**VER POETS: PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2025**

*Below is our programme of readings for the current year. The list will be updated as necessary, but please check the website (*[*https://verpoets.wixsite.com/verpoets/events*](https://verpoets.wixsite.com/verpoets/events)*) for details of upcoming events. Unless otherwise stated, the events are free and open to all.*

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| 29th January | 19.30 | The Mad Squirrel Tap, St Albans | Open mic |
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| 8th March | 11.00 | St Albans Central Library | Reading by Martin Figura & Helen Ivory with open mic |
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| 15th March | 14.30 | Zoom | John Cotton’s Ten-liners Competition 2024 prize reading (Ver members & guests) |
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| 26th March | 19.30 | The Mad Squirrel Tap, St Albans | Open mic with guest poet Stuart Handysides |
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| 25th April | 19.00 | St Albans Central Library | Reading by Shanta Acharya & Jane Duran with open mic |
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| 28th May | 19.30 | The Mad Squirrel Tap, St Albans | Open mic with featured poet Neil Beardmore |
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| 20th June | 19.30 | St Michael’s Parish Centre, St Albans | Reading by Sue Wallace-Shaddad & Olga Dermott-Bond with open mic |
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| 12th July | 14.00 | Zoom | Ver Open Competition 2025 prize reading with Rory Waterman |
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| 30th July | 19.30 | The Mad Squirrel Tap, St Albans | Open mic |
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| 19th September | 19.00 | St Michael’s Parish Centre, St Albans | Poetry workshop |
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| 24th September | 19.30 | The Mad Squirrel Tap, St Albans | “Stanza Bonanza” open mic with Poetry ID |
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| 28th September | 19.00 | Zoom | Annual General Meeting (Ver members only) |
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| 24th October | 19.30 | St Albans Central Library | Reading by Maggie Butt & Maggie Harris with open mic |
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| 19th November | 19.30 | The Saint & Sinner,  St Albans | Open mic with featured poet Estelle Price |
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| 5th December | 19.30 | St Albans Central Library | Reading by Hannah Copley & Pratibha Castle with open mic |