



Poetry

Poetry don't have to be
 living in a library
 there's poetry that you can see
 in the life of everybody,
 a lick of paint's the kind of thing I mean
 a lick of paint's a lovely piece of writing
 the tongue of the paintbrush
 giving something drab
 a dab new sheen
 a lick of paint's exciting.

there are folk who like to see
 Latin in their poetry
 and plenty of obscurity

me for instance
 (only joking)
 how I like to listen to the lingo
 in bingo
 legs eleven
 clickey-click
 a lick of paint
 no - sorry that ain't one

poetry - language on a spree
 I want to be
 a leaf on the poetree
 poetry is good for me
 I think I'll have some for my tea

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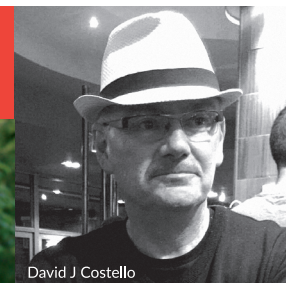
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OCTOBER 2016



John Hegley



Angela Topping



David J Costello



Sheila Templeton

SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER

HEGLEY'S VEGETABLE TEA PARTY

Also, to include the launch of *The Chris Salmon Poetry Competition*.

John Hegley returns, to read and sing from his four vegetable volumes including *Peace, Love and Potatoes* and *My Dog is a Carrot*. Also, various vegetable events which include *Flinging the Fennel from the Flannel*, *Highering the Cabbage* and *Hopscotch* (see photo)

John Hegley was born in Islington and was taken, as a baby, to Luton, where he began his musical career singing on the terraces of Luton Town F. C. He continued his education in Bristol and Bradford, where he immersed himself in Sociology and curry sauce.

He writes songs and poems and likes getting people to join in. He was poet in residence at Keats House, in Hampstead and has a number of pieces about the romantic poet, presented alongside those about his family, including his brother-in-law, who likes to stop and ask hitch-hikers where they are going, and then tell them he will get there first.

Wallasey Central Library.
2.30pm - 4pm
(Tickets £5 available from all Central Libraries)

MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER

OPEN MIC EVENT

Come along to read your own Poetry out! All ages welcome.

Birkenhead Central Library.
6 - 7.30pm

TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER

OPEN MIC EVENT

Come along to read your own Poetry out! All ages welcome.

West Kirby Library.
6 - 7.30pm

THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Readings from, David J Costello, Angela Topping and Sheila Templeton.

This will be a North West England book launch for the poets, who are being published by Red Squirrel Press.

Refreshments available.

Wallasey Central Library.
6 - 7.30pm



David J. Costello's publishing credits include Prole, Orbis, The Penny Dreadful, Shooter, Magma and Envoi. David is a previous winner of the Welsh International Poetry Competition and won prizes again in both this competition and the Troubadour International Poetry Prize last year. His debut pamphlet, "Human Engineering", was published by Thynks Publishing in October 2013. No Need For Candles is his first pamphlet for Red Squirrel Press.

Angela Topping is the author of seven previous collections and four chapbooks of poetry. Her work is regularly featured on Poetry Please. In 2013, she was a writer in residence at Gladstone's Library. She has read at a range of festivals and other venues. Her poems have won prizes and been set on the A level syllabus.

Sheila Templeton writes in both Scots and English. She has won the McCash Scots Language poetry competition twice, and also the Robert McLellan award. Her poetry has been published in many anthologies, magazines and newspapers as well as a previous full collection and two chapbooks. She is an engaging, popular performer and from 2009 to 2010 was the Makar for the Federation of Writers, Scotland.

She has two new publications Owersettin, by Tapsalteerie Press, a collaboration with two other poets; and a full collection, Gaitherin, by Red Squirrel Press, both in 2016.

FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER

THE BELFRY - REQUIEM IN A FLAT FOR SYLVIA PLATH

Dean Johnson's Re-Interpretation of the final days of Sylvia Plath, unspoken word and song.

Bebington Library.
2 - 3pm
(Tickets £4 concessions £3)

SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER

WHERE YOU LIVE

CHILDREN'S POETRY WORKSHOP

A fun afternoon exploring how to write about your house, your street, your town. What was there long ago? What stories are hidden in its history?

Bebington library.
2.15 - 3.30pm
(Free but booking essential)

POETRY READING FOR ALL AGES

Come and join in the fun by reading either your own or a favourite poem.

Bebington library.
3.45 - 4.30pm
(Free but booking essential)

For more information, please contact Wallasey Central Library 0151 639 2334 (Elaine or Kath).

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