



Hi there, Richard Dee here.

Welcome to my April newsletter.

Here in Devon, we've had some good weather days after the miserable winter. And my wife has finally had her surgery, after two cancellations and a longer wait than we expected. She's at home now and recuperating nicely. We're looking forward to getting out and about again as the summer approaches.

Meanwhile, in Australia, winter is setting in. They've had a lot of bad weather, my daughter has struggled to get to work at the hospital and their farm has been flooded. This drives snakes into the house as they seek dry ground. Fortunately, that's a problem we don't have in Devon.

On with the writing news.

The big news this month is the release of *Meet Me in the Universe Next Door*. I'm pleased to say that after the shambles that affected the launch of *Ripples*, this one went fairly smoothly. If you've read it, reviews, as always, will be most welcome.

Of course, the release of one book doesn't stop the creative process, I'm already working on the next one. As usual, I have several on the go, the real question is which will finish first. And that isn't up to me, I can only write what I see in my head. At the moment, it's between an alien first-contact sci-fi, a suicide mission for a federal agent or a crime noir.

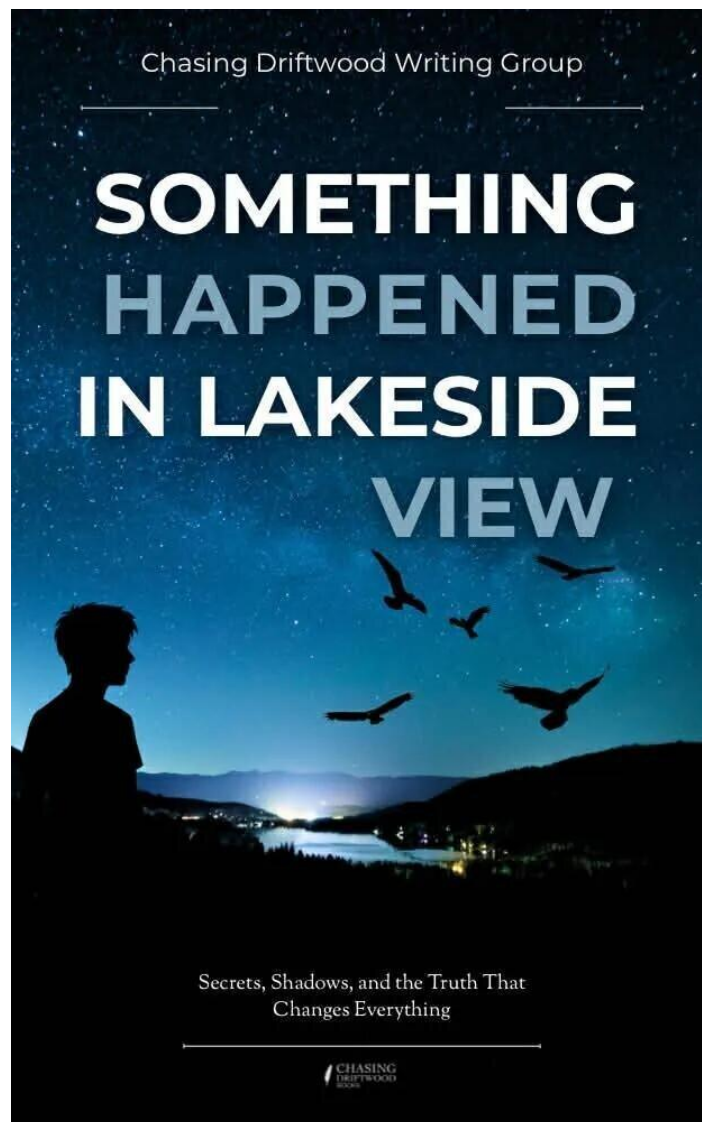


What I've been reading.

I've finished reading *The Midnight Library*. Wow, I might have been late to the party, but I'm glad I finally got there. Brilliantly written, the trouble is that it makes me feel that my efforts need a lot of work.

Next up is an anthology of stories and poems written by the young people who attend creative writing clubs with Chasing Driftwood Writing Group.

Once I've finished it, I'll be leaving a review on my website.



Something Happened In Lakeside View

Welcome to Lakeside View, a pretty little town much like any other. Or is it?

Scratch under the surface and you will find a place full of secrets and shadows.

