

FORWORDS 81, Thu 4 Oct 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

### -Write out Loud

If you haven't heard about it already, Write out Loud provides poetry listings for all over the UK. You can now post gigs yourself directly onto the Write Out Loud gig guide: [www.writeoutloud.net](http://www.writeoutloud.net). Go to the bottom left of the home page and follow the simple instructions.

### -Grow Sheffield

...are organising a Renga Ramble on 13 October from 11am-4pm. Join poet Paul Conneally and Anne-Marie Culhane, environmental artist in a renga ramble from Sheffield centre to the allotment gardens and wilder spaces on Sheffield's North eastern edge.

...and they're inviting artists and performers to take part in allotment performances/installations on Sunday 14 October 1pm-4pm in Sheffield.

For more about both events visit [www.growsheffield.com](http://www.growsheffield.com) or write to [mail@amculhane.co.uk](mailto:mail@amculhane.co.uk).

### -Off the Shelf Festival of Writing and Reading

This year Off the Shelf runs from 13 October to 3 November, and there's tonnes of stuff going on...too much to include here, so if you want to find out more, visit their website: [www.offtheshelf.org.uk](http://www.offtheshelf.org.uk).

## LISTINGS

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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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Sunday 7 October

### -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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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.

The line up so far - it's not worth missing!

- > Michael Greavy: Rat in the Dead Beer Garden and other stories
- > Andy Hirst: part 1 of the Frome Primer
- > Corinne Salisbury: Coleridge, Romanticism, stuff, old and new
- > Robin Vaughan-Williams: manager no.1, manager no.2, manager no.3...(you get the picture)
- > Tina McKeivitt: the IRA monologue
- > Matt Black: snails and other things
- > Philip Howarth: the day it snowed feelings, and Rotherham Grand Central
- > Tom Stafford: 1983, 1968, 1848...what next? historical vignettes, moments of revolution
- > Matt Clegg: The Nobody Sonnets

More details on [www.access-space.org/antics](http://www.access-space.org/antics). N.B. There is no open mic this month.

-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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Sunday 14 October

-Timbre Music

7.30pm, Lantern Theatre, Kenwood Park Road (at the junction of Priory Road), Nether Edge, Sheffield (£5/4)

An evening of poetry and music featuring:

- Matt Black and guitarist Adam White narrate the story of Jonny Donut in Surf.
  - James Caruth presents Dark Peak - a poem in the form of a mass with music written and performed by Sheffield Academy of Music.
  - Matthew Clegg reads Trig Points, a Lake District sequence, accompanied by Simon Heywood on guitar.
  - Andrew Hirst performs The Snail Drunk, a black-hearted restaurant farce, with Brian Lewis on tapes.
  - Chris Jones reads Miniatures, poems about fatherhood and family ties.
- Advance tickets (£5 / £4 cons) are available from Sheffield Theatres: 0114 249 6000. Enquiries to [Brian.Lewis@openwork.uk.com](mailto:Brian.Lewis@openwork.uk.com).

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests

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Tuesday 16 October

-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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Wednesday 17 October

-Words Aloud

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) <<http://wordsaloud.org/wp-admin/mailto=info@wordsaloud.org>> or just turn up early and stick your name on the board.

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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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Sunday 21 October

-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 23 October

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

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Wednesday 24 October

-Words Aloud: Young People Spesh

A one off Words Aloud for young people (ages 13-18) in conjunction with Sheffield Young Writers. 7.00-9.00. If you're a young person, bring yer stuff to read - usual rules apply (no more than 3 mins), or just come down and support the wealth of Sheffield young talent. Contact [info@wordsaloud.org](mailto:info@wordsaloud.org).

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Thursday 25 October

-John Cooper Clarke  
The Boardwalk, Snig Hill, Sheffield centre (£15! contact box office for times and tickets: 0870 1451207)

In a vain attempt at bourgeois credibility, Manchester's sharp-dressed, sharp-delivering punk poet Lenny, changed his name to John Cooper Clarke and embarked on a polysyllabic excursion though Thrillsville. Clad in the slum chic of the hipster, he issued the slang anthems of the zip age

in the desperate esperanto of bop. Expect a mix of hilarious anecdotes of life in a Northern town interspersed with machine-gun fast delivery of some of his best poems. 'If you think poetry is dull and boring, or posh and erudite - you haven't seen JCC!'

-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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Saturday 27 October

-Derwent Poetry Festival ([www.templarpoetry.co.uk](http://www.templarpoetry.co.uk))  
2-9pm, Masson Mills, Matlock Bath (day ticket or individual tickets available)

First day of new poetry festival. Saturday features awards for and readings from winners of Templar Poetry Pamphlet Competition; Pat Borthwick, Pat Winslow, Linda Cash; Jean Sprackland, Jane Weir. For more details and tickets visit the website or call 01629 582 500.

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Sunday 28 October

-Derwent Poetry Festival ([www.templarpoetry.co.uk](http://www.templarpoetry.co.uk))  
12-9pm, Masson Mills, Matlock Bath (day ticket or individual tickets available)

Second day of the festival. Sunday features Mike Barlow and Derek Adams; Angela Cleland and Jim Caruth; Judy Brown and Rob Hindle; and Simon Armitage.

For more details and tickets visit the website or call 01629 582 500.

-Opus Unplugged: open mic + guests  
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Tuesday 30 October

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

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Sunday 4 November

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