

FORWORDS 70, Thu 5 Apr 2007

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

-Forwards has a new flier, designed by Gary Jenkinson-Graham, who also does the comic for the Sheffield Star. If you'd like to help publicise poetry and spoken word events around Sheffield please put some fliers out at your workplace or college, in your window, at the local library, or anywhere people might see them. You can either download a sheet of fliers to print off from the website ([www.access-space.org/forwords/](http://www.access-space.org/forwords/)), or ask me to send you some in the post.

-Apologies for the erroneous John Cooper Clark listing in the last bulletin. He's not actually on until October, as someone kindly pointed out.

-Poetry sponsored by BMW...what next?  
<http://ted.com/tedtalks/tedtalksplayer.cfm?key=rives>

## LISTINGS

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Thursday 5 April

-Spoken Word Antics radio show  
9-10pm, [www.sheffieldlive.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldlive.org.uk)

Matt Clegg will be reading 'Trig Points', a series of haikus about the Lake District, with accompaniment from Simon Heywood on guitar. Jeff Cottrill, guest at March's Antics, performs several spoken word pieces (including 'How to Write and Perform a Slam Poem' and the entirely reflexive 'Review of this Piece') and talks about his work, the Perpetual Motion Roadtour, and why his last trip outside Canada ended in 'disaster and humiliation'. Plus another chance to hear Margot Douaihy's poems and her Antics interview, which we weren't able to fit into last month's show.

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Tuesday 10 April

-Spoken Word Antics: open mic + guests Nell Farrell and River Wolton  
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 is joined by Nell Farrell and River Wolton. Nell appeared on the Antics radio show in March, and you can listen to some of her poems on the Antics Audio Archive at <http://access-space.org/antics/AudioArchive.html>. Novelist

Simon Crump said of her: 'Just when you thought you'd heard it all before, her patient, distinctive voice raises you up then carefully crushes your heart'. River Wolton is well known around Sheffield for her writing and workshops, and in 2004 won the Red Pepper Poetry Competition.

Spoken Word Antics is an open space for all kinds of spoken word, and a friendly and informal evening. If you'd like to perform something (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. More details on [access-space.org/antics](http://access-space.org/antics).

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Thursday 19 April

-West House Books Presents...  
8pm, the Red Deer, Pitt Street (turn off West St. onto Mappin St., and Pitt St. is the second on the left) (£3/£1.50 concs).

West House Books presents a poetry reading to launch new books by:

-Geraldine Monk and David Annwn, It Means Nothing to Me  
-Zoë Skoulding and Ian Davidson, Dark Wires  
-Christine Kennedy, Nineteen Nights in San Francisco.

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Tuesday 1 May

-Sticky Bun Writers with Daniel Blythe  
7.30-9.30pm, Caffeteria (corner of Leopold St and Church St), Sheffield centre

Daniel Blythe talks about his experiences of helping prose writers towards publication and the kinds of assistance he offers. If you've a novel or short story lying about, complete or partly complete, come and learn more about how to work on and to market it.

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Wednesday 2 May

-Words Aloud  
7.35-9.30pm (bar till 12), Runaway Girl, 111 Arundel Street, Sheffield (near Hallam Uni. city campus) (free)

Up to three minutes to read anything you like! Words Aloud is 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. Whether it's a poem, a script extract, comedy writing, a short story, an advertising strapline, match report, blog or even, erm, a recipe for chicken and ham pie - all styles, ages and abilities are welcome. We'll be supplying a books trolley (Mrs O style) on the night for people who don't know what to read. Enquiries to [lain@wordsaloud@theworkshop.co.uk](mailto:lain@wordsaloud@theworkshop.co.uk).