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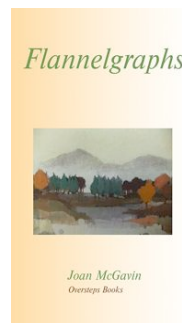
July 2011

Another two books have been published by Oversteps in the last month, both by experienced poets with a number of prizes and publications under their respective belts.

In June we published *The Shell Gatherer* by Anthony Watts (ISBN 978-1-906856-22-9; price £8). Anthony has lived for most of his life in Somerset, and the rural nature of that county is reflected in a number of his poems; but he also celebrates human themes such as love, and plays with some more mythical subjects.



Just out in July is *Flannelgraphs* by Joan McGavin (ISBN 978-1-906856-23-6; price £8). Some of you might have come across Joan's poetry through Poems in the Waiting Room, or on Radio 4s Poetry Please. Joan has a wonderful eye for detail, and an understanding of a wide range of people, both past and present. This is her first collection.



Both these books, along with a sample poem from each collection, can be seen on our website. They can be ordered either by post or on-line from www.overstepsbooks.com.

It's only a week now until the Oversteps Day at the Ways with Words Festival in Dartington. We have devised what should be an exciting and varied day, and arranged for day tickets to be available for anyone who would like to attend several events. With such a line-up of good poets, there should be something for everyone to enjoy.

The programme for **Friday July 15th** is as follows:

- 11.00 **New Steps:** Launch of recent publications.
Angela Stoner, Anthony Watts, John Stuart and Denise Bennett
- 12.00 **Other Lives:** Introducing poets who combine writing with very different activities and high profile professions. The following will talk, read their poetry and answer questions.

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Michael Swan – international linguistics scholar

Giles Goodland – lexicographer who works for the OED

Anne Stewart – manages the poetry pf website

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- 2.00 **Out of the Ordinary:** Four poets who have recently published unusual collections
Hilary Elfick – a Maori interpretation of Shakespeare’s *Tempest*
Maggie Butt – an illustrated collection about Ally Pally Prison Camp
Christopher North & Terry Gifford – bilingual English/Spanish poems & conversations
- 3.30 **Oversteps Scholars:** Two of our poets who have recently embarked on PhDs will talk about their research and read some of their work
Miriam Darlington – studying the wild otter in landscape & literature
Andrew Nightingale – producing a long narrative poem about Alan Turing & artificial intelligence
- 5.00 **Touching the Sky:** Poems by **Simon Williams** and **Susan Taylor** and original guitar compositions by **Stephen Yates**, inspired by all things aerial.

We hope some of you will be able to come along for what promises to be an exceptional day. Individual tickets cost £6 each, or you can buy a whole day ticket for £20.

best wishes

Alwyn

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