

Friday 26 March

Headingley's female sleuth

Meet crime writer Frances McNeil aka Frances Brody and her Audiobooks reader Maggie Mash. Listen to dramatised readings from her novels and find out about the Headingley-based sleuth Kate Shackleton.

7pm Headingley Library, North Lane Refreshments £3/£2

Saturday 27 March

LitFest on the radio

The broadcasting unit of East Leeds FM will be parked in central Headingley from 10am to 12.30pm. The voices of local primary school pupils who have been working with playwright Peter Spafford will be broadcast, along with interviews with participants in the LitFest generally.

Saturday 27 March

Wickedly Weird

Chris Mould is author and illustrator of a number of books for children - some great individual titles, some fabulous collections of stories - ghosts, dragons - as well as the wonderful *Something Wickedly Weird* series - pirates, adventure, mystery and humour. Meet him, hear him talk about his books - and see him draw too! Suitable for 8 - 12s. 1.30pm Headingley Library Free - just turn up.

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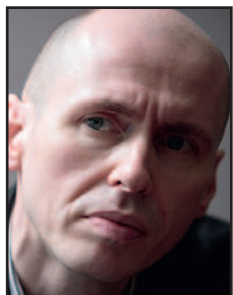
Literary Walk

Join Ted Hockin of Leeds Combined Arts for this literary trail lasting just over an hour. Find out about the connections with Lucie Newlin, Alan Bennett, George Orwell, and Simon Armitage. Full details: 0113 2690356.

11am Meet Arcadia, Arndale Centre £1 collected at start

Saturday 27 March

David Peace



The darkly brilliant and remarkably prolific David Peace (pictured here by Naoya Sanuki) will concentrate on two of his novels - *Occupied City* and *GB84*, to coincide with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Miners' Strike. He will be reading extracts and answering questions. The novel which led to the film *The Damned United* was a big word-of-mouth success before the celluloid version, and the *Red Riding* television plays based on his novels and set in the time of the Yorkshire

Ripper clocked up high ratings. David Peace has more recently detonated his explosive mixture of politics, local history, violent crime, humour and horror in the setting of Tokyo.

3pm New Headingley Club, St Michael's Road. Refreshments. £5/£4

Saturday 27 March

Heading Home

Theatre of the Dales and Trio Literati present:

Moon's Farm

A man heads back to the dale of his childhood in Herbert Read's mystical play for voices. War poet, art critic and self-styled anarchist, Herbert Read was born near Kirbymoorside and spent much of his life in Leeds. His son Ben will be on hand to answer questions about his father.

84, Charing Cross Road

Booklovers' letters head back and forth across the Atlantic, capturing New York and London through twenty years of literary snapshots

Newly Unearthed letters

Return to the lives and times of Charles Dickens, William Wordsworth and Patrick Brontë and hear some newly unearthed letters of theirs, written from their homes and now made public for the first time - a scoop for the finale of the LitFest.

8pm Yorkshire College of Music and Drama. Refreshments. £6/£5

Tickets are available from the Oxfam Bookshop on Otley Road, Café Lento on North Lane, and on the door.

Ticket enquiries - 0113 275 6652

General enquiries - 0113 225 7397

Latest online information at
www.headingleylitfest.org.uk,
www.headingleylitfest.blogspot.com
and at www.headingley.org

As part of Headingley LitFest, during the weeks before the main events, playwright Peter Spafford will be working in Shire Oak and Spring Bank Primary Schools with groups of pupils from across the age groups, who will create and record material to be broadcast on 27 March by East Leeds FM, part of Heads Together Productions 0870 990 5261.

Thanks for their help to: Brotherton Library, Headingley Craft Fair, Leeds Libraries, North Leeds Life and Wade's Charity.

Books will be on sale at most author events.

Thanks to Radish Bookshop.

The Well-Being Fund grant is awarded by local Ward Members through the Inner North West Area Committee.



