

Saturday 10th June

SHTUM – The Stutter Poems

by David Bateman

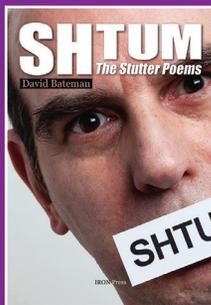
With Harry Gallagher

Music by Shaw Clark Project

RNLI 1.00pm £6.00

David Bateman's new IRON Press book follows on two decades after we published *Curse of the Killer Hedge*, an anarchically funny collection of this Liverpool poet's contemporary verse. *Shtum* has a more serious subject matter, the experiences of the life of a stutterer, but the poems are written with a wit and verve that never quite disguise how enlightening these punchy poems are.

Harry Gallagher is a Cullercoats performance poet who appears regularly in many venues and runs the monthly *Stanza* poetry nights at The Exchange, North Shields. The Blyth-based **Shaw Clark Project** are among the coast's best loved artists.



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Harry Gallagher



The Shaw Clark Project

The Water Thief by Kitty Fitzgerald

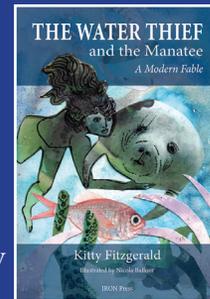
Illustrated by Nicola Balfour

Music from *The Electric Peasants*

RNLI 3pm £6.00

The official launch of **Kitty Fitzgerald's** new fable from IRON Press. This is a highly readable short book; a political, ecological and cultural fable as a young girl and her father on a small island are confronted with the reality and cruelty of global market forces when the local well and water supply are annexed. For support they call upon the mythical powers of the manatee, a creature who we learn is the girl's mother. The book is illustrated by **Nicola Balfour** whose artwork will be on display. **Kitty Fitzgerald** has written plays for stage and radio and has published four novels, including *Pigtopia* (Faber) which has been translated into 27 languages. IRON Press also published her short story collection *Miranda's Shadow*.

The Electric Peasants are a talented Tyneside twosome (**Patrick Snape** and **Ian Briedis**) whose latest CD. *Someone Stole the Sky*, affirms their highly individual output.



Kitty Fitzgerald



The Electric Peasants