

Write What You Know and Know You Can Write

In the steps of novelist, Ted Lewis

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Enjoy and learn from a practical half-day writing course in the historic Lincolnshire town of Barton upon Humber, the hometown of novelist Ted Lewis. It was here that Lewis wrote a range of semi-autobiographical and noir novels. We welcome you to the Ted Lewis Heritage Centre, a comfortable venue filled with the influences that shaped this iconic author. You'll hear from published and creative writers and explore local places that inspired Ted's stories—seeing first-hand how

you can draw profitably on your own experience.

The course includes a session where you can put your writing into practice and see how the day's activities have helped you. You'll write your own piece of flash fiction—an achievable, satisfying result that can also spark more ambitious work. After a relaxed lunch (a good time to raise any individual questions), we'll print your work for you to take away. The following course dates are now available: **5th September 2025 and 26th September 2026. Gather at 09:30 for 10:00 and say goodbyes at 14:30.**

The full programme includes: Why Ted Lewis? Why You? In What Way? How to Write a Novel (with a local published author); a short tour of places that inspired the stories; a flash fiction workshop; a working lunch; and seeing your work in print to take away.

We have a small adjacent car park and roadside parking available. We also have disabled facilities; if you have any access requirements, please let us know in advance so we can help. Buses from Hull, Grimsby and Scunthorpe stop on Ferriby Road near the Centre. Trains connect via Hull Paragon Station; Barton Terminus serves trains on the Barton Line. Check times on Stagecoach (buses) and Trainline (rail).



Whichever way you write, pen, pencil, or laptop, please bring these with you. Full Wi-Fi available. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, and lunch included.

Any queries, we would be delighted to help. Please do not hesitate to call or email us.
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Who and What



Chris Speck is an inspiring and prolific thriller writer of fourteen novels living in Hull. He draws on his life experiences and produces compelling narratives with insight and panache. A people person, Chris is widely travelled, a teacher and musician as well as a talented author. See his books on www.chrisspeck.co.uk.

Monty Martin is a retired lawyer who turned precise legalese into creative writing following a career which included writing and editing national legal and food magazines. The first biographer of Ted Lewis, Monty is the founder member of Barton Muse Poetry Group and Millwriters Creative writing group and publishes novels and poetry books as well social media interactions and visitor outreach.



Ted Lewis (1940 – 1982) wrote nine novels, two of them semi-autobiographical. One of which became the seminal film starring Michael Caine, *Get Carter*. An artistic polymath, Ted drew on everyday experiences and transported them into engaging and challenging novels. Barton upon Humber was his hometown whose people and places influenced him.

The George Inn, where you will dine, is a hotel and restaurant containing locally popular bars and a snug where Ted Lewis took refreshment and where he was a well-known figure. Pete Storey is a chef of some renown whose kitchen prides itself in a variety of delicious dishes.



Places Ted Knew and Wrote About

"I raced into West Acridge...I was nearly at the entrance to the path between the houses that led up to the orchard. I didn't know if Billy and his mates knew about the entrance."

"We set off for the Packet. "We went into the back room of the pub. The room was small, spacious enough for only three tables and an enormous juke box."

"Saturday night. I sat in the small room of the White Lion. The pub was at the opposite end of the Market Place to the George and through the small room's bowed window I could hear the faint boom of the Hammond organ as Harold Johnson belted out the numbers."

"I picked up the body and laid it down in the trench"

What magic works can you conjure up?