FORWORDS 20, FRI 18 FEB 2005

Saturday 19 February

-Burngreave Poetry Slam Furnival Community Centre, Verdon Street, Burngreave. 2-4pm.

Two teams of poets lock pens in a fiercely gentle battle of the bards. Poets needed - prizes for all. Scores awarded from a carefully selected random mix of judges from the audience. For more info, call 0114 279 4960 or email anne@burngreavelearning.org

-Improvised music and poetry, 8pm The Old Queen's Head, Pond Street, Sheffield. £5 waged, £3 unwaged.

Music from Mick Beck (tenor sax, bassoon, whistles) and Paul Hession (drumset). Spiky or humorous, compelling, fluent they offer the best of abstract free and dangerous driving. Geraldine Monk - a provocative mixture of the random, the alien, and the familiar.

Further info from Mick Beck, 0114 258 4999, email <mick.beckl@btinternet.com>.

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-Open Space Coffee Revolution, Sheffield University Students' Union. 8-10pm. Free. Turn up early to book a 10-15 minute slot.

An ideal atmosphere for first time perfomers and seasoned artists alike. An open, honest, chilled, fun night every time. The event welcomes all styles, shapes and forms of expression. For more info, contact Phill on 0779 971 4605 or email <fillclay@yahoo.co.uk>

Saturday 26 February

-Story workshop with Matt Black Rotherham Arts Centre, 10am-3pm. Free.

Tuesday 1 March

-Sticky Bun Writers' Club Upstairs in the Fat Cat pub, Alma Street, next to Kelham Island Museum. 8.15pm. Free.

Open to all. Heeley Women Writers, led by Nell Farrell, will read from recent work. Come and here some new (and some familiar) voices! Contact Jenny King, 84 Knowle Lane, S11 9SJ (0114 236 6225).

Thursday 3 March

-Penelope Shuttle, 5.30-7pm Rehearsal Room 1, Sheffield University Theatre Workshop, Shearwood Road, off Glossop Road. Free to all.

Penelope Shuttle, a celebrated novelist and poet for over 30 years now, will be reading from her work and answering questions. Her works include _The Orchard Upstairs_, _Building a City for Jamie_, and _The Wise Wound: Menstruation and Everywoman_.

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Monday 7 March

-Burngreave Open Mic

The Furnival, Verdon Street, Burngreave. Buses 47/48 to Rock Street. 6.30-8.30pm. Free

Calling all singers, rappers, poets, storytellers, comedians, musicians, etc. Come and witness the talent coming out of your communities! For further information contact Vincent Turner at Creative Burngreave. Tel. 0114 221 1892. Email: v.turner@sheffieldartsed.org.uk

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Tuesday 8 March

-Spoken Word Antics

Upstairs at the Red Deer on Pitt St., Sheffield, 8pm for 8.30pm start. Turn off West St. onto Mappin St., and Pitt St. is the second on the left. Donation: 50p-fl.

Stories, poetry, urban fairytales, beautiful lies, the ugly truth. A friendly, informal atmosphere. No stage, no amplification. Come listen or speak. For more info email <antics@lowtech.org>, phone 0114 258 7270, or visit the website: http://access.lowtech.org/antics

Thursday 10 March

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Saturday 12 March

-Poetry workshop with John Turner

Rotherham Arts Centre, 10am-3pm. Free.

Tuesday 15 March

-Burngreave Open Mic, with special guest Danny Poyser The Furnival, Verdon Street, Burngreave. Buses 47/48 to Rock Street. 6.30-8.30pm. Free

Calling all singers, rappers, poets, storytellers, comedians, musicians, etc. Come and witness the talent coming out of your communities! Local actor Danny Poyser (Coronation St, Casualty, The Ward, etc) will talk about his experiences and offer advice to any budding actors in the area. For further information contact Vincent Turner at Creative Burngreave. Tel. 0114 221 1892. Email: v.turner@sheffieldartsed.org.uk