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Southwell Library Poetry Festival

13-18 July 2010

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Andrew Motion Michael Rosen Jo Shapcott
Don Paterson Jenny Joseph Siobhan Logan
John Siddique Joan Johnston and more



Open mic • Your favourite poems • Poetry workshop day
The poetry of the Beatles • Desert island poems • Poetry in the park

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/poetryfestival

booking information

How to book:

Bookings for any of the events can be made at Southwell Library.

By phone: 01636 812 148

By email: southwell.library@nottscc.gov.uk

By post or in person:

Southwell Library, The Bramley Centre, King Street, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, NG25 0EH

Please make cheques payable to Nottinghamshire County Council.

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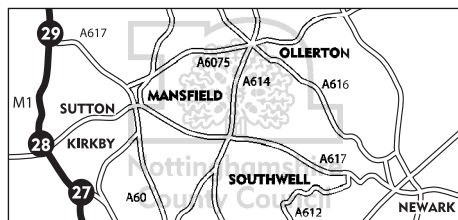
Credit card bookings for Andrew Motion, Michael Rosen, Siobhan Logan, Jo Shapcott and Don Paterson, can be made at The Bookcase, Lowdham on: 0115 966 4143



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Where to find us:



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Events take place at Southwell Library except where specified.

Prepare for the festival with a Weekend Poetry Retreat Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 July Sacrista Prebend, Westgate, Southwell 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm

£90 for both days including lunch and refreshments
£50 for one day

Prepare for the festival with two days of poetry in the peaceful surroundings of Southwell's Sacrista Prebend, a Georgian House set in the heart of Southwell. No experience is necessary

for this opportunity to explore words with writer and poetry therapist, Victoria Field.

The course is non-residential, but reasonably priced accommodation is available in the area.

Bookings

Bookings can be made at Southwell Library (details above). For more information about the retreat, visit: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/poetryfestival

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Welcome to Southwell Library Poetry Festival 2010

Last year's poetry festival was a great success, with an appearance by the newly appointed Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, attracting what was described as the highest attendance for any poetry reading in Nottinghamshire in living memory. It's a hard act to follow, but with a programme packed full of great events, 2010 promises to be just as successful.

This year we have the honour of welcoming Sir Andrew Motion, who was knighted for his services to literature in 1999, to introduce new work and talk about his role as Poet Laureate from 1999 until 2009.

One of Britain's best-selling and most loved children's authors, Michael Rosen, will also be joining us to inspire an audience of local school children with poetry and language. A limited number of tickets are available to the public, so book early!

Both poets are advocates of libraries and the impact they have on people's lives, and Nottinghamshire County Council Library Service is delighted to

have their support in bringing these inspiring cultural opportunities to our county.

The line-up also includes two leading lights in contemporary British poetry, Jo Shapcott and Don Paterson, the ever-popular Jenny Joseph, and a fantastic array of professional local talent.

Throughout the week you'll have the chance to be creative in a range of workshops, and immerse yourself in a wide variety of readings, discussions and poetry related events.

Thanks go to our festival supporters and volunteers. With their help we hope to make this year's festival the best yet. We look forward to seeing you there.

Councillor John Cottee
*Cabinet Member for Culture
and Community*
Nottinghamshire County Council

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*Head of Libraries,
Archives & Information*
Nottinghamshire County Council

The Poetry of Birds

Jenny Swann

10am – 12pm

£3

Over the centuries, countless poets have hitched a lift on the wings of birds. Join poet and independent local publisher Jenny Swann as she discusses poems inspired by birds.

Includes the chance to sharpen your quills and create your own bird poem. No binoculars or wellies required!

Festival Highlight

Michael Rosen

1pm – 2pm

Venue: Southwell Minster

£5

A fantastic opportunity to see one of the UK's most-loved and best-selling children's writers, Michael Rosen.

Renowned for his infectious enthusiasm, humour and wordplay, the former Children's Laureate* (2007 - 2009) will bring poetry to life for a specially invited audience of children from Nottinghamshire schools.

A limited number of tickets are available to the public, so book yours early!

Nottingham Writers' Studio

6pm – 7pm

A Free Event

Hear original work by members and guests of this organisation dedicated to the support and development of creative writing.

