Tuesday 3 May

-Sticky Bun Writers, with Ian Pople

F.O.B., Church Street, Sheffield city centre (near cathedral and Cutlers' Hall). 7.30-9.30pm.

Ian Pople will read from his recent collection _An Occasional Lean-To_. Ian has read at the Fat Cat from his earlier collection A Glass Enclosure_. He lives in Saddleworth and works as a tutor for the WEA and for Manchester University.

Enquiries to Jenny King, 84 Knowle Lane, Sheffield S11 9SJ. Tel. 0114 236 6225

Monday 9 May

-Burngreave Open Mic: *Poetry Meets Rap Special*

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

Guest performers Rob Hindle and Matt Black on poetry, with Jonathan Williams from Sheffield rap group, Hoodz Underground. Poetry performers welcome to join in slam. A must date for anybody wishing to develop their poetry/rap styles. For further information contact Vincent Turner at Creative Burngreave. Tel. 0114 221 1892. Email: v.turner@sheffieldartsed.org.uk

Tuesday 10 May

-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-£1.

Stories, poetry, urban fairytales, beautiful lies, the ugly truth. A friendly, informal atmosphere. No stage, no amplification. If you d like to perform just let us know when you arrive. For more info email <antics@lowtech.org>, phone 0114 258 7270, or visit the website: http://access.lowtech.org/antics.

Wednesday 11 May

-Pirate Writers open mic

Raynor Lounge/The Cupboard, off Bar One in Sheffield University Union Building. 9pm-1am.

Open mic featuring music and spoken word/poetry. Any queries to Steve at <ega02sjl@sheffield.ac.uk>.

Tuesday 17 May

-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

Saturday 21 May

-Sheffield Poetry International, with John Havelda, Ligia Roque, and Geraldine Monk FOB, Church Street, Sheffield city centre (near cathedral and Cutlers' Hall). 8pm. £3/£1.50

Readings by the Anglo-Hungarian poet John Havelda and Sheffield's own Geraldine Monk, with fado by the Portuguese singer Ligia Roque. The third in a series of readings featuring international alongside locally-based poets. Supported by Arts Council England.

Contact Alan Halsey & Geraldine Monk, 0114 258 6035 (alan@nethedge.demon.co.uk), or David Kennedy, 0114 244 1202 (dgk@kennedy.fsworld.co.uk)

Tuesday 7 June

-Sticky Bun Writers, with _Staple_ F.O.B., Church Street, Sheffield city centre (near cathedral and Cutlers' Hall). 7.30-9.30pm.

Staple editors Elizabeth Barrett and Ann Atkinson host a special event to mark the publication of the _Alt-Gen_ issue of _Staple_ magazine. _Alt-Gen_ celebrates the work of the small poetry presses and features the work of thirteen poets selected from collections nominated for the Alt-Gen promotion by UK small press editors. The special issue also showcases the work of up-and-coming writers (selected by the Staple Editorial Board), some of whom will be reading from their work.

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Tuesday 14 June

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