

## **Sun 27 Jun 2010**

### **Debenham Arts Festival (Fri 18 Jun 2010 - Sun 27 Jun 2010)**

**Where:** Debenham, Suffolk

**Description:** "Debenham Arts Festival was started in 2009 with the aim of enabling the community to become more involved in the arts." Poetry, Music, visual Arts, Drama, Literature.

See <http://debenhamartsfestival.co.uk/> for details.

### **16:30 - 17:00 Glastonbury Poetry Diaries**

**Where:** BBC Radio 4

**Entry:** nowt, it's on the radio!

**Description:** "5 poets (**Helen Gregory, Pete Hunter, Hollie McNish, Andreatta Chuma** and **Dreadlockalien**) appearing at Glastonbury Festival will be recording their musings with poetry and prose, wit and wonder. On their last day they will broadcast these on BBC Radio 4. For those of you who will beat the Festival, you can catch this at your own convenience on BBCiPlayer.

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=120214864688896>

### **17:00 - 18:30 Storytails Chapter 3**

**Where:** The Pangea Project, 72 Stamford Hill, London

**Entry:** free; featured storytellers (contact Gabriella for the chance to read!)

**Description:** "Featuring readings of short fictional stories from some professional, and some not-quite-so professional writers, Storytails is open to all, and free to attend. For adults who miss being read to, there await both sparkly new and solidly accomplished storytellers to share their unusual tales with you.

"Already confirmed to read are: **Heather Hampson, Katy Darby, Paul Eccentric** and a surprise guest whose initials I can reveal are **G** and **A**...

"Doors open at 5pm, then readings will begin around 5:15 or thereabouts. See you then!"

"Although Storytails is free to attend, donations towards the organisation of it are welcome, with all profits being given to alternating local charities each month.

<http://www.storytails.org/july.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=129301827103387>

### **19:30 - 22:30 Torriano Poets**

**Where:** Torriano Meeting House, 99 Torriano Avenue, London NW5 2RX

**Entry:** £5/3; Open Mic

**Description:** Contact: call 0207 267 2751. Weekly event with the Torriano poets, with guest readers and open mic slots.

(Information from <http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/yearevents.php>)

**Sun 27 Jun 2010 continued...**

**19:00 - 22:00 Cross Kings Open Mic**

**Where:** The Cross Kings, 126, York Way, Kings Cross, London N1 0AX

**Entry:** free; weekly Music and Poetry Open Mic

**Description:** Hosted by the almost ubiquitous Richard Tyrone Jones (or at least by another Utter luminary until the man himself is feeling a little more bouncy), this is what he has to tell us about the night: "A fun-packed and recuperating Sunday evening in the company of a broad selection of not-too-noisy musicians, raconteurs and wandering minstrels. Not just for performers, this is a perfect way for you all to wind-down gradually from the excesses of the weekend... and it's infinitely better than the telly :)"

Oddly enough, it's very close to Kings Cross station (huzzah)!

Find out more at: <http://www.thecrosskings.co.uk>

**20:00 - 23:00 Word Up! Open Mic**

**Where:** The Horns, 1 Hempstead Road, Watford, WD17 3RL

**Entry:** free; open mic poetry

**Description:** Paul Eccentric of Rrrants has passed this one on. We know nothing more except that it's apparently a great venue...! Check <http://www.thehornswatford.co.uk/> for general details.

**19:30 - 22:30 PUREandGOODandRIGHT June featuring Dave Thomson (Mirth Through Verse)**

**Where:** The Slug and Lettuce, 38-40 Warwick Street, Leamington Spa CV32 5JS

**Entry:** £3/ £2 concessions; a lovely Open Mic night with guest headliner - supportive, intimate, sweet and well-organised.

**Description:** Both seasoned poets and first time performers most welcome. They aim for a 7.30pm start so please arrive a bit earlier to book a slot.

"As you know, each month we also invite a fabulous guest performance poet. Joining us this time is our very own, and highly amusing Dave Thomson

"Dave has had a love of poetry since his schooldays in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire... although back then P.B. was in Middlesex. He has only been writing verse for three years, following a chance encounter with Sarah Duran in Tesco Express, Dorridge. He was encouraged to come along to PGR Leamington in May 2007 as an audience member. A month later he was back at PGR reading his first two poems. Any complaints about him or his poems should be taken up with Sarah at Tesco...

