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Susan Darlington's poetry regularly explores the female experience through nature-based symbolism and stories of transformation. It has been published in the UK and US (Fragmented Voices, Algebra Of Owls, Dreams Walking and Anti-Heroin Chic among others). Her debut collection, 'Under The Devil's Moon', was published by [Penniless Press Publications](#) (2015). Follow her @S_sanDarlington

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Anne McDonald is an Irish spoken word poet, dramatist and creative writing teacher. She has an M.Phil in Creative Writing and her first collection of poetry "Crow's Book" is due out in October of 2020. Anne's writing reflects social and political changes as they occur from the perspective of the ordinary person and how they respond or react to those changes. She is a regular reader at open mic nights in Ireland and the US.

Wolfy O'Hare is a poet, musician and broadcaster who lives in Hull, East Yorkshire. Wolfy takes inspiration from the rural, maritime and urban landscapes but also from the inner, quieter spaces of human experience; in particular, the adventure of becoming older. Wolfy's first collection of poems is to be published by Wild Pressed Books, Hull in December 2020.

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Mark Valentine is a veteran of the late Seventies/early Eighties poetry scene, where he was published in *Smoke*, *Sepia*, *Sandwiches*, *Ludd's Mill*, *Krax* etc and wrote a column for *British Underground Magscene*. His collections *Star Kites* (2013) and *At Dusk* (2012) celebrate European poets. Recent poetry has been published by *PN Review*, *Agenda*, *Reliquiae*, *M58*, *Burning House Press*, *ink, sweat & tears* and others. He also writes short stories and essays, mostly with the Yorkshire independent imprint Tartarus Press (tartaruspress.com).

Paul Waring is a retired clinical psychologist from Wirral. His poetry is published in *Prole*, *Strix*, *Atrium*, *Ink*, *Sweat & Tears*, *London Grip* and elsewhere. He was a 2017 Pushcart Prize nominee, runner-up in the 2019 Yaffle Prize and had poems highly commended in the 2019 Welshpool Poetry Competition and 2020 Wirral Prize, Wirral Poetry Competition. His debut pamphlet 'Quotidian' is published by Yaffle Press.

Editors:

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