

# WRITING ON AIR

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## MISSING

NOV 24 - DEC 3 2023

Writing On Air is a festival of words on the radio, broadcast on East Leeds FM from Chapel FM Arts Centre, Seacroft, Leeds LS14 6JB / [www.chapel.fm.co.uk](http://www.chapel.fm.co.uk)



Events marked like this take place in our Radio Theatre, are FREE, and open to the public.



Events marked like this are creative workshops taking place at Chapel FM Arts Centre.

Please scan the PR code at the end of this festival guide to book tickets for events and workshops, or phone 0113 225 5944 for information.

### FRIDAY 24th NOV



#### 7.30pm: LAUNCH!

Chapel FM celebrates the launch of 'Missing', its first-ever literature publication, with poetry and music from writers featured in the anthology.



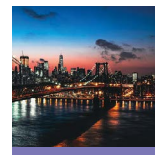
#### 9.30pm: MISSING MEDIA

Elliott Moon and his technical wizards attempt to recover lost shows, films and tracks previously assumed lost in cyber-ether. Can they do it? Ends 10.30pm



#### 12.30pm: VOICES FROM THE ARCHIVES

A journey into the East Leeds Community Radio Audio Archives to revisit much-missed voices of writers who are no longer living.



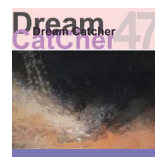
#### 1.30pm: FLIGHT 93

Silence and the missing plane: an English woman in Berkeley, California, witnesses the real life media drama of 9/11. Gripping docu-drama from Caroline Noh.



#### 2pm: THE HAWK'S GARDEN

What happens in the back garden of a housing estate over four seasons when the hawk is not hovering. Or is. Audio poem by Gareth Rhodes.



#### 3pm: DREAM CATCHER

Dream Catcher editors Hannah Stone and Joe Williams present poems from recent issues of this lively journal which 'tell it slant' on the theme of 'missing'.



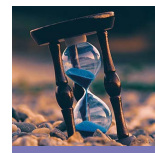
#### 10.30am: WORDPLAY

Writers from online workshop WordPlay, led by writer Barney Bardsley, read prose and poetry on the missing and the missed.



#### 11.30pm: SAVE THE WORDS

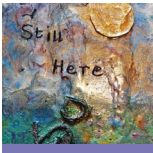
Writer and historian Colin Speakman talks about his passion for Yorkshire dialect and his mission to keep it alive for young people.



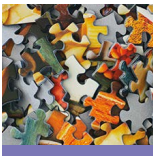
#### 4pm: WHISPERS OF THE PAST

What secrets are suppressed within the Harrison family? What are the three children about to find out? Live storytelling by Sonja Miller.





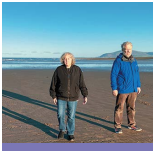
**4.30pm: MISSING, OR NEVER THERE**  
Chapel FM welcomes back storyteller Vickie Orton to perform her brand new tale. What's it like to be missing in plain sight?



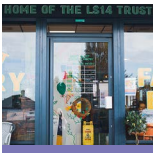
**5pm: ADDING THE MISSING PIECE**  
Could you be the missing piece in a story? Performed collaboration between Chapel FM participants and Leeds Conservatoire students.



**6pm: NORWEGIAN SUMMER**  
Evocative prose by writer/artist Linn Schiffmann, from Leeds' twin city Dortmund, about collective memories and missing what might have been.



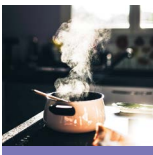
**6.30pm: MISSING YOU IN 20 MINUTES**  
Who do we forget? What do we forget? Performance, installation, soundscape, life. By The Performance Ensemble.



**7.30pm: WHAT HAVE WE GOT?**  
Young people who meet at the fabulous LS14 Trust in Seacroft, East Leeds, reflect on reality now and their dreams for the future.



**8pm: PARTING WAYS**  
In our candle-lit radio theatre Ric Neale, singer and songwriter, performs his poignant and uplifting new album about the loss of his best friend.



