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Family Histories

The forthcoming issue of *Agenda, Family Histories*, Vol 49 No 2 is going to the printer shortly and will be out in a few weeks.

It contains poems by Tony Curtis, Peter Dale, Abigail Morley, John Haynes, Sean Street, Peter McDonald, Sheenagh Pugh, Tim Liardet. William Bedford, Maitreyabandhu, John F Deane, Christian Wiman and many others.

Essays by Martin Caseley on some themes in John F Deane's recent poetry; Omar Sabbagh on the Sacred Music in Christian Wiman's poetry.

Reviews by Alison Brackenbury, Martyn Crucefix and Patricia McCarthy

Featured artist on the front cover and in the journal: Elizabeth Hannaford

The poster features a background image of a stone archway. At the top, a yellow horizontal bar contains the text "POETRY WORKSHOPS & PERFORMANCES BY POETS AND MAYFIELD STUDENTS". Below this, the text "MAYFIELD SCHOOL" is written in a dark blue, serif font. In the center, a purple circle contains the text "Mayfield School hosts the" in a small, white, sans-serif font, followed by "AGENDA" in a large, dark blue, serif font, and "POETRY FESTIVAL" in a smaller, dark blue, serif font. Below the circle, the dates "16th & 17th October 2015" are written in a purple, sans-serif font. A purple rectangular box at the bottom contains the text "FEATURING INTERNATIONALLY CELEBRATED POETS" in a white, sans-serif font, followed by the names of the poets: "Timothy Adès · Patience Agbabi", "Mimi Khalvati · Patricia McCarthy", "Daljit Nagra · Grace Nichols", and "David Pollard · Robin Robertson" in a white, sans-serif font. At the very bottom, a purple horizontal bar contains the text "All tickets must be bought prior to the festival." in a white, sans-serif font, followed by "Booking office: 01435 874600 Email: enquiry@mayfieldgirls.org" and "Mayfield School, The Old Palace, Mayfield, East Sussex TN20 6PH www.mayfieldgirls.org" in a white, sans-serif font.

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Friday 16th October 2015

- 15:00 - 16:00 Poetry performance from **Patience Agbabi**.
(Adults £7.50; Students £3.50)
- 17:00 - 18:00 Writing Workshops with **Patience Agbabi** and **Mimi Khalvati**. (Adults £10)
- 19:30 - 21:30 Poetry reading by **Daljit Nagra**.
Launch of Agenda 'Family Histories' issue with readings by featured poets. Launch of new collections by **Patricia McCarthy** and **David Pollard**.
(Adults £5; Students £3)

Saturday 17th October 2015

- 11:00 - 12:00 Poetry Eisteddfod for Mayfield students in Years 7 and 8. (Free)
- 12:15 - 13:15 Lunch (£7.50)
- 13:30 - 14:30 **Marek Urbanowicz**: 'How To Read Poetry Aloud.'
Mayfield students reading from Young Agenda Broadsheets. (Free)
- 15:00 - 16:00 Dramatic performance of **Patricia McCarthy's** 'Rodin's Shadow' performed by students. (Free)
- 17:00 - 18:15 Local Sussex Cheese and Wine Tasting. (£7.50)
- 18:30 - 20:30 **Mimi Khalvati**, **Grace Nichols** and **Robin Robertson** perform their poetry. (Adults £10; Students £5)

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William Cookson in 1959 and is
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AGENDA's Fourth Poetry Festival

hosted by Mayfield School, The Old Palace, Mayfield, East Sussex TN20 6PH

For schools and students; the above poets are on the new A level syllabus, and on GCSE syllabuses.

Why not stay overnight and attend all the events in this lovely conservation hill-top village situated between Tunbridge Wells and Lewes, home to *Agenda* poetry journal? Easiest to come by car or train, then taxi. Only about an hour and a half's drive from London.

Accommodation available in The Middle House Inn in Mayfield and The Rose & Crown pub.

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Further dates for your diary in September and October:

September 26th :Free Verse: The Poetry Book Fair, Conway Hall, London

Visit *Agenda*'s table, and browse through recent and old journals, also poetry collections brought out by Agenda Editions. Patricia McCarthy, W S Milne and some other *Agenda* poets will be manning the stall.

Timothy Adès will have his own translation table. Specially featured will be his enchanting translations of Robert Desnos's *Chantefables/Storysongs* (*Agenda* Editions), with illustrations by highly-acclaimed French artist Cat ZaZa.

There will be poetry readings, competitions and a real chance to introduce yourself to publishers and fellow poets/readers.

October 4th: Torriano Poetry Readings, Torriano Meeting House, 7.30pm

99 Torriano Avenue, Kentish Town, London NW5 2RX Tel: 0207 267 2751

Readings by *Agenda Editions'* poets **David Pollard** from his newly published pamphlet, *Finis-terre*, **Stuart Medland** from *Last Man Standing*, and **Patricia McCarthy** with her new sequence *Letters to Akhmatova* (Waterloo Press/Agenda Editions).

(Kentish Town tube, walk up Leighton Road, left onto Torriano Avenue)

October 20th : *Agenda* poetry reading: readings from the new **Family Histories** issue:

Lumen, 88 Tavistock Place, London WC1 6.30pm for 7pm

(tubes Russell Square, Kings Cross St Pancras)

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Next issue of *Agenda*:

Winter issue, a special **New Generation Poets'** issue of *Agenda* – poetry and prose, and a debate on 'Can you teach Creative Writing?'

Calling all young poets (up to mid forties) **for the New Generation Poets' issue**, the first ever for *Agenda*, linking up with the [online Broadsheets](#) and chosen young Broadsheet poets in the journal. We look forward to showcasing fresh, gifted work that will echo into the future.

The following issue in 2016: a general anthology issue

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