

## OUR BOOK GROUPS

Information for New Members

### Book Review Club

We meet on the **second Wednesday or Thursday** of most months, 2.30pm –4.00pm at Berry's Coffee House. We will be reviewing latest releases as well as classics. As space is limited PLEASE BOOK with us if you would like to attend, and we can tell you the theme for the next meeting. There is no charge to join, and you will have a wonderful selection of coffees, teas and cakes to choose from (for which you can pay at the time).

### Book Chat

Join us on the **third Wednesday** of most months, 2.30–4.00pm at Burway Books for an informal chat about books. We occasionally have a visiting author, details of which will appear on our website and in the shop. This event is FREE but please let us know if you would like to come along as, again, space is limited.

Please check with us for BOTH Book Groups before turning up to make sure we have not had to change dates

## E-BOOKS and E-BOOK GIFT CARDS



You can purchase thousands of e-book titles, CDs and DVDs from us in-store or via the e-books page on our website.

## NETHERTON FOUNDRY COOKWARE

We have several Netherton Foundry cookware items in stock including the wonderful Slow Cooker.



Items not in stock we can get to order please ask Hilary, Rosalind or Alun.

## OUR BEST-SELLERS in 2017

These are our best-selling titles in 2017 (up to 11th August)

1. *OS Explorer 217 Map: Long Mynd & Wenlock Edge*
2. *Client Earth* by James Thornton & Martin Goodman
3. *Historic Church Stretton Walks* by Barrie Raynor
4. *Dethroning Mammon* by Justin Welby
5. *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney
6. *OS Landranger 137 Map: Ludlow, Church Stretton, Wenlock Edge*
7. *The Long Mynd: Its History & Wildlife* by Barrie Raynor
8. *Hill Walking in Shropshire* by John Gillham
9. *BBC Proms Guide 2017*
10. *The Crystal Lake: Part Three of The Journey* by Hilary Jane Jones & Tracey Swain
11. *On the Trail of the Mortimers* by Philip Hume
12. *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry
13. *Mystery at Witchend* by Malcolm Saville
14. *The Girl in the Red Coat* by Kate Hamer
15. *The Snailbeach District Railways* by Andy Cuckson
16. *Myndtown: its Church, Parish and Surroundings* by John Burt
17. *Shropshire Border Hills* by John Bradford
18. *Meadowland: the Private Life of an English Field* by John Lewis-Stempel
19. *A Shropshire Lad* by A E Housman
20. *The Doll Funeral* by Kate Hamer

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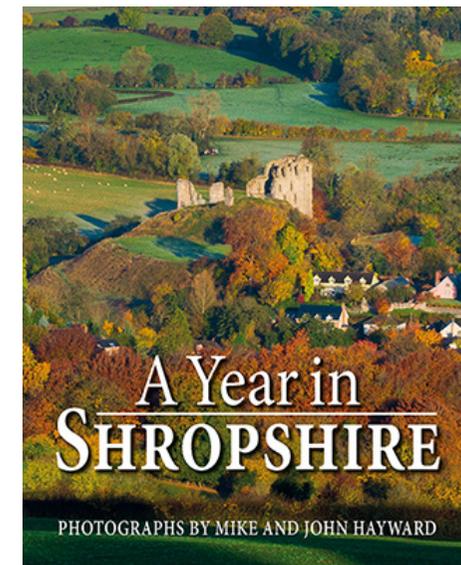
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## NEWSLETTER 47 2017



Book Signing at Burway Books: 4th October

Mike and John Hayward

See inside for further information

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## FORTHCOMING AUTHOR EVENTS

### BOOK SIGNING: MIKE AND JOHN HAYWARD

#### 'A Year in Shropshire'

Wednesday 4th October, 11.00am–1.00pm at Burway Books

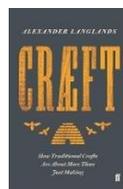
Meet two of Shropshire's finest photographers, father and son Mike and John Hayward, who have collaborated to showcase the county they love in over 160 stunning images, capturing unusual shots which offer a new slant on familiar and much-loved sights. Moving throughout the year, from spring to winter, and covering every corner of Shropshire from tiny hamlets to proud towns and monuments, this collection is a breathtaking tribute to our diverse and unspoilt county.

