

FORWORDS 61 supplement, Fri 10 Nov 2006

See 15 November in listings below for two new events we have just heard about that it would have been a shame to miss out.

Spoken word, poetry, live literature events in the Sheffield area for the next two weeks. For information on forwords, listings and subscriptions, visit <http://access-space.org/forwords/>.

## LISTINGS

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Tuesday 14 November

-Spoken Word Antics

8.30pm, upstairs at the Red Deer on Pitt St, Sheffield. Turn off West St. onto Mappin St., and Pitt St. is the second on the left. £1 donations.

An open mic without the mic: poetry, stories, urban fairytales, and more...this month we are joined by short story writer Rosie Ford. Spoken Word Antics is a friendly and informal evening. If you'd like to perform any kind of spoken word, fiction or fact, your own or somebody else's, let us know on the night. For more info email <[antics@lowtech.org](mailto:antics@lowtech.org)>, phone 07968 251 896, or visit the website: <<http://access-space.org/antics/>>.

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Wednesday 15 November

-Words Aloud

7pm, Runaway Girl, 111 Arundel Street, Sheffield (near Hallam Uni. city campus) (free)

A new monthly spoken word night (usually 2nd Wed) offering up to three minutes to read anything you like! Words Aloud is a celebration of the spoken word for writers (old hands and first-timers, dabbling poets, bloggers, copywriters, journalists...all wordsmiths), readers, speakers, or anyone with a passing interest in words who fancies a night out with a difference. Whether it's a poem, a script extract, comedy writing, a short story, an advertising

strapline, match report, blog or even, erm, a recipe for chicken and ham pie - all styles, ages and abilities are welcome. We'll be supplying a books trolley (Mrs O style) on the night for people who don't know what to read. And there'll be a few surprises too. If you run an open mic night already, we'd love to hear from you. Enquiries to Iain: [wordsaloud@theworkshop.co.uk](mailto:wordsaloud@theworkshop.co.uk).

-Sean O'Brien reading the Inferno, plus Suzanne Batty (Hallam Poets Series)  
7.30 p.m., Cafe Nero, 277-279 Ecclesall Road, Sheffield (free)

Sean O'Brien will be reading from his new verse translation of Dante's Inferno, which is destined to become the standard English text for many years to come. It is the most fluent, grippingly readable version of Dante's poem yet, and - with all the consummate technical skill that is the hallmark of O'Brien's own poetry - manages the near-impossible task of preserving the subtle power and lyric nuance of the Italian original, while seeking out an entirely natural English music. No other version has so vividly expressed the horror, cruelty, beauty and outrageous imaginative flight of Dante's original vision. Enquiries to Steven Earnshaw, 0114 225 4163, [S.L.Earnshaw@shu.ac.uk](mailto:S.L.Earnshaw@shu.ac.uk).

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Saturday 18 November

-Ruskin Hall Variety Nights (cabaret)  
8pm-12am, Walkley Community Centre, 7a Fir Street, Walkley (£8)

Top cabaret acts, fun and frolics. Tonight features: Goronwy Thom—feats of flashy flare from the strangest name in showbusiness; Matt Black—Sheffield's top performance poet entertains with his sensitivity-o-meter; Swizzle Shaker—styled in 1940s Hollywood, an action-packed cocktail of magic, dance, and comedy. One of the country's finest cabaret acts. Plus regular slots from your comperes, ushers, dorrkeepers, and disc spinners. No contact details.

Sunday 19 November

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests  
8pm, Riverside Cafe, 1 Mowbray Street,  
Sheffield (bottom of Corporation St, over from  
Kelham Island) (free)

Welcoming all manners of performance, from  
poets to speakers to players, every Sunday. We  
are also looking for local artists to exhibit each  
week: paintings, photographs, and the like. All  
is everything! Lineup tbc. For info and slots  
contact <opus-creations@hotmail.co.uk> or  
visit [www.myspace.com/opus-hyphenproductions](http://www.myspace.com/opus-hyphenproductions).

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Saturday 25 November

-Rare'n'Racy benefit gig  
upstairs room of Rare'n'Racy, Division Street,  
Sheffield

\*\*\*This event is not confirmed - please call  
number below for details\*\*\*

Poetry reading utilising ladders and horns for  
speech. Should be a laugh – any  
readers/speakers interested in performing  
contact Tim on 07814188300.