

# Writers' FORUM

## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Long-time readers may remember Louise Jordan, the face behind Wacky Bee Books, who is featured on page 18. Louise was for some years our children's writing columnist before leaving to concentrate on her publishing venture. It's good to see things going so well.

The magazine is always evolving and this month we're changing the Poetry Competition to a themed one. There's now a set deadline and email-only entry, rather like the Flash Comp. The fee is £7 and everyone will receive a short critique from poetry editor and judge Sue Butler. The first theme is 'cat' – a popular topic in the old open contest. Sue gives guidance and suggested prompts in the workshop on page 50. I often urge writers to think like poets, as the techniques are widely applicable, so seize the opportunity to start sharpening your clauses...

Write soon, Carl



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