"Since February 2009 Dave has performed his poetry at Kidderminster Town Hall and other venues during solo spots at Kidderminster Male Choir Concerts, for several retirement groups, Rotary and Probus clubs. He enjoys performing as a 'tongue in cheek' grumpy old man- particularly to audiences of a certain age. He has a fan group in Bromsgrove of grey, white and blue haired old ladies."

"With open mic support from.....yes.....YOU!

"If you're planning to come along, or would like to know more about the night, please email [pgrpoetryandpints@talktalk.net](mailto:pgrpoetryandpints@talktalk.net)

**Mon 28 Jun 2010**

**Artist Enterprise (Fri 18 Jun 2010-Fri 20 Aug 2010)**

**Where:** 2Funky Arts BASE, 2Funky Records, 62 Belgrave Gate, Leicester, LE1 3GQ

**Entry:** free training programme for unemployed creatives.

**Description:** "Are you aged 16 plus? Not in employment, education or training? Or on jobseekers' or incapacity benefit? Got an artistic talent? 2Funky Arts are running a FREE training programme for people who are interested in using their creativity in a future career. Budding Singers, MC's, DJ's, creative Writers, Poets, Digital artists, Musicians, VJ's, Film-makers, performance artists and Photographers welcome. Whatever your art form we want to hear from you!"

Learn about:

- ✓ The creative industries
- ✓ Making money from leading workshops in the community
- ✓ Promoting your own work

"Sessions led by established artists and industry insiders who are already earning!

"When? You'll need to commit to weekly, afternoon workshops over ten weeks, between June and August 2010.

"Where? Base, 2Funky Records, 62 Belgrave Gate, Leicester City Centre. A Transport contribution will be offered and this opportunity will not affect your benefits. Places are limited and issued on a first come first served basis. To register, or for more info, please contact Lauren on [Lauren@2funkyarts.co.uk](mailto:Lauren@2funkyarts.co.uk)/ 0116 222 0639.

"For more info about 2FunkyArts and our past projects please see <http://www.2funkyarts.co.uk>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=121872137824440>

**19:00 - 22:30 Dyssing Mondays**

**Where:** The Edinburgh Cellars, 125 Newington Green Road, London N1 4RA

**Entry:** £? An unknown quantity but bound to be fab. See below:

**Description:** A new night from the Rrrants Boys 'n' Girls - and a cause close to the collective Kapow! Bosom: "we are dedicated to promoting dyslexic writers and plan to make dyssing monadys as well as DYS-PLA festival, a permanent fixture to the London Poetry/ Film/ Fringe scene. One day we will have our very own place in the library, on stage, in cinemas... we will establish our own genera, we will become the new power heroes ready to take on the entertainment industry... wahhhwahh"

Check out The Antipoet Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=151986849312>) for more details.

**Mon 28 Jun 2010 continued...**

**19:30 - 21:30 451**

**Where:** The Nuffield Studio, University Rd, Southampton, SO17 1TR, University Rd, Southampton, SO17 1T

**Entry:** £5/ £3 bi-monthly showcase of featured poets plus Open Mic

**Description:** "Expect Articulate artistry, expressive eloquence and verbal thrills 'n' spills."

This month featuring:

- ✓ **Elvis McGonagall** "Elvis is a national and world poetry slam winner who received a Guardian four star review for his first one-man show, One Man and his Doggeral, at Edinburgh festival in 2009. He's a stand-up poet, an armchair revolutionary, a recumbent rocker and one of the poets in residence on BBC Radio 4's Saturday Live."

<http://www.elvismcgonagall.co.uk/>

- ✓ **Andreattah Chuma** "Andreattah 'Drea' Chuma is one of the more established faces in Botswana's young spoken word poetry scene. She has toured the UK with the Four Continents Poetry Slam and is back for her second invitation to perform at Glastonbury Festival where last year she was given a standing ovation."

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=147205730991&v=info>

- ✓ Plus **Anthony Fairweather** "Multi-Hammer & Tongue Slam winning, Hope FM regular, fast-paced, rhythmic, rhyming, satirical poet."

<http://www.anthonyfairweather.com>

- ✓ **Pablo** "Charismatic Southampton-based rhymer with a deep, lyrical flow."

And **Open Mic:** "A chance to strut your poetry stuff on the Nuffield Studio stage. Space is limited, so sign up by emailing: [pete@applesandsnakes.org](mailto:pete@applesandsnakes.org)  
All ably hosted by **Steve Purcell**.

