

Autumn Newsletter 2011

FRIENDS OF BISHOP'S CASTLE LIBRARY

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Summer Reading Challenge

This year's theme is Circus so on 6th July Friends arranged for Julius Drake, Victorian Explorer (alias Fran O'Boyle) to entertain 52 children from



Bishop's Castle Primary School with stories of the circus. 69 Children have taken part in the Reading Challenge and 15 certificates have been presented to children from Bishop's Castle Primary School. In keeping with the circus theme Friends also arranged for Mr Balwn to entertain children and parents with his Circus Magic Show on 17th August. Childrens remarks included "Brilliant", "that was the best magician I have ever seen" and "he was very funny", "I love my balloon dog". Every child left with a balloon.

Annual Trip

In June the Friends of the Library visited the St. Deiniol's Library in Hawarden, Denbighshire.



St. Deiniol's Library was founded in 1894 by the former prime minister William Gladstone to house his personal collection of over 32,000 books of which it is known that he had read about 22,000 of them, as he listed his daily reading in his diary.

Gladstone had lived at Hawarden Castle but moved his books from the castle into a corrugated iron building known as The Tin Tabernacle to store them, using his own cataloguing system. After his death the present library was built as the National Memorial to Gladstone, to house not only his books and letters complete with pencilled annotations but also other collections of books on theology, the nineteenth century, art and literature and totals over 250,000 printed items. The wooden interior of the library itself is most beautifully carved and ornate. The Friends of the Library enjoyed a very informative tour of the reading room, chapel and library as well as enjoying refreshments in the dining room.

The afternoon was spent exploring Chester with its many museums, churches, Roman ruins and shops. Some of the Friends were taken on a tour of the Cathedral library where they could see one of the first editions of the King James I bible and visited the small and unusual chapel of St. Anselm built in c.1150. The chapel started as a single cell and has had many alterations throughout the centuries, which are still visible today. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The Plant and Cake Stall

held outside No 1 The High Street in May raised a Grand Total of £142.00 for the Friends. Thank you to everyone who donated items and to those who gave up their time on a Saturday morning.

Quiz

Congratulations to Sally Bunn and Jean Ashwell for their success in the recent Quiz.

Pictured Sally Bunn



Once again—Thank you from the library staff to all friends who have contributed and supported the many events in the library - speakers, helpers etc. The events, which give pleasure to all ages, would not be possible without your help and the time that you give.

2011 Events - Bishop's Castle Library :

Thursday 29th September	7.30pm	Quaker Peacemakers with Jan Arriens
Thursday 6th October		National Poetry Day:
	10.30am	Nursery Rhymes for under fives
	3.30pm	Poetry Reading with Brian Podmore
Wednesday 12th October	2.00pm	Book Group
Wednesday 12th October	3.00 pm	Book Group Event with Rob and Kate Woodward
Thursday 13th October	7.00 pm	Twinning Social Evening (Twinning Committee in partnership with Friends of the Library)
Wednesday 26th October	10.30 am	Halloween Fun childrens event—stories, make Halloween masks, plus drink and treat
Wednesday 9th November	2.00pm	Book Group
Thursday 24th November	7.30pm	Friends of Bishop's Castle Library AGM
Wednesday 14th December	2.00pm	Book Group
Saturday 17th December	2.30pm	Father Christmas

Twinning Evening

Bishop's Castle is twinned with the French town St Marcel and on Thursday October 13th the Friends will be hosting an evening in association with the Twinning Committee from 7.00—9.00pm.

Tickets are £3.00 and include wine, buffet, displays, experiences and a Champagne Draw. There will be a display of books on France and in French which may be borrowed.

Tickets are available from the Library, Dudley Building Society and The Tourist Information Centre.



As part of National Poetry Day,

babies and under fives are invited to **Nursery Rhyme Fun** on Thursday 6th October

10.30—11.30 am

Refreshments provided



Halloween Shivers

Scary Stories
Halloween Treats
Make a mask

Wednesday 26th October

10.30—12 noon
£1.00 from the library



Annual General Meeting

Will be held on Thursday 24th November followed by



**Magician
Extraordinaire
Gareth Jenkins**

7.30 pm

Adrian Williams

The popular Principal Librarian for the Southern area is retiring at the end of September. We wish him all good wishes for his retirement.



DON'T MISS!

Talk - History of the Quakers role as peacemakers.

Jan Arriens

Thursday 29th September

From the peace petition to Charles II in 1661 to the Nobel Peace Prize in 1947 and present day initiatives concerning nuclear disarmament, child soldiers and peace work abroad.

Book Club

October's book is Persuasion by Jane Austen

Next meeting October 12th at 2.00pm

Other book clubs have been invited to a special event at the Library on the same afternoon at 3.00. Meet Rob and Kate Woodward (stock and reading librarians respectively) to see the latest book club acquisitions.