

LEDBURY
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29 JUNE-
8 JULY 2018



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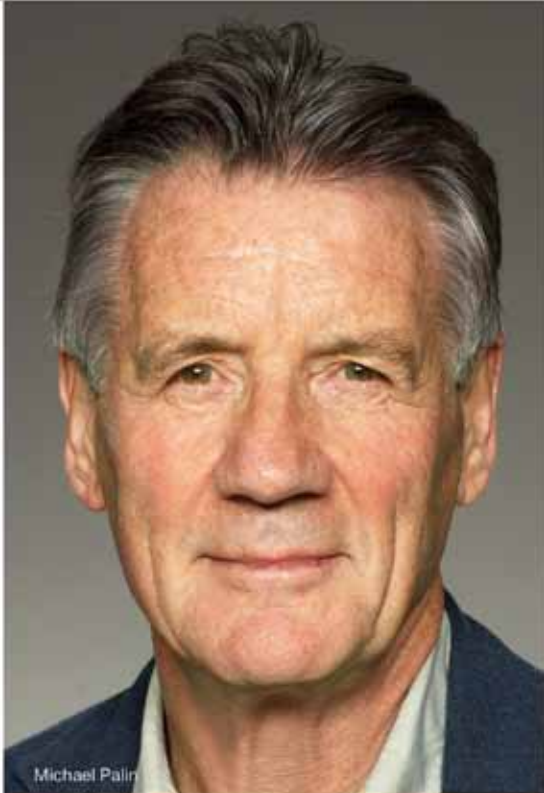
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Sandeep Parmar



Liz Berry



Mark Doty



Mary Jean Chan



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Zaffar Kunial

Ledbury Poetry Festival aims to explore, unpick and illuminate the best contemporary poetry written in the world today, as well as taking a fresh look at poets of the past, through a huge array of events including readings, discussions and workshops. Without the Festival's amazing volunteers none of this could happen. So come and join the fun, we are looking forward to welcoming you!

Chloe Garner, Festival Artistic Director

Full details for all events and lots of useful information can be found at www.poetry-festival.co.uk

Sunday 8 July
A Ledbury Celebration
on Ledbury High Street!
Poetry, music and
entertainment stage
12noon-5pm
Food and drink market
12noon-4pm

Poetry, music, entertainment and the best local food and drink! **Rob Barratt, Hip Hop Shakespeare** with **Kurly McGeachie, Nico Reznick**, the dulcet tones of **Ludlow Jazz Collective, SassCapella, LADS**. Over 30 food and drink stalls organised by Ledbury Food Group. Ledbury Fringe buskers and Ledbury Town Council's celebration cake!



A Ledbury Celebration!



Poetry Paradise Garden

POETRY COMPETITION 2018

Judge: **Nia Davies**
First Prize: **£1000 cash and**
a course at **Tŷ Newydd**
Deadline: **12 July 2018**



Nia Davies

EXHIBITIONS

Poetry Paradise Garden: Community Artwork and Poetry

An artistic celebration of the festival's community outreach programme. Hundreds of participants from 15 community groups have been creating poetry and artwork to the theme of a Poetry Paradise Garden. Plus special paintings and poems from LPF's partnership with Herefordshire MIND mental health charity.

Panelled Room of the
Master's House

BookArt 18

A stimulating, interactive, illustrative, tactile, sculptural, and calligraphic experience!
The Weavers Gallery, Church Lane | 10am-5pm

Talking Transformations: Home on the Move

A multi-media exhibition on show daily at the Ledbury Poetry Festival. In this project, a poem titled 'Home' by British poet **Deryn Rees-Jones** travelled through language and filmic translation to France and Spain, while a poem by Polish poet **Rafal Gawin** 'Home. A structure on Trial' travelled via Romania to the UK.
10am-6pm | Upstairs Gallery at Enchant and Allure, New Street

FREE FAMILY FUN! EVENTS FOR ALL!

Saturday 30 June
Poetic Delights in the Walled Garden
11am–4pm
Walled Garden, Ledbury

Fox in socks in clay all day!

