

FORWORDS 100, Thursday 25 September 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/>.

NEWS

-New editor required for forwords

If you would be interested in producing forwords, please get in touch, as I am leaving Sheffield soon and will only be doing one more bulletin. You can contact me on 0114 258 7270, or at forwords@lowtech.org. Robin

-Off the Shelf

The Off the Shelf Festival of Writing and Reading is coming soon, and there's tons of stuff going on, as usual. A few things are listed here in forwords, but you can see the full programme at www.offtheshelf.org.uk, or pick up one of the free brochures in town. If you want your event listed in forwords just send me the details, following the instructions on the website: www.access-space.org/forwords.

LISTINGS

Friday 26 September

-An Evening with Matt Black

7.45pm, The Lantern Theatre, Kenwood Park Road, Nether Edge, S7 1NF.
£5/£3 concs.

An evening with Matt Black, with music from Adam White and The Only Michael. Poems in performance + The Story of Jonny Donut + The Cooling Towers Farewell. Tickets from 0114 255 4030.

Tuesday 30 September

-Words Aloud (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 7 October

-James Caruth at Sticky Bun

7.45pm, Bank Street Arts Centre, 38 Bank Street, near The Boardwalk, Sheffield. £2.

James Caruth reads from his newly published collection Dark Peak (Longbarrow Press), a deeply resonant sequence about his father that uses the ritual structures of the Mass to express the personal and the universal. His previous collection A Stone's Throw won the 'Staple' competition. Come and hear him, and explore our new arts centre with its cafe and galleries. Info from Jenny King 0114 236 6225.

Thursday 9 October

-National Poetry Day in Rotherham
The Spiegeltest, All Saints Square

Ray Hearne

2-3pm poetry workshop

4.30-5.30pm lyric-writing workshop

Call 01709 815 123 to book your free place

Christine McMahon

7.30pm An evening of stories with storyteller Christine McMahon and folk fiddler Paul Roberts (£3). Tickets from 01709 823 621.

Tuesday 14 October

-Spoken Word Antics: open mic + guest Rachel Pantechnicon

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.

October's guest is Rachel Pantechnicon (www.rachelpantechnicon.com), last spotted in these parts in 2005, so get yourself along for the love child Eddie Izzard and Pam Ayres never told us about, inventor of the cat-treadling school of poetry, and find out what Rachel keeps on her Elf Shelf. Open slots are also available for anything from poetry and stories to urban fairytales and beautiful lies. If you'd like to perform, your own work or just stuff you like, let us know when you arrive. More details from www.access-space.org/antics/.

Friday 17 October

-Life 2.0: words and technology

6-8pm, Access Space, unit 1, 3-7 Sidney Street, S1 4RG (op. Rutland Arms). Free.

Improvised soundscape, skype readings, viral text poetry, and Lost Voices, a collective poetry performance developed especially for Life 2.0, as well as performances from Richard Bolam, Linda Lee Welch, Brian Lewis, Jake Harries, Robin Vaughan-Williams. See www.zeroquality.net for details.