

WRITING ON AIR

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WORKSHOP EVENT

FRIDAY 29th NOV



11.30am: GREEN SPACES

Reflections on the healing powers of nature
in this mindful collaboration between
Chapel FM and Orb in Knaresborough.



1.30pm: THE WREN BAKERY

Clare and Jackie from the fabulous Wren
Bakery in Mabgate talk about what an
environment that aids recovery looks like.



12.15pm: WORDS FOR WELLBEING

What is bibliotherapy and how can other
people's words help you to find your own?
An introduction to the Words For Wellbeing
workshop.



2.15pm: TUNE IN TO RECOVERY

New poetry and stories from 5 Ways, the
Leeds centre for people in recovery from
issues with alcohol or other drugs.



12.30pm-2.30m: WORKSHOP: WORDS FOR WELLBEING

Learn how to use lyrics, book quotes and
poetry to express emotions, mental health
issues and trauma. **Book at chapel.fm.co.uk**



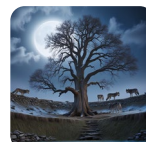
3pm: I HAVE AN ANSWER, SORT OF

Modern relationships... A woman shares
poetry from the frontline of a marriage in
crisis. By Gareth Rhodes.



12.45pm: FINDING THE WORDS

Faye Marshall is a poet and nurse. She talks
about the privilege of working in palliative
care and its impact on her life and writing.



3.45pm: THE TREE

'In 1875 I fought wolves to the death. But
what death was this?' Eerie short fiction
from Phil Wiggs.

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4pm: RE

Sound poem by poet and musician Tallulah Howarth that obsesses over the prefix 're', meaning 'back' or 'again'.



4.30pm: DR. GAVIN FRANCIS

Poet and GP Emma Storr interviews GP and writer Dr. Gavin Francis about his engrossing and best-selling book, 'Recovery'.



5.15pm: BUILDINGS BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE BY ART

Soundscape tour of the future National Poetry Centre and an insight into other Leeds architectural re-imaginings.



6pm: LEEDS GREEN

Volunteers from urban gardens talk movingly about working together to re-nature waste spaces in Leeds.



6.30pm: THE CASE FOR GERMAN

Nicola Good advocates for the importance of keeping the German language alive in UK schools. And is there a cure for 'ostalgia'?



7pm - 9pm: LAUNCH!

Poetry to celebrate the publication of the 2nd Chapel FM print anthology, with a short film about Chapel FM's resident Recovery Chair.



SATURDAY 30th NOV



11am: WOMEN'S HEALTH AND HERBAL REMEDIES, Ep 1

Menstrual cramps, pregnancy, childbirth. Emma Storr and Prof. Barry Strickland Hodge on women's health through history.



11am - 12.30pm: WORKSHOP: A FRAGMENT(ED) SESSION. Writing exercises and discussions honouring lost fragments and phrases; an investigation into recovered poetry led by poets Alex Callaghan and Caitlin McKenna. [Book at chapelfm.co.uk](http://bookat.chapelfm.co.uk)



11.30am: REPAIR CAFÉ

Jaimes Lewis Moran interviews item fixers and repair receivers in the amazing world of East Leeds Repair Cafés.



12pm: FISH SHOPS AND GIBBETS

Eyes closed, deep inhale: the smell of freshly battered fish takes him back to his dad's old shop'... Rayyah McCaul on a journey with her father.



1pm - 2.30pm: WORKSHOP: RE-COVERY

Hannah Stone and Clare Wigzell lead a poetry workshop on how we find and re-make ourselves through exploring different layers of our experiences. We can re-grow even when we've been knocked about by life's storms. [Book at chapelfm.co.uk](http://bookat.chapelfm.co.uk)



1pm: WORDSHIP IN RECOVERY

Join the Yaffle's Nest Wordship team with readings from their eclectic poetic responses to this year's festival theme.



2.15pm: TWO OLD TOO OLD?

Two people in old age fall in love. What is old? What is too old? Ruth Steinberg and Len Biran tell their story. Discussion follows.



3.30pm: THE POET WHO BROKE HER BACK

A discussion with Written Off Publishing Founder Rebecca Kenny on recovery after major physical trauma, rebuilding the self, and community support in the arts.



4.30pm: RECOVERY ON THE ROAD

Mark and Gill Connors read from their new joint poetry collection, 'The Where We Were.' Poems, photography, travel.



5.30pm: DATA DEBACLE

Undaunted by her digital disaster, Jasmine's friends rally to make up her loss. A conversation on selfhood from Jaspreet Mander.



6.15pm: AFTERDROP

A woman dreams of an easy water birth but things don't go to plan. Can swimming help her become the mother she wants to be? A story by Laura Graham.



7pm: REBUILDING A BODY

A showcase of poetry from Ey Up 3: Written Off Publishing's upcoming anthology, hosted by Alex Callaghan.

