

Bookfest

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2018

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Elephant**

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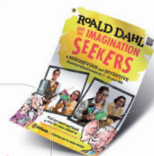
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May Festival

Get Hooked on Books



The overriding theme of this year's May Festival is about inspiring young minds to be creative, to challenge them with exciting new activities and masterclasses and, most of all, to enjoy words by celebrating them in both the written and spoken format.

By focusing on our ethos of inspiring children to develop a life-long love of reading, we have prepared a very special May Festival programme, designed to offer lots of fun, hands-on and interactive activities for them to enjoy.

With a whole range of exciting events designed to get right to the very heart of what books are all about, we hope children will relish lots of opportunities not only to listen and learn, but also to create their own literary magic. There are carefully researched workshops which will give your children the chance to create their very own masterpiece. And soft skills such as creative thinking sit side-by-side with expert model-making tuition – all with a touch of humour, originality and, most important of all, FUN.

A highlight of the festival weekend is a children's theatre group who will be running mischievous, interactive and inventive drama workshops, inspired by Roald Dahl's extraordinary stories, to develop both creative and literacy skills through performance, games and creative play.

There is also a whole day of free, drop-in, book-related activities in the centre of Shrewsbury and a wonderful 'Bookfest Quest' that will take you on a winding trail through the town to spot artwork created by local primary schools.

We look forward to seeing you out and about over the Bank Holiday weekend.

From The Trustees & Committee

Bookfest
Shrewsbury

What does Shrewsbury Bookfest do?



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

Shrewsbury Bookfest has always been an independent, not-for-profit organisation, run primarily by a small group of volunteers. In 2007 we obtained charitable status. In 2009 we won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – the equivalent of an MBE and the highest award that can be given to a voluntary organisation.

Through a series of regular projects with schools and families, Shrewsbury Bookfest's aim is to bring the world of books alive for children in Shropshire; to inspire, entertain and enthuse them with a life-long love of reading.

Our work has caught the eye of renowned national bodies such as The Guardian newspaper and Hodder Education, who have featured Shrewsbury Bookfest at their conferences and invited us to speak and to share the success and impact of our reading development projects with delegates from the education sector.



Book Award: Our child-led reading development project delivered into Shropshire primary schools. The first Book Award project in 2010 for 9-11-year-olds was an overwhelming success. And, in response to a growing demand from schools, we have run it biennially ever since. Book Award 2018 is now well underway and has been expanded to include a new Picture Book Award project for 5-7-year-olds. Book Award 2018 is being enjoyed by well over 2,000 pupils across Shropshire.



Schools' Week: To coincide with World Book Day in March, Schools' Week is a programme of author visits, workshops and masterclasses for Shropshire primary schools. Plans are underway for Schools' Week 2019 so if you think your school would like to be part of this, do get in touch with us.



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The May Festival: Our annual children's literary festival in Shrewsbury. Since its inception in 1999, it has become a hugely respected and popular event in the county.

Buy tickets online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/shrewsbury-bookfest

May Festival 2018 at a glance

Saturday 5th May

Cut, Stick, Doodle!

Various times at Shrewsbury Baptist Church – Central

Roald Dahl's and The Imagination Seekers

Various times at The Wightman Theatre

Get Hooked on Books & The Bookfest Quest

11am - 4pm, The Square, Shrewsbury

The Joy of Picture Books

1.30pm - 3pm at The Hive

Sunday 6th May

Early Man Model Making Workshops

Various times at Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Creative Writing Masterclass

11am - 12 midday at Shrewsbury Baptist Church – Central

The Phoenix Live!

12.30pm - 1.30pm at The Hive

Meet Elmer the Elephant!

Various times at Button & Bear Bookshop

Monday 7th May

Dinosaurs Galore

11.30am - 12.30pm at The Hive

The World of Olobob Top

2pm - 2.45pm at Shrewsbury Baptist Church – Central

Cut, Stick, Doodle!

