



FROM BUD TO BLOOM: A CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP



Come to the Hutch for a relaxed and reflective afternoon of writing exercises inspired by nature and music – led by writer, Rommi Smith, supported by musician Terry Simpson and co-organised with Gail Bolland. This writing workshop is for everyone: from complete beginners to more experienced writers. We'll write to music for some of the exercises.

Please bring: pen, paper and something you plan to grow (or are growing) this season. E.g. a packet of seeds, a seedling, a piece of fruit, or vegetable.

After the workshop finishes, there will be an informal sharing of workshop writing: All CAAGA members & friends are welcome to attend to either listen, or bring a poem to share (related to the workshop's theme of nature), written by themselves, or someone else. There will be a sign-up sheet for the readings, available on a first-come-first-served-basis.

Date: Sunday 5th July 2026

Place: The Hutch

Writing workshop: 3.00pm to 5.30p.m. – open to CAAGA members & friends

Readings: 6.00p.m. – open to CAAGA members & friends.

Bookings: in person via the DC, or Hutch, on Sundays between 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. or online via: caagaallotments@gmail.com

Cost: Pay-as-you-feel for the workshop and the reading event. Please pay a donation at the DC or Hutch, or pledge a donation via email.

NB: just 15 places are available for the writing workshop and 25 for the evening reading. Places are available on a first-come-first-served basis.



Teas & coffees will be available for sale, with cakes courtesy of Lisa.



ROMMI SMITH - WORKSHOP CO-ORGANISER & FACILITATOR

Rommi Smith is a poet, playwright, librettist, theatre-maker, radio broadcaster and teacher. A three-time BBC Writer-in-Residence and, most recently, Writer-in-Residence for Harewood House, she is a sought-after workshop facilitator who co-curates creative spaces in which people share stories about the world - and how they see it. www.rommi-smith.co.uk

GAIL BOLLAND - WORKSHOP CO-ORGANISER

Gail Bolland is a poet and novelist. She has developed many arts projects including Tonic, an arts-in-health programme. She is a founder of the Soroptimists of Leeds (SI Leeds) Literary Prize, in partnership with Ilkley Literature Festival and Peepal Tree Press.

TERRY SIMPSON - SESSION MUSICIAN

Terry Simpson is the author of a novel "Needleham", and a collection of poetry "The Magpie's Box." He has played guitar for sixty years and claims to be "beginning to get the hang of it."