Booking: 02380 671771 02380 671771

<http://www.nuffieldtheatre.co.uk>

Info: <http://www.applesandsnakes.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=128485627181252>

**Tue 29 Jun 2010**

**Artist Enterprise (Fri 18 Jun 2010-Fri 20 Aug 2010)**

**Where:** 2Funky Arts BASE, 2Funky Records, 62 Belgrave Gate, Leicester, LE1 3GQ

**Entry:** free training programme for unemployed creatives.

**Description:** See page 3 for details.

**19:00 - 23:00 Chill Pill: a Weekly mellow vibe night Of Music & Spoken Word**

**Where:** Every Tuesday @ Scream Bar (near Brick Lane) ,, Bethnal Green road, london E2 7DG

**Entry:** free; featured artists and chilling

**Description:** Your hosts are:

**Mista Gee** - Host/DJ/ Poet (BBC's Russell Brand Radio Show)

<http://www.myspace.com/djmrgee>

**Raymond Antrobus** - Host/ Poet (ThePoem.Inbetween.People collective)

<http://www.myspace.com/raymondantrobus>

**Deanna Rodger** - Host/ poet (The Roundhouse Poets Collective)

<http://www.myspace.com/deannarodger>

"A FREE mellow music and Spoken Word night that's all about chillin'. Smooth Old School Grooves: Funk, Soul, Indie, Ska, Rock, everything else!

"Line-Up (Three AMAZING emerging Spoken Word Artists)

"Running every Tuesday from 1st June 2010 at Scream Bar (Top of Brick Lane off Bethnal Green Road)

"See you there!"

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=122932134395384>

**19:30 - 22:30 Poetry Unplugged**

**Where:** The Poetry Cafe, 22 Betterton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9BX

**Entry:** £4/3; Open Mic

**Description:** "London's premier open mic night. Come and signup between 6 and 7pm to be in the line up. Hosted by Niall O'Sullivan."

Contact: 0207 420 9887 email: [poetrycafe@poetrysociety.org.uk](mailto:poetrycafe@poetrysociety.org.uk)

Check <http://www.poetrysociety.org.uk/content/cafe/events/> for details. (Information from <http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/yearevents.php> and the Poetry Society website.)

**Tue 29 Jun 2010 continued...**

**19:30 - 22:30 The Farrago Summer SLAM!**

**Where:** RADA Foyer Bar, Malet St

**Entry:** £7/ £5 concessions (or nearabouts); open slam and featured performers

**Description:** "Open to ANY Poet SLAM!

"Features include Fran Landesman, Dudley Sutton, Clair Whitefield and others tbc!"

Your host is **John Paul**

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=120747117961080>

**20:00 - 22:30 Catweazle Club London**

**Where:** The North London Tavern, 375 Kilburn High Rd, London NW6 7QB

**Entry:** £5 performers free (Open Mic Event) Acoustic music and poetry night.

**Description:** "An intimate and magical space for musicians, singers, poets, storytellers and performance artists of every imaginable hue, who grace the stage every week. A chance to sit, to listen, to connect, to inspire and to be inspired..."

Sounds a bit funky...! :)

Contact [mother@catweazleclub.org](mailto:mother@catweazleclub.org) or the venue on 020 7625 6634

<http://catweazleclub.org>

(Information from <http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/yearsevents.php> and the Catweazle Club website)

**20:00 - 24:00 needleandthread open mic**

**Where:** The Half Moon, 10 Half Moon Lane, Herne Hill, London SE24 9HU

**Entry:** free; Open Mic spoken word and music; sign up from 7pm

**Description:** "We have a large, and beautiful sounding p.a., professional engineers, and half price pizza! all music welcome, from spoken word, to solo musicians, and acoustic singer/songwriters.. relaxed atmosphere, receptive audiences.. bring down your lyric books, your instruments, and yourselves!

"Contact: Len Hovis 07708245035" (Information from

<http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/yearsevents.php>)

**Wed 30 Jun 2010**

**Artist Enterprise (Fri 18 Jun 2010-Fri 20 Aug 2010)**

**Where:** 2Funky Arts BASE, 2Funky Records, 62 Belgrave Gate, Leicester, LE1 3GQ

**Entry:** free training programme for unemployed creatives.

**Description:** See page 3 for details.

**19:30 - 23:30 Folkin' Great Music Menagerie! 2010**

**Where:** Mama Liz's Voodoo Lounge, 9 North Street

**Entry:** £4.50; music and spoken word charity fundraiser

**Description:** "Come and join us at the wonderful Mama Liz's Voodoo Lounge for a fabulous folk and poetry charity evening.

"Hosted by Candyland PR In Association with Stamford Riverside Festival 2010.