Come and help build a tottering teetering clay tower of crazy characters inspired by the Dr. Seuss classic *Fox in Socks*. Eastnor Pottery & The Flying Potter will be in the walled garden hosting tongue-twisting pottery fun with all the tools and expertise to get creative with clay. No previous experience of working with the mucky stuff necessary and the drop-in sessions are open to all ages and abilities.

Dip into Box of Delights...

and see what you can find! Working with artist **Jeanette McCulloch**, you can recycle toys to make your own 'arty sculptures', held together with a whole heap of materials (wire, string, glue, tape, fabric and art stuff).

A Music Box of Delights

Join us in The Walled Garden and be inspired by the magical themes of Masefield's *Box of Delights*. Rummage to find treasures to make your own samba instruments and rhythms. Every hour on the hour, join us to create a samba band as we prepare to share our delights in a final spectacular procession at 4pm.



Make a humongous Dr. Seuss Sculpture

Willow weave and decorate a ginormous zongy Dr Zeuss sculpture that will parade through the High Street at 4pm – accompanied by Samba music played on instruments made throughout the day! Come dressed as your favourite Dr. Seuss character and join the parade.

Fun Is Good!

11am–11.45am and 2pm–2.45pm

Calling all cats in hats and green grinchies! Join wacky word wizard **Sara-Jane Arbury** and her assistant goon **Steve Rooney** as they take silly looks at Dr. Seuss books and whizz words off the page onto the stage! Expect zany games, splendiferous spellings and prime rhymes. Oodles of family fun for ages 1–10!

Emergency Poet: The World's First Poetic First Aid Service

The Emergency Poet offers consultations inside her ambulance and prescribes poems as cures. In the waiting room Nurse Verse dispenses poemcetamolols and other poetic pills and treatments from the *Cold Comfort Pharmacy*.



Saturday 7 July **Live Poetry Jukebox**

Step inside the Live Poetry Jukebox! A selection of delicious and delectable poems about love, life, hope and fun will be waiting for you, pickled and preserved in jars and stored in Mueller & Malten's marvellous Wunderkammer. Choose a jar and release its full flavours! Free, drop in, various locations.

Catch **Sally Crabtree** at the Co-op where she'll be offering a tasting session from her special edition of *Poems in a Tin* and at the Butcher Row House Museum where she'll be in the boot bath inviting visitors to hook a duck to win a poem, be entertained by her bath time serenades and discover a soap that washes life's cares away.



FRIDAY 29 JUNE

1. Festival Launch! Showcase and Celebration!

This event showcases poets at all stages of their development. Starting with **John Masefield High School** pupils. Then **Foyle Young Poets Ankita Saxena, Jade Cuttle and Charlotte Wetton**. Plus renowned poets appearing at the Festival, including **Major Jackson, Zaffar Kunial and Joelle Taylor**. Host **Brenda Read-Brown**
5pm–6.30pm | BH
Free but ticketed

2. Jackie Kay

One of Scotland's most celebrated writers, reading and talking about her new collection *Bantam*. '**Jackie Kay** depicts a world of grief, joy, love and humour in the sparest terms' (*The Guardian*).
7.30pm–8.30pm | BH | £12.50

3. Joelle Taylor and Sabrina Mahfouz

Two supreme performers and a relaxed Friday night atmosphere! '**Joelle Taylor's** a shape-shifter, myth maker, linguistic risk-taker; poetical activist, surrealist with a raised fist' (Patience Agbabi). **Sabrina Mahfouz** is 'in quite a different league...She speaks lyrically and powerfully...a real find' (*The Times*).
9pm–10.30pm | RH
(Bar available) | £9.50

SATURDAY 30 JUNE

4. Poetic Line: Linda Gregerson workshop for experienced writers

10am–12noon | BAPD | £20

5. Refugee Tales with Patrick Gale and Jackie Kay

Showcasing an anthology in which poets and novelists retell the stories of asylum seekers who have suffered at the hands of Britain's policy of 'indefinite detention'.
10am–11am | BH | £9.50

