

BHAC 2019 Sussex Poetry Competition
First Prize Winner – Jess Butcher

Swipe Right for Mr. Cool

Well, I can tell that he's a painter...

... cos he's painted all over his jeans

Never worked a day in his life, but still likes to wear dickies.

His mum bought him an iPhone 6, but he uses a Nokia 130.

And on his belt, a carabiner, cradling just one key.

He smokes American spirit, not just any old shit.

Reads Proust in public places to make you feel an idiot.

He's holding on to a secret that he's trying hard to hide,
that between Proust's pages, is the Beano deep inside.

Hey man, I like your beanie – looks a little like a condom.

But hopefully you're into that, so it's not much a problem.

The poems you write on napkins seem a little all for show.

Your band ain't a personality – thought I'd let you know.

Romance is hard to find in the pixels of a screen,

unless it's that splash emoji next to an aubergine.

I'm bored of swiping skiing lads and of kidnapped dogs...

Show what makes you passionate,

ask me a fucking question,

and then send a
thumbs up.