

TALKING ZEBRAS UPDATE

In celebration of just over a year's existence, Cleckheaton's Spoken Word Group "Talking Zebras" have a number of activities planned over the next few weeks.

One major event will be the group's First Birthday Concert, which will take place from 7.15pm on Saturday 23rd November at the Moorlands on Bradford Road, Cleckheaton.

A number of local performers will take their turn on stage in a varied evening of spoken verse. There will also be music by guests, including local folk quartet "Round t'Table".

Tickets are available by calling 07900 695873 and are priced just £4 (£3 concessions) and an added feature of the event will be performances of the winning poems from the club's "Animal" Poetry competition for local youngsters.

The competition, brain child of Marnie Quantrill Wales, aged 10, and her mum Kay (both pictured), has been well received with over 150 entries from various local schools.

The judges - Barbara Schiff, Judith Stones and Jim Saville (all published poets and regular TZ members) are currently scrutinising the children's poems to select winners in both Key Stage 1 and 2 sections. Prize donations have been received from private patrons and from Ponderosa in Heckmondwike.

A little bit further away, members of the group have been invited to perform at the new "Queenie's Coffee Bar" in the Lawrence Batley Theatre complex on November 28th. Why not pop along on the night and get a free performance whilst drinking your favourite coffee.

The club itself is celebrating its successful first year by extending their Saturday sessions. These will now take place on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday every month from 2:30pm-4.30pm, in the function room at The Commercial public house on Bradford Road, Cleckheaton.

Admission is free and anyone is welcome to come along, either just listen or to read. Youngsters are welcome provided they stick to pub rules and fetch a parent along as well! They will be able to join in a light hearted session with people from school age to pensioners.

For more details of the group and their activities, including information on how to get tickets for the concert, please check out the club's website www.talkingzebras.co.uk or contact either of the organisers David Lindsay on 07900 695873 or Jim Saville on 01274 410317.