



11TH NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

MEMBERS MEAL

Just a reminder that tomorrow (Saturday at 5pm) is the deadline, if you wish to place your order and join us for the meal next Thursday 17th November.

So far there are 9 of us (Ann, Anne, Barbara, Carol, Cath, David, Eric, Jim and Judith) - if we've missed you off, or you want to join in, please shout. We'll be meeting at 7pm to eat at 7.15pm.

MEETINGS / SPOTLIGHTS

Just to confirm we have our regular sessions as follows:

19th November, 3rd December, 17th December, 31st December (yep, even on New Years Eve!)

Currently Anne Broadbent is scheduled for 17th December, but otherwise there are a few gaps in the calendar if you wish to volunteer.

Please just email us at 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>

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 (having a few technical glitches though!)

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.

COMMITTEE

Just to confirm that your committee until the next AGM in mid-October next year is as follows:

David Lindsay (chairman), Jim Saville (secretary), Ann Rhodes (treasurer) with Trevor Alexander, Sue Booth and Judith Stones in active supporting roles.

Our next meeting will take place at 4.30pm on Saturday 3rd December should anyone wish to stay and join in.

SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

We're looking into whether it's viable to run competitions for local school children in 2017.

To do this, however, we feel we need someone to join us on the committee who will take responsibility for organising this. This means liaising with schools, co-ordinating the judges and overseeing the judging process.

If you're interested. please get in touch.

FUNDING

Both the bank account and our social calendar are looking fairly healthy, but we're always on the lookout for new activities and funding avenues - shout if you've any ideas.

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

OFFCUT ADRIFT

Philip Beverley now has a wonderful collection of his poetry and artwork entitled "Offcut Adrift".

Copies are available to members for just £4 (usual price £6) if you order on or before 3rd December.

There'll be a copy available at the upcoming meetings for you to peruse. Email us to reserve your copy.

COMING UP ELSEWHERE...

MARSDEN WRITEOUTLOUD

This monthly event is now being run by local poet Rosie Wilkinson at Marsden Library. Next meeting is Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm, with the optional theme of "recycling."

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 17th November and the theme is "Waterfalls / Water"

COFFEE HOUSE NIGHTS

The next one of these is on Monday 21st November 7.30pm-9.30pm at Queenie's Coffee Shop next to the Lawrence Batley Theatre in Huddersfield. Guest poets are Trevor Meaney and Nic Harding. Open mic is usually very good also, and generally there are spots available if you email in advance to rose@thelbt.org

FRIENDS OF HONLEY LIBRARY

There'll be a Christmas Poetry Readaround with guests "8 In A Bar" on Monday 5th December - ticket only event (£2.50 including festive refreshments) - available from the library on 01484 414868

FRIENDS OF CLECKHEATON LIBRARY

There'll also be an event on Saturday 10th December at Cleckheaton Library with poetry, musicians and a choir from 2pm-4pm.

We've been asked to join in, so we're looking for up to 8 volunteers to bring 2-3 minutes of material each.

Please let us know if you're interested - talking_zebras@yahoo.co.uk

2017

We're currently making progress on Lend Us Your Ears fundraiser for Kirkwood Hospice and on an open mic session at Huddersfield Litfest. More details to follow in the December / January newsletters.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We'd welcome any contributions to our next newsletter in mid/late December. 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