



# Friends of Church Stretton Library

Supporting the library in the heart of the community

## Newsletter: September 2019

It was standing room only at our launch on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Ellen Powell from Shropshire Council Library service welcomed us to the growing number of 'Friends of library groups' which have been set up across Shropshire.

Roger Weeks presented us with an overhead projector on behalf of the Rotary Club. This had been funded partly through the funeral collection of Rotarian Colin McIntyre, who died earlier this year.

Bob Welch, Mayor of Church Stretton Town Council, spoke about how the community was likely to have to dip into their pockets in the years to come to help fund services and that the Town Council were looking forward to working closely with Friends of Church Stretton Library.



**Sheila Davies & Bob Welch at the Public Launch**

### How we are supporting the library

We have spent some of the money raised on equipment for the library such as a white board/flip chart/projector screen and banners to promote exhibitions in the library. We are also hoping to improve the lighting in the large print section of the library as some people struggle to read large print books there because of poor lighting.

If you have other ideas on how you would like to see the library improved please do let us know and we will see if it is something we can assist with.

A few volunteers assisted in the Visitor Information Centre on Saturdays during the summer, as that is a very busy time for library staff. Another volunteer helped with the children's events in the library during the summer holidays.

We will be helping during Online Help week, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, by demonstrating Shropshire Library e-services including how to order books from other libraries, access academic research papers, download e-books and magazines and research family history.

Please demonstrate your support for the library by attending some of the events listed overleaf.

Sheila Davies (Chair)



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## Forthcoming Events

### What will be Stretton's Favourite Poem?

During September local traders will be displaying their favourite poem in their shop window. You are invited to vote for your personal favourite poem in the library during that period.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, National Poetry Day, children from St Lawrence Primary School will be reading their own prizewinning poems in the library. Stretton's favourite poem will be announced and read at the end of this event.

### September 13<sup>th</sup>, Parkinson's UK Coffee and Cake

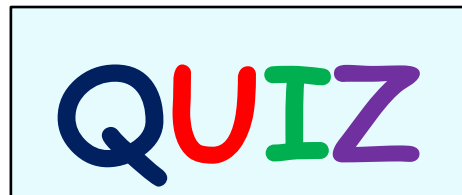
Church Stretton Library, 10.00 to 12.00

Parkinson's UK Church Stretton Support Group invite you to join them at the library for coffee and cake. Proceeds to Parkinson's UK and Church Stretton Library

### September 20<sup>th</sup>: Quiz evening, quizmaster Ben Warren

Parish Centre, 7.30pm, *in aid of the library*

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



### September 24<sup>th</sup> Poetry Workshop with Lucy Aphramor

Church Stretton Library, 6.30 – 7.30 pm



With Poetry month and mental health awareness month just around the corner come and join our local poet in this **FREE** and friendly workshop.

Please book in advance by calling Church Stretton Library on 01694 722535



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## October 3<sup>rd</sup> Home Truths - poetry workshop with Jean Atkin



**Church Stretton Library, 3 - 4.30pm**

Jean Atkin, BBC Poet for Shropshire, leads a poetry workshop specially for National Poetry Day. This is a workshop, kindly sponsored by Arts Alive, in which you can tell the truth about something that matters to you, or deliver a home truth, or – just possibly – tell a big lie! Jean will provide inventive ways into our tangle of truth and lies, and

this will be a creative, friendly and celebratory afternoon.



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## October 9<sup>th</sup> Close to Paradise

**Church Stretton Library at 7.00pm**

Another wonderful opportunity to enjoy the magic of words all relating to Shropshire. Phil Bowen, poet and playwright reads extracts from Wodehouse and Betjeman.

Admission £5 includes tea and biscuits.



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## October 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Online Help Week

**Church Stretton Library**

Drop into the library between 10am and Noon on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October for help and advice in using Shropshire library online facilities and services including downloading e-books, magazines and newspapers, accessing academic papers, ordering books from other libraries and researching family history.

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## Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> Hope Bowdler Sewing Bee Craft Fair

**Church Stretton Library**

Proceeds to Long Mynd Adventure Camp and Hope House Children's Hospice plus a donation to Church Stretton Library.



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## October 30<sup>th</sup> French Horn Connexion



URC Church at 7.00pm **in aid of the library.**

Join us for a convivial and relaxing evening of music-making from hunting-horn pieces to Simon and Garfunkel arrangements.

French Horn ConneXion will perform a varied programme of music to suit all tastes. Also featuring in this concert, and regaling us with his witty renditions of comic popular songs is Mr Philip Harratt.

Tickets £10.00 from Burway Books and J R Thomas which includes cheese and wine in the interval

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### The Pedlar's Tale

**A Fabulous Puppet-Play for Children and Adults.**

Church Stretton Library at 2pm

The story teller weaves a magical spell and draws you into a fantastical world bringing past events to life with music and puppets. This event is funded largely by Arts Alive with the Friends of Church Stretton Library contributing £100.



Adults go free when accompanied by a child (£4 per child), However if unaccompanied it's £4 per adult.



## Thursday 7 November Sandford Avenue and its Lime Trees



Local history talk by Tony Crowe

Silvester Horne Institute at 2.30 pm **in aid of the library.**

Holland Sandford and his avenue of lime trees. Hear how this Victorian philanthropist developed his vision for the town and planted the lime trees.

Tickets £3.00 on the door.

Local History Books and leaflets on sale at this event.