

Press Release



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Whitby Launch For Local Author's Debut Novel Set In Historic Staithes, North Yorkshire

The official launch of the debut novel **Seasons o'Steegas** by local author **Mike Silkstone** takes place at **The Art Café**, Flowergate, Whitby, on **Saturday 16 October, 2010**. The author will read short extracts from the paperback, signing copies for sale (price £9.95).

The saga begins in 1901, spanning three generations of the Staithes fishing family of Evelyn Dacre, a young girl who sits for Dame Laura Knight and fellow artists of the world-famous **Staithes Group**. The first of a trilogy, further titles **Three Loves** and **Satan Garth** are planned for release in 2011.

Mike Silkstone trained in London as an operatic tenor. He lived for several years in Staithes, where with his partner he opened **The Endeavour Restaurant**. A regular contributor to **Down Your Way**, **Best of British**, **The Dalesman** and leading Irish publications, he also writes plays, one being professionally performed. Winner of **The Yorkshire Coast Poetry Competition 2007**, his poems have appeared in **The Nation's Anthology of Poetry**. A card-carrying member of actors' union Equity, he has appeared regularly in YTV's **Heartbeat**, **The Royal** and other Yorkshire Soaps plus occasional films and is a popular after-dinner speaker.

Undead Tree Publications is a Whitby-based not-for-profit publisher of fiction and non-fiction for internet distribution, releasing selected titles in "dead-tree" editions (hardback plus paperback).

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Where: The Art Café, 42a Flowergate, Whitby YO21 3BB

When: Saturday 16 October, 2010, 7.00 pm (*tickets in advance from The Art Café, price £2*)

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