

FORWORDS 61, Mon 6 Nov 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/>.

LISTINGS

Tuesday 7 November

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

Sheffield poet Geraldine Monk will read from her latest collection, *Escafeld Hangings*, which is about the imprisonment of Mary Queen of Scots at the Manor. "These poems need to be heard, not just read", said one reviewer. History and poetry in one! Enquiries to Jenny King, ednjenny.king@btinternet.com or 0114 236 6225.

Sunday 19 November

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

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>](mailto:opus-creations@hotmail.co.uk) or visit www.myspace.com/opus-hyphenproductions.

Tuesday 14 November

-Spoken Word 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.

An open mic without the mic: poetry, stories, urban fairytales, and more.... Spoken Word Antics is a friendly and informal evening. If you'd like to perform any kind of spoken word, fiction or fact, your own or somebody else's, let us know on the night. For more info email [<antics@lowtech.org>](mailto:antics@lowtech.org), phone 07968 251 896, or visit the website: [<http://access-space.org/antics/>](http://access-space.org/antics/).

Saturday 18 November

-Ruskin Hall Variety Nights (cabaret)
8pm-12am, Walkley Community Centre, 7a Fir Street, Walkley (£8)

Top cabaret acts, fun and frolics. Tonight features: Goronwy Thom—feats of flashy flare from the strangest name in showbusiness; Matt Black—Sheffield's top performance poet entertains with his sensitivity-o-meter; Swizzle Shaker—styled in 1940s Hollywood, an action-packed cocktail of magic, dance, and comedy. One of the country's finest cabaret acts. Plus regular slots from your comperes, ushers, dorkeepers, and disc spinners. No contact details.

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Saturday 25 November

-Rare'n'Racy benefit gig
upstairs room of Rare'n'Racy, Division Street, Sheffield

This event is not confirmed - please call number below for details

Poetry reading utilising ladders and horns for speech. Should be a laugh – any readers/speakers interested in performing

contact Tim on 07814188300.

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Wednesday 29 November

-Skin of the River: Poems from Dun Fields
9pm, Trippets Wine Bar, Trippet Lane, Sheffield
(£?)

A performance of work of and about the River
Don by Chris Jones and Rob Hindle. Chris
Jones spent nine months during 2005
considering the landscapes of the River Don as
it swung through Sheffield. The resulting poems
were collected in the pamphlet *'At the End of
the Road, a River'*. Rob Hindle's *'Some
Histories of the Sheffield Flood 1864'* confronts
the circumstances of the disaster through
glimpses of the lives and ends of victims of the
Flood. A winner of the 2006 Templar Poetry
Pamphlet Competition. For more details contact
cwjones@mac.com.

Tuesday 5 December

-Sticky Bun Writers: A Tale of Two Laureates
7.30pm, upstairs in the Rutland Hotel, 86
Brown Street, Sheffield centre (2 mins from the
Showroom).

Under the auspices of Nottingham's Five Leaves
poetry press we have 'A Tale of Two Laureates'.
Former Birmingham Poet Laureate Sybil Ruth
joins current Derbyshire Poet Laureate Cathy
Grindrod in reading from their latest collections
and talking about the Poet Laureate schemes.
Sybil Ruth's collection is 'I could Become that
Woman!'; Cathy's is 'Still Breathing'. Enquiries
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