Based in the artistic quarter of Nottingham's Lacemarket, Nottingham Writers' Studio is a resource centre for writers.

Firebridge to Skyshore: A Northern Lights Journey

Siobhan Logan

7.30pm – 9pm

£5

The Northern Lights are a constant source of fascination. Leicester poet and storyteller Siobhan Logan travelled to the Arctic Circle to explore the myths, stories and science surrounding the famous lights for her book, Firebridge to Skyshore: A Northern Lights Journey.

With the aid of music and images she conjures up the essence of the icy wilderness, its people, and the magic of the aurora.

Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Read?

Ralph Lloyd-Jones

10am – 12pm

£3

Nottinghamshire Libraries' resident Byron expert, Librarian Ralph Lloyd-Jones, hosts an opportunity to explore the poems behind the infamous reputation of the legendary poet.

Young Adults' Poetry Workshop

John Siddique

12pm – 4pm

A Closed Event

One of Britain's most original and interesting poets John Siddique hosts a workshop for a specially invited audience of young adults from Nottinghamshire schools.

John's most recent book, *Recital*, (Salt), has been described as 'one of the most important books of the last twenty years'.

Known for his ability to communicate poetry and language to a wide audience, John is the perfect poet to help inspire a new generation of local young poets.

Joan Johnston

2pm – 4pm

£3

Poet Joan Johnston has been writing poetry for more than twenty years. Her work has been published widely in magazines and journals, and broadcast on local and national radio.

Joan will read from her collection, *What You Want*, and other works.

Poetry Pub Crawl

7.30pm

A Free Event

Join poets John Siddique, Joan Johnston and others for readings and open mic sessions in the pubs and inns around the beautiful town of Southwell.

Meet at the library, for what could be Southwell's first-ever poetry pub crawl!

What You Want: Poetry Workshop

Joan Johnston

10am – 12pm

£3

Poet and writer Joan Johnston is also one of the Crafty Writers – an organisation dedicated to helping new and established writers hone their craft and increase their earnings from writing.

Joan shares her experience with other writers in this morning workshop dedicated to creating poems that say what you want them to say.

Festival Highlight Sir Andrew Motion

Venue: The Minster School

7.30pm

£10 / £5

Book early for the chance to hear Sir Andrew Motion introduce his latest book of poems, *The Cinder Path* (Faber), and a new collection of essays, *Ways of Life: On Places, Painters and Poets* (Faber).

He talks about his acclaimed autobiography, *In the Blood – A Memoir of My Childhood*, and answers questions about his writing and his role as Britain's Poet Laureate from 1999 to 2009.

Knighthood for his services to literature in 2009, Sir Andrew is the Chairman of the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of the giants of contemporary poetry.

“Motion is a beautiful lyricist, unpretentiously and precisely describing those things worth having even as he casts unsettling shadows across them.”

Robert Potts, The Guardian

Your Favourite Poems

2pm – 4pm

A Free Event

Join Southwell Library's own Poetry Reading Group for an afternoon dedicated to the poetry you love.

Bring along your favourites to read out loud yourself, or listen to them read especially for you.

Only remember a line or two of a verse you once loved? Our library staff will be on hand to help you track it down.

“Paterson's poems are acutely attuned to the most intimate of human exchanges.”

Carol Ann Duffy, Poet Laureate

“Shapcott is gifted and original, and it is in work such as hers that the future health of poetry needs to be sought.”

Sean O'Brien, Sunday Times

Festival Highlight

**Jo Shapcott
and Don Paterson**

7.30pm

£6 / £4

The chance to spend an evening with not one, but two, of Britain's leading contemporary poets, Jo Shapcott and Don Paterson.

Both Forward Prize winners, these are two modern poets that prove that British poetry is alive and kicking.

Jo Shapcott is president of The Poetry Society and Don Paterson was made an OBE in 2008.

saturday 17 July

Workshop Day

A day packed full of poetry in the library. Take your pick of these great workshops.

Special Offer: Pay for two sessions and get one free!

The Poetry of the Beatles

10am – 10.45am

£3

Join Southwell Library's Nicola Ellis to explore the poetry in the lyrics of the Beatles.

Narrative Poems

11am – 11.45am

£3

A treat for the ears, as Southwell Library's Gill Starkey reads from favourite narrative poems.