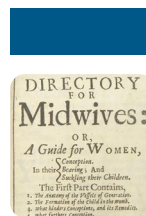


8.15pm: THE BEATiful SOUTH

In the south of the city the poetry heartbeat grows strong! Written and performed by poets active in the South Leeds spoken word community.



SUNDAY 1st DEC



12pm: WOMEN'S HEALTH AND HERBAL REMEDIES, Ep 2

Menstrual cramps, pregnancy, childbirth. Emma Storr and Prof. Barry Strickland Hodge on women's health through history.



12.30pm: SIBLING ON THE SPECTRUM

How is it to live as the sibling of an autistic person with complex needs? Spoiler: you may laugh and cry.



1pm: WORKSHOP: RECOVERING POWER

A two-hour workshop where participants use creative play (images, sounds, words and bodily movements) to reimagine power relationships (e.g. sexism, racism, and classism). [Book at chapelfm.co.uk](http://bookat.chapelfm.co.uk)



1.15pm: IT'S ALL ABOUT RECOVERY

Participants from Vera Media's *Can You Hear Us* Holbeck music-making course share an exclusive play of their song 'All About Addiction'.



2pm: EVERYONE'S A SEED

Creative writing from a project at Leeds Trinity University which uses writing to connect people with issues of plant health within their local environment.



2.45pm: **THROUGH OUR EYES**

Concert from the resident Chapel FM ensemble that ensures musicians with disabilities have a place to make adventurous music. Follows their acclaimed album.



3.30pm: **GET WELL SOON**

For people with disabilities and chronic illness the concept of recovery is difficult to navigate. Who decides what disability and recovery look like? Discussion follows.



4.45pm: **STOP THE SORDID STAPLE**

Poet Jaspreet Mander gives voice to the land of Punjab to speak of its dire state and passionate desire to regenerate.



5.30pm: **ELEGANT SOLUTIONS**

The fascinating story of how Len Biran's refugee father used his wits to keep his family safe and fed through World War 2 and its aftermath.



6.15pm: **THREE TALES OF LOSING AND GAINING**

Three quirky and instructive stories on the theme, performed by Sonja Miller and their writer Neil Rathmell.



7pm: **GEORGE WALKER OF KILLINGBECK**

Never heard of this famous artist and writer? He's buried in Seacroft! Illustrated talk by Geraldine Beattie.



7.45pm: **HOW TO DRIVE IN THE DARK**

A crash, a coma, submerged emotions. Racing-car driver Jean-Pierre races against time and himself. Script-in-hand performance of this audio drama by Catherine Shonack.



8.30pm: **SAND HOUSE**

The eighth wonder of the world. In Doncaster. Buried forever. The true saga of the legendary Sand House dramatised for radio by Peter Spafford.



WEDNESDAY 4th DEC



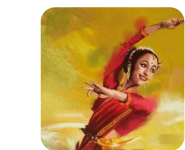
6pm: **GREY RAVENS**

In concert with Chapel FM's resident band of young musicians and songwriters.



7pm: **STONE SOUP**

Floods force a group of strangers to seek refuge in a coppiced wood. Will they survive? Will they make it through the rain? From The Performance Ensemble.



8.15pm: **DANCING INTO THE FULL MOON**

Against all odds, Rhea chooses dance to dream of a full life. Dramatised short fiction for voices by Jaspreet Mander.



9pm: **CROSSING LINES, Ep 1**

Elite triathletes Becky and Natalie are prepared to give everything to be World No.1. But what if this affects their health forever? Powerful drama by Jacky Burton.



THURSDAY 5th DEC



7pm - 8pm: **RED KITE LIVE: EXPLORING RECOVERY THROUGH YOUNG VOICES.**

Chapel FM's young Next Gen broadcasters explore what 'recovery' means to them through music, poetry, conversation.



8pm: **LEEDS TO LOUISVILLE**

Young writers from Leeds' twin city Louisville, Kentucky, reflect on the theme of Recovery with young writers from Chapel FM.



8.30pm: **CROSSING LINES, Ep 2**

Elite triathletes Becky and Natalie are prepared to give everything to be World No.1. But what if this affects their health forever? Powerful drama by Jacky Burton.



FRIDAY 6th DEC



10.30am: **FIRST STORY SPECIAL**

First Story places writers in schools throughout the UK. Young writers from residencies in W.Yorkshire schools read their work.



12pm: **MISSING MEDIA – THE ROGUE TO RECOVERY.**

Recovering, restoring, retrieving, reclaiming, repairing: the lost, forgotten, decaying: data, films, tapes. What can be recovered?



1pm: **CROSSING LINES, Ep 3**

Elite triathletes Becky and Natalie are prepared to give everything to be World No.1. But what if this affects their health forever? Powerful drama by Jacky Burton.



2pm: **ALEC CLEGG AND THE EXCITEMENT OF WRITING.**

Children's poetry and the sharpness of their perceptions. Tribute by Jimmy Andrex to the unjustly forgotten West Riding Educationalist.



