

FORWORDS 76, Sun 1 July 2007

Spoken word, poetry, live literature events in the Sheffield area for the coming month. For information on forwords, listings and subscriptions, visit <http://www.access-space.org/forwords/>. See below for NEWS and LISTINGS.

NEWS

-Cube magazine is running PHOTOFICTION, a writing competition for young people (aged 11-18 in South Yorks and Derbyshire), so if you know someone who might like to have a go, please pass these details on to them.

You are asked to write a short piece of fiction inspired by one of 10 very different images. It could be a poem, a short story, a rap, song lyrics, a dialogue or monologue, a character's thoughts or a description. Anything goes. We are looking for interesting use of imagination, originality and a good flow to the writing. Something that starts, progresses and ends well. It can be comical, creepy, dark, sad, hopeful, curious, cliff-hanging, exciting, weird and so on. Go on give it a go!

Deadline: 10th August 2007. First prize: a CANON DIGITAL CAMERA! More info on http://www.cubeweb.org.uk/pf_pages/pfict.html.

-New audio material available on Antics sound archive.

Excerpts from the last three months' Antics radio shows are now available to listen to on the Antics sound archive, including poetry by Matt Black, Anna Robinson, Jim Caruth, Philip Howarth, and Matt Clegg. Previous shows are also available as podcasts for the first time to listen to in their entirety. Currently February's, April's, and June's shows are available as podcasts, which include material from Liz Barrett, Tom Stafford, Margot Douaihy, Jeff Cottrill, and a bilingual reading of Vasko Popa. To listen to either podcasts or the sound archive, visit the Antics website and click on the relevant links: <http://www.access-space.org/antics>.

LISTINGS

Tuesday 3 July

-Sticky Bun Writers: Linda Lee Welch reads from 'The Artist of Eikando' 7.30-9.30pm, Caffeteria (corner of Leopold St and Church St), Sheffield centre (£2)

Linda Lee Welch will read and talk about her second novel, 'The Artist of Eikando', which has recently appeared in paperback. Set in Japan, it concerns the journey there of American potter Junko to find her roots and solve an old family mystery. You've heard her sing - now hear her read. Enquiries to Jenny King: ednjenny.king@btinternet.com, tel. 0114 236 6225.

-Burngreave Open Mic
6.30-8.30pm, The Furnival, Verdon Street, S3 9QQ (free). Bus 47/48 to Rock Street.

The Burngreave Open Mic is back this summer on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Singers, poets, comedians, musicians, and rappers are all welcome. For more info contact Lungani Sibanda: 07850 444 788.

Wednesday 4 July

-Words Aloud

7.30-9.30pm (bar till 12), Runaway Girl, 111 Arundel Street, Sheffield (near Hallam Uni. city campus) (free)

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. 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. Enquiries to Iain: wordsaloud@theworkshop.co.uk. Podcasts from previous shows on the website: <http://wordsaloud.wordpress.com/>.

Tuesday 10 July

-Spoken Word Antics: open mic + guest Eleanor Rees

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.

Eleanor Rees lives in and writes a lot about Liverpool, her home city, but studied at Sheffield University where she was part of Ozy, the student poetry society. Her first collection, Feeding Fire, won an Eric Gregory award, and she will be reading from her second collection, Andraste's Hair, published this July by Salt. 'An ambitious, experimental voice, vibrantly charged with the energy of city life' (Carol Ann Duffy).

Spoken Word Antics is an open mic without the mic, a space for all kinds of spoken word, and a friendly and informal evening. If you'd like to perform something (poetry, stories, urban fairytales, etc, things that really did or didn't happen), your own or somebody else's, just let us know on the night. More details on www.access-space.org/antics, or call Robin on 0114 258 7270.

Tuesday 17 July

-Burngreave Open Mic

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Thursday 26 July

-Spoken Word Antics Radio Show

9-10pm, www.sheffieldlive.org

July's show will feature a session recorded with Eleanor Rees, guest at Antics earlier in the month, plus an assortment of live guests and recorded tracks to be confirmed. Keep an eye on www.access-space.org/antics for updates. If you miss this show it will be available as a podcast to listen to at a later date.
