

## Public engagement projects

- Horsedrawn Shedman 2011
- West Meon Literary Festival 2010
- Pigbaby Literary Party Weekend (& co-organiser 2010)
- First Aid Art North Middlesex University Hospital *Our Storeys* project with artist Sue Ridge (2009)
- Ledbury Poetry Festival (three years running - 2008-10)
- Havant Literary Festival (2008, 2009)
- The Big Weekend in Cambridge (2007)
- Runnymede International Literary Festival (2006, 2007)
- Cuisse Limerick City International Poetry Festival (2005)
- Pevensey Community Festival (2005)
- Horsham Festival (2005)
- Arts & Healthcare *Outside In* project Eastbourne & Hastings hospitals with artist Sue Ridge (2005)
- Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment Conference, Chichester (2004)
- Small Wonder Short Story Festival at Charleston, East Sussex (2004)
- Weald WoodFair at Bentley in East Sussex (2003 & 2005)
- The Bird Fair at the Wetlands and Wildfowl Trust Centre, Arundel, West Sussex (2003)
- Redbridge Show, Redbridge (2003)
- Appledore Visual Arts Festival, Devon (2003)
- Arts Council England Archi-texts Award for his first residency as Shedman at the Booth Museum of Natural History, Brighton (2002)

"A refreshingly different approach to an arts residency...a memorable mixed media installation with a very human face...His residency was a motivating and energising process for all involved... I can recommend him unhesitatingly..."  
John Cooper Booth Museum of Natural History, Brighton.

'Shedman was the outstanding hit of the Festival; he was both the focal point of the street entertainment and a tangible manifestation of the festival's aims of connecting with all ages and all sections of the community in interesting and dynamic ways. He is also a PR dream - there isn't a Press Release in the world that can't be improved by adding "and a poet in a shed" at the end!'  
Lucy Flannery, Director, Havant Literary Festival.

## Commissions

- *A Duddle* commissioned by The Guardian (2009)
- First Aid Art North Middlesex University Hospital *Our Storeys* project with artist Sue Ridge (2009)
- *The Forest Ridge* commissioned by High Weald AONB (2007)
- *Ghost School* video & poetry project with artist Sue Ridge for Creative Partnerships in Hackney (2007)
- Arts & Healthcare *Outside In* project Eastbourne & Hastings hospitals with artist Sue Ridge (2005)
- *Fugue* about Eadweard Muybridge and Kingston, Surrey, commissioned by THE SOUTH as part of *Project poetry!* on the theme place of birth (2003)
- John also undertakes private poetry commissions.

## Film, video and digital media

### **For Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

- *Change the world 2020* Vision Campaign documentary about the role of Cambridge University Hospitals in the process of taking research through to patient benefit.
- *ACT: Building on success*: documentary video about the role of ACT (Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust).
- *Our Way*: award-winning innovative, dramatised scenarios to stimulate discussion about equality and diversity issues in association with the Anne Frank Trust

### **For Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust**

- *Protected Mealtimes* – a short film about safeguarding patient mealtimes in hospital wards
- *Appraisal* – a video for the HR department about staff reviews
- *Our hospital. Our future*: award-winning DVD project about the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital

## Workshops, teaching and facilitation

- *Dragon Shedman* Workshops at Weston super Mare schools (2010)
- *Second World War Shedman* at Eastbourne Technology College working with teenagers and former evacuees as part of a WRVS Heritage Project (2009)
- *Rural Shedman* - a week at Worle Community College in Somerset (2009)
- *Best Mates* drop-in creative writing workshops for Father's Day at Brighton Jubilee Library (2008, 2009)
- Video and poetry workshops for teenagers supported by Poetry Ireland, Cuisle Limerick City International Poetry Festival (2006-2009)
- Crew Club *Scary Stories* workshops with 12-16 year olds at Whitehawk in Brighton as part of Brighton Children's Book Festival resulting in a DVD (2008)
- Creative writing for teenagers, mixed groups and older people at Runnymede International Literary Festival (2006-08)
- Creative workshops at Addlestone Youth Centre as part of Runnymede International Literary Festival including creative writing, dance, drumming, hip-hop, photography, street arts, and video resulting in an exhibition and DVD (2006-2008)
- Arundel Writers' Group for older people resulting in publication (2004-2005)
- *Pigshedman* workshops - a special project for the Kent High Weald Unit walking with schoolchildren in the High Weald (2004)
- *Aircraft Shedman* – workshops for Horsham schools to commemorate 100 years of flight (2003)

John has run creative writing workshops in shops, schools, galleries, museums, churches, libraries, hospitals and prisons and for many primary and secondary schools.

John has also developed highly successful workshops combining creative writing with other media. For ASAP/Pevensy Community Festival, Bognor Regis in 2005 he developed *Spy Game* – a series of creative missions for young people based around spy fiction and ran the World's Shortest Spy Story text messaging competition.

"Just wanted to thank you for your brilliant workshop. Everyone involved really enjoyed it. Thank you for making the day such a success and I will definitely be recommending you."

Norah Carr, Brighton & Hove Library Service.



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## Awards

- *Our Way*: Silver Award, USA Health Sciences Communication Association Awards 2010
- *ACT: Building on success*: Bronze Award, USA Health Sciences Communication Association Awards 2010
- Slovenian Writers Association Golden Boat International Translation Workshop 2010
- *Our Way*: UK Institute of Medical Illustrators IMI Silver Award 2009
- *Our hospital. Our future.* Gold Award and Elmer Friman Best of Show Award at the USA Health Sciences Communication Association Awards 2008
- *Our hospital. Our future.* Gold Award as best in class and the Platinum Award for best overall entry at the UK Institute of Medical Illustrators IMI Awards 2007
- Slovenian Writers Association International Publishers' Meeting in Dane, Slovenia 2006
- Arts Council England personal development award 2004
- Arts Council England Archi-texts Award for his first residency as Shedman at the Booth Museum of Natural History, Brighton (2002)
- *The Envelope Scheme* (about Urban Renewal in Birmingham) BISFA Silver Award
- *The Mojacar Experience* (about Almeria in southern Spain) World Travel Film Festival Award of Merit

John wrote and directed the film *Iron Men* about motocross that received UK cinema distribution. *The Quest*, written and directed for BMW, compared modern racing drivers to medieval knights and featured sequences of his poetry.

## Publications

*The Nutter in the Shrubbery* Pamphlet Pighog Press 2002  
*Shedman* Full collection Pighog Press 2008

John's poetry has been published in *The Guardian*, in magazines and anthologies including *The Stony Thursday Book 2009* (Ireland), *Ice on the Wing*; *Footwork 1, 2 and 3*; *MEAN 8*; *Dreaming Beasts* (University of Chichester) and *Poetry South*. He has read his work at events and festivals in the UK, Ireland and Europe. John has been a finalist in the Scottish Poetry Competition and Orbis Rhyme International and was highly commended in the Oxford Poetry Competition.

'Exceptionally well-crafted poems' Anne Rouse  
'Filled with a spirit of compassion' Sasha Dugdale  
'...justly and widely acclaimed poems.' Adam Hansen

## About John

John Davies is an award-winning writer, poet and film maker. He was born and went to school in Birmingham and studied Religious Studies & English at Lancaster University. He's a member of *The Poetry Society*, *The Johnson Society* of London and *The Society for the Study of Literature and the Environment*. He now lives in Brighton on England's south coast.

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