**Artists & Bands:**

- ✓ **Pica Pica** "are Cecca, Connie, Fiona Julie and Liz all living in or around Stamford... Our extensive repertoire has emerged over the seven years we have been singing together and ranges from folk to world music, gospel to swing."

<http://www.myspace.com/picapicaofficial>

- ✓ **Pennyless** "play original songs and lively jiggety folk tunes from Ireland, Scotland and England."

<http://www.myspace.com/pennylessduo>

- ✓ **Irene Rae** "Life and how people treat others are the main influences on Irene Rae's reflective and emotional sound. Irene explores the residual effects of seemingly thoughtless actions of humanity through her diverse songs, that float between delicate melodies and painful, bitter undertones in a heartbeat.

<http://www.irenerae.co.uk/>

- ✓ **Keely Mills** - "Host of Speakeasy events with special guests:

**The Wooden Pegs** TBC; **Michael 'Mixy' Ricardi**, Peterborough's Poet Laureate in residence and one half of [awesome Peterborough Spoken Word duo] 'The Dead Poets'; **Richard Harris** - "To say his poetry lacks structure and does not follow the rules of the art would be entirely accurate. Sometimes bits of it rhyme." and **Mark Grist** - Host of Speakeasy events and the other half of 'The Dead Poets'

Please note this is a fundraiser event so expect our cheery bucketeers to be amongst you and collecting for ASBAH.

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=120816271278560>

**Wed 30 Jun 2010 continued...**

**20:00 - 22:00 Tragedy, Poetry and Vinyl**

**Where:** Boston Arms, Tufnell Park

**Entry:** £7/£5 conc (available on door but subject to availability); featured acts of music, spoken word and merriment; part of the Holloways Arts Festival

**Description:** "You'll cry, you'll laugh, you'll boogie. An evening of music, magic and mayhem from **John Hegley, Aoife Mannix, Janie Armour, Malika Booker** and **Rachel Pantechnicon**. With **Tim Wells** spinning the decks.

"For details of all this year's events at Holloway Arts Festival, including age ranges, please check out: <http://www.hollowayartsfestival.co.uk/>

To find out more about Rowan Arts please visit:

<http://www.therowanartsproject.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=124521417569760>

**20:30 - 22:30 Femmes by the Thames - Rosie Wilby, Lady Carol and more**

**Where:** RVT, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, London SE11 5HY

**Entry:** £5 on the door; 7pm doors for 8:30pm start; featured acts

**Description:** "**Rosie Wilby** presents Femmes by the Thames – a sassy sister cabaret to her monthly female performance event Femmes on the Thames which took place on Battersea Barge throughout 2007"

Special guests:

- ✓ **Lady Carol**, "Winner of Brighton Fringe's Best Music Event 2009"
- ✓ **Helen Arney**, "Charming comedy songstress"
- ✓ **Alison Brumfitt**, "A rather spectacular performance poet and comic"
- ✓ **Suzi Ruffell**, "Stand up comic 'one to watch'
- ✓ **Roxy Rawson**, "Bewitching, quirky singer songwriter"
- ✓ **Rose France**, "New stand up comedy talent"
- ✓ **Rachael Sage**, "New York award winning singer songwriter"

All hosted by: **Rosie Wilby** Fringe Report 2010 award winner

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=118859778149886>

**Thu 1 Jul 2010**

**Artist Enterprise (Fri 18 Jun 2010-Fri 20 Aug 2010)**

**Where:** 2Funky Arts BASE, 2Funky Records, 62 Belgrave Gate, Leicester, LE1 3GQ

**Entry:** free training programme for unemployed creatives.

**Description:** See page 3 for details.

**20:00 - 22:30 Bang Said The Gun presents: Mud Wrestling With Words  
featuring Nathan Penlington + Penny 'Hot Pink' Ashton**

**Where:** The Roebuck, 50, Great Dover Street, London SE1 (nearest tube Borough/London Bridge)

**Entry:** £5/ £3; open mic plus featured guests, vodka and a bunch of mayhem.

**Description:** "Standup poetry for people who don't like poetry... It's a full-on romp featuring World-Famous Tequila Shots [and] Open Mic slots:

"Drink Tequila, read a poem and win your own slot at the next Bang Said the Gun."

We suspect you need to get there a tad before 8:00pm in order to sign up.

**Nathan Penlington** – "seamlessly fuses poetry, comedy, storytelling, and award-winning magic with writing that is intelligent, accessible and entertaining to create a unique form of literary cabaret. He has performed his work on BBC Radio 1, 3 and 4 and his innovative graphic-based poetry has been published in a wide variety of places. He is also Poetry Editor for The Fix – the UK's only national comedy magazine."

