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Newsletter: January 2020

Our first 6 months

We are delighted to report that we have raised over £5,000 in our first six months. We would like to thank the following who helped make this possible:

- Ragleth Recorders & French Horn Connexion for performing concerts
- Madeline & David Haigh for giving guided tours of their grade 2* listed home
- Shropshire Rural Charity shop for second hand book sales and hosting monthly table top sales
- Tony Crowe for giving a local history talk
- Burway Books and Meredith Vivian for organising a book launch
- Anne Bednall for donating proceeds from Latin classes given in the library
- Berry's for donations and offer of help with desserts for the Murder Mystery dinner in February
- All the individuals who have made financial donations and the volunteers who helped us with our activities such as Ben Warren's successful quiz-night.



Could you or your organisation help in some way in 2020?

If so, please - email churchstrettonlibrary@outlook.com

Shropshire Library Strategy Review

We have been reassured by Shropshire Library Services that the strategy review announced earlier this month will not change the arrangements proposed back in January whereby:

- Shropshire Library Services continues to manage Church Stretton Library in its current building
- Church Stretton Town Council and Friends of Church Stretton library provide financial support to help towards running costs.

The Town Council and Shropshire Library services are still in discussion about how the proposed future partnership arrangement will work between Shropshire Library Services and the Town Council, with the support of the Friends of Church Stretton Library.



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Library Improvements

We have begun spending some of the money raised on the library, including purchasing three banners to advertise exhibitions. We are now planning to purchase additional furniture for the meeting room.

We have also made the following equipment available to people hiring the library meeting/exhibition room.

- Flip chart/whiteboard & magic markers
- Overhead projector screen
- Overhead projector - kindly donated by the Rotary Club



We would appreciate a small donation from anyone making use of this equipment.

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A Real Inspector Calls

Murder Mystery Dinner

Saturday 15th February at the Parish Centre.



Tickets £20.00 includes 3 course meal and tea/coffee.

Menu includes choice of starter, main course and dessert - vegetarian options available.

Diners are invited to arrive at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Bar available.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by Sat 8th Feb

from Burway Books or J R Thomas so we know how many to cater for.

Email churchstrettonlibrary@outlook.com or Tel 07710491951 for more detail.



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Friends' Winter talks in the Library

'A 500 mile walk across Spain' – Sandra Whitlock

Thursday 9th January at 2.30 pm

In 2012, Sandra set off alone to walk the famous 500 mile (790km) 'Camino de Santiago' - and then two years later, returned to walk it again. Sandra will describe her experience of walking this historic pilgrimage, the trials and tribulations of being 'on Camino' and the incredible rewards that have made this journey so popular.



"Winning Hearts & Changing Minds: How the British Council makes friends for the UK" – Michael White

Thursday 6th February at 2.30 pm

Michael worked for the British Council in ten countries between 1984 and 2015. He will talk about his experience in two of his favourites - Cuba and Yemen, which should make for a fascinating insight into life in these countries.

"Holidays with a Difference" - Tara Devey, Travel Consultant, Terry Jones Travel Ltd

Thursday 5th March at 2.30 pm

With a wealth of experience, Tara will transport us to a world of "holidays with a difference".

"Swifts and other Urban Birds" – Peta Sams

Thursday 2nd April at 2.30 pm

Peta of Shropshire Swift Group will talk about these birds that visit our towns during the summer - their lifecycle and issues they face. We will also take a brief look at some of the other birds with which we share our gardens and buildings.





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Church Stretton Library events: January to March

Creative writing workshop

Practise the craft of creative writing, 12th Feb – 18th March, every Wednesday 2-4pm. £50 per person. Enquiries and to reserve your place: Tel 07801 482656 or email christinewilliams0@btinternet.com

Poetry evening - Raise the Roof by Lucy Aphramor followed by a question and dialogue session led by Rosie Carnall.

Friday 28th February 7-9pm, Tickets £3 includes tea/coffee.

Local Author Talk: Jo Jackson lives in Much Wenlock. Her latest book *Beyond the Margin* reflects the wild and beautiful scenery of Ireland and tracks the lives of Joe and Nuala who are marginalised by society, one through life choice, the other through circumstance. Wednesday 11th March 7pm – 8.30pm, Tickets £5 includes refreshments.

Library Exhibition: 'Is Ours a Sustainable Community?'

29th Jan to 15th Feb

An exhibition demonstrating the sustainable focus of local organisations and charities, featuring Arts Festival, All Stretton Bunk House, Church Stretton Area Partnership, Cricket Club, Food Bank, Golf Club, Good Neighbours, Guides, Long Mynd Adventure, Camp, Long Mynd Hike, Parish Church, Royal British Legion, Scouts, Scrappies, Focus, UNA Afghanistan Project, URC Garden



To be opened by the mayor Bob Welch at 11am on 28th January

Also look out for

Latin Exhibition: 18th Feb to 7th Mar

Fused glass Art exhibition 10th Mar to 31st Mar