

1–17 October 2010

Free Events

Festival Fringe

poetry/comedy/stories/music/performance/sheep ...



Saturday 2nd October 5.15pm

It's a Long Way

It's a long way from running an art gallery in Ilkley to making handmade books in Scotland. **Mary Thomson** (formerly **Sara**) poet, writer and curator reads recent poems and discusses why and how she makes her books, demonstrating the crystallisation of experience offered by the miniature format.

Monday 4th October 9pm

The Poetry School in York & Leeds – Live

Seven poets. Seven minutes each. Exciting new voices selected from around 100 people who've taken part in activities run by The Poetry School in York & Leeds. Introduced by Poetry School tutor, ILF Poet in Residence **Antony Dunn**.

Monday 4th October 9pm

Their Spirits, My Demons

Otley based author, **John Ormond**, presents his warm, humorous yet emotive book, which details life growing up in an emotionally unstable home environment, plagued by volatile tempers and alcoholism.

Tuesday 5th October 9.15pm

Flying with the Moon – The search for a lost airman

'Lancaster Bomber EE138 left its base at the appointed time. Nothing has been heard of the aircraft and crew since.' (RAF Secret Operations Records 1943)

Jean Stevens introduces an exciting and moving tale – the gripping story behind the death of a close relative.

Wednesday 6th October

8.30–10pm Happiness Centre

The Unlikely Poetry of Michael Conneely

A reading at the new Ilkley Happiness Centre, of Michael's visionary poetry. Open Mic for like-minded poets.

Thursday 7th October 9pm

A Flambard Affair

Sensual, evocative poetry from **Mary Robinson** and **Rebecca Goss**, reading from their first collections, published by Flambard Press. Mary Robinson's *The Art of Gardening* is 'an immensely varied collection'. Rebecca Goss's *The Anatomy of Structures* is 'fearless, fresh and utterly engaging'.

Thursday 7th October 9pm

An Domhan Eile (The Other World) by Lucht Focail

Lucht Focail are an Irish writers group who have fashioned a sequence of poetry, storytelling, music, song and dance to explore the richness of Irish myth and folklore.

A joyful, compelling journey through the roots of Irish culture.

Friday 8th October 9–9.30pm

Stand Up with Ash Caton

New comedy written and performed by the brilliantly funny 18 year old **Ash Caton**. Wry observations on everything from being a teenager to the best way to wear a seatbelt.

Saturday 9th October

6.45–7.15pm Otley Courthouse, Courthouse Street, Otley LS21 3AN

The Magnificent Seven Deadly Sins

Imaginative prose and poetry exploring 'the Magnificent Seven Deadly Sins' from **The Courthouse Writers** who take no responsibility for any moral damage their performance may cause!

All events at Ilkley Playhouse Weston Road, Ilkley LS29 8DW unless otherwise stated

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Saturday 9th October 9.15pm

The Ties that Bind

Pink Lady Productions presents *The Ties that Bind*. Four short sharp theatrical monologues from the region's best new female writing talent.

Adult themes are explored – not suitable for children.

Sunday 10th October 5pm

St Margaret's Church Hall, Queens Road, LS29 9TZ

Elsie the Sheep and the Kings of the Castle

Join Elsie the sheep in a friendly game of kings of the castle. Val Noble takes you on a super, sheeepy, see, say, find journey through her lavishly illustrated children's book with British Sign Language drawings.

Join in the fun learning to sign the characters. For ages 4–94!

Sunday 10th October 5.15pm

The Zig Zag Path

The launch of Ian M Emberson's new narrative poem – set on an imaginary planet elsewhere in the universe – as an ebook. Available on the author's website – www.ianemberson.co.uk

Monday 11th October 9pm

A Muddy History of Britain

An illustrated trek through time with local author and 'Muddy Archaeologist', Gillian Hovell. Discover how to spot history's impact on the landscape around us.

Monday 11th October 9pm

Voices From Beyond The Dark

A staging by Pulitzer-prize winning author, Ariel Dorfman, of Kerry Kennedy Cuomo's book of interviews with human rights activists around from world, 'from Desmond Tutu to the unknown activist on the ground'. Performed by actors and Amnesty members.

Tuesday 12th October 9pm

Votes for Women!

Votes for Women! – an illustrated reading of poems about the Suffragettes from Nina Boyd's first collection, *Dear Mr Asquith*.

Thursday 14th October 9pm

Cadaverine Magazine

Cadaverine Magazine showcases some of their best young writers reading a selection of poetry and short fiction. Guest poet is Radio 4's *Saturday Live* Poet in Residence, Kate Fox. Includes Q and A session related to writing and publishing. www.thecadaverine.com

Friday 15th October 3pm

White Wells, Ilkley Moor LS29 9RF

'That Place on Ilkley Moor'

An iconic building on an iconic moor. White Wells tenant and author of *The History of White Wells*, Mark Hunnebell, gives a brief history of the building, from its 18th century origins to the renovation that saved it.

Friday 15th October 9pm

The Dark Threads and Footprints In The Snow

Jean Davison's memoir *The Dark Threads* was described by Dorothy Rowe as 'essential reading' and by a reviewer as 'destined to become a classic in the genre of psychiatric autobiography'. Jean's reading is supported by Angel Heart, reading from her short story collection, and by members of Leeds Survivors Poetry group.

Friday 15th October 9.15pm

Shakespeare's Sonnets by Five Voices

A powerful performance of well and lesser known sonnets by Liam Fitzsimons, Mary Heycock, Sile Moriarty, Ian Parks and Ed Reiss. The five voices bring distinctive tones; the readings bring out the dramatic qualities latent in the sequence, making connections to each other and the plays.

Saturday 16th October 9.15pm

The Writers' Group Exposed

Members of the Yorkshire Art Circus Writer Development Programme re-unite to share a variety of forms from poetry to prose, electronic and children's literature. Be a fly on the wall as some of Yorkshire's upcoming writers read, perform and discuss their work. Stay afterwards for the Q and A.

Tickets and information

For further information and tickets go to www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk

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