20 Minutes With... Elisabeth Sennitt Clough

10.30am–10.50am | PR | Free

6. Poetry and Class Politics in the Age of Austerity with Jane Commane

in conversation with **Chloe Garner**
11.30am–12.30pm | BAP | £5

20 Minutes with... Kathy Pimlott

11.30am–11.50am | PR | Free

20 Minutes with... Shauna Robertson and Dawn Gorman

12.15pm–12.35pm | PR | Free

7. The Mighty Stream, Poems In Celebration of Martin Luther King

Reading and discussion around this anthology of poems that address the crises named by King 50 years ago: poverty, racism and war. With co-editor **Jackie Kay, Major Jackson and Zaffar Kunial**.
1pm – 2pm | BH | £9.50

20 Minutes with... Maya Chowdhry

2.20pm–2.40pm | PR | Free

8. Helen Dunmore Tribute

With **Julie Myerson**, novelist and great friend of Helen Dunmore, hosted by **Neil Astley**. Featuring a number of Festival poets reading poems by Helen Dunmore or inspired by her work.
3pm–4pm | BH | £5.50

9. Ledbury Poetry Competition Winners Event

3pm–4pm | BAP | Free (ticketed)

20 Minutes with... Ailbhe Darcy

4.20pm–4.40pm | PR | Free

10. Poetry Reading: Major Jackson and Zaffar Kunial

American poet **Major Jackson** 'makes poems that rumble and rock' (Dorianne Laux). **Zaffar Kunial's** launches *Us* his first collection of poems written with tender toughness.
5pm–6pm | BH | £9.50

Key to main venues

BH Burgage Hall **BAP** Baptist Hall **BAPD** Downstairs at Baptist Hall

CH Community Hall **CHMR** Community Hall Meeting Room

HM Hellens Manor **MT** Market Theatre

PR Panelled Room, The Master's House **RH** Royal Hall **TH** Talbot Hotel

11. The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah

Featuring stories about his remarkable life, including his friendship with Nelson Mandela, his musical career with The Wailers, his political campaigns and how he became one of Britain's most popular poets.

7pm–8.40pm | CH | £18

12. Hollie McNish and Vanessa Kisuule

Two supreme performers and a relaxed Saturday night atmosphere! **Hollie McNish** writes with 'honesty, conviction, humour and love' (Kate Tempest). **Vanessa Kisuule** 'is an explosion wrapped in ribbon. One of the most powerful performers of her generation' (Joelle Taylor).

9pm–10.30pm | RH
(Bar Available) | £9.50

SUNDAY 1 JULY

13. Poetry Reading: Lachlan MacKinnon and Linda Gregerson

American poet **Linda Gregerson** 'produces lyrical poems informed by her expansive reading that are inquisitive, unflinching, and tender' (Poetry Foundation).

Lachlan MacKinnon's *Doves* is a 'magnificent collection, suffused with gentle wisdom and studded with moments of quiet revelation' (Scotsman).

11am–12noon | BH | £9.50

14. Liz Berry Workshop: Ready, steady, go!

When life feels too busy, how can we make time and space for our poetry?

11am–1pm | CHMR | £20

20 Minutes with...

William Wootten
11.30am–11.50am | PR | Free

20 Minutes with...

Danny Pandolfi
12.15pm–12.35pm | PR | Free

15. British Sign Language Translation Duel

Paul Scott's poem *Snowflake* is created and performed in British Sign Language - a language with complex three-dimensional syntax, and no written form - so how do you get a performing body onto the page? Come along to experience and explore sign language poetry and, of course, to judge the efforts of **Kyra Pollitt** and **Sue MacLaine**.

1pm–2pm | MT | £9.50

16. Poetry and Climate Change with Maya Chowdhry

Maya Chowdhry's *Fossil* explores the impact of human activity on the environment through a post-colonial lens, in conversation with **Chloe Garner**.

