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Press Release:

Alan Sillitoe Day, 27 October 2012 – a series of talks, films and discussions in the Space at Nottingham Contemporary, 11-5pm

The Alan Sillitoe Committee is a voluntary organisation committed to raising awareness of one of Nottingham's most prolific writers by putting on a series of events, the proceeds from which go towards a statue fund. Sillitoe Day is the biggest event in our calendar and falls every two years.

Our second Sillitoe Day is of particular significance as 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of *The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner*. It is also the 125th anniversary of Raleigh, the workplace of Sillitoe's fictional anti-hero Arthur Seaton. The Committee will also be celebrating being one of 53 organisations commissioned to produce content for a new multimedia platform called [The Space](#), and will launch the 'Sillitoe Trail'. This is a unique Mobile Phone App that creates a literary walk through Sillitoe's debut novel *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*, visiting five key locations on its journey.

Sillitoe Day will be split into two sessions.

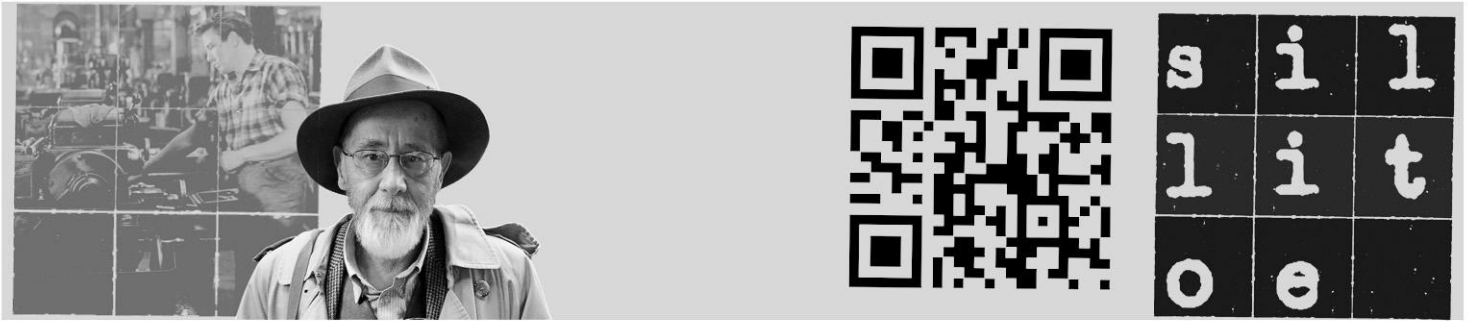
The morning session (11-1)

- Launch of the Sillitoe Trail Mobile App with editor James Walker and designer Paul Fillingham.
- Examining five locations from *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* ([Old Market Square](#), the [White Horse](#), [Raleigh](#), [Trent](#) and Goose Fair) with commissioned writers [Al Needham](#), [Derrick Buttress](#), [Pete Davis](#), and [Ann Featherstone](#)
- Videos and performance from [MotaMouf](#) and [Andrew 'MulletProofPoet' Graves](#).

Break (1 -2)

- [The Bookcase](#), an independent bookshop from Lowdham, run by Alan's former pen pal [Jane Streeter](#) will be selling various books and memorabilia.
- [In Spades Design](#) produce unique mugs that focus on the cultural and emotional ties people have to local landmarks and characters.
- The [Contemporary Café](#) will be serving food.





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Afternoon (2 - 5) with break in between.

- The launch of Alan's seminal novel *The Open Door*, republished by [Five Leaves](#)
- [William Ivory](#) in conversation with [Neil Fulwood](#) on British Social Realism
- [Sam Derby-Cooper's](#) short film *Mimic*, based on Alan's acclaimed short story
- A preview of [Frank Abbott's](#) remix of *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*
- [Michael Eaton](#) MBE discusses Alan's Nottinghamshire.
- David Sillitoe reads Alan's poetry

Sillitoe Night (8 - 12) Free (£3 donation recommended) Café bar, Nottingham Contemporary

We will also be hosting an evening of spoken word with attitude hosted by Andrew 'MulletProofPoet' Graves with Sarah Shrugs, John Marriott and beatboxer MotaMouf with live music from the [Sleaford Mods](#) and local legends [Gaffa](#).

Notes for Editors

Tickets for Sillitoe Day are £15 and include a limited edition Sillitoe Trail book and are on sale from the [Nottingham Contemporary website](#).

Each Sillitoe Day uses one of Alan's book covers for its design. These are in chronological order.

The Sillitoe Trail welcomes public engagement and encourages people to upload their images, memories and thoughts about Alan Sillitoe via our [Sillitoe Trail Flickr](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

To get involved in future events or to donate, please see www.sillitoe.com

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