**9pm: SCRIPT YORKSHIRE PRESENTS**  
A selection of winning plays from Script Yorkshire's acclaimed annual audio-drama competition, chosen by BBC Radio 4 producer Gary Brown. Ends 10pm

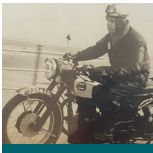
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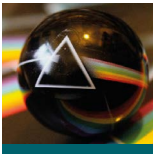
**10.30am: POETRY AND POISONS, Part 1**  
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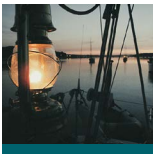
**11am: MISSING PIECES**  
Encounter the heart-wrenching voids replacing the once taken-for-granted everyday comforts in the lives of incarcerated women. With Pamela Bircumshaw.



**11.30am: LOST PASSPORT**  
Lost in truck, recovered at the next police station. Miraculous turns in epic journeys. One man and his motorcycle, with Geoffrey Huck.



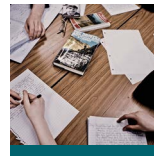
**12pm: MIND OVER MATTER**  
Poets are on *The Dark Side of the Moon*. Some have been there before, some not. Responses to Pink Floyd's classic album on its 50th anniversary, with Oz Hardwick.



**1pm: FRANKIE'S AWAY**  
Haunting short fiction by Leeds writer Gareth Rhodes in collaboration with Conny Franken from Leeds' twin city Dortmund, Germany.



**1.30pm: MISSING IN ACTION**  
Reunion of locals who visited First World War battlefields in 2014 to find the Seacroft men who went missing one hundred years before, with Geraldine Beattie.



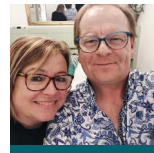
**2.30pm: THE WRITE STUFF**  
Members of the U3A (University of The Third Age) Writing for Pleasure Group try out brand new poetry, prose, and flash fiction.



**3.30pm: THE EMOTIONLESS COLA ROASTER**  
Writing On Air veteran John Hepworth collides with some things that aren't where they should be, or perhaps even aren't there at all.



**4pm: WHAT WE DON'T INCLUDE**  
Free workshop led by poets Caitlin Mckenna, Aqeel Parvez and Alex Callaghan on the space both on and off the page.



**5.30pm: YAFFLE'S NEST**  
Writers from the legendary Wordshop, a regular online and occasionally live workshop, read their responses to the theme of 'Missing.'



**6.30pm: THE VOICENOTE TRIBE**  
Four women, three friendships and one life-changing diagnosis. Powerful audio drama by Jacky Burton.



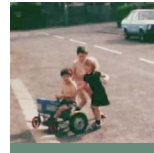
**7.30pm: TOWER OF SONG**  
Regulars from this fabulous monthly night for songwriters perform musical musings on the theme of 'Missing', in celebration of Tower's 10th birthday. Ends 10pm.



## THURSDAY 30th NOV



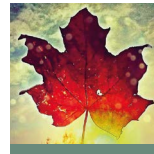
**11am: INVISIBLE GIFTS**  
A panel of people from *We Are Seacroft*, organisations working to make Seacroft a stronger community have a lively discussion about what's missing.



**12pm: A PRESENT PAST**  
In the fallout from the pandemic, some lives never went back to normal. Has living in the past become the new present? A prescient reflection by Rayyah McCaul.



**1pm: LIT IN LEEDS**  
Leeds City Council recently commissioned a review from New Writing North to develop a better understanding of the literature ecology in Leeds. What did it find?



**2pm: FOUND**  
Lyrical and other-worldly new short fiction from regular Writing On Air contributor, Melissa Wuidart Phillips.



**2.30pm: A DELICATE PROPOSAL TO MR. KHAMENEI**  
An impassioned plea for humanity in the treatment of women in Iran, from Jaspreet Mander.



**3pm: EXTRA OR ESSENTIAL?**

People of Seacroft at a Chapel FM Health Awareness Day reflect on what would provide added value to their health and happiness.



**3.30pm: LINGUA**

'To have another language is to possess a second soul' (Charlemagne). Nicola Good makes the case for the importance of language-learning in our education culture.



**4pm: WAITING**

Will the boyfriend ever arrive? Suspicion takes her on a very disturbing journey. Dark audio drama from Sophie McWhannell.



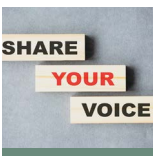
**4.30pm: A FATHER'S VOICE**

Jaimes Lewis Moran presents poetry, prose, and live reflection on the subject of fathers, both missing and present.