3pm: **THE WRITE STUFF**

Writers from The University of The Third Age return with funny and vivid responses to the festival theme.



4pm: **ANOTHER CONVERSATION**

A sequel to Mally and Phil Harvey's beautifully written dialogue from last year about love and sex in old age.



4.15pm: **GETTING CLEAN**

Lenny Flint talks to Getting Clean, a project that promotes personal growth and social change for people in recovery from addiction, one bar of soap at a time.



5.15pm: **ADDRESSING ADDICTION**

Discussion with the world's first-ever Professor of Addiction and Recovery, and powerful music and poetry from people in recovery.



7.15pm: **TYKE-LIPPED**

Dynamic performance blazoning the importance of local Yorkshire dialect in matters of identity and heritage, hosted by Keith Fenton.

SATURDAY 7th DEC



11.30am: THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED

Short documentary feature from the Recovering Power workshop last weekend which reimagined power relationships in our unequal world.



12pm: WREN ASTER

Poetry and short fiction by Wren Aster from our twin city Dortmund in Germany, anticipating Chapel FM's international orientation next year.



12.15pm: PASS THE VERSE (AGAIN)

Jaimes Lewis Moran and Gareth Rhodes exchange lines and images in this surreal poetry conversation.



12.45pm: THE NATURE OF NATURE

Nature is often a powerful element in the recovery story. Hear from someone who knows.



1pm - 5pm: WORKSHOP: SOUNDING THE WORD.

Join musician/poet Laura Sutcliffe for a workshop exploring poetry, storytelling and improvisation to create music for a same day performance. Workshop includes soup break! Book at chapelfm.co.uk



1pm: MUSEUM OF RELICS

Tony Macaluso with bookstore owner Giovanni Spadaccini from Reggio Emilia, Italy, and his collection of curious objects recovered from old books.



2pm: FORTIFIED SPIRITS

Treadlight Theatre presents this funny and touching play about love and loss by Spike Marshall.



3.15pm: NOBODY TELLS YOU IT DROPS WHEN YOU STOP CHASING.

Josh's gambling has cost him his livelihood and home life. Recovery's going well. Until it isn't. Impactful audio drama by Sam Lawrence.



4pm: THE FORGERY

1905: Colonel Gascoigne from Lotherton Hall is visiting a friend in London when a telegram dramatically alters his plan. Brian Hull dramatises a local true story.



5pm: SOUNDING THE WORD JAM

Music from the workshop with Laura Sutcliffe played for the very first time in the radio theatre.



5.45pm: TAKING THE SUN, THE MOON, AND THE STARS. When a girl unwittingly releases the sun, moon and stars, it has life-changing consequences. Gripping story from Vickie Orton with music and song.



6.30pm: SPORTS TALK SPECIAL

Sports Talk profiles Gaelic Football team John F Kennedy's, who last season failed to win a match and this season got to two Cup Finals.



7.30pm: CLEAR OUT YOUR CLOSET

Another vibetastic night of big-hearted poetry and music from the COYC collective presented by Michelle Scally Clarke.

SUNDAY 8th DEC



10.30am: MUCKERS

A dragon can change your life; if you can survive long enough to meet one. Fiery short story from Jane McGowan read by Sparkle Menzies.



11.15pm: DRINKING WITH DAVID FOSTER WALLACE.

Christopher R. Moore explores the complicated legacy of David Foster Wallace's 1996 novel *Infinite Jest* through the lens of addiction, recovery, and memory.



12pm: VIC LEESON

Vic is a writer and therapist working throughout Yorkshire with groups and individuals. She talks about her love for the work she does and how it has evolved.



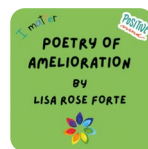
1pm: A NEW SELF AT 70

Old friends Clare Wigzell and Ruth Steinberg track Clare's journey towards a fuller sense of herself through motherhood, creativity, shame and anxiety.



2pm: UNDER THE LAMMAS MOON

Poet and novelist Cora Greenhill reads her sensual and lyrical tale of a young man enchanted by the sea, unable to grow up.



2.45pm: POETRY OF AMELIORATION

'Find inner strength, ask for help, accept change'. Healing and heartening poetry from East Leeds writer Lisa Rose Forte.



3pm: TOWER OF SONG

Nicky and Carl host 'Recovery'-inspired songs showcasing the creativity of the songwriters who perform at their monthly Tower of Song nights.



5pm: RECOVERY CHAIR

For the duration of the festival, Chapel FM has hosted The Recovery Chair. We hear poems and stories written by writers inspired by it.



5.30pm: I WANT TO GO HOME

A gifted musician re-lives the time he contracted polio as a child. His recovery is dependent on finding his newfound power as The King of Sound. Uplifting drama to end Writing On Air 2024, by Martin Riley and Jack Glover.



For a detailed list and of all the WOA '24 events and booking information, visit our webpage by scanning this QR code with the camera on your phone or tablet or click [here](#)