



# Friends of Church Stretton Library

Supporting the library in the heart of the community

## Newsletter: June 2019

Most of you will have heard that Shropshire Council have agreed to continue running the library in its current building. The library's long-term future will be dependant on both Friends of Church Stretton Library and the Town Council contributing towards its running costs.

We are now set up as a registered as a charity. Our activities will include

- Raising funds to support and enhance the work of the library
- Running events & activities of interest to the local community
- Providing volunteers to support but not replace library staff
- Acting as a link between the library service and the local community

Shropshire Council and Church Stretton Town Council are in discussion about what contribution the Town Council can make towards the running costs of the library over the next 5 years. These discussions are ongoing and we hope they will come to an agreement soon.

Whether we retain the library in the long term will partly depend on how successful we are in fund raising.



### You can help by:

**Attending our events** – as well as making use of all the library has to offer

**Becoming a member** – membership is free and you will be sent our newsletter with updates & details of our events. Membership forms are available in the library.

**Making a donation** –our success will depend on the generosity of the local community. Donation forms are available in the library.

**Volunteering** – We are entirely run by volunteers. You can commit as much or as little of your time as you like.

**Local groups, organisations and businesses** – can help by donating prizes, or running a fund raising event which ties in with their group/business



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### Forthcoming events

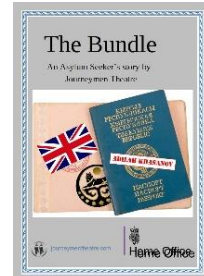
#### 19<sup>th</sup> June: An asylum seeker's story by Journeymen Theatre

'The play is good, quick-fire and funny, engaging. It draws you in, fills your head with images and thoughts.'

**URC hall, 7.30 pm, Age range 16+**

Tickets £5 from Burway Books, JR Thomas florist

*NB Half the proceeds to help fund visit of refugees to Church Stretton in August, organised by Churches Together and local Amnesty*



#### 25th July: Public launch

Welcome to the Library



Please join us for soft drinks & nibbles and hear our plans to support the library.

This will take place in the library, from 3 to 4pm.

#### September 20th Quiz evening, quizmaster Ben Warren

**Parish Centre, 7.30pm**, Bring your own drinks and food

Tickets: Tables of up to 6 people, £5 per person

To book a place telephone Ben Warren on 0777 943 7871

#### Table Top Sales

The Shropshire Rural Charity have generously agreed to let us run a table top sale in their shop on the second Thursday of every month.

Please let us know if you have any DVDs and Bric a Brac to donate. We are happy to collect but please do not take to the shop as they do not have sufficient storage space.

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