A Masterclass

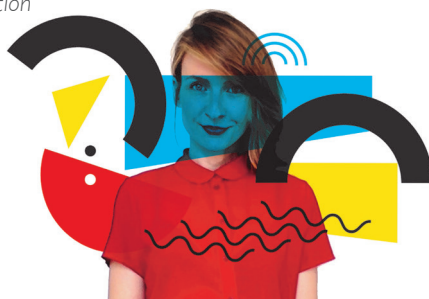
Indulge your inner doodler and creator for this hands-on session with author and illustrator Dominika Lipniewska aka Dolidomino. You will cut shapes, use stencils and a variety of doodling materials to create an imaginary world of impossible buildings, silly vehicles and crazy characters! Create a story or just immerse yourself in shapes and lines to design your own unique world of wonder.

Please note: For masterclasses only, parents/carers can attend for free, if they wish to stay - please see the Ticket Information Page for more information.

Ticket Price: £10 Age: 7+

Shrewsbury Baptist Church - Central,
Claremont Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1QG

10am - 11.30am & 1.30pm - 3pm



Saturday

5th May

Roald Dahl and The Imagination Seekers

Help!!! All around the world Roald Dahl's words are disappearing, not only from books but from children's minds too... Now only a secret organisation known as the Ancient Guild of Tale Tenders can save the stories - and they need your help! Get ready for a high level of fantangling, squish-scrumbling imagination and fun. *Not suitable for adults, especially those with a serious disposition. Please note: After the introduction, parents/carers can leave if they wish.*

Ticket Price: £10 Age: 7-10

The Wightman Theatre, 14A The
Square, Shrewsbury SY1 1LN

10am - 11.15am, 12.30pm - 1.45pm,
3pm - 4.15pm



Saturday 5th May

Get Hooked on Books & Join the Bookfest Quest

Let your imagination loose on characters, creations and cakes to release the author, or illustrator, within you at these fantastically fun (and FREE) events.

**It's
Free!**

- Mini Book Making
- Jars of Dreams
- Face Painting
- Monster Sock Puppet Making
- Literary Cakes
- The Big Book Swap Tent
- Dinosaur Egg Creations

**11am - 12 midday
& 1.30pm - 4pm:**

Open Mic

Now's your chance to take the stand and perform a rhyme, poem, short story or song.

**12 midday -
12.30pm &
1pm - 1.30pm**

Footlights Dance School

Come and see the talented young pupils from Footlights Dance School who will re-tell some favourite fairy tales through song and dance.

12.30pm - 1.00pm

Baby Ballet

Watch budding ballet dancers of the future show off their love of performance.

11am - 4pm

Inky Illustrations

Children's book Illustrator and graphic designer, Cherie Jerrard, will be on hand all day to inspire your inner artist - so drop in and get drawing!

Then enjoy some super-sleuthing by following our awesome Bookfest Quest, which snakes around Shrewsbury. Sign up and collect your map at the Bookfest tent in the Square between 11am and 3pm, follow the clues, find the giant letters and decode the mystery message - then return triumphant to the Bookfest tent to collect your prize!

Ticket Price: FREE Age: All

The Square, Shrewsbury 11am - 4pm

FOOTLIGHTS
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The Joy of Picture Books

With Mat Tobin

Mat Tobin is Senior Lecturer in English and Children's Literature at Oxford Brookes University. Having wowed primary school teachers at the Bookfest Conference to launch the Book Award project last December, Mat returns to Shrewsbury to run a workshop especially for parents and anyone who ever reads picture books with children. Mat will open your eyes to discover how using picture book 'codes' can help children and adults alike enjoy exploring picture books together on a whole new level.



Ticket Price: £8 Age: Students & Adults

The Hive, 5 Belmont, Shrewsbury SY1 1TE
1.30pm - 3pm

How Can You Get Involved?

