

2d Thursday

Dear Everybody,

I really enjoyed the animation / passion we were seized by as we discussed the various attempts to ~~build~~ build dykes along the banks of the river of language, (Bilbo-Bilbao) (Rechtsschreibung)

The lifeboat man raised questions for me in the area of UK ♂ self presentation. Most striking, for me, was the way he told the story of a rescue of his sons, rescue of the 3 men in their 13 foot boat off Hearne Bay. I sensed great love and pride behind the calm, technical telling and yet he did not refer to "David" or "my son". Instead, throughout, he referred to "the helmsman". What was the effect of this rhetorical distancing on you?

I also felt he was very conversationally male in the relentless technical detail he regaled us with. He showed his love of the launching process. I wonder if this is a UK ♂ characteristic or something that is generalisable ~~to~~ beyond these shores.

J. spoke to us from a fairly still body posture and yet he did not have the relaxed woodenness of a Prince Charles.

Warmly yours,