**Penny 'Hot Pink' Ashton** – "Take Pam Ayres, add a dollop of Cosmo Magazine, a slurp of Ruby Wax, a pinch of glitter, a good splosh of silliness and a nice sturdy bra and Voila, and wallop, you have Ms Hot Pink. Penny Ashton has been performing since before she could walk. Her mother knew she was in for trouble from the moment Penny ate her first lipstick, pulled on her first tutu and declared herself a ballerina. Penny, Bang Said The Gun welcomes you!"

**Plus – Raw Meat Stew Open Mic/ Golden Gun Award** Win your own slot at the next Bang Said The Gun. Featuring World Champ **Dan Simpson**

As several much better, more well-know poets and pundits have said before me: an awesome night made pretty much entirely out of win (well, I'm paraphrasing here).

<http://www.bangsaidthegun.com/>

**Thu 1 Jul 2010 continued...**

**20:00 - 22:30 Catweazle Club Oxford**

**Where:** East Oxford Social Club, 44B Princes Street, Oxford OX4 1HU

**Entry:** £5/£4; performers free Acoustic music and poetry open mic night.

**Description:** "An intimate and magical space for musicians, singers, poets, storytellers and performance artists of every imaginable hue, who grace the stage every week. A chance to sit, to listen, to connect, to inspire and to be inspired..." Sounds a bit funky...! :) And we have it on good authority from our own Mark Niel that it's a proper lovely night! :) Contact [mother@catweazleclub.org](mailto:mother@catweazleclub.org)

<http://catweazleclub.org>

(Information from <http://www.writeoutloud.net/public/yearsevents.php> and the Catweazle Club website)

**20:00 - 22:30 One World Club**

**Where:** 291 Greenwich High Road, London, SE10 8NA

**Entry:** Entry: free; weekly night of featured performers

**Description:** "The One World Club in The Mitre Pub in Greenwich provides a free evening of varied entertainment in a convivial and congenial atmosphere. Variety is always built in because the club is open to any type of talented performer and not just music. At any one evening you could hear poetry, prose or watch a little dance or drama as well as being entertained by talented jazz, contemporary, traditional, folk or world performers. At the moment we are organising preliminary sessions every Thursday night at 8:00pm in the Bar upstairs to build up a repertory company."

<http://www.oneworldclub.co.uk/clubnight.html>

**Thu 1 Jul 2010 continued...**

**20:00 - 23:00 The Missing Peace- Piece 4**

**Where:** The Labour Club, Military Road, Northampton

**Entry:** £1 (proceeds go to the MS Society); featured performers

**Description:** "Get ready for Piece 4 of The Missing Peace! Once again, we have another amazing offering of music, comedy and plays for you!

**~Musicians~**

- ✓ **Ben Groves** <http://www.myspace.com/musicfrombengroves>
- ✓ **Sarah Turrell** <http://www.myspace.com/sarahtuz>
- ✓ **The Storyteller** <http://www.myspace.com/iamthestoryteller>

**~Comedy~**

- ✓ **Tom Young** <http://www.tomyoungcomedy.co.uk/home.php>
- ✓ **Chris Purchase** <http://www.inthedryspot.com>

**~Theatre~**

- ✓ The Prequel to Delusions of Morality written by Joseph Bunn

"All this will be held at the lovely Labour Club:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=10235610871&ref=mf>

"There will also be yummy treats with donations preferred like last time! So be prepared to eat! We are also continuing with the raffle, we are still looking for any donations of prizes, be it homemade jewellery/toys etc. Unwanted birthday/ xmas presents gift sets, sealed alcohol etc.

"Get in touch with me (Alice), through The Missing Peace group or at [themissingpeace@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:themissingpeace@hotmail.co.uk). Again, everyone will get a piece of the jigsaw as a reminder of the night. Aren't we good to you!

If you can't make it, but still wish to donate, you can do so here:

<http://www.justgiving.com/piece4>

We'll be there... And so should you!

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=105631459485792>

**20:00 - 23:00 Upbeat Open Mic**

**Where:** The Hopbine, 12, Fair Street, Cambridge CB1 1HA

**Description:** Anarchic Open Mic night - music, poetry, comedy, and creative randomness - anything goes on during this weekly night! Turn up before 8pm to sign up or contact the organisers directly on [upbeatopenmic@gmail.com](mailto:upbeatopenmic@gmail.com).