If you would like to know more about Shrewsbury Bookfest, or how you might be able to get involved, please email us: info@shrewsburybookfest.co.uk



Festival



Bookfest

Remembers



Book
Award



Schools'
Week

Sunday
6th May



Creative Writing Masterclass

With Christopher Edge

Want to discover how to write your best story ever? Learn how to in this fun, interactive workshop from Christopher Edge, award-winning author of *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright*, *The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day* and creative writing guides *How To Write Your Best Story Ever!* and *How To Be A Young #Writer*. From beating the fear of the blank page to crafting an attention-grabbing opening, in this workshop budding young writers will discover the secrets to creating great stories. *Please note: For masterclasses only, parents/ carers can attend for free if they wish to stay - please see the Ticket Information Page for more information.*

Ticket Price: £10 Age: 8+

Shrewsbury Baptist Church – Central,
Claremont Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1QG
11am - 12 midday

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The Phoenix Live!

With The Etherington Brothers

The Etherington Brothers have been making all-ages comic adventures for over a decade and are the creators of *Long Gone Don*, *Monkey Nuts*, *Freaky and Fearless*, *Baggage and Von Doogan*. They have also created comics, stories and art for Star Wars, How to Train Your Dragon, Transformers, Kung Fu Panda, Madagascar, Wallace & Gromit and James Bond. Over the course of 60 frantic laughter-filled minutes, The Etherington Brothers will share the secrets of their success. Tips and tricks for making your own comics truly AWESOME will materialise before your mystified eyes! Prepare yourselves for ANYTHING ... but most importantly, for having fun! *Children under 12 must be accompanied by a ticket-paying adult.*

Ticket Price: £7 Age: 7+

The Hive, 5 Belmont, Shrewsbury SY1 1TE
12.30pm - 1.30pm



Meet Elmer the Elephant!



Come dressed in your brightest colours to this fun-filled storytelling event! Join storyteller Liz Fost as she brings the story of everyone's favourite patchwork elephant to life. You'll even have the chance to meet Elmer himself! *Ticket-paying adults to accompany children to this event.*

Ticket Price: £4 **Age: 4+**

Button & Bear Bookshop, 27-28 Castle Street, Shrewsbury SY1 2BQ
11- 11.45am, 2-2.45pm, 3.30 - 4.15pm

This event has been generously sponsored by



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Early Man Model Making Workshops

With Aardman

We've teamed up again with Jim Parkyn, Senior Model Maker at Aardman, the creators behind Shaun the Sheep, Wallace & Gromit and Morph to offer an opportunity to learn how to make your very own character from the studio's latest, blockbusting film, EARLY MAN, at these fun, hands-on clay model making workshops. You'll also get the opportunity to ask questions about the tricks of the trade from the Aardman studio.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by ticket-paying adult, children over 10 years old can attend unaccompanied.

This event has been generously sponsored by

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Ticket Price: £10 **Age: 8 - 108!**

Shropshire Wildlife Trust, 193 Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6AH
11am - 12 midday, 2pm - 3pm, 4pm - 5pm



Monday
7th May



'Dinosaurs Galore'

With Sir Charlie Stinky Socks

Join Kristina Stephenson for Sir Charlie Stinky Socks' latest adventure. Come along for an hour of adventure and song, mystery and magic and meet this legendary knight who has helped dragons, monsters and kings.

Based on the ninth book in the bestselling series – 'The Dinosaur's Return' is an interactive storytelling event complete with puppets, songs and thrilling sound effects. Set sail with Sir Charlie, out to the middle of the big, blue sea, up to the top of a rumbling grumbling mountain and down, down deep into the centre of earth... *Ticket-paying adults to accompany children to this event.*

Join the World of Olobob Top

Join Leigh Hodgkinson, co-creator of the World of Olobob Top – as seen on **CBeebies**.

Olobob Top is a magical world that is made up of lots of shapes, colours and patterns. This action-packed event will be a celebration of all things Olobob. **There will be games... There will be prizes... There will be creativity... But most of all there will be fun!** *Ticket-paying adults to accompany children to this event.*

Ticket Price: £5 Age: 2-7

Shrewsbury Baptist Church – Central,
Claremont Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1QG
2pm – 2.45pm

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Ticket Price: £5 Age: 5+

The Hive, 5 Belmont, Shrewsbury
SY1 1TE
11.30am - 12.30pm





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Peace Lily

Saturday 20th October 2018
3pm - 4pm

Author Hilary Robinson and illustrator Martin Impey tell the story of Lily, a young girl who becomes a nurse and follows her childhood friends Ben and Ray to the battlefields of France. *Peace Lily* pays tribute to the hundreds of women who contributed to the war effort.

