

**Celebrate World Book Day  
with readings from the poetry of**

# Margaret Griffiths



**Canford Heath Library  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
2.00 – 3.00 pm**

**With poet and writer,  
Ann Drysdale**

Margaret Griffiths was a Poole poet who chose Internet forums to publish her work. She was known to many poetry lovers as *Maz* or *Grasshopper*. After her death in 2009, fans from across the English speaking world scoured the net to find as many of her poems as possible and publish them. Her work has been described as 'highly original and at times wickedly funny'.



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## M. A. Griffiths – AKA Maz and Grasshopper

When news spread across the internet forums that Margaret Griffiths was dead, the response was extraordinary. In everyday life, the Poole poet was reclusive but through the web, her work was known to poetry lovers across the world. In fact, the Academy of American Poets described her as ‘one of the greatest internet poets’.

She edited the poetry e-zine *Worm*, and felt that it was important to be honest as a critic. ‘*Always take the craft of poetry seriously but never take yourself too seriously*’ was a philosophy that she recommended to others and applied to herself.

Her poetry ranges from the screamingly funny to the darkly disturbing, from nonsense poems to sonnets. They have been described as ‘*little gems of poems that glitter with invention – vivacious and immediate*’. In a rare interview she wrote that she hoped her poetry would convey ‘*her delight in language and the magic of words*’.

For a flavour of her poems and people’s comments see:  
[www.ramblingrose.com/grasshopper](http://www.ramblingrose.com/grasshopper)

## Ann Drysdale

Ann Drysdale was brought up in London and now lives in South Wales. She has published five collections of poetry alongside several volumes of prose. She has worked as a newspaper columnist, a visiting lecturer at Cardiff University and a writer in residence at the University of the West of England in Bristol. She also holds the Dylan Thomas prize for poetry in performance.



Ann says ‘*I came across Maz through the online communities in which she was cherished. I, too, became an admirer and am proud to be part of the international team who worked to bring this book about. I look forward to introducing a new audience to the remarkable “Grasshopper”.*’