

FORWORDS 74, Fri 1 June 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/>.

LISTINGS

Saturday 2 June

-Peace in the Park

12-8pm, Endcliffe Park, by Hunters Bar roundabout, Sheffield (free)

Festival raising funds for ASSIST and Stepping Stones Nigeria. Tons of activities throughout the day, including a short poetry set in the acoustic tent around 12.45-1pm featuring Jim Caruth, Matt Clegg, Tina McKeivitt, Stephen Sawyer, and Robin Vaughan-Williams. More details on www.peaceinthepark.org.uk.

-'I Was There'

12-4pm, Rotherham Library Theatre (free)

A celebration of the different aspects of people's lives in song, drama, and poetry, organised by the Rotherham Community Theatre and WEA. Among the performers will be Matt Black, Ray Hearne, Roy Blackman, and Glass Mountain Writers + open slots.

-Moral Panic

2pm-12.30am, Bar Abbey (in the Abbeydale Picture House), Abbeydale Road, Sheffield (£7)

Threadbare Collective presents an all-day event of music and poetry. Poets performing include Oliver Mantell (Sheffield), Rebecca Phillips and Georgie Pope (Leeds), and Sean Cartwright (Edinburgh). Tickets are available from the Threadbare website, www.threadbarecollective.co.uk.

Sunday 3 June

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests

8pm, Riverside Cafe, 1 Mowbray Street, Sheffield (bottom of Corporation St, over from Kelham Island). Free entry.

Every Sunday (term time) Opus entertain The Riverside Cafe for an evening of Free entertainment. The Riverside Bar is a contemporary pub offering numerous spirits, lagers & real ales; beautifully set alongside the River Don. Opus bring to you many different guests and friends each week (see www.opus-productions.co.uk for details). For info and slots contact <opus-creations@hotmail.co.uk>.

Tuesday 5 June

-Sticky Bun Writers: WEA 'Create 07'

7.30pm, Trippets Wine Bar, Trippet Lane, Sheffield S1 4EL (free)

Writing get together, this time at TRIPPET'S wine bar. Lots of classes, lots of readers from all parts of Sheffield's WEA (Workers Education Authority) network - with Rob Hindle and Liz Cashdan as presiding spirits. Not to be missed. Enquiries to Jenny King: ednjenny.king@btinternet.com, tel. 0114 236 6225.

Wednesday 6 June

-Words Aloud

7.30-9.30pm (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 Iain: wordsaloud@theworkshop.co.uk.

Tuesday 12 June

-Spoken Word Antics (DFL), open mic + guests Anna Robinson and Jo Roach

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.

Anna Robinson and Jo Roach both come from London, north and south of the river, and have been published by Hearing Eye. They write about the London that has been pushed aside by the hyperbolic narratives of city bonuses, cosmopolitan culture, and rapidly increasing house prices. Their poems suggest there is something more permanent and human, a city like any other, beneath the froth of the 'global metropolis'. If you would like to read at Antics just turn up on time and let us know when you arrive. More details on access-space.org/antics, or call Robin on 0114 258 7270.

Thursday 14 June

-Spoken Word Antics Radio Show
9-10pm, www.sheffieldlive.org

Details to be confirmed (keep an eye on access-space.org/antics for updates).

26 June

-Creatovate (www.creatovate.com)
8pm, The Showroom Cafe, Paternoster Row, Sheffield centre (free)

Comedy, sketches, poetry, storytelling, live music, and live art...CreatOvate produces quarterly cabaret style events that showcase work from individuals who are under-represented whilst also presenting more established performers. CreatOvate events challenge and entertain. We hope that each audience member who comes to see an event for one act will be inundated with many other acts inadvertently. Email creatovate@hotmail.co.uk for times and other more details.