Tuesday 16 March

Snowboy at Salvo's



Mark 'Snowboy' Cotgrove - musician, journalist, historian of British culture from the 40s onwards, bandleader of Europe's most in demand Latin Jazz Orchestra and author of *From Jazz Funk & Fusion to Acid Jazz* will be sharing his insights and stories over a casual Italian supper, along with rare video footage. 8 pm at Salvo's Salumeria, Otley Road. Book early with Salvo's 0113 275 5017 £12.50

Wednesday 17 March

Lento Shorts

This short story evening follows the great success of the event at Lento last year. Contributions from proprietor Richard Lindley, Moira Garland, Doug Sandle, Peter Spafford and Richard Wilcocks. 7.30pm Café Lento, North Lane Free

Thursday 18 March

Poetry at the Brotherton

An introduction to the Leeds Poetry Archives featuring a reading of work by poets including Martin Bell, Geoffrey Hill and Jon Silkin, all of whom lived locally. Organised in partnership with the Brotherton Library. 7.30pm Brotherton Library, University of Leeds Refreshments available Entry £2

Friday 19 March

LitFest Launch

This year, the LitFest Launch will be hosted by one of the North's foremost writers, James Nash. Local poets, open mic, music, tombola, showing of last year's Lawnswood Poetry Slam video and more. 7.30pm. New Headingley Club, St Michael's Road. Bar. Free

Friday 19 March

Prizes on the Pitch

Presentation to winners of this year's Sports Writing Competition from Leeds schools, organised by Leeds Rugby Arts in partnership with Headingley LitFest. Half-time on the pitch, Leeds Rhinos v Hull Kingston Rovers match.

Saturday 20 March

Headingley – Part of the True North



Martin Wainwright is northern editor of the Guardian. Born in Leeds, he is the author of *True North: In praise of England's better half*. In this incisive and wittily observant assessment of a socially and culturally flourishing region, he dispatches most of the myths propagated by the ignorant. 3 pm Yorkshire College of Music and Drama, Shire Oak Road. Refreshments. £3/£2.

Saturday 20 March

Linda Marshall's Launch



Linda Marshall launches her second poetry booklet *Half-Moon Glasses*. Over the years she has developed a style that is at times comic and quirky, whimsical and lyrical. Co-editor of *Aireings* poetry magazine for a decade, she has also taken part in many readings and festivals. Her first full-length collection was called *Brakken City*, published by Fighting Cock Press. 7.30pm Flux Gallery, 16a Midland Road. Free

Sunday 21 March

Pieces for Places

In this bold new departure for the LitFest, audiences will be guests in people's houses. There is a limited number of free tickets for each separate event. Ring the number to book.

Break-ins

Peter Spafford introduces performances by contributors to *Cadaverine*, which publishes the best new work by writers under the age of 25 online and in print. 1pm Tickets 0113 275 4199

No Place Like Home

Join Maggie Mash of Trio Lit, Lynn Thornton of Jazz Connection and other local actors, poets and musicians for an entertaining exploration of the meaning of home. 2.30pm Tickets 0113 275 8378

Déjà-vu

Join Gaby and John Jones for extraordinary true stories about the Villa Cocini by the side of Lake Como in 1938 and the shell-shocked town of Knokke in Belgium in 1945. 4pm Tickets 0113 225 7397

Monday 22 March

The Damned United (15)



Brian Clough's 44 days as Leeds United manager, based on the novel by David Peace, with Jim Broadbent, Timothy Spall and Michael Sheen as Brian Clough. 8.30pm Cottage Road Cinema.

Tuesday 23 March

Phyllis Bentley – A Yorkshire Literary Life



Dave Russell (Professor of History and Northern Studies at Leeds Metropolitan University) will talk about Phyllis Bentley (1874-1977), who is now largely forgotten. In the period from the 1930s to the 1960s, she was a respected 'middlebrow' novelist. The talk discusses her contribution to the writing of the regional novel and her complex relationship with the West Riding of Yorkshire. 7pm Headingley Library. Refreshments £3/£2

Wednesday 24 March

Headingley's Halcyon Days

To amuse, entertain and delight Leeds Combined Arts present for tonight an original, innovative, creative, contemporary evening of poetry and prose hosted and written by Billy J Walker. Come along to our Halcyon Days and be truly amazed. More info from LCA at 0113 269 0356.

7.30 pm Headingley Community Centre, North Lane.

£3/£2 on the door

Thursday 25 March

The Seventh Sense – A Sense of Place

Lucht Focail (People of the Word) return to Headingley LitFest (in partnership with Irish History Month) to muse on the seventh sense. Through poetry, storytelling, music, song and dance they explore places of the heart, mind, Headingley and Ireland. Come along and exercise your seventh sense. 8.15pm Yorkshire College of Music and Drama, Shire Oak Road. Free

Thursday 25 March

Poetry Slam

Michelle Scally-Clarke returns to create another Slam with Lawnswood students. Performance poetry, singing and dancing, all of it original. Last year this was wildly successful, with hundreds of students, parents and others involved.

6pm Lawnswood School Main Hall

Free