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=24307221386> for the Facebook Group or <http://www.myspace.com/upbeatopenmic> for a bit of MySpace.

**Thu 1 Jul 2010 continued...**

**20:30 - 23:00 Coffee Shop Poets**

**Where:** Margaret Rose Abri Café, 58-59 Cheapside, Birmingham B12 0PG

**Entry:** free; Open Mic

**Description:** "Poetry and Spoken word open mic in the safe, supportive and intimate environment of a 'not for profit Social Enterprise Project' Cafe. We don't serve alcohol so there are no boozed-up hecklers or smirking philistines - just people there for the poetry!

"Come and read your work or sit back relax and listen. We have a good mixture of styles and genres - all of which are welcome and respected. A place where minds can meet.

"Although there's no charge - we usually have strategically placed collection boxes for the breast cancer charity 'Breakthrough' where you can drop your loose change or donate if you wish."

Contact: [stuartrox@stuartrox.plus.com](mailto:stuartrox@stuartrox.plus.com)

**21:20 - 23:20 E4 Udderbelly @Southbank: Yungun, Benin City, Inua Ellams, Lail Arad**

**Where:** The Southbank, London

**Description:** "Poejazzi, as part of its Year of the Poet season, triumphantly returns to the E4 Udderbelly; this time featuring:

- ✓ "**Yungun** the internationally-acclaimed wordsmith praised by Zane Lowe and Mark Ronson, and who has supported Slum Village and De La Soul - with a live band and his brilliant upcoming album, "Middleman";
- ✓ "fast-rising band **Benin City**, whose Outkast-meets-James Brown sound is highly-rated by Xfm, BBC6 Music, SoccerAM and Reuters; and
- ✓ "**Inua Ellams**, whose stellar one-man poetry show recently completed ten dates at The National Theatre.

"Hosted by exceptional new singer-songwriter **Lail Arad**.

"Here's the link to the event:

<http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/find/music/gigs-contemporary/tickets/poejazzipresents-yungun-benin-city-and-inua-ellams-51546>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=125629850783457>

## **Fri 2 Jul 2010**

### **Ledbury Poetry Festival (Fri 2 Jul 2010 - Sun 11 Jul 2010)**

**Where:** Ledbury, Herefordshire

**Description:** "The Ledbury Poetry Festival is the biggest and best poetry festival in the UK. The programme is filled with an eclectic and exciting array of events, featuring poets and performers from all over the world. If you think you know what poetry is, come along and we'll surprise you.

"There are live readings, performances, workshops, open mics, music, exhibitions."

<http://www.poetry-festival.com/>

### **Artist Enterprise (Fri 18 Jun 2010-Fri 20 Aug 2010)**

**Where:** 2Funky Arts BASE, 2Funky Records, 62 Belgrave Gate, Leicester, LE1 3GQ

**Entry:** free training programme for unemployed creatives.

**Description:** See page 3 for details.

### **19:30 - 22:15 Speakeasy - "A story or poem to make us laugh"**

**Where:** The Quaker Centre, 1 Oakley Gardens, Downhead Park, Milton Keynes

**Entry:** £?; writers' group for all kinds of literary forms.

**Description:** Speakeasy - Milton Keynes Writers' Group - always meet on the first Friday of each month (except when there is a bank holiday involved, then it's a week later). Most meetings take the form of local writers' nights where they share their stories, poems, articles or whatever they've created. Newcomers are welcome to join them, and they invite participants to bring some work with them to read aloud - or, if you prefer, you can just listen to other people's work.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are available. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly - there's no pressure to perform if you don't want to, and your work won't be aggressively criticised.

<http://www.mkweb.co.uk/speakeasy/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=33865> for more details.

**Sat 3 Jul 2010**

**Ledbury Poetry Festival (Fri 2 Jul 2010 - Sun 11 Jul 2010)**

**Where:** Ledbury, Herefordshire

**Description:** For more details, see page 13.

**6:30 Performance Poetry workshop with Zena Edwards**

**Where:** The Horsebridge Arts Centre, Horsebridge Rd, Whitstable, Kent

**Entry:** £6 Workshop fee includes entry to Tongue Tide at 7pm; writing and performance workshop

**Description:** "Stretch your poetry and performance skills at this workshop with internationally acclaimed performance poet Zena Edwards. Learn tips and tricks on enhancing your writing and how to perform your poetry with ease and confidence. Please bring a couple of poems that you may want to work on.

