

FORWORDS 89, Friday 7 March 2008

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/>.

LISTINGS

Saturday 8 March

-Rob Hindle
2-3pm, Oxfam bookshop, 281-283 Fullwood Road (donations welcome).

Rob Hindle will be reading from his work, some old stuff, some new.
Bookings on 0114 266 4307.

-Hothouse Festival: Yarns
1-4pm, The Mansion House, Doncaster (free)

Artist Jan Flamank has been working with Doncaster women, collecting stories and images about their lives, their secret passions, dreams and aspirations. Jan has made these into a celebratory cloak, which will be displayed as part of International Women's Day. This drop-in event will also feature performances by 'Six Women Poets With A Kick' and you'll be able to sample a delicious range of homemade cakes with tea and coffee. More details from 01302 862 394.

Tuesday 11 March

-Spoken Word Antics: open mic + Matt Clegg and Chris Jones
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. £2/£1 donations.

Ever thought Spoken Word Antics was too wordy? Well this month we're getting short and poignant! Matt Clegg roams Sheffield's outlying areas with a series of tanka, sound effects courtesy of Brian Lewis; and Chris Jones reads haiku from Cells, a collaboration with the painter Paul Evans, as well as a sequence of haiku and tanka to do with the river Don. There will also be a number of open spots for you to come and perform your own poetry, stories, urban fairytales...or something you admire. More details on www.access-space.org/antics/, or call Robin on 0114 258 7270.

-Poems, Prose, and Pints
THIS EVENT IS HELD EVERY WEEK ON TUESDAYS
7-10pm, Burton Street Bar, Burton Street, Hillsborough, S6 2HH (free).

An open mic night for creative writers to read out their words and network with others with the same interest. Come and share your work with others in a supportive and welcoming environment. More details from mike.evans@burtonstreet.org.uk.

Saturday 15 March

-Doncaster Readers and Writers Fair / Signposts
1-4pm, The Mansion House Ballroom, Doncaster (free)

Are you an aspiring writer or a member of a book club? Or maybe you've entered the HotHouse limerick competition? Whatever your literary passions the Doncaster Readers and Writers Fair is the place for you. In association with Signposts, the very first Doncaster Readers and Writers Fair will have something for everyone. Hosted by Nell Farrell and Matt Black, loads of information is on offer about writing groups, getting started, competitions, courses and how to get published. There'll also be readings and prizes for our favourite HotHouse limericks and a supply of tea, coffee and cakes! www.doncasterhothouse.co.uk/spokenword.html

Wednesday 19 March

-Changing Lives
7.30pm, The Point, Doncaster (£7.50, £6.00, £3.50 under 16)

A co-production with Midland Creative Projects, Bloodaxe Books and Warwick Arts Centre. Changing Lives is poetry as it should be experienced – full of wit, vitality and emotion. It is inspired by every aspect of our lives - from birth to death and all the glorious details in between. And while there are moments of sadness, Changing Lives also provides comedy and thought-provoking stories. Performed as a theatre piece with a haunting soundtrack, moving images and a stunning design, Changing Lives will prove that good poetry, brilliantly performed, is an experience like no other. BOX OFFICE 01302 342349.
www.doncasterhothouse.co.uk/spokenword.html

-An evening with Matt Black (NOTTINGHAM)
7.30pm, Lakeside Arts Centre, University Park Nottingham, NG7 2RD (£7/£5).

Guitarist Adam White performs with Matt Black for the love-sequence 'Careless' and 'The Story of Jonny Donut, Ice-Cream Seller', which is the tragic-comic story of a young retired lighthouse-keeper, and his attempts to build a new life through running an ice-cream van and taking up Country and Western. Plus other poems, serious, sharp, surreal, irritated, and funny. Tickets from 0115 846 7777.

Monday 24 March

-Spoken Word Antics Radio Show
6-7pm, Sheffield Live 93.2FM or www.sheffieldlive.org

Poems and an interview recorded with James Nash, who read at Antics in February, plus readings from studio guests (www.access-space.org/antics/RadioShow.html).

Tuesday 25 March

-Words Aloud (www.wordsaloud.org)
7.30-10pm, Lescar Pub, Sharrowvale Road, Hunters Bar (£1)

Three mins to read whatever tickles yer fancy...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. Email us to book a slot info@wordsaloud.org or just turn up early and stick your name on the board.

Tuesday 1 April

-Sticky Bun Writers: Dreamcatcher evening
7.30pm, Caffeteria, corner of Leopold and Church St, Sheffield ctr. (£2).

Anyone who has contributed to Dreamcatcher magazine is welcome to come and read, with guest Paul Sutherland. Suggestions and enquiries to Jenny King: email [<ednjenny.king@btinternet.com>](mailto:ednjenny.king@btinternet.com), tel. 0114236 6225.
