

### ***The Less Deceived* our readers:**

#### **Lines on a Young Lady's Photograph Album** Philip Pullen

Philip Pullen is a trustee of The Philip Larkin Society. He is currently working as co-editor for a book featuring Larkin's drawings and doodles.

#### **Wedding-Wind** Lynn Harrison

Lynn has has a long association with the work of Philip Larkin. She played the role of Maeve in two separate productions of 'Larkin with Women' by Ben Brown. Lynn performed scenes from the play for the Philip Larkin society's celebration of his centenary and has taught his poetry to students for many years.

#### **Places, Loved Ones** Julia Munrow

Julia is a writer, actor and director, whose one act play *Almost Instinct, Almost True* explores the relationship between Philip Larkin and Monica Jones in which Julia took the role of Monica.

#### **Coming** Brian Bilston

Brian has been described as 'the Poet Laureate of Twitter', who has written several volumes of poetry and a novel. His live shows are regularly sold out and he has been compared to both Ogden Nash and Dorothy Parker.

#### **Reasons for Attendance** Daniel Wain

Daniel Wain is an actor, playwright and theatre producer, among many other roles! He studied English and Drama at Hull University, alongside PLS President Rosie Millard, and played Philip Larkin in Ben Brown's 'Larkin With Women' at the Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham, in 2018 and the Old Red Lion, London, in 2022. He performed extracts from the play at last year's PLS Conference in Hull (alongside Lynne Harrison as Maeve) and this year sees Josef Weinberger republish his own play 'Look Behind You' following a sell-out, five-star production at London's Tabard Theatre in 2024.

#### **Dry Point** Michael Egan

Michael is an English and Drama teacher who lives with his partner having moved back to London a few years ago. He has become a Larkin obsessive since first reading his poetry nearly 20 years ago. He divides his time between her vintage shop on Saturdays and any coffee shop or pub that'll have him as he reads and plans his lessons.

#### **Next, Please** Dr Andrew Palmer

Principal Lecturer in modern literature, his work focusses on conflict narratives, the poetry of trauma and relationships between literature and power

#### **Going** Greg Sestero

Greg Sestero is an American actor, filmmaker, model and author. He is best known for the 2003 film *The Room*, as well as for his award-winning memoir *The Disaster Artist*, which was made into a film starring James Franco.

#### **Wants** Joe Malago

Joe is a prize-winning poet from Bristol. He is currently writing a comic novel. He once had breakfast with a former student of Monica Jones in a guest house in Stratford-on-Avon.

**Maiden Name** Mary Mccollum

Hull based poet, presenter at the 2024 Philip Larkin Society Conference. Living By The Law of Light (pamphlet, 2019)

**Born Yesterday** Cate Blanchett

Cate Blanchett is an Australian actor and producer. recognised for her versatile work across stage and screen. Cate has won two Academy Awards, four BAFTAs and many more. Her most famous roles include Bob Dylan in I'm Not There and Galadriel in The Lord of the Rings trilogy.

**Whatever Happened?** Melissa Dennison Melissa is a published haiku, tanka, waka and haibun poet. She writes mostly Japanese short form. However she does have a few free verse out there as well as flash fiction. She tends to write from lived experience, and from her love of nature and concern about the climate emergency.

**No Road** Dr Hannah Sullivan

Hannah is associate professor of English Literature at New College Oxford. Her book The Work of Revision (Harvard University Press, 2013) won the Rose Mary Crawshay Prize and the University English Book Prize, as well as the poetry collection Three Poems (Faber, 2018), which won the T. S. Eliot Prize.

**Wires** David Biespiel

David Biespiel is an American poet, critic, memoirist, and novelist. He is the founder of the Attic Institute of Arts and Letters in Portland, Oregon and Poet-in- Residence at Oregon State University. David first appeared on Tiny In All That Air earlier this year.

**Church Going** Sir Tom Courtenay

Tom is an English actor who was born in Hull and rose to fame in the 1960s with films such as Billy Liar and Doctor Zhivago. Tom debuted his one- act play about Philip Larkin Pretending to be Me in 2003 which uses Larkin's poetry and letters to tell the story of the writer's life.

**Age** Dr Jane Bluett

Jane is a poet, writer, teacher and long term enthusiast for Creative Writing in Schools. Mr Larkin continues to enthrall even though she has often been 'the more deceived.'

**Myxomatosis** Daniel Vince

Daniel Vince is currently studying for a PhD on the post-war campus novel at Canterbury Christ Church University where he is also a sessional lecturer. Daniel is a trustee of The Philip Larkin Society and our e-newsletter editor. When not studying, he can be found dealing in rare books or researching Laurence Binyon.

**Toads** Justine Gaubert

Justine Gaubert is founder of [www.CroneClub.org](http://www.CroneClub.org) - a merry bunch of menopausal mischief makers based in Sheffield and around the world. They aim to remove the fear of ageing and

menopause for women, reclaim the identity of 'crone' and have fun creating a new roadmap for female ageing. Justine is also writer and editor of the Crone Club Substack 'Tits to the Wind' <https://croneclub.substack.com/>

**Poetry of Departures** Professor Douglas Bell

Douglas studied Modern Languages at Hull University in the 1980s. He is now Professor of English Language Education with the University of Nottingham on their campus in Ningbo, China.

**Triple Time** Jacqueline Baron

Artist, painter and photographer. Resident of Hull.

**Spring** Cate Blanchett

**Deceptions** Hannah Sullivan

**I Remember, I Remember** Brian Bilston

**Absences** Sinead Morrissey

Sinead is Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Newcastle. She was appointed writer-in-residence and then Reader in Creative Writing followed by Professor of Creative Writing at Queen's University, Belfast, where she was also assistant director of the Seamus Heaney Centre. Sinead Morrissey explored questions of faith in response to Larkin's poem 'Absences' in BBC3's The Essay in 2022.

**Latest Face** Gerry Skeens

Actor, Poet, Writer, Compiler, Director. Loves performing poetry, including open- mic and with original shows by her company, JagArt, (company comprises Julia Munrow, Angela Garratt, Gerrie Skeens) and Tedx Lambeth

**If, My Darling** Alex Howard

Alex is the author of Times and USA Today bestselling novel, The Ghost Cat, The Library Cat (2016), and The Ship's Cat (due Spring 2026). Alex is also on Tiktok as the brass-loving, antique-restoring housedoctoralex with nearly 300,000 followers. Alex is a former trustee of the Philip Larkin Society and his monograph Larkin's Travelling Spirit was published by Palgrave MacMillan in 2021

**Skin** Marco Pirroni

Marco Pirroni is a British guitarist, songwriter, record producer and punk icon. who has worked with Adam Ant, Sinéad O'Connor, Siouxsie and the Banshees and many others since the late 1970.

**Arrivals, Departures** Jeremy Wikeley

Jeremy Wikeley is trying to write a book about Larkin's poems. He blogs at [jwikeley.substack.com](http://jwikeley.substack.com) and is a trustee of the Winchester Poetry Festival.

**At Grass** Julian Wild

Julian was brought up in Hull in the late 1950s and 1960s so was very aware of Philip Larkin when at school. He still lives in Hull and has been a trustee and secretary of the Philip Larkin Society since 2020. He is a racehorse owner, w