1.30pm–2.30pm | BAP | £5

17. Poetry Reading: Nia Davies and Caroline Bird

T.S.Eliot Prize shortlisted, **Caroline Bird's** 'poems burst with linguistic energy' (TLS). '**Nia Davies** quietly dismembers the world around her with a gleeful irreverence and quirky humour' (Geraldine Monk).

1pm–2pm | BH | £9.50

20 Minutes with... Matt Black

2pm–2.20pm | PR | Free

18. Zaffar Kunial One to Ones

Develop your poetry writing skills with an individual session.
2pm–4pm | Meet at the Box Office
£15 per half hour session

19. Wendy Cope: Anecdotal Evidence

Anecdotal Evidence demonstrates the formal brilliance and empathetic insight which have delighted readers for years, and shows why **Wendy Cope** is one of our best-loved poets.
3pm–4pm | CH | £9.50

20. Ritual Poetry

To celebrate a new issue of *Poetry Wales*, **Nisha Ramayya** invokes a tantric poetics, **Elizabeth-Jane Burnett** takes a transformative wild swim and **Rhys Trimble** makes a multilingual dismemberment of the text. Presented by editor **Nia Davies**.
3pm–4pm | BH | £9.50

Box office

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21. Poetry Reading: Jane Commane and Liz Berry

The magical **Liz Berry's** new pamphlet is *The Republic of Motherhood*. **Jane Commane's** work interrogates the complexities of class, ideas of place and identity, and examines the current troubled climate of austerity Britain.

5pm–6pm | BH | £9.50

22. Poetry Reading: Miles Chambers and David Punter

Miles Chambers is a leading and popular poetic cultural commentator and is presented by Bristol Poetry Institute with Professor of Poetry **David Punter**.

7pm–8pm | BH | £9.50

23. Cynhebrwng Aer / Air Burial

A ceremony in which participants are invited to 'air-bury' a body of poetic work. With **Nia Davies** and **Rhys Trimble**. If you would like to participate please inform the box office.

7.30–8.30pm | BAP | £9.50

24. Film: A Quiet Passion

Emily Dickinson Biopic

7pm–9.05pm | MT | £6

MONDAY 2 JULY

Eating with Words

A series of lunches each with a different poetic theme.

Mon 2 July–Sat 7 July
12pm–1.30pm | St Michael's Church, Ledbury HR8 1PL | £6

25. How to be a Poet: Workshop with Jo Bell and Jane Commane

10am–12.30pm and
1.30pm–4pm | BAP | £50

Community Showcase!

Hosted by **Sara-Jane Arbury**
10am–11.30am | BH | Free

26. Reading the Romantics, Part 1

with **Sara-Jane Arbury, John Burns** and **Martyn Moxley**
12pm–2.30pm | TH | £9 per event
| £16 when booking Parts 1 & 2 together (lunch optional, pre-order on arrival)

27. The Power of Words – 21st Century Mental Health

Features a panel of experts including **Paul Farmer CBE, Dr Lucy Johnstone** and **Jo Watson** in partnership with Herefordshire Mind.
2pm–3pm | BH | £5

Malvern Writers' Circle

Trumpet Corner, Near Ledbury, HR8 2RA | 2pm–4pm | Free

28. Sarah Churchwell on Sylvia Plath

The renowned author and academic in conversation with **Anna Saunders** on themes including biography, authorship, celebrity and the marketplace.
6pm–7pm | BH | £9.50

29. Desert Island Poems with Miles Jupp

Actor, comedian and host of BBC Radio 4's *The News Quiz*, **Miles Jupp** shares his favourite poems. Hosted by **Jill Abram**
8pm–9pm | CH | £12.50

30. Mix Tape

A unique new show of poetry and music mosaics with **Roger Robinson** and **Nick Makoha**.
8.30pm–9.30pm | MT | £9

TUESDAY 3 JULY

31. Sing Gregorian Chant

A choral workshop, led by **John Rowlands-Pritchard**, on works by the Latin poet Venantius Fortunatus.
St Michael and All Angels Church | 10am–5pm | Tickets only £35 for full day workshop

32. Reading the Romantics, Part 2

with **Sara-Jane Arbury, John Burns** and **Martyn Moxley**
12pm–2.30pm | TH | £9 per event
| £16 when booking Parts 1 & 2 together (lunch optional, pre-order on arrival)

Wallace Stevens: *The Whole Harmonium*

A day bringing to life the poetry of **Wallace Stevens** created by **Maitreyabandhu** for *PoetryEast*.

