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Set in the informal setting of the Buxton Tap House, the poetry events provide a drop-in/drop-out opportunity to perform or hear poetry. Anything goes, and there were poems on a wide range of subjects, from pet dogs to regional accents to jogging to dementia. There were witty and funny poems, and more brooding, poignant poems. There were such different voices on display, drawing on a variety of experiences, and it created a strong community feel.

You are not expected to perform, and it is nice to draw up a chair and have a drink whilst listening to others' words. If you do have work that you would like to perform, however, you are encouraged to take the microphone before the least daunting audience imaginable. It is a very pleasant occasion, and everyone is very supportive and enthusiastic.

Even if you only drop in for five minutes, you might well hear something that you really enjoy.

Rufus McAlister