

OUR BOOK GROUPS

Information for New Members

Book Review Club

We meet on the **second 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 were our best-selling titles in 2017 (up to the end of December)

1. OS Explorer 217 Map: Long Mynd & Wenlock Edge
2. A Year in Shropshire by Mike & John Hayward
3. Zig Zag and the Giant Adventure by Barbara Townley
4. Client Earth by James Thornton and Martin Goodman
5. Historic Church Stretton Walks by Barrie Raynor
6. Myndtown: its Church, Parish and Surroundings by John Burt
7. Living My Dream by Dave Edwards
8. Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney
9. The Book of Dust: La Belle Sauvage by Philip Pullman
10. Dethroning Mammon by Justin Welby
11. Hill Walking in Shropshire by John Gillham
12. Craeft: How Traditional Crafts Are About More Than Just Making by Alex Langlands
13. 1947: When Now Begins by Elisabeth Asbrink
14. A Legacy of Spies by John Le Carre
15. A Shropshire Lad by A E Housman
16. The Long Mynd: Its History & Wildlife by Barrie Raynor
17. Mystery at Witchend by Malcolm Saville
18. On the Trail of the Mortimers by Philip Hume
19. All Things Remembered by Goldie
20. The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry
21. The Snailbeach District Railways by Andy Cuckson
22. Meadowland: The Private Life of an English Field by John Lewis-Stempel

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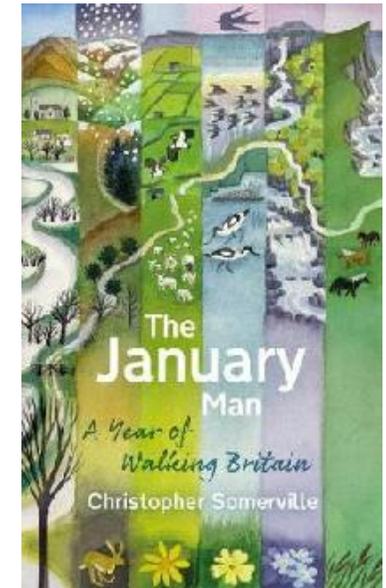
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January Man: A Year of Walking Britain by
Christopher Somerville

featuring Reverend Donald Carr

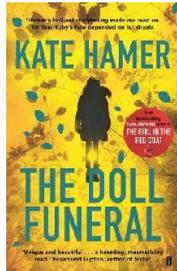
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BOOKS Now Available in Paperback

Two of our bestselling hardback books of 2017 are now available in paperback. Treat yourself to some excellent reading to kick off 2018:

'The Doll Funeral' by *Kate Hamer



13-year-old Ruby lives with Barbara and Mick. They're not her real parents, but they tell her what to do, and what to say. She's supposed to say that the bruises on her arms and the black eye came from falling down the stairs. But there are things she won't say. She won't tell them she's going to hunt for her real parents. She doesn't say a word about Shadow, who sits on the stairs, or the Wasp Lady she saw on the way to bed. She did tell Mick that she saw the woman in the buttercup dress, hanging upside down from her seat belt deep in the forest at the back of their house. She told him she saw death crawl out of her. He said he'd give Ruby a medal for lying. She wasn't lying.

*Kate Hamer gave a lovely talk about 'The Doll Funeral' to our book groups in April 2017 at Berry's Coffee House, Church Stretton.

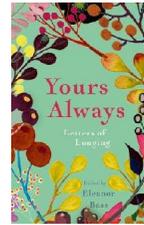
'The January Man' by Christopher Somerville

Month by month, season by season and region by region, Christopher Somerville walks the British Isles, following routes that continually bring his father to mind. As he travels the country - from the winter floodlands of the River Severn to the lambing pastures of Nidderdale, the towering seabird cliffs on the Shetland Isle of Foula in June and the ancient oaks of Sherwood Forest in autumn - he describes the history, wildlife, landscapes and people he encounters. The February chapter follows in the footsteps of the Reverend Donald Carr across the Long Mynd. This exquisitely written account of the British countryside not only inspires us to don our boots and explore the 140,000 miles of footpaths across the British Isles, but also illustrates how we can come to an understanding of ourselves and our fellow walkers.

"The mountains of South-West Shropshire are less known to lovers of fine scenery than their beauty deserves...."

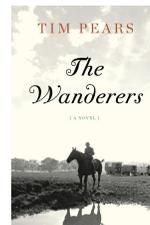
by Rev E Donald Carr

OUR PICK OF THE NEW TITLES *'Yours Always: Letters of Longing'* edited by Eleanor Bass



A thoughtful anthology of 'letters of longing', offering an often-unseen insight into a host of famous lives: apt for St Valentine's Day. Iris Murdoch to David Hicks: "My dear, your letter of 21st January has just come. A shock, yes. It's hard to know what to say. It's frightening how people can deceive themselves and how quickly their moods can change, from very deep too...." NB David Hicks lived in Shropshire.

'The Wanderers' by Tim Pears



The second novel in Tim Pears' West Country trilogy (we also have the first part, 'The Horseman' in stock). His writing reveals the beauty and brutality that coexist in nature. Timeless, searching, charged with raw energy and gentle humour, this is a delicately wrought tale of adolescence, survival, longing, loneliness, and love.

1912: Leo Sercombe is now thirteen and banished from the secluded farm of his childhood. Behind him lies the past, and before him the West Country, spread out like a tapestry. Leo is taken in by gypsies, with their wagons, horses, and vivid attire. Yet he knows he cannot linger, and must forge on toward the western horizon. Leo's love, Lottie, is at home on her father's Estate. She is increasingly absorbed in the natural world: the profusion of wild flowers in the meadow, the habits of predators, and the mysteries of anatomy. How will the two young people ever find each other again?

'Three Things About Elsie' by Joanna Cannon



Set in a home for the elderly, this is the new novel from the author of 'The Trouble With Goats and Sheep'. 84-year-old Florence has fallen at her flat at Cherry Tree Home for the Elderly. As she waits to be rescued, Florence wonders if a terrible secret from her past is about to come to light; and if the charming new resident is who he claims to be, why does he look exactly like a man who died sixty years ago?

"A warm, wise novel—brilliantly entertaining—that also manages to be a timely and profound take on ageing. I loved it". Kate Hamer

DAVE EDWARDS: *'Living My Dream'*



Very many thanks to professional footballer Dave Edwards who visited Burway Books on **Thursday 21st December** to sign copies of his book, 'Living My Dream'. A delighted queue of fans chatted to Dave whilst he signed their books. We still have a few signed copies left if you are looking for a special gift for a football fan.