**5pm: CHANGE, NOW!**

David Price OBE, with Elizabeth Powell, Fran Cairns and Naomi Roxby Wardle, discuss what we urgently need in our education system.



**6pm: MISSING VOICES**

Whose voices are missing in our lives? Poets explore the experience of loss and grief in daily life and the necessity of calling it what it is. Ends 7.30pm.

**FRIDAY 1st DEC**



**10.30am: FIRST STORY SPECIAL**

First Story places writers in schools throughout the UK. Young people from First Story residencies in West Yorkshire talk about their love of writing.



**12pm: I MISS YOU, SPAGHETTI!**

Students from Leeds East Academy present work from Chapel FM writing workshops they took part in earlier this year.



**1pm: PASS THE VERSE**

Two poets, Gareth Rhodes and Jaimes Moran, exchange associated ideas, random phrases, and hallucinatory fragments in this freshly experimental work.



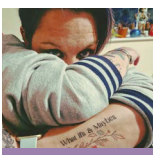
**1.30pm: POETRY AND POISONS, Part 2**

Are poetry and poisons related? Four programmes on past herbal remedies with a poet GP and a Professor of Prescribing Practice.



**1.45pm: THE DIFFICULT CONVERSATION**

Two older people sit on a bench. What are they choosing not to say? Intriguing audio dialogue by Mally Harvey.



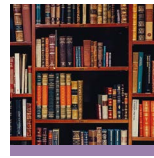
**2pm: WHAT IF'S AND MAYBES**

Prison is a mystery to most, but what happens when you get out is the story no one tells. Drama from Writing On Air regulars, Standfast Productions.



**3pm: ANITA AND AUNTY JI**

Though very different, Anita and her employer have a common link: their missing husbands who they do not miss. Audio drama from Jaspreet Mander.



**3.30pm: WHO'S MISSING FROM THE CLASSICS?**

The British Library with students from Elliott Hudson College, Beeston, unearth absent characters and themes in classical literature.



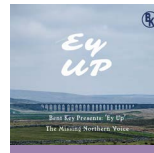
**4pm: WORDS LEFT UNSAID**

Leeds-based literary affinity group, Bone Down, host an intimate session of secret sharing. Part poetry showcase, part discussion, hosted by Caitlin McKenna.



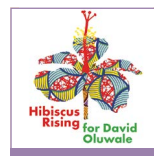
**5pm: WHAT IS PRISON RADIO?**

Sam Taylor and Verity Britton from Prison Radio talk about their fascinating work, broadcasting across UK prisons.



**6pm: EY UP! THE MISSING NORTHERN VOICE**

Discussion between publisher Rebecca Kenny and four Northern writers on publishing in the North.



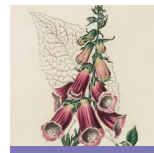
**7pm: HIBISCUS RISING: THE LEGACY OF DAVID OLUWALE**

An evening of discussion, performance and art reflecting on the life and tragic death of David Oluwale. Ends 9.30pm.



**SATURDAY 2nd DEC**

At various times during Weekend Two, we are proud to showcase poets from Leeds' twin cities Brno (Czech Republic) and Lille (France), as well as our emerging partner Kharkiv (Ukraine), in partnership with Leeds City Council Department of International Relations.



**10am: POETRY AND POISONS, Part 3**

Are poetry and poisons related? Four programmes on past herbal remedies with a poet GP and a Professor of Prescribing Practice.



**10.30am: WRITE ACROSS THE LINES**

A gathering of poets/guests from Leeds' twin cities Brno and Lille, with writers/guests from Kharkiv (Ukraine), in solidarity with that city's pursuit of peace and freedom.



**11.30am: INTERVIEWS THROUGH HISTORY, NOW!**

DJ Brandy has somehow wangled interviews with Socrates, Nefertiti, DaVinci, and Houdini. Let's hear what each have to teach us.



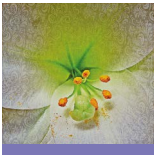
**12pm: FORGET ME NOT**

A runaway, infant mortality, a fissure in a new relationship. It's the absence that causes the ache. Three mini audio dramas from John I. Clarke.



**12.30pm: BICYCLE THIEF**

Young boy goes for a ride on his bicycle, meets a girl, loses his bicycle. Dramatised short story by Neil Rathmell.