33. **The Man with the Blue Guitar – an aural/textual immersion**

Maitreyabandhu leads a morning's exploration, including performance-readings, close reading, song and led meditation.
10am–1pm | BH | £20

34. **This Horde of Destructions – new perspectives on Wallace Stevens**

Ledbury Emerging Poetry Critics, **Maryam Hessavi, Srishti Krishnamoorthy-Cavell** and **Dzifa Benson**, discuss Wallace Stevens' reputation as a poet, and as a man.
3.30pm–4.30pm | BH | £5

35. **Mark Doty on Wallace Stevens: The Palm at the End of the Mind**

Readings and conversation with American poet and memoirist, **Mark Doty**.
5.30pm–7.30pm | BH | £9.50

Homend Poets 6.30pm–8.30pm | Icebytes | Free

36. **Herefordshire Life Through a Lens: Stories from the Hop Yards**

This special screening also features poetry readings with two of the film's interviewees, **Raine Geoghegan** and **Margaret Dallow**; a tasting of local beers and a chance to share stories.
5.15pm–8pm | MT | £9.50

37. **Love Songs of WW3: A tribute to Adrian Mitchell with Sasha Mitchell, Peter Moser and Michael Palin**

Songs and poetry celebrating the life and work of one of the finest, best-loved, funny, passionate and political poets.
8pm–9pm | CH | £15



WEDNESDAY 4 JULY

38. **Tony Sharpe on Auden's Holy Places**

Talk focused on the poem, *In Praise of Limestone*, exploring the reasons why such a landscape came to be described by Auden as 'sacred'.
11am–12noon | BH | £9.50

39. **Home: Translation Workshop Part 1 with poet & translator Noèlia Díaz-Vicedo**

A hands-on exploration of concepts of home, place and belonging through language and translation.
11am–12.30pm | Upstairs Gallery above the shop Enchant and Allure on New Street | £10

40. **Reading the Romantics, Part 1**

with **Sara-Jane Arbury, John Burns** and **Martyn Moxley**
12pm–2.30pm | TH | £9 per event | £16 when booking Parts 1 & 2 together (lunch optional, pre-order on arrival)

41. **Home: Translation Workshop Part 2 with poet & translator Noèlia Díaz-Vicedo**

A hands-on poetry and art translation event, building from the morning session.
2pm–3.30pm | Upstairs Gallery above the shop Enchant and Allure on New Street | £10

42. **Home on the Move with Deryn Rees-Jones and Polish poet Rafał Gawin**

What happens to our notions of home when we travel into another country and another language? A poetry reading and discussion.
5pm–6pm (plus visit the exhibition *TalkingTransformations: Home on the Move*) | Upstairs Gallery above the shop Enchant and Allure on New Street | £5

43. **Derek Walcott talk by poet Matthew Clegg**

An illuminating exploration of the Nobel Laureate's poetry and influence.
6.30–7.30pm | BH | £9.50

44. **Pascale Petit and Tishani Doshi**

A reading and dance performance. **Pascale Petit's** *Mama Amazonica* 'is a major literary feat, and this a brilliant sequence of poems. It burns in its own supranatural light' (PBS). '**Tishani Doshi** combines artistic elegance with a visceral power to create a breathtaking panorama of danger, memory, beauty and the strange geographies of happiness' (John Burnside).
8pm–9pm | MT | £9.50

45. **A poetic take on life in and out of Squeeze with Chris Difford**

playing classic Squeeze songs and sharing his inspirations and favourite poems with **Jill Abram**.
8.30pm–9.30pm | CH | £12.50

