

FORWORDS 58, Fri 22 Sept 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-space.org/forwords/>. See below for NEWS and LISTINGS.

NEWS

-Off the Shelf Festival is running for most of October, with all kinds of readings and other literary happenings. A few of the events are listed below, but for full Festival listings visit the online programme at <http://www.offtheshelf.org.uk/programme.asp>.

-Spoken Word Antics is trialling two radio shows on Sheffield Live on Weds 27 September and 18 October. For more details see the listings below.

LISTINGS

Sunday 24 September

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

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.

Wednesday 27 September

-Antics on Air
10-11pm, Sheffield Live
(www.sheffieldlive.org)

The first of two trial radio shows for Spoken Word Antics, the programmes will feature readings, interviews, discussion, and offer a selection of poetry downloads from the web. Tonight includes a recorded interview with Phenzwaan, guest at September's Antics, and readings from Michael Greavy, Marshal Law, and James Lock, and downloads from the Seattle slam scene. As these are trial runs, any comments and ideas on the show are especially welcome to antics@lowtech.org. To listen, go to www.sheffieldlive.org, then click on 'Listen in Live'.

Sunday 1 October

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests
8pm, Riverside Cafe, 1 Mowbray Street,
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Tuesday 3 October

-Sticky Bun Writers: Open mic
7.30pm, upstairs in the Rutland Hotel, 86
Brown Street, Sheffield centre (2 mins from the
Showroom).

An open mic evening to celebrate Sticky Bun's new venue. Come in good time and book your slot! Tea and coffee will also be available throughout the evening. Enquiries to Jenny King, ednjenny.king@btinternet.com or 0114 236 6225.

Friday 6 October

-Doncaster Poetry Party
7.30pm, The Park Hotel, Carr House Road,

Doncaster (£3)

A special night of entertainment by new and experienced writers and poets. There are many talented writers in and around Yorkshire whose work is inspiring and who deserve to be in the spotlight for a few minutes. This event is designed to get some of them heard as well as to raise lots of money for the Bluebell Wood Hospice. If you are interested in a spot contact Jerome Kiel beforehand by e-mail <jeromekiel@hotmail.com> or phone 07931 442053.

Sunday 8 October

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests
8pm, Riverside Cafe, 1 Mowbray Street,
Sheffield (bottom of Corporation St, over from
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Tuesday 10 October

-Spoken Word Antics: open mic + Dianne Derby and Tom the World Poet
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 Antics features Dianne Derby (the Word Hoard), Tom the World Poet, readings from (but not by) William Burroughs, and the open mic. Spoken Word Antics is a friendly and informal evening. If you'd like to perform any kind of spoken word (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. For more info email <antics@lowtech.org>, phone 0114 258 7270, or visit the website: <[\[space.org/antics/\]\(http://space.org/antics/\)>.](http://access-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Thursday 12 October

-Jean 'Binta' Breeze and Adrian Mitchell
7.45pm, Crucible Studio Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street, Sheffield centre (£9/£7).

A night of quality contemporary poetry with an edge with two major voices from Bloodaxe books. Jean 'Binta' Breeze grew up in Jamaica. A 'dub poet', her work uses the rhythms of reggae and explores a wide range of personal and political issues. Known for her striking stage presence, Breeze sings of sisterhood in a truly life-affirming way that helps keep the head above water even when prejudice and laundry threaten to drag it down.

Adrian Mitchell is the Godfather of popular poetry whose work spans 30 years and embraces passionate lyricism, humour, and dissent. His explosive energy, well-directed rage, and undimmed idealism show how poetry can speak directly.

An Off the Shelf event. Box office, 0114 249 6000.

Saturday 14 October

-Burngreave Bookcrossing Launch with Debjani Chatterjee
11am–12.15pm, Burngreave Library, 179 Spital Hill, Sheffield.

An event suitable for the whole family. Find out more about the Off the Shelf festival, pick up one of the books we are releasing as part of the Bookcrossing scheme, and find out what's on offer at your local library. We are also pleased to have special guest, children's author Debjani Chatterjee, who will be reading some of her stories and poems.

-Top Shelf: Well Stacked!
8pm, The Red Deer, Pitt Street (£3/£1.50)

A reading to celebrate the poetry presses of Sheffield: Broken Compass, Cherry on the Top, Longbarrow, and West House. Readings from

David Annwn, Chris Brownsword, Matt Clegg, Cliff Forshaw, Alan Halsey, Andy Hirst, Christine Kennedy, David Kennedy, and Geraldine Monk. Enquiries to Alan Halsey, <a.halsey@westhousebooks.co.uk>, tel. 0114 258 6035.

Sunday 15 October

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

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Monday 16 October

-Burngreave Feel-Good Reading Group Special with local author Paul Adam
6.30–8pm, Burngreave Library, 179 Spital Hill, Sheffield.

Paul Adam is a writer from Sheffield, whose novel 'Enemy Within' is a pacy, intense thriller that readers just can't put down. This is your chance to meet the author and find out where he gets his ideas from.

-Chloe Poems and the Wild Women Press
7.30pm (doors 7pm), Fusion, Sheffield Uni.
Students' Union, Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 (£5/£4).

Chloe Poems is a gay socialist transvestite poet. Bursting on the poetry scene in an explosion of gingham, her poetry is audacious and genuinely ground-breaking. A radical agenda bender, Ms Poems manages to make jaws drop with remarkable ease. Wild Women Press are a DIY punk-ethic poetry collective with an ethos of direct action—they do everything but the printing themselves. Experience We Are Not A Muse, a wild adventure with Gill Hands and

Victoria Bennett as they launch two new titles, Byron Makes His Bed and Rilke Tattoo. An Off the Shelf event. Box office, 0114 249 6999 (Shef. Theatres), 0114 222 8777 (Union).

Tuesday 17 October

-Sheffield Popular Arts (SPA): Sheffield Suffragettes
7-9pm, Victoria Hall, Chapel Walk, Sheffield (£2.50/£2)

Readings from a new play about the Sheffield suffragettes plus a new play by contemporary suffragette Cicely Hamilton. This is the first in a series of suffragette events organised by SPA during Off the Shelf (OTS). For details of other events in the series, visit the OTS programme and search for "suffragettes". For general info please contact Alice on 0114 272 6090 or <angelttime@btopenworld.com>.

-Broomspring Writers launch Red Shoes and Wedding Trouble
7pm, The Workstation, 15 Paternoster Row, Sheffield Cultural Industries Quarter (free)

Launch of a new anthology of poetry, stories, and other writings by members of Broomspring Writers. Contributors to the book will be reading from their work, to delight and disturb. For more details contact <broomspringwriters@yahoo.co.uk>.