

# New **BAFFLE** Website

[www.bafflepoetry.org](http://www.bafflepoetry.org)

We are launching our new web site on *Friday 5th September* in  
**The Loughrea Spa Hotel.**

It will be available for viewing the following day.

Initially we have 38 poets featured along with a News and Events page.  
We have articles about **BAFFLE**, about its relationship with '**The Turnip**' and  
a feature about how to get started writing verse.

A section is dedicated to photos and video and for the first time we are  
introducing our resident **BAFFLE** critic '**Al Turnip**' to the public.

Viewers can leave their comments also and we hope this will be used  
extensively.

We also have a substantial section on the annual festival which, this year, starts  
on **24th October**.

## **Bowes Academic Fellowship and Fraternity of Literary Esoterics**

The **Bowes Academic Fellowship and Fraternity of Literary Esoterics** had  
it's conception in 1984 in a small but select, and sadly now extinct, drinking  
establishment in Loughrea Co. Galway named Bowes-Kennedy.

It was there through the stimuli of alcohol, nicotine and general camaraderie  
that a suitably inebriated gathering found itself talking along the lines of  
Anthony Hope's: "*I wish you would read a little poetry sometimes, your  
ignorance cramps my conversation*".

Thus **BAFFLE** was created with the intention of forming a catalyst of poets  
where there would be no censorship of language, revelation, humour, or  
innovation.

Indeed these attributes would only serve to emphasise and enhance  
MacCauley's adage "*Perhaps no person can be a poet, or even enjoy poetry  
without a certain unsoundness of mind.*".

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