46. **Friends of the Dymock Poets present Voices from the Great War**

Including Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon, three Dymock poets, Eleanor Farjeon, Vera Brittain, Carola Oman and the American, Alan Seeger. The poems will be read by **Marilyn Birks** and **Jake Herbst**.
8.30–9.30pm | BH | £9.50

THURSDAY 5 JULY

47. **Close Reading Session: Whale Nation or Blue Planet?**

John Parham will mark Heathcote Williams' influence and explore his book-length poem *Whale Nation*.
10am–12noon | BH | £9.50

48. **Reading the Romantics, Part 2**

with **Sara-Jane Arbury, John Burns** and **Martyn Moxley**
12pm–2.30pm | TH | £9 per event | £16 when booking Parts 1 & 2 together (lunch optional, pre-order on arrival)

Being Heard

An incredible opportunity to hear and witness a selection of young people's poetry. Written by young people from SHYPP (Supported Housing for Young People Project) as part of the Festival's community outreach programme.
1pm–2pm | CH | Free

49. **"I don't give back a word": National Poetry Competition 40th anniversary readings**

This year's winners **Dom Bury, Mary Jean Chan** and **Momtaza Mehri** read alongside two poetry greats from the competition's heritage **Jo Shapcott** and **Pascale Petit**. Plus short discussion and Q&A.
3.30pm–5pm | BH | £9.50

50. **The Personal is Political**

Join **Pascale Petit, Kim Moore, Deborah Alma** and **Roz Goddard**, in conversation and readings from *#MeToo – rallying against sexual assault and harassment: A women's poetry anthology*.
6pm–7pm | BH | £9.50

51. **The Basket Islands Writers and Poets**

Last Keepers of the Gaelic Oral Tradition, with **John Bentley**. By arrangement with Oxford University Press.
6pm–7pm | Ledbury Books and Maps | £9.50

52. **Martin Figura in Dr Zeeman's Catastrophe Machine**

This show uses poetry, sound, images and a mathematical machine and asks *What can be retrieved from life's catastrophes and wounds?*
8.30pm–9.30pm | MT | £9

FRIDAY 6 JULY

53. **Kim Moore workshop: Veiling the Narrative**

for beginners and more experienced poets.
10am–12noon | CHMR | £20

Found Voices with Ledbury Primary School

Pupils take you on a guided tour to perform their poetry around heritage sites in the town!
1.30pm–3pm | The walk will start and finish at The Market House | Free



54. **Eric Gregory Award Winners**
12noon–1pm | BH | Free (ticketed)

55. **Sinéad Morrissey workshop: No Ideas But In Things**
2pm–4pm | CHMR | £20

56. **Jill Abram presents Stablemates**

A poetry salon with **Paul Henry, Kim Moore** and **Jonathan Edwards** from Seren Press
2pm–3pm | BH | £9.50

57. **Poet and novelist Polly Clark chats with Judy Brown**

Polly Clark's novel *Larchfield* is inspired in part by WH Auden's time teaching at Larchfield Academy and includes her own poetry. Reading and discussion event.
4pm–5pm | BH | £9.50

58. **Sinéad Morrissey**
Poetry reading and in conversation with **Ursula Owen**. *On Balance 'Sinéad Morrissey's Forward-winning collection is a breathtaking feat, blending fiction, memoir and history' (The Guardian)*.
6pm–7pm | BH | £9.50

59. **Poetry Reading: Raymond Antrobus, Peter Raynard and Josephine Corcoran**

'A set of rollicking dispatches from a Britain rarely ever heard from except in the disparaging tones of others. **Peter Raynard** details the toll this exacts on all of us with a rare, almost brutal frankness' (Mona Arshi). **Josephine Corcoran's** poems celebrate outspoken women, working class and immigrant lives, and they refuse to look away from the harsh realities of inequality, austerity, and poverty. **Raymond Antrobus's** 'monologues are stunning studies of voice and substance, and his lyric poems are graceful and finely crafted' (Kwame Dawes).

8pm–9pm | BH | £9.50

60. **Paul Henry and Brian Briggs (Stomoway)**

The Glass Aisle is an astonishing, elegiac and haunting collaboration between two major talents in poetry and music, a long poem with songs, set on the Brecon and Monmouthshire canal.