### ALEX LANGLANDS: 'Craeft'

Saturday 25th November, 7.30pm

Church Stretton Methodist Church

Tickets £8 (£6 for Burway Books Loyalty Card Holders)



Dr. Alex Langlands is a British archaeologist and historian. He is a lecturer in medieval history at Swansea University and a regular presenter for BBC and Channel 4: he was one of the presenters of 'Victorian Farm', the hugely popular TV series filmed at Acton Scott, and has subsequently appeared in other programmes, including 'Edwardian Farm', 'Wartime Farm', 'Time Team' 'Full Steam Ahead' and 'Britain at Low Tide'

We are delighted to welcome Alex back to Church Stretton for a talk to coincide with the publication of his new book, 'Craeft: How Traditional Crafts are About More Than Just Making'. In this fascinating book Alex goes in search of the mysterious lost meaning of craeft. Through a vibrant series of mini-histories, told with his trademark energy and charm, he resurrects the ancient craftspeople who fused exquisite skill with back-breaking labour, and passionately defends the renewed importance of craeft today. Alex will be meeting people and signing copies of his book after the talk. Tickets to his talks sell out very quickly, so don't leave it too late to get yours!

*"What are those blue remembered hills, What spires, what farms are those . . .*

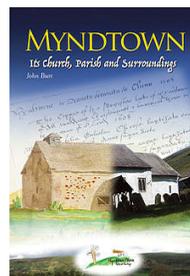
*A E Housman, 'A Shropshire Lad'*

## NEW LOCAL TITLES

There have been a number of books featuring the local area published recently: here are just a few of the most popular ones.

### 'Myndtown: its Church, Parish & Surroundings'

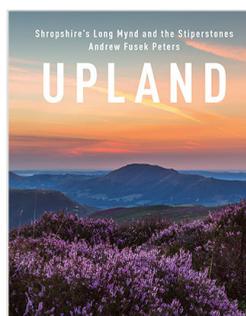
by John Burt



12th Century Myndtown Church, nestling at the foot of the Long Mynd, was the recent recipient of a £220,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant. The work has now been completed, including conservation work on its bells - one of which dated from 1150. This fascinating book tells the history of the church and surrounding area, and was produced as part of the project.

### 'Upland'

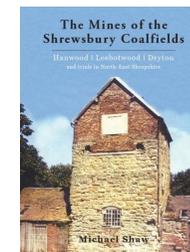
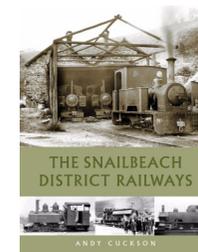
by Andrew Fusek Peters



*Upland* is an exploration of the wildlife and landscape of the Long Mynd and the Stiperstones, in stunning photography and lyrical nature writing by Andrew Fusek Peters. Commissioned by the National Trust and Natural England for a major environmental project, *Stepping Stones*, Andrew found more than simply a catalogue of flora and fauna. Instead he delivers a vivid and poetic evocation of being in the landscape; of its capacity to move us, and the necessary efforts which must be made to preserve it.

## SHROPSHIRE'S MINING HERITAGE

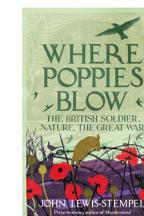
Two local history books selling particularly well at the moment focus on different aspects of mining in Shropshire. Both contain a wealth of old photographs, some never previously seen. 'The Snailbeach District Railways' by Andy Cuckson is the product of many years research and reveals a fascinating story of the mines and minerals that the line supported and the people who built it and worked it.



'The Mines of the Shrewsbury Coalfields' by Michael Shaw is a history of three small coalfields: Hanwood, Leebotwood, and Dryton, and unsuccessful trials up to the Cheshire and Staffordshire borders.

## WAINWRIGHT PRIZE FOR NATURE WRITING

'Where Poppies Blow' by John Lewis-Stempel



Congratulations to John Lewis-Stempel on winning the prestigious Wainwright prize with 'Where Poppies Blow', a unique and moving account of how nature gave the British soldiers of the Great War a reason to fight, and the will to go on. Animals provided comfort and interest to fill the blank hours in the trenches: bird-watching, fishing in flooded shell holes, shooting hares in no-man's land for the pot, and planting gardens in trenches and billets. Nature was also sometimes a curse: rats, spiders and lice abounded, and disease could be biblical.