Spaces are limited to 15 so reserve your space by contacting:  
[peggy@livelit.co.uk](mailto:peggy@livelit.co.uk)

These workshops are brought to you by Apples & Snakes  
<http://www.applesandsnakes.org> and East Kent Live Lit  
<http://www.livelit.co.uk>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=126120160761326>

**19:30 - 21:30 Tongue Tide**

**Where:** The Horsebridge Arts Centre, 11 Horsebridge Rd, Whitstable CT5 1AF

**Entry:** £8/ £6; featured performers

**Description:** "Biennale Special featuring some of the most dynamic and talented performance poets in the UK today. Expect articulate artistry, expressive eloquence and verbal thrills 'n' spills as we journey through the wit and wisdom of some of the most exciting exponents of spoken word."

- ✓ **Penny Ashton** "World travelling New Zealand poet/comedienne arriving in Whitstable fresh from Glastonbury festival. Expect bouncy bawdiness and lovely lyrical lewdness to make you laugh."
- ✓ **Paul Lyalls** "A funny, fast-moving, hip, accessible, rhythmic, clever and real poet who has performed at 10 Edinburgh Festivals, in New York, at Wembley Stadium and on BBC TV."
- ✓ **Zena Edwards** "Internationally renowned performance poet revered for the easy power of her words and their opulent delivery. Zena's poetry is deep, sensuous, emotional music."

Booking: 01227 281174/ <http://www.horsebridge-centre.org.uk>

Info: [ukpr@mac.com](mailto:ukpr@mac.com) or [pete@applesandsnakes.org](mailto:pete@applesandsnakes.org)/ <http://www.livelit.co.uk>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=105213242861356>

**Sat 3 Jul 2010 continued...**

**20:30 - 02:00 Cabaret Clandestino featuring**

**Where:** East Oxford Community Centre, 44b Princes Street, (corner of CowleyRd) , Oxford OX4 1DD

**Entry:** £6/ £5 (concessions or fancy dress!); featured performers and open jam session

**Description:** "Sounds of the acoustic underground from Oxford & beyond."

+ Bluegrass dancing, Flamenco, Psychedelic Rock and more!

Hosted by "Pete the Temp", winner of the Hammer & Tongue UK Slam; a rabble-rousing, one-man riot of a performance poet. Whatever this monthly night turns out to be like, it's bound to be the antithesis of introverted, navel-gazing poetry and folk music.

Pete says: "Cabaret Clandestino will bring some of the best of the UK underground poetry stand up poets to Oxford." Awesome! :)

Featured acts will be followed by open jam session.

Contact [managementptt@gmail.com](mailto:managementptt@gmail.com)/ 07799 375147 for details.

<http://www.eocc.co.uk> for the venue website. (It's on the corner of Cowley Rd.)

<http://www.myspace.com/cabaretclandestino> for more general Stuff...

**Ledbury Poetry Festival (Fri 2 Jul 2010 - Sun 11 Jul 2010)**

**Where:** Ledbury, Herefordshire

**Description:** For more details, see page 13.

**Sun 4 Jul 2010**

**19:00 - 22:00 Cross Kings Open Mic**

**Where:** The Cross Kings, 126, York Way, Kings Cross, London N1 0AX

**Entry:** free; weekly Music and Poetry Open Mic

**Description:** See page 2 for details.

**19:30 - 22:30 Torriano Poets**

**Where:** Torriano Meeting House, 99 Torriano Avenue, London NW5 2RX

**Entry:** £5/3; Open Mic

**Description:** See page 1 for details.

**Mon 5 Jul 2010**

**Ledbury Poetry Festival (Fri 2 Jul 2010 - Sun 11 Jul 2010)**

**Where:** Ledbury, Herefordshire

**Description:** For more details, see page 13.

**Artist Enterprise (Fri 18 Jun 2010-Fri 20 Aug 2010)**

**Where:** 2Funky Arts BASE, 2Funky Records, 62 Belgrave Gate, Leicester, LE1 3GQ

**Entry:** free training programme for unemployed creatives.

**Description:** See page 3 for details.

**19:30 - 22:30 RAW (Real interActive Writing)**

**Where:** The Abbey Tavern, 124 Kentish Town Rd, London NW1 9QB

**Description:** "RAW is a free poetry workshop AND open mic event held every first Monday of the month at the Abbey Tavern.

"Contact **CT** or **Silver** (facilitators) on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/rawpoetry>, on MySpace:

<http://www.myspace.com/rawpoetry>, or on 07956 101466

"**It's not how good you it is how real you are!** Come and share real rawness... or just listen and leave inspired..."

