

## WORDPLAY FUN DAY: SUNDAY AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:00 – 5:30pm

We have a richly varied schedule of entertainment and creativity for all ages lined up for our Fun Day takeover of Tunbridge Wells Forum. Food and refreshments will be available from Fine Grind throughout the afternoon and a book stall will offer publications from poets featured throughout the day's events.

### GARDEN FUN

**2:00-4:00: Writing Workshops for Younger Poets** with Sarah Miles from Paper Swans Press (KS2 & 3) and a "Circletime" story and WordPLAY Workshop with poet and children's author Mara Bergman (2-6yrs).

**3:00-4:00 Illustration Workshop** with Nell Price of Arty Farty Retreat. Expanding on the above workshops, participants will be offered opportunities to illustrate their writing. Art materials will be provided, and Nell will be on hand with CREATE's Imaginarium (see below) to provide wider inspiration and support.

**4:00-4:15: Words about Food** with Arts without Boundaries' "Connecting Communities Project". Readings of food-related poetry created by an inclusive group of disabled and non-disabled people as part of a recent creative writing workshop.

#### Throughout the afternoon:

**Poetry to Please** with Alison Sandford MacKenzie. A poetry request platform based on the similarly named radio show, with guest readers and a stock of popular anthologies.

**The Wordy Washing Line:** a display area for spontaneous postcard poetry, some of which will be selected to be read open mic "pop up" style. Curated and coordinated by Clare Law

**CREATE Imaginarium:** a travelling story-making workshop featuring maps of, and artefacts from, an imaginary village that has lost all its historical records in a great disaster. The "mission" (should you choose to accept it) is to recreate that history with art and words using the materials and prompts available.

**Poetry by Commission:** from "Flitt & Folio". Order a unique gift of framed and mounted personalised verse with original hand-drawn illustration.

**4:30-5:00:** Winding down the afternoon garden events we will be sharing the best of the Wordy Washing Line and other writing created during the day.

### INDOOR EVENTS

**2:15-3:15: No Time to Rhyme: Poetry, Parenting and the Pandemic** with Natalie Thomas. A panel of poets share their varied perspectives on parenting through lockdown via interviews, poetry readings and song.

**3:15-4:15: Word Up!** with regular host Dan Culmer. The Forum's popular in-house Slam event with featured spoken word performers and an open mic – sign up on arrival.

**4:15-5:15: Poems to Make Life Better** with Sarah Salway, Victoria Field and Jon Sayers. A panel discussion asking "Where are the poems that make us laugh, help us vent when needed, inspire us to try a new thing, or just sit with us when we need a friend?" Sarah, Victoria and Jon will share and read a wide selection of their desert island poems, as well as offering suggestions for where to find new poets and new ways of reading.

Afternoon activities will wind down at 5:00, the doors closing briefly to allow the stage to be set for the evening's PAM SLAM event. Reopening at 6:45 with a full bar and ticketed seating, the show, which includes further open mic opportunities, will commence at 7:30.

**Advance tickets £6.00 from the Forum ticket office.**

Find full details of this and all other Tunbridge Wells Poetry Festival events at [www.twpoetryfestival.com](http://www.twpoetryfestival.com)