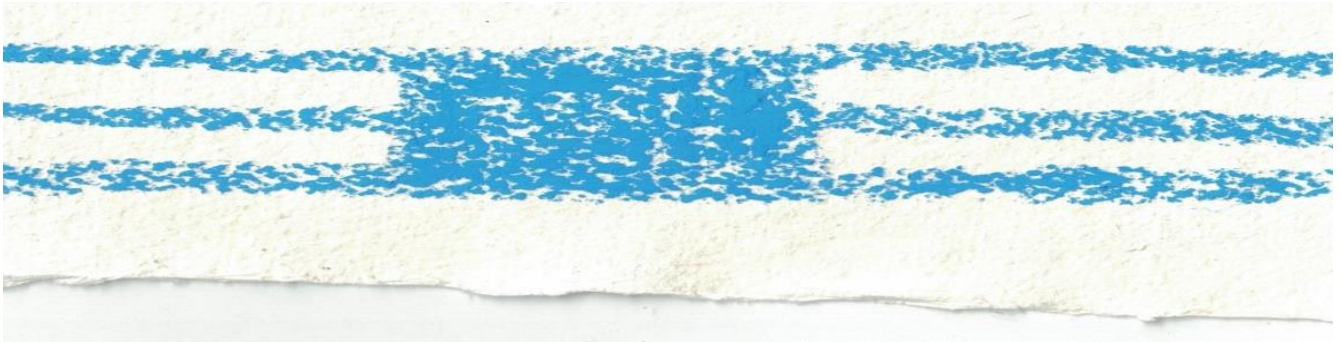


# Confluence



## Where Imaginations Meet



Two poets, one musician, three landscapes, three journeys through memory, roots and spirit of place

Please join poets **Chris Fogg & Chris Waters** and saxophonist & composer **Rob Yockney** for a summer's evening

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July, 7:30 - 9:30**

The Old Rectory Studio, Awliscombe, EX14 3PJ

Cash bar from 7:00

**£14** – book at [www.creativebeings.uk](http://www.creativebeings.uk)

## Chris Fogg, Chris Waters, Rob Yockney

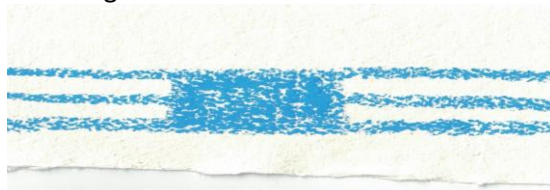
***Confluence* is the second collaboration between poets Chris Fogg & Chris Waters and saxophonist Rob Yockney. Their first, *Que Pasa?*, was a whirlwind trip around the world asking: 'What's up? What's happening? What's going out there?' and was performed at various venues both pre- and post-pandemic, including for Amnesty International Totnes, Taunton Brewhouse and Burnham Literary Festival.**

*'The mix of words and music brought home that strange mixture of dynamic movement and introspective analysis that makes travel such an intoxicating activity.'* Amnesty International

**Chris Fogg** is an independent creative producer supporting choreographers working in contemporary dance, as well as a poet, and he has also written and directed plays for companies such as Farnham Maltings, New Perspectives and Flax 303. In 2016 his play *Posting to Iraq* was performed at the inaugural *Women & War* Festival in London, while the following year his play *Tree House* successfully toured to 20 venues across southern England and London. In 2018 he presented *All the Ghosts Walk with Us* – a collaboration with choreographer & dancer Laila Diallo and musician & composer Phil King at Bristol Old Vic. He has had four books of poems and stories published by Mudlark Press – *Special Relationships*, *Northern Songs*, *Painting by Numbers* and *Dawn Chorus*, which features woodcut illustrations by Chris Waters, and in 2021 he completed his sequence of 12 novels set in Manchester – *Ornaments of Grace* – published by Flax Books.

**Chris Waters** is a poet/tutor/storyteller who has worked extensively across the south-west with young and adult groups and audiences. His poetry has won several national awards, including the prestigious Plough and Bridport prizes, and he was Writer-in-Residence for the Appledore Book Festival in 2010. His collections, *Arisaig*, *Through a Glass*, *Lately*, *Dancing Satyr* and *On London Clay* are all published by Mudlark Press. He is a member of Moor Poets, Five Live and a co-founder of Visible Ink, who create performance events featuring poetry and music to raise awareness around a range of global themes. Chris is also a drummer and percussionist, as well as an accomplished woodcut artist and maker.

**Rob Yockney** is a saxophonist and composer now based in Devon. Classically trained on viola, Rob spent his early years playing in orchestras, before taking up the saxophone, with which he has played in a variety of contexts, including rock, blues, funk and big band, as well as contemporary jazz. A prodigious composer, Rob has travelled extensively and the impressions of the places he has visited provide a constant source of inspiration for his music. He currently plays with The Big Noise Street Band, as well as being a long-standing core member of the Bristol Jazz Workshop and has acquired a loyal following on YouTube.



*"Stirring, brain-whirring and playful – chock full of delights..."* Quentin Cooper, broadcaster and journalist, former presenter of BBC Radio 4's *The Material World* on Chris Fogg

*"Chris Fogg takes us on a magical, whirlwind tour of his world, with eyes and ears open and heart at full throttle..."* Irene Willis, Pushcart Poetry Prize-nominee and Winner of the Violet Haas Award

*"A genuinely engaging performer of the spoken word."* Melissa Brooks, Co-ordinator of ChagWord Literary Festival on Chris Waters

*"Chris Waters is a poet with a lyrical sense of mood and place."* Pat Milner, Co-Chair of Appledore Book Festival

*"Rob's 'evocative' and 'very atmospheric' piece Machu Picchu brought back some 'fantastic' memories..."* YouTube listeners