http://www.morleyfolk.org/index_files/Page379.htm

Chris Scarlett - <http://www.chrisscarlett.co.uk/>

More to be added shortly.

If you'd like to join in, please email Jim at talking_zebras@yahoo.co.uk or speak to him. We'll want to firm up on the running order in late-February, so please let us know by the end of our meeting on 18/2/17.

If you've any suitable prizes for the raffle or tombola, we'd appreciate them. Tickets will be available soon, priced at £5/£3. Posters and fliers available at our meetings, if you can take some to help spread the word.

MONTHLY CHALLENGES

For those who are interesting in writing - the monthly challenges continue. Please feel free to post these on the facebook page, and, if you email them through, we can now add them to our website:

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 was "Responding to" - so, a poem written in response to another you've read or heard.

Theme for December/January is "Resolution"

Theme for February will be "Time"

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.

SONGS WORTH THE SINGING

David Kidman has a CD which contains 18 songs which constitute a representative selection of his regular repertoire. It's available direct from David or via his website at <http://www.davidkidman.co.uk/>

OTHER POETRY EVENTS

Readaround - including invitee Brian McCabe - King Street Mission, Huddersfield 1.30pm to 3pm on Wednesday 1st February.

It's a Word Thing - Clogg's Coffee Shop, Tithe Barn Street, Dewsbury on Thursday 2nd February 6.30pm-8.30pm.

WOL Marsden - Marsden Library on Wednesday 15th February, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Coffee House Nights - Queenies Coffee Shop, Lawrence Batley Theatre. Usually 3rd Monday of the month - Next at 7pm on Monday 20th February. Details here - <http://thelbt.org/feb-coffee-house>

CONTRIBUTIONS

Do you have any news to share in our February newsletter? 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