

FORWORDS 88, Monday 25 February 2008

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/>.

LISTINGS

Monday 25 February

-Spoken Word Antics Radio Show
6-7pm, Sheffield Live 93.2FM or www.sheffieldlive.org

Allegra Holbrook talks about Body Image, a new short story collection she is assembling on the theme of 'the body', with readings from herself and Corinne Salisbury. Rob Hindle will be reading poems drawing on his experience of Spain in the early 1990s, and we will also be hearing a story from January's guest at Antics, Zoe Lambert, as well an interview recorded with her when she visited Sheffield. Poetic interludes (to cover over the squeaks and creaks as we rearrange ourselves in the studio) from James Nash, who will be featuring in March's show. (www.access-space.org/antics/RadioShow.html)

Tuesday 26 February

-Words Aloud (www.wordsaloud.org)
7.30-10pm, Lescar Pub, Sharrowvale Road, Hunters Bar (£1)

Words Aloud is now at the Lescar last Tuesday of every month. Three mins to read whatever tickles yer fancy...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. Email us to book a slot info@wordsaloud.org or just turn up early and stick your name on the board.

-Poems, Prose, and Pints
7-10pm, Burton Street Bar, Burton Street, Hillsborough, S6 2HH (free).
THIS EVENT IS HELD EVERY WEEK ON TUESDAYS

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.

Wednesday 27 February

-Hallam Poets Series: Sean O'Brian
7.30-9pm, Peak Lecture Theatre (Level 5), Owen Building, Shef. Hallam

Uni. city campus (free).

Sean O'Brien returns to his old teaching grounds on the back of winning the T. S. Eliot Prize of Poetry with his latest collection *The Drowned Book*. Since leaving Sheffield Hallam University Sean has, amongst other things, published a verse version of Dante's *Inferno*, and also won the Forward Prize in 2006 (for best individual poem) and the Forward Prize 2007 for the Best collection of the year. His recent work focuses on Humberside - with particular attention given to the river systems and waterways that seeped into his childhood imagination. Sean will be reading his poetry alongside two poets who are currently on the MA Creative Writing programme, Fay Musselwhite and Bev Nadin.

Sunday 2 March

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests
8pm, Riverside Cafe, 1 Mowbray Street, Sheffield (bottom of Corporation St, over from Kelham Island). Free entry.
THIS EVENT IS HELD EVERY WEEK ON SUNDAYS

Every Sunday Opus entertains at the Riverside Cafe for an evening of free entertainment. The Riverside Bar is a contemporary pub offering numerous spirits, lagers & real ales; beautifully set along side the River Don. Opus bring to you a warm atmosphere suffused with 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>.

Monday 3 March

-Words and Things presents Poems and Pints
7.30pm, Roebuck Tavern, Charles Street, Sheffield Centre.

We're looking for writers, poets, lyricists, authors, singers, even comedians to air their works in a public performance. Words & Things regulars, slots for anyone who turns up and wishes to read their own writings, and a musical interlude involving a number of local solo artists. Buffet available. More details from the Words & Things website (www.mjnet.plus.com), where you can also hear a recording of the last Poems & Pints night.

Tuesday 4 March

-Sticky Bun Writers: Penny Feinstein and Liz Cashdan
7.30pm, Caffeteria, corner of Leopold and Church St, Sheffield ctr. (£2).

Penny Feinstein will celebrate the launch of her first poetry collection, *Willow Pattern*, which will just be out from Five Leaves. Penny, who lives in Calver, has published in a number of magazines and in anthologies, including *The Poetry Cure* from Bloodaxe, and has read at

the Poetry Society's Voice Box studio. Penny will be joined by Liz Cashdan. Suggestions and enquiries to Jenny King: email <ednjenny.king@btinternet.com>, tel. 0114236 6225.

Saturday 8 March

-Rob Hindle
2-3pm, Oxfam bookshop, 281-283 Fullwood Road (donations welcome).

Rob Hindle will be reading from his work, some old stuff, some new.
Bookings on 0114 266 4307.

-Hothouse Festival: Yarns
1-4pm, The Mansion House, Doncaster (free)

Artist Jan Flamank has been working with Doncaster women, collecting stories and images about their lives, their secret passions, dreams and aspirations. Jan has made these into a celebratory cloak, which will be displayed as part of International Women's Day. This drop-in event will also feature performances by 'Six Women Poets With A Kick' and you'll be able to sample a delicious range of homemade cakes with tea and coffee. More details from 01302 862 394.

Tuesday 11 March

-Spoken Word Antics: open mic + Matt Clegg and Chris Jones
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/£1 donations.

In March Antics hones in on the haiku and tanka of Matt Clegg and Chris Jones. There will also be plenty of open slots for all kinds of spoken word. If you'd like to perform something, your own or somebody else's, just let us know on the night. More details on www.access-space.org/antics/, or call Robin on 0114 258 7270.

Saturday 15 March

-Doncaster Readers and Writers Fair / Signposts
1-4pm, The Mansion House Ballroom, Doncaster (free)

Are you an aspiring writer or a member of a book club? Or maybe you've entered the HotHouse limerick competition? Whatever your literary passions the Doncaster Readers and Writers Fair is the place for you. In association with Signposts, the very first Doncaster Readers and Writers Fair will have something for everyone. Hosted by Nell Farrell and Matt Black, loads of information is on offer about writing groups, getting started, competitions, courses and how to get published. There'll also

be readings and prizes for our favourite HotHouse limericks and a supply of tea, coffee and cakes! www.doncasterhothouse.co.uk/spokenword.html

Wednesday 19 March

-Changing Lives

7.30pm, The Point, Doncaster (£7.50, £6.00, £3.50 under 16)

A co-production with Midland Creative Projects, Bloodaxe Books and Warwick Arts Centre. Changing Lives is poetry as it should be experienced – full of wit, vitality and emotion. It is inspired by every aspect of our lives - from birth to death and all the glorious details in between. And while there are moments of sadness, Changing Lives also provides comedy and thought-provoking stories. Performed as a theatre piece with a haunting soundtrack, moving images and a stunning design, Changing Lives will prove that good poetry, brilliantly performed, is an experience like no other. BOX OFFICE 01302 342349.
www.doncasterhothouse.co.uk/spokenword.html