

## Introduction

Why do we travel? What does the word actually mean? Isn't it something to do with going from one place to another? That place can of course be a state of mind as well as something more physical. We all have to make journeys of all sorts and this book is as much about that as it is about holidays.

Ursula Le Guin gave us a taste for travelling in another way in her *Changing Planes*. She refers to what might happen when you are in that No Man's Land which is the airport lounge. Imagination can come into play then and you can go to all sorts of destinations.

*Going Places* also presents the reader with an alternative way of making a journey. There are plenty of exotic destinations for our readers to enjoy but some of the journeys are more spiritual, more inward-looking and sometimes just invite you to see home differently. Whichever story you read you are invited to take part in that journey.

We have some of our previously published writers in this collection and there are also some new voices. As usual it has been a great joy working with the authors. We do invite all of you to join in.

We do hope that you will enjoy our collection of stories, perhaps reading whilst you are travelling yourself over the summer. Do let us know what you think of these tasty morsels.

**Gill James**