

FORWORDS 84, Fri 23 Nov 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

-Geraldine Monk will be running a writing workshop on Saturday 1 December, 11.30am-4.30pm, at Signposts, the Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield, S1 4FW. The workshop will begin by looking at a range of experimental poems and publications and a brief talk and discussion on the possibilities and potentials of the poetic text. This will be followed by some 'warming up' exercises leading up to a reworking of existing poems. The workshop will end with an informal discussion and group assessment of the day's achievements. Please bring along a small selection of poems, preferably your own. Places can be booked by sending a cheque (£12/£6 concs) payable to 'Signposts' to the address given above. Enquiries to 0114 253 6722, or [info@signpostssouthyorks.org.uk](mailto:info@signpostssouthyorks.org.uk).

## LISTINGS

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Sunday 25 November

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

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](http://www.opus-productions.co.uk) for details). For info and slots contact <[opus-creations@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:opus-creations@hotmail.co.uk)>.

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Monday 26 November

-Spoken Word Antics Radio Show  
6-7pm, Sheffield Live 93.2FM (Sheffield-Rotherham), [www.sheffieldlive.org](http://www.sheffieldlive.org)

Live in the studio there will be fiction from Linda Lee Welch (author of *The Leader of the Swans* and *The Artist of Eikando*), Andy Hirst reading from his *Frome Primer* (launched by Longbarrow on 22 Nov), and more poems from Michael Greavy, one of the first guests on the show back in Sept 2006. Some of Michael's poems are available to listen to on the Antics sound archive. There will also be material from Sarah Murphy, with more to follow in coming months. More info from [www.access-space.org/antics](http://www.access-space.org/antics).

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Tuesday 27 November

-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).

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Friday 30 November

-When Bill Danced the War, by Sarah Murphy  
7.45pm, The Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James Street, Sheffield (£5/£3).

In a Word Hoard collaboration with musicians Shaun Blezard and Keith Jafrate, Canadian writer Sarah Murphy performs When Bill Danced the War, which draws on the horrors witnessed by her Choctaw father Bill, a sailor who was involved in 3 American wars. The trio have created an intense sound world that mixes radio, pow wow drums, loops, effects, samples and saxophones, to surround Sarah's fierce anti-war story. To book ring Matt 0114 255 4030. <http://www.wordhoard.co.uk/tinkerbelle.htm>

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Sunday 2 December

-Launch of 'Miniatures', by Chris Jones  
8pm, The Red Deer, 18 Pitt Street, Sheffield (free)

Longbarrow Press presents the launch of 'Miniatures', a new sequence of poems by Chris Jones, who will be reading from his work and available to discuss the new poems. E.g. 'You call along our ginnel to catch its echo/ the way you caw at roof-top crows/ or blow my arm to try the sound of skin,/ or slap your hands against this mossy wall./ Vowels fan out like petals around you.'

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Tuesday 4 December

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

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Wednesday 5 December

-Words Aloud (<http://wordsaloud.org/>)  
7.30-10pm, Runaway Girl, 111 Arundel Street, Sheffield (near Hallam

Uni. city campus) (free)

Three mins to read whatever tickles yer fancy. 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. Email us to book a slot [info@wordsaloud.org](mailto:info@wordsaloud.org) or just turn up early and stick your name on the board.

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Sunday 9 December

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

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Tuesday 11 December

-Spoken Word Antics: open mic + Keith Armstrong and Trev Teasdel  
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.

December sees the return of two poets from the North East: Keith Armstrong (Newcastle) and Trev Teasdel. Keith's poems reverberate with the mythology, folklore, history, shipbuilders, streets and jingling characters of Tyneside. They are 'different, original, and politically exhilarating' (Andy Croft). Trev Teasdel is a lively underground performance poet, songwriter, and co-organiser of Stockton's Writers Cafe. Spoken Word Antics is an open mic without the mic, a space for all kinds of spoken word, and a friendly and informal evening. If you'd like to perform something, 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), or call Robin on 0114 258 7270.

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

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Sunday 16 December

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

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