8.30pm–10pm | HM | £9.50

SATURDAY 7 JULY

61. **Zaffar Kunial workshop: Words on the Edge – poetry editing**
10am–12noon | CHMR | £20

62. **What is the Role of the Poetry Critic?**

How do poetry reviews reflect diversity and the value of poetry in society? Who are they written for? Panel discussion with

Sandeep Parmar, *Telegraph* poetry critic **Tristram Fane Saunders** and two Ledbury Emerging Poetry Critics, **Dzifa Benson** and **Sarala Estruch**.
11am–12noon | BH | £9.50

63. **Poems At The Printers**

Lesley Ingram and **Samantha Wynne-Rhydderch** perform poems that are hot off the press.
Tilley's Printers | 11.30am–12noon and again at 12.30pm–1pm | £5

20 Minutes with... **Kateryna Kalytko**

Ukrainian Versopolis poet
11.30am–11.50am | PR | Free

64. **Bob Stanley and John Clegg**

Bob Stanley, musician of Saint Etienne fame, journalist and author of *Yeah Yeah Yeah: The Story of Modern Pop*, chats about song writing and the importance of lyrics in pop music with poet **John Clegg**.
11am–12noon | HM | £9.50

20 Minutes with... **Tomica Bajsic**

Croatian Versopolis poet
12.15pm–12.35pm | PR | Free

65. **George Mario Angel Quintero and Richard Gwynn**

Columbian poet **George Mario Angel Quintero** and translator and editor of *The Other Tiger, Recent Poetry from Latin America*, **Richard Gwynn** take a whirlwind tour of South American poetry. Discussion and poetry reading.
1pm–2pm | BH | £9.50

66. Found Voices with Sara-Jane Arbury

An entertaining poetic tour of eight Ledbury heritage sites using words found within the buildings themselves, and from First World War poetry.

2pm–3.30pm | The walk will start at The Master's House and finish at St Michael & All Angels Church | £5 (ticket price includes refreshments)

20 Minutes with... Michał Sobol

Polish Versopolis poet.

2pm–2.20pm | PR | Free

67. Ledbury Forte Second Collection Prize Showcase and Celebration

with winner **Sandeep Parmar** and shortlisted poets **Judy Brown**, **Emma Hammond**, **John McCullough** and **John Clegg**.
3pm–5pm (with interval) | BH
£12.50

68. James Yorkston and Alexis Taylor

Conversation on lyric writing, poetry, influences and inspirations before their performance tonight (bring a picnic supper and enjoy both events).

4.30pm–5.30pm | HM | £5

69. Michael Pennington performs poems by William Blake

with narrative by **Mark Fisher**.

6.30pm–7.30pm | CH | £15.50

20 Minutes with... Lou Raoul

French Versopolis poet

3.40pm–4pm | PR | Free

70. Modern Poetry in Translation Summer Launch

Join Modern Poetry in Translation's editor **Clare Pollard** to celebrate the summer's LGBTQ focus. With **Mary Jean Chan** discussing queerness and the concept of 'Playtime'; **Richard Scott** reading versions of Verlaine and new translations of Jayan Cherian; **Jennifer Lee Tsai** picking her highlights.

6.30pm–7.30pm | BH | £9.50

71. James Yorkston and Alexis Taylor Performance

James Yorkston is a Scottish folk musician, celebrated for the earthy intimacy of his lyrics and the soaring beauty of his music. 'The finest song-writer of his generation' John Peel.

Alexis Taylor is lead singer of Hot Chip and his new solo album 'is an expansive and experimental collection of songs – one that refuses to sit still or be defined' (*NME*).

8pm–10.30pm | HM | £15

72. Ledbury Poetry Slam

with **Sara-Jane Arbury** and **Steve Rooney**

8pm–10.30pm | MT | £9

73. A Normal Imagination with Henry Normal

Henry Normal, co-writer of *The Royle Family* and other comedy hits, presents his unique brand of poetry, stories and humour as heard on BBC Radio 4.

