

**OUR TOP 20 BEST-SELLERS in 2021**  
(to 30/06/2021)

1. *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell
2. *Shuggie Bain* by Douglas Stuart
3. *The Wild Silence* by Raynor Winn
4. *Exp 217 Map: The Long Mynd & Wenlock Edge*
5. *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder
6. *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce
7. *A Song of Gladness* by Michael Morpurgo
8. *Church Stretton Through the Ages* by Tony Crowe & Barrie Raynor
9. *The Ghost in the Garden* by Jude Piesse
10. *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman
11. *Hill & Dale: My Shropshire Year* by Andrew Fusek Peters
12. *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy
13. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
14. *The Mirror & the Light* by Hilary Mantel
15. *Quartet in Autumn* by Barbara Pym
16. *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn
17. *You Are a Champion* by Marcus Rashford
18. *Blooming Murder* by Simon Whaley
19. *Forager's Calendar* by John Wright
20. *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

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(updated 19th July 2021)

The shop is OPEN FOR BUSINESS in accordance with government guidelines. For the foreseeable future our opening hours will be 10am–4pm, Monday to Saturday. Please note we will be CLOSED on Bank Holidays. We will not formally be restricting the number of customers allowed into the shop at any one time, however we would respectfully ask that customers follow the FIVE STEPS FOR CONSIDERATE SHOPPING:

- ◆ Maintain social distancing
- ◆ Queue considerately
- ◆ Follow instructions inside and outside the shop
- ◆ Follow all necessary hygiene measures
- ◆ Be respectful to bookshop staff

We will continue to update our window display, Twitter and Instagram accounts regularly.

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(for information & anyone unable to come into the shop)

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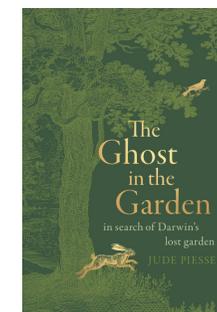
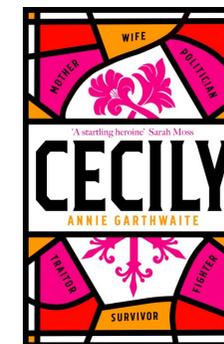
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## STAFF NEWS

On 31st July we say thank you and goodbye to Emma who has been working here on Saturdays for two years. We wish her all the very best for her forthcoming studies at Cardiff University.

We have two new part time members of staff: Ceri joined us at the beginning of July and will be here during the week. Ceri is also a talented needle felter—you may have seen some of her lovely creations on display in the shop (her bookworms are particularly popular). Amelia will be joining us on Saturdays from the beginning of August.

## LOCAL AUTHORS

We have several new books in stock (or due for publication soon) by local authors, all of whom have previously published best sellers and/or been featured in the national press as well as on radio and television. Congratulations to all of them (we have a limited number of signed copies of all of these books): it's wonderful to have such a wealth of local talent. If you've not read their work before we hope you will be persuaded to give them a try. Our booksellers have enjoyed them all.

### ***'SEA CHANGE'* by ALIX NATHAN**

Following the success of *'The Warlow Experiment'*, local author Alix Nathan returns with her new novel, *'Sea Change'*. It has been selected by The Sunday Times as 'best new historical fiction for July 2021', saying that it "*cements Nathan's reputation as one of our most interesting historical novelists*".

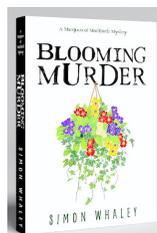
The last Eve saw of her mother was a wave from the basket of a rising balloon. A wilful, lonely orphan in the house of her erratic artist guardian, Eve struggles to retain the image of her missing mother and the father she never knew. In a London beset by pageantry, incipient riot and the fear of Napoleonic invasion, Eve must grow into a young woman with no one to guide her through its perils. Far away, in a Norfolk fishing village, the Rev Snead preaches hellfire and damnation to his impoverished parishioners and oppressed wife. Snead illustrates his sermons with the example of a mute woman pulled from the sea, over whom he keeps a very close watch indeed.

***"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others"***

*Nelson Mandela*

### ***'BLOOMING MURDER'* by SIMON WHALEY** ***A Marquess of Mortiforde Mystery—Book 1***

This is the first novel from local author and photographer, Simon Whaley. One of his previous books, *'One Hundred Ways for a Dog to Train its Human'*, has sold over quarter of a million copies and he frequently writes features and short stories for magazines, including *People's Friend*, *BBC Countryfile*, *Country Walking* and *Woman's Weekly Fiction Special*. Simon brings his storytelling skills and his hilarious take on life together in this very enjoyable cosy crime novel.



Aldermaston's having a bad day. A falling hanging-basket has killed the town's mayor, and a second narrowly missed him. His wife wants him to build her new greenhouse in three days, and someone is sending him death threats. This isn't the quiet life he expected as the new Marquess of Mortiforde. It's the annual Borders in Blossom competition, and Mortiforde is battling with Portley Ridge in the final. But this is no parochial flower competition. The mayor's mishap looks like murder, and there's another body in the river. Someone desperately wants Portley Ridge to win for the fifteenth successive year. So when a mysterious group of guerrilla gardeners suddenly carpet bomb Mortiforde with a series of stunning floral delights one night, a chain reaction of floral retaliation ensues. Can Aldermaston survive long enough to uncover who is trying to kill him, and why? And can he get his wife's greenhouse built in time?

### ***'THE GHOST IN THE GARDEN'* BY JUDE PIESSE** ***In Search of Darwin's Lost Garden***

Darwin never stopped thinking about the garden at his childhood home, The Mount, in Shrewsbury. It was here, under the tutelage of his green-fingered mother and sisters, that he first examined the reproductive life of flowers, collected birds' eggs, and began the experiments that would lead to his theory of evolution.

A century and a half later, with one small child in tow and another on the way, Jude Piesse finds herself living next door to this secret garden. Two acres of the original site remain, now resplendent with overgrown ashes, sycamores, and hollies. The carefully tended beds and circular flower garden are buried under suburban housing; the hothouses where the Darwins and their skilful gardeners grew pineapples are long gone. Walking the pathways with her new baby, Piesse starts to discover what impact the garden and the people who tended it had on Darwin's work. Blending biography, nature writing, and memoir, *The Ghost in the Garden* traces the origins of the theory of evolution and uncovers the lost histories that inspired it. Jude Piesse is a lecturer in English Literature at Liverpool John Moores University. Her book was recently featured on Radio 4

### ***'CECILY'* by ANNIE GARTHWAITE**

This historical debut novel by Annie Garthwaite (also selected by The Sunday Times as 'best new historical fiction for July 2021') reimagines the story of Cecily Neville, the Duchess of York and mother to two kings of England—Edward IV and Richard III. Cecily was the 'last woman standing' of the Wars of the Roses, surviving far beyond her house's ruin, but not previously seen as a vital player.

Annie Garthwaite, who now lives in East Shropshire, wrote *Cecily* after enrolling in an MA at Warwick University at the age of 55 where she was tutored by Sarah Moss, who called Cecily "a startling heroine". Annie says, "This novel has been in my mind for over 30 years. In the end I gave up my career to write it. Though Cecily lived 500 years ago, she's a woman we can feel kinship with today and the questions she faced still resonate in our post-feminist age: What comes first, love or ambition? Who commands our first loyalties? How far might courage take us? I hope readers will find her story stirring and inspiring."

Annie will be at Burway Books to chat about her novel on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Full details are at the shop. We have a limited number of places available: please ask SOON if you would like to attend (this event is by invitation only).