

Christopher North

Christopher North with his wife Marisa run the Almassera Vella Arts Centre in a mountain village near Alicante, Spain (www.oldolivepress.com). He facilitates poetry readings, writing workshops and 7 day residential courses in the Spring and Autumn. His pamphlet collection '*A Mesh of Wires*' (Smith Doorstop 1999) was shortlisted for the Forward Prize, he had a third place in the National (1995) and recently won the Silver Wyvern at the 'Poetry on the Lake' Festival in Italy. His first full collection '*Explaining the Circumstances*' was published by Oversteps Books in February 2010 (www.overstepsbooks.com). The poem he has gracefully allowed us to include in this issue, is the title poem in this collection. A planned bi-lingual joint collection with the poet Terry Gifford 'The Other Side of Aguilar' is due for publication later this year.