8.30pm–10.30pm | BH | £15
(to include an interval drink)

SUNDAY 8 JULY

Festival Bike Ride 2018
10.30am start | Meet under the Market House | Free but ticketed

74. Poetry Walk: Poems and Paths

A walk led by poet **Jean Atkin** through ancient Frith Wood.

9.30am–12noon | Meet under the Market House | £9.50

75. Judy Brown Workshop: (Dis)mantling, (dis)assembly and (dis)obedience

10am–1pm | BAPD | £20

76. New Perspectives on Emily Dickinson

Ledbury Emerging Poetry Critics

Sarala Estruch and **Jennifer**

Lee Tsai on American poet

Emily Dickinson.

10am–11am | BAP | £5

20 Minutes with... Nasser Hussain

10.30am–10.50am | PR | Free

77. American Stars Marie Howe and Jericho Brown

Marie Howe's poetry is 'luminous, intense, and eloquent, rooted in an abundant inner life' (Stanley Kunitz). Howe's latest collection is *Magdalene* and **Jericho Brown's** is *The New Testament*. 'To read Jericho Brown's poems is to encounter devastating genius' (Claudia Rankine). Hosted by Bloodaxe Books editor **Neil Astley**.
11am–12noon | BH | £9.50

**20 Minutes with...
Dzifa Benson**
11.30am–11.50am | PR | Free

78. **Poetry and the Internet Age with Emma Hammond** in conversation with **Chloe Garner**
12noon–1pm | BAP | £5

**20 Minutes with...
Mary Jean Chan**
12.15pm–12.35pm | PR | Free

79. Ukranian Translation Duel

Poem by Kateryna Kalytko with translators **Iryna Shuvalova** and **Uilleam Blacker**. Hosted by **Sasha Dugdale**. In partnership with *Modern Poetry in Translation* magazine.
1pm–2pm | BH | £9.50

80. **Desert Island Poems with actor Michael Pennington** in conversation with **Mark Fisher**
1pm–2pm | HM | £12.50

**20 Minutes with...
Jade Cuttle**
1.20pm–1.40pm | PR | Free

81. **Zaffar Kunial One to Ones** Develop your poetry writing skills with an individual session.
2pm–4pm | Meet at the Box Office
£15 per half hour session

82. **New Perspectives on Elizabeth Barrett Browning** Ledbury Emerging Poetry Critics **Mary Jean Chan, Nasser Hussain** and **Dzifa Benson** on Elizabeth Barrett Browning.
2pm–3pm | BAP | £5

**20 Minutes with...
Sarala Estruch**
2.20pm–2.40pm | PR | Free

83. **Jan Wagner and Iain Galbraith** **Jan Wagner** is one of the most important German-language poets of the younger generation. Poetry readings and discussion with his award-winning translator **Iain Galbraith**.
3pm–4pm | BH | £9.50

**20 Minutes with...
Jennifer Lee Tsai**
3.20pm–3.40pm | PR | Free

84. **Queer Language** Discussion on LGBTQ Poetry, Identity and History, with **John McCullough** in conversation with **Chloe Garner**.
3.30pm–4.30pm | BAP | £5

**20 Minutes with...
Maryam Hessavi**
4.20pm–4.40pm | PR | Free

85. **Versopolis Readings** A grand finale of readings by Versopolis poets **Kateryna Kalytko** (Ukraine), **Tomica Bajsic** (Croatia), **Michał Sobol** (Poland), **Lou Raoul** (France/Brittany) and UK poets for 2018 **Sasha Dugdale**, **Sandeep Parmar** and **Mererid Hopwood**.
5pm–7pm (interval drinks available) | BH | Free but ticketed

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Key to main venues

BH Burgage Hall **BAP** Baptist Hall **BAPD** Downstairs at Baptist Hall
CH Community Hall **CHMR** Community Hall Meeting Room
HM Hellens Manor **MT** Market Theatre
PR Panelled Room, The Master's House **RH** Royal Hall **TH** Talbot Hotel

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