Burning the Candle at Both Ends

12pm – 12.45pm

£3

Storyteller and writer Karen Winyard reads and discusses the work of the American lyrical poet, Edna St Vincent Millay.

Groundscape Poetry Walkshop

1pm – 2pm

Free

Widely published poet Mark Godwin is your field guide on this poetry 'walkshop' around Southwell. Meet at the library with your sturdy shoes and a desire to play with words.

Desert Island Poems

2.45pm – 3.30pm

£3

Roger Merryweather, Chairman of Southwell's Bramley Apple Committee, talks about his favourite poems with Nottinghamshire Libraries' Reading Development Officer, Sheelagh Gallagher.

The Wood for the Trees

3.45pm – 4.30pm

£3

Find your way through contemporary poetry with Mahendra Solanki, poet, editor and senior lecturer on Nottingham Trent University's MA in Creative Writing.

Haiku for Beginners

3.45pm – 4.30pm

£3

Try your hand at this deceptively simple form in a lively workshop led by local writer Pippa Hennessey.

The Waters and the Wild

5pm – 6pm

£3

Join Loughborough University's Deirdre O'Bryne, whose main research area is twentieth century and contemporary Irish poetry, to explore poems from Ireland on the topic of nature.

Saturday Evening Programme

John Lucas and Friends

7.30pm – 8.30pm

£3

How many local poets can you fit into a library? Find out as Saturday evening kicks off with a showcase of local poetry.

Poet, critic, and Professor Emeritus of Loughborough University, John Lucas, introduces local talent including Aly and Milk, Tom Warner, Julia Gaze, Jane Bluett, Richard Goodson, Wayne Burrows and Cathy Grindrod.

Open Mic Night

9pm – late

A Free Event

Take to the mic for a Saturday night of poetry out loud - live in the library.

Everyone welcome, from newbies to open mic veterans. Try your skills, make us laugh, cry and cheer for more, or just come along to enjoy the show.

Five minute slots available on a first come, first served basis. Pre-book a slot by calling the library.

sunday 18 July

Poetry in the Park

11am – 1pm

A Free Event

Bring along a picnic and enjoy poetry readings and chat on The Burgage, Southwell.

Meet at the library and come prepared to help poet Dave Wood create 'poetry bunting' in the park!

Workshop: Writing Poetry

1pm – 2.45pm

A Free Event

A chance to flex your pens in this poetry workshop hosted by established local writing group, The Reindeer Writers.

Mark Godwin and Rosie Garner

2pm – 2.45pm

A Free Event

A collaborative reading from two local poets, who have come together especially for Southwell Library Poetry Festival.

Rosie Garner will read from her first collection, *Rain Diaries* (Salt 2010).

Poet Mark Godwin will be reading from his first book *Else* (Shearsman, 2008).

Afternoon Tea

with Jenny Joseph

3pm – 4.30pm

£4

Spend a delightful Sunday afternoon with one of Britain's best-known poets.

Jenny Joseph's poem *Warning* was voted the nation's favourite post-war poem in a BBC poll.

A fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, Jenny will read from her latest work, *Nothing Like Love*, and sign books over a cup of afternoon tea.

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Tuesday 13 July	
10am – 12pm	The Poetry of Birds
1pm – 2pm	Michael Rosen at Southwell Minster
6pm – 7pm	Nottingham Writers' Studio
7.30pm – 9pm	Siobhan Logan
Wednesday 14 July	
10am – 12pm	Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Read: The Poetry of Lord Byron
12pm – 4pm	John Siddique (closed workshop for young adults from Nottinghamshire schools)
2pm – 4pm	Joan Johnston
7.30pm	Poetry Pub Crawl
Thursday 15 July	
10am – 12pm	What You Want: Poetry Workshop
7.30pm	Andrew Motion at The Minster School
Friday 16 July	
2pm – 4pm	Your Favourite Poems
7.30pm	Jo Shapcott and Don Paterson
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7.30pm – 8.30pm	John Lucas and Friends
9pm – late	Open Mic Night
Sunday 18 July	
11am – 1pm	Poetry in the Park
1pm – 2.45pm	Workshop: Writing Poetry
2pm – 2.45pm	Mark Godwin and Rosie Garner
3pm – 4.30pm	Afternoon Tea with Jenny Joseph

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