

FORWORDS 19, Fri 4 Feb 2005

Is Sheffield about to become South Yorkshires first ever 24-hour poetry city?

Judging by next weeks line up, the answer can only be YES.

In the words of the web:

more powerful than a hurricane, more packed than a snowball,
refreshing as a spring breeze and as fun as only Ms. Frizzle can make it
next week IS MORE PACKED THAN david beckhams GARAGE!!!
I think its be cause of the rise in population.

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Monday 7 February

-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, poets, 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

Tuesday 8 February

-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.

An informal evening of poetry, stories, urban fairytales, and beautiful lies. Come
listen or speak. Strictly human technology. For more info email
<antics@lowtech.org>, or visit the website: <http://access.lowtech.org/antics>

Thursday 10 February

-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 performers 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 12 February

- 'Peace' writing workshop with River Wolton
Signposts Training Room, Signposts, 4th floor Furnival House, Furnival Gate, Sheffield S1 4QP. 10am-4pm. £8/£4 (concs). To book, send a cheque payable to 'Signposts' to the address given.

Sheffield-based poet and teacher River Wolton gives a writing class based on Natalie Goldman's revolutionary 'writing practice' technique. Through reading and listening deeply this workshop will offer a chance to explore the obstacles to, and possibilities for, peace in our lives.

For more info, call 0114 263 4787 or email signposts@lineone.net

- Borderlines, with Rachel Pantechnicon and Project Adorno
Sheffield Independent Film, 5 Brown Street, Sheffield S1 2BS (near Showroom Cinema and Site Gallery). 7.30pm. £4 full price, £3 students/low income

An evening of innovative and beguiling verbal performance. From London: Rachel Pantechnicon - the love child that Eddie Izzard and Pam Ayres never told us about?; Project Adorno - sci-fi lo-fi beat poetry and electronics. From Sheffield: Harrier Jasmin, criminal mastermind tells all; poetry shots from James Lock, Leanne Marks, & Robin Vaughan-Williams.

For more information call 0114 258 7270 or email antics@lowtech.org

Wednesday 16th February

- Sheffield Poetry International presents a reading by Trevor Joyce and E.A. Markham
Simunye, 229 London Road, Sheffield. 8 pm. £3/£1.50

The first in a series of readings featuring international alongside locally-based poets. Trevor Joyce is from Cork and his work is collected in 'With the First Dream of Fire They Hunt the Cold' (Shearsman Books); E.A. Markham's latest collection is 'Lambchops with Sally Goodman' (Salt

Publishing). The series is 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)

Thursday 17 February

-Open Space

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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

Thursday 24 February

-Open Space

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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).