

Authors and Poets

Roz Kaveney At any given time Roz Kaveney has several writing projects on the go. Elegant modernizations of Sappho and meditative sonnets about absence will feature in her readings, and possibly something else if her new work shoots off in another direction. **Saturday 10 July 11am. Faringdon Library.**

The Fantasy Life of an Author A discussion about reading, writing, publishing and being a fan of Science Fiction and Fantasy novels.

Ian Whates is the author of some 40-odd short stories published over the past five years, many of which are gathered in the collection *The Gift of Joy* (2009), and has been running the independent publisher NewCon Press for the past five years.

Sarah Pinborough is the author of six horror novels and the first of a supernatural thriller trilogy, *A Matter of Blood*, was released this year. She is currently short-listed for the Shirley Jackson Award for Best Novella.

Roz Kaveney is a well-known writer and activist and author/editor of a number of books on film and television, among them *Reading the Vampire Slayer*, *Teen Dreams* and *Flesh Steel and Spirit - Investigating Battlestar Galactica*.

Juliet McKenna is the author of the acclaimed *Tales of Einarinn* series, as well as the highly praised *The Aldabreshin Compass* sequence. Her current project, *The Chronicles of the Lescari Revolution*, is a trilogy exploring divided states, personal conflict and the rights and responsibilities of power, beginning with *Irons in the Fire*. She is one of the leading lights of The Write Fantastic, a UK authors' initiative promoting the breadth and depth of current fantasy fiction. **Saturday 10 July 1pm. The Bell Hotel.**

Back Room Poets An evening of poetry old and new, featuring members of Oxford-based group Back Room Poets including:

David Burridge A past contributor to Faringdon on-line poetry competition, and 'Best Poem by a Local Author' prizewinner for his poem *Pausing for Breath*.

Laura King writes and performs her unique brand of avant garde poetry.

Tim Greenwood enjoys writing poetry with a sideways view of life.

Pat Winslow recently won the 2010 Stafford Poetry Competition.

Tina Sederholm is both a literary and a performance poet, being the current Oxford Hammer and Tongue Poetry Slam champion.

Carol Thornton was a finalist for the Arc Poem of the Year, and won a Ver Poetry Prize. **Saturday 10 July 7pm. The Bell Hotel.**

Helen Peacocke *Paws for History*, published in June is a guide to 35 dog-friendly pubs and walks in Oxfordshire and the Cotswolds. Helen, a food writer for the *Oxford Times*, assisted by her Border collie Pythius Peacocke, talks about the pubs, aspects of historic interest and her support for locally produced food.

Saturday 11 July 4pm. Portwell House Cellar.