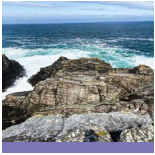
**1pm: THE SLEEPING**

Experimental soundscapes from extraordinary East Leeds composer, singer, producer Alex Rushfirth.



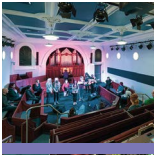
**1.30pm: ONE OF OUR ACTORS IS MISSING**

Stumbling mess of a radio play that desperately tries to make itself happen despite the principal actor being absent. From poet/musician Jimmy Andrex.



**2.30pm: THE LOST AND THE LIVING**

Waymaker-General Harriet and her apprentice Vicky battle bad weather to bring a mysterious vessel in from the storm. Atmospheric audio drama by S.J.Bradley.



**3.30pm: GREY OWLS AND PICKLEBALL**

Two of Chapel FM's resident music ensembles, one featuring inventive teenagers, the other made up of adults, present their original compositions.



**4pm: MISSED STITCHES**

LS14's famous Hookers knitting group reflect on socks, cardies, and the meaning of life in Boggart Hill, Leeds, LS14.



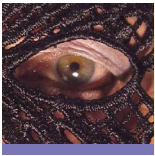
**5pm: RED KITE LIVE!**

Chapel FM's youth radio broadcasters explore what the world misses when trying to understand the lives of teenagers. Prepare to be surprised.



**6pm: THE DELI**

New writing, music, witty banter from Chapel FM's longest-running radio show and team of volunteer broadcasters, est. 2012.



**7pm: CLEAR OUT YOUR CLOSET**

A vibetastic night of spoken word, interviews, performance and open mic presented by the amazing CYOC collective with Michelle Scalley Clarke. Ends 9pm.



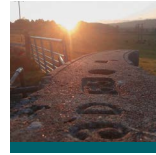
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Workshop with poets Clare Wigzell and Hannah Stone inviting writers to adopt silence as a prompt for writing poetry.



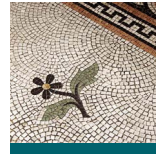
**2pm: RAAVI, RIVER OF TWO PUNJABS**

A Punjabi song about missing the river Raavi and the old province of five rivers. Audio poem by Jaspreet Mander.



**2.30pm: THE GREAT WALL OF LEEDS**

Could it ever happen? Chapel FM young writers from 2017 on the theme of walls, physical, psychological, and emotional.



**3pm: BLACK DAISIES FOR THE BRIDE**

A film by legendary Leeds poet Tony Harrison about dementia and memory, introduced by East Leeds MP Richard Burgon.



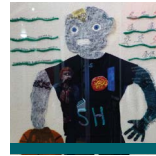
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Clare Wigzell and Hannah Stone present the fruits of their workshop inviting writers to adopt silence as a prompt for writing poetry.



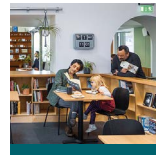
**5.30pm: IDEAS FOR A BETTER WORLD**

Hans Ulrich Heuser with writers both in Leeds and in our twin city Dortmund, Germany, reflect on what we need to make a better world.



**6pm: IN CONCERT: THROUGH OUR EYES**

A resident Chapel FM ensemble that ensures musicians with disabilities have a place to make adventurous music. Featuring the premiere of several new compositions.



**7.30pm: THE DELI, LIVE!**

The Deli team round off Writing On Air 2023 with their first-ever show in the radio theatre. Expect original poetry, music, and zany humour. Ends 9pm



**SUNDAY 3rd DEC**



**10.45am: POETRY AND POISONS, Part 4**

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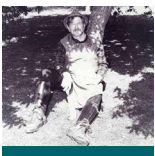
**11am: MISSING MUSIC**

Silent films selected by The Chapel FM Live Events Group. Audience are invited to provide the music with on-site instruments. Or bring your own!



**1pm: GOREJA**

*'I am a woman. I am an immigrant. I am a cricketer. My life is too complicated to be confined in the neat lines of a pretty poem'. Home, passion, freedom. By Zainab Goreja.*



**1.30pm: MISSING LINKS**

A conversation with Chapel FM regular Phil Harvey about a life long-lived as farmer's boy, oilman, china man, and woodsman.



For a detailed list and of all the WOA '23 events and booking information, visit our webpage by scanning this QR code with the camera on your phone or tablet. [Or click here](#)

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