**19:30 - 22:00 Headstand @ The Maypole**

**Where:** The Maypole, Portugal Place, Cambridge, United Kingdom

**Entry:** £3/2 Concessions; featured poets and occasional Open Mic; poetry for the podcast

**Description:** This month featuring:

Magic Phil  
Trish Harewood  
Nick Stibbs  
Patrick Widdess

Poetry and spoken word from 4 local acts plus limited open mic slots.

Check out <http://headstand.podomatic.com/> for more details on the show in general.

**20:00 - 23:00 Hammer & Tongue London**

**Where:** Green Note Cafe, Parkway, Camden, London NW1 7AN

**Entry:** Slammers get in free; poetry slam and guest performers.

**Description:** Monthly Poetry Slam with featured guests. All welcome to sign up on the door from 7:30pm. First 8 will compete for a place in the Hammer and Tongue London final and the winner will go on to H&T's national final. Slammers get in for free. Hosted by Michelle Madsen and Angry Sam.

Contact: Michelle Madsen on 07809 236133

<http://hammerandtongue.co.uk/>

<http://www.myspace.com/hammerandtonguelondon>

**Tue 6 Jul 2010**

**Ledbury Poetry Festival (Fri 2 Jul 2010 - Sun 11 Jul 2010)**

**Where:** Ledbury, Herefordshire

**Description:** For more details, see page 13.

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**Where:** 2Funky Arts BASE, 2Funky Records, 62 Belgrave Gate, Leicester, LE1 3GQ

**Entry:** free training programme for unemployed creatives.

**Description:** See page 3 for details.

**19:00 - 23:00 Chill Pill: a Weekly mellow vibe night Of Music & Spoken Word**

**Where:** Every Tuesday @ Scream Bar (near Brick Lane) ,, Bethnal Green road, london E2 7DG

**Entry:** free; featured artists and chilling

**Description:** See page 5 for details.

**19:30 - 22:30 Poetry Unplugged**

**Where:** The Poetry Cafe, 22 Betterton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9BX

**Entry:** £4/3; Open Mic

**Description:** See page 5 for details.

**19:45 - 22:45 steel grasped poetry mic nights**

**Where:** The Sir Richard Steeles, 97 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 4RL

**Entry:** free; Open Mic with featured guests.

**Description:** Contact: 07837506560

**20:00 - 22:30 Catweazle Club London**

**Where:** The North London Tavern, 375 Kilburn High Rd, London NW6 7QB

**Entry:** £5 performers free (Open Mic Event) Acoustic music and poetry night.

**Description:** See page 6 for details.

**20:00 - 24:00 needleandthread open mic**

**Where:** The Half Moon, 10 Half Moon Lane, Herne Hill, London SE24 9HU

**Entry:** free; Open Mic spoken word and music; sign up from 7pm

**Description:** See page 6 for details.

**20:00 - 22:30 WORD! at the Y**

**Where:** The Y Theatre, 7 East Street, Leicester LE1 6EY

**Entry:** £3/£2 concessions; Open Mic and headline poet - very good, well-organised, yet friendly and supportive night.

**Description:** "WORD! is the longest running poetry and spoken word night in the East Midlands. It takes place on the first Tuesday of every month at The Y Theatre and consists of an open mic and booked act, supported by music and live film visuals from Keith Allott of Phoenix Arts and photography by Nick Rawle.

<http://www.nickrphotography.com/>

"If you want to perform at WORD! arrive at 7pm and sign up with the compere Tim Sayers.

"WORD! is brought to you by: Tim Sayers: Compere/Treasurer, Stephanie Fawcett: Compere/Secretary, Lydia Towsey: Compere/Chair, Pam Thompson: Committee Member, Jo Twist: Committee Member

Website: <http://www.myspace.com/wordleicester>

Contact: [secretagentartist@hotmail.com](mailto:secretagentartist@hotmail.com)

**20:00 - 22:30 Y Tuesday Poetry Club**

**Where:** Three Kings Public House, 24 Clerkenwell Close, Clerkenwell, London EC1R 0AT (closest Tube Farringdon)

**Entry:** Free; open mic.

**Description:** "Now running for over three years, this intimate, candle-lit poetry club has received many accolades and even hosted a guerrilla gig by former Libertines Carl Barat, John Hassall and Kieron from the View.

"It's mostly good quality poetry though and a well-run MySpace site...

<http://www.myspace.com/ytuesday>"

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1442792478>

(Apparently they're not allowed to have candles any more, what with fire regulations being what they are, but they promise lyrical luminescence in the form of their performers - i.e. you!)