A place full of darkness, magic, ancient curses and hidden horrors. Who would live in a town like this? Many people have come and gone and some have left behind their testimonies.

What happened in Lakeside View? Read on to find out.

Find the book by clicking the button.

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My Substack

I'm currently serialising the exploits of two new characters on my Substack. There's *Captain Starlight*, a new superhero, and *The Adventures of Raf and Cat*, about a space explorer and his AI computer.

They're all free to read; you can find them (and so much more) by clicking the buttons.

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Meanwhile, in other news.

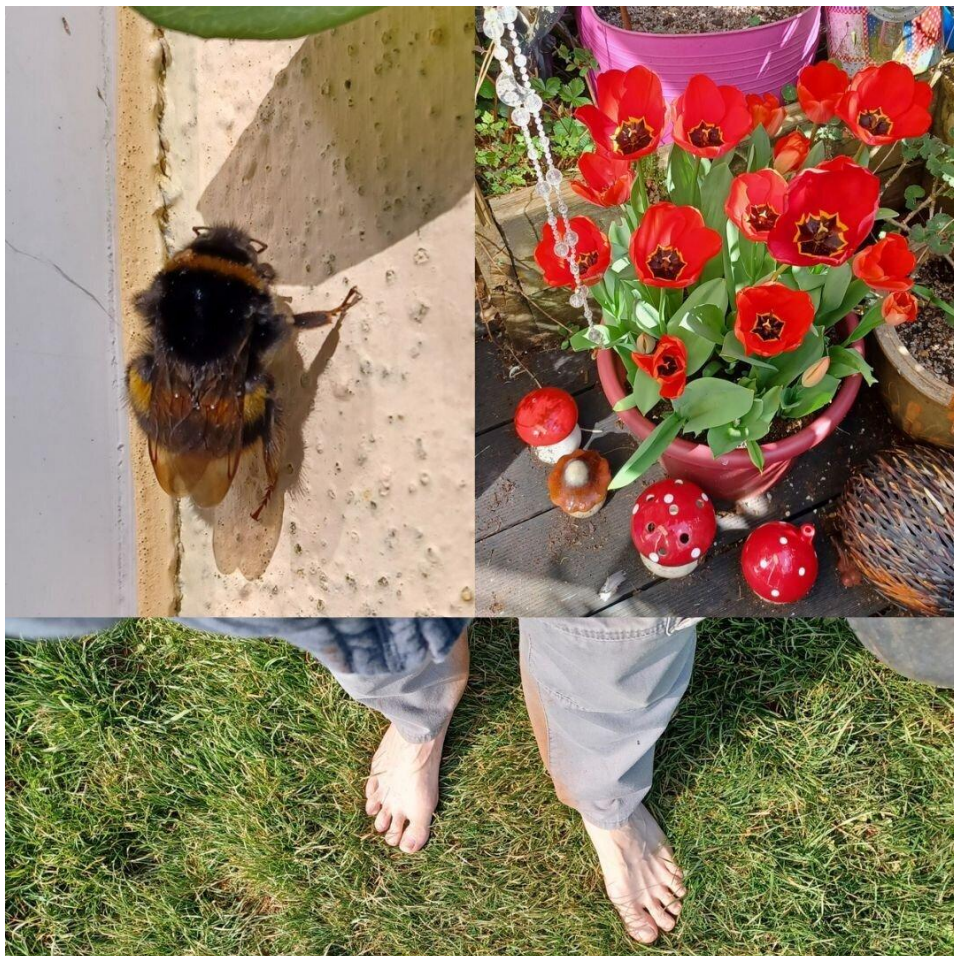
That's an easy one to answer. I've been helping my wife recuperate after surgery, sorting out the garden and walking the cliffs.

We have a lot of flowers in the garden, Tulips, Bluebells (English and Spanish) and wild Garlic. My fruit trees are filling with blossom.

The Bumble and Solitary Bees are out and about.

I actually managed to get my shoes off and put my bare feet on the earth for the first time this year at the end of March.

Here are a few pictures from the last month.







If you're interested in any of my old newsletters and blogs, you can now find these on my website by clicking the button below.

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If you want to ask me anything about my life or my writing, just hit reply. I'm always happy to chat.

See you next month,

Happy reading.

Richard Dee.