

FORWORDS 80, Sat 22 Sept 2007

Spoken word, poetry, live literature events in the Sheffield area for the coming month. For information on forwords, listings and subscriptions, visit <http://www.access-space.org/forwords/>.

## NEWS

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-Poetry workshop with James Nash  
3.30-4.30pm 4 October, Rotherham Central Library

Looking at the world differently: Poet and journalist James Nash helps you unlock some poetry or prose in an hour of inspiration and the craft of writing. To book your FREE place please contact the Reader Development Team on 01709 815123 or e-mail [david.hague@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:david.hague@rotherham.gov.uk)

## LISTINGS

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22 September

-The Monk Companions (book launch)  
6pm, the Site Gallery (near the Showroom), 1 Brown Street, Sheffield ctr. (admission free).

An evening to celebrate the launch of THE SALT COMPANION TO GERALDINE MONK, the first collection of critical essays on this major Sheffield poet. Wine reception followed by poetry performances from Geraldine Monk herself and the poet-contributors: Bill Griffiths, David Kennedy, Christine Kennedy, Harriet Tarlo, Sean Bonney, David Annwn, Frances Presley, Elizabeth James, Chris Goode and Scott Thurston. To find out

more about the book please visit Salt Publishing at:  
<http://www.saltpublishing.com/books/scp/9781876857745.htm>.

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25 September

-Creatovate + Wordlife ([www.creatovate.com](http://www.creatovate.com),  
[www.myspace.com/wordlifeuk](http://www.myspace.com/wordlifeuk))  
8pm, The Workstation, Paternoster Row, Sheffield centre (free)

A legendary evening of comedy, cabaret, poetry, dance, music, art and unpredictability. Amongst an impressive collection of the great and the even greater; we'll have those loveable rouges Ere to 'Ere to entertain you; in what promises to be an unforgettable evening. As with all our events; our aim will be to promote an equal and diverse performance showcase, bringing together work from under-represented burgeoning talent within the same arena as other established performers. Contact: [creatovate@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:creatovate@hotmail.co.uk).

-Poems, Prose, and Pints  
7-10pm, Burton Street Bar, Burton Street, Hillsborough, S6 2HH (free).

An open mic night for creative writers to read out their words and network with others with the same interest. Come and share your work with others in a supportive and welcoming environment. More details from [mike.evans@burtonstreet.org.uk](mailto:mike.evans@burtonstreet.org.uk).

-Burngreave Open Mic  
6.30-8.30pm, The Furnival, Verdon Street, S3 9QQ (free). Bus 47/48 to Rock Street.

Singers, poets, comedians, musicians, and rappers are all welcome. For

more info contact Lungani Sibanda: 07850 444 788.

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Thursday 27 September

-Spoken Word Antics Radio Show  
9-10pm, [www.sheffieldlive.org](http://www.sheffieldlive.org)

A mix of recorded sessions with writers from Sheffield and further afield, live guests, and spoken word and poetry tracks from CDs, the internet, and anywhere else they can be found. Keep an eye on [www.access-space.org/antics](http://www.access-space.org/antics) for updates. If you miss this show it will be available as a podcast to listen to at a later date.

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Tuesday 2 October

-Sticky Bun Writers  
7.30pm, Caffeteria (corner of Leopold St and Church St), Sheffield centre (£2).

Bring your own work on the theme of 'childhood' for a readround. Enquiries to Jenny King: [ednjenny.king@btinternet.com](mailto:ednjenny.king@btinternet.com), tel. 0114 236 6225.

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7-10pm, Burton Street Bar, Burton Street, Hillsborough, S6 2HH (free).

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Thursday 4 October

-Poetry Evening with James Nash  
6-7.45pm, Wath Community Library, Montgomery Square, Rotherham, S63  
7RZ (free)

Hear poet and journalist James Nash read his poetry before inviting audience members to share theirs. Bring your poetry or old favourites. 'Coma Songs ... are magical, memorable poems: poignant yet rich with humour, and underpinned, above all, by a great humanity. A marvellous collection' (Sarah Waters). Contact the Reader Development Team on 01709 815123 or Wath Library on 01709 873542 for more information.

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Tuesday 9 October

-5 Years of 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. £2 donations.

Antics celebrates 5 years poetry, spoken word, urban fairytales and beautiful lies with cake and a programme of writers and performers chosen by popular request...more details to be announced soon, so keep an eye on the website. Please note, for this month only Antics will not include an open mic. More details on [access-space.org/antics](http://access-space.org/antics), or call Robin on 0114 258 7270.

-Speak Your Mind  
7pm, Burton Street Foundation, Hillsborough, S6 2HH (free).

A poetry reading event in conjunction with Prozac Prose for World Mental Health Week.

Poetry reading event in conjunction with 'Prozac Prose' for World Mental Health Week. All readers and writers welcome to come and read their own work or favourite pieces during the evening. Refreshments provided. More details from [mike.evans@burtonstreet.org.uk](mailto:mike.evans@burtonstreet.org.uk).

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Tuesday 16 October

-Poems, Prose, and Pints  
7-10pm, Burton Street Bar, Burton Street, Hillsborough, S6 2HH (free).

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Wednesday 17 October

-Words Aloud  
7.30-10pm (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](mailto:wordsaloud@theworkshop.co.uk).

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Saturday 20 October

-The Piggyback Poetry Slam, Derby ([www.uprisearts.com](http://www.uprisearts.com))  
7-10pm, Jasmine Cottage Gallery, 117 Chaddesden Lane, Derby, De 21 6LL  
(£3 audience, £4 slammers).

Derby's first poetry slam. Fast and furious fun with judges from the audience deciding the winner. If you'd like to take part, come armed with at least two poems of maximum length three minutes, and turn up early, or book your place by phone. Hosts: Richard Heley and Seema Gill. Tel. 01332 748 853, email [seema@uprisearts.com](mailto:seema@uprisearts.com).

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Tuesday 23 October

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