

FORWORDS 47, Mon 24 April 2006

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

NEWS

-On 24 May Sheffield writer and tutor Chris Searle will be launching his latest poetry collection *Lightning of Your Eyes* at Forum House, Spital Hill (see below for details of event). Anne Grange of Burngreave Community Learning Campaign is inviting local poets to perform their work at this event, with a view to putting together a poetry booklet. If you would like to perform, please send your name, address, and telephone number to Anne at anne@burngreavelearning.org.

-Check out Poetry PF, great site featuring a select number of poets (originally 25), with samples of their poetry, biographies, and some publications for sale: <http://www.poetrypf.co.uk/index.html>. Writers taking the initiative to get together to promote themselves.

LISTINGS

Tuesday 25 April

-CreatOvate: Coming out after 7 years...
7pm at the Showroom Cinema, Paternoster Row, Sheffield (free).

...dancing with death, losing a body, building a new body, a new ME, SURVIVOR. Comedy, magic, poetry, drama, music, open mic. CreatO'vate - bringing the Disability Arts and the world into one sentence. If you would like to perform or find out more about creatO'vate, email rebecca_virgo@hotmail.com.

Thursday 27 April

-Longbarrow Press book launch and reading
8pm at the Red Deer, Pitt St, Sheffield. Turn off West St. onto Mappin St., and Pitt St. is the second on the left. £1.

Producing bespoke objects that combine etching, poetry and photography into strictly limited editions, Longbarrow Press presents the launch night of new publishing venture for Sheffield, with readings by four of its authors, Chris Jones, Matt Clegg, Andrew Hirst, and Brian Lewis.

Tuesday 2 May

-Sticky Bun Writers Club
7.30pm at FOB cafe, Church Street, near Sheffield Cathedral tram stop. Free entry

Readings from Sheffield Writers and Glass Mountain Writers. Any enquiries to 0114 2366 225 or ednjenny.king@btinternet.com.

Tuesday 9 May

-Avant-Garde 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.

This month Spoken Word Antics celebrates the avant-garde and its continuing impact on contemporary poetry and performance. Live performances will be interspersed with archive recordings of avant-garde practitioners such as such as Maiakovskii, Schwitters, Dada, and Ginsberg. There will be appearances from Scott Thurston, Bruce Barnes, and Roland Miller, as well as Matt Black, Andy Hirst, Chris Brownsword, and Jonathan Baxter. There will not be an open mic this month - but expect a lively and provocative evening. For more info, visit http://access.lowtech.org/antics/9_may.html.

Wednesday 24 May

-Book launch: *Lightning of Your Eyes* by Chris Searle
4-6pm, Forum House, 35 Spital Hill, Sheffield. Free.

The launch for Sheffield writer and tutor Chris Searle's new poetry collection, *Lightning of Your Eyes*, plus readings from other local writers. Organised by Burngreave Community Learning Campaign. Contact: Anne Grange, anne@burngreavelearning.org.