At Button & Bear Bookshop,
27-28 Castle Street,
Shrewsbury SY1 2BQ
Age: 6–10

Tickets : £3.50 each

from Button & Bear –
[www.facebook.com/
buttonandbearbookshop](http://www.facebook.com/buttonandbearbookshop)

All children to be accompanied
by a ticket-paying adult.

Study Day

Wednesday 31st October 2018
10am - 4pm

- Women Poets of the First World War with Robyn Marsack
- The Lasting Influence of Wilfred Owen with Adrian Barlow
- Making Their Mark: Women Artists of the First World War with Alexandra Walton

At University Centre
Shrewsbury, Guildhall,
Shrewsbury SY3 8HQ

Age: 16+

Tickets : £25

(to include lunch and refreshments)
from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/
shrewsbury-bookfest](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shrewsbury-bookfest)

Nurses & Spies

Friday 2nd November 2018
7.30pm

Philip Stevens will talk about the extraordinary women who served and gave their lives in the Great War including Edith Cavell, Evelina Haverfield and Katherine Harley. He will also discuss the many women who left domestic labour to join the war effort and voluntary hospital movement.

At Shrewsbury School,
Shrewsbury SY3 7BA
Age: 16+

Tickets : FREE

from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/
shrewsburyschool](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shrewsburyschool)

The Pity of War Concert

Sunday 4th November 2018 From 6.30pm

On 4th November, one hundred years to the day that Wilfred Owen was killed, Shrewsbury Bookfest in collaboration with St. Chad's Music Festival will present a very special concert at Theatre Severn in celebration of the life and work of Wilfred Owen. In the first half of the concert the **Bookfest Remembers Choir**, made up of schools and choirs across Shropshire, will perform works by local composer **Caz Besterman** with texts by Wilfred Owen and the other war poets. The Band & Bugles of the Shropshire Army Cadet Force will also be performing.

In the second half of the concert the **Consortium of Shropshire Choirs** will perform a newly commissioned work – **Move Him into the Sun** – by the renowned choral composer/conductor **Bob Chilcott**. The orchestra will be led by **John Moore** with tenor **Dafydd Wyn Jones**. There will be readings of Owen's letters to his mother.

At Theatre Severn, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury SY3 8FT

Tickets: £20 will be available from the end of April from the Theatre Severn Box Office (01743 281281) www.theatresevern.co.uk



Terms, Conditions & Ticket Information

Buy Tickets Online:

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By Telephone

TicketSource Box Office: 0333 666 3366 (Calls to 03 numbers cost the same to call as an 01 or 02 phone number), Mondays to Fridays: 9.00am to 7.00pm (excluding bank holidays) and Saturdays 9.00am to 5.00pm, up to 24 hours before the time of the event.

Tickets booked via the telephone service will attract a £1.50 fee payable by the customer which includes despatch by standard post if booked more than three working days before the event. Tickets for telephone bookings received less than four working days before the event will either be sent as an e-ticket to your email address or as a mobile ticket to your mobile phone. If you have neither mobile nor email, TicketSource will supply a booking confirmation number.

Please note: The TicketSource Box Office number is essentially a booking line; if you have any general enquiries about the event please email Shrewsbury Bookfest at info@shrewsburybookfest.co.uk or ring **07719 401365**.

Child Protection Policy

Unless attending a Masterclass event or Workshop, children under 12 MUST be accompanied by a ticket-paying adult at all Festival events. Children under two who do not require a seat, do not require a ticket. Shrewsbury Bookfest maintains a Child Protection Policy, but we cannot act in loco parentis or take responsibility for unsupervised children.

Masterclasses

For these events, you need only buy a ticket for each young person attending. Adults attend for free, should they wish to stay. If not, we ask parents/carers to drop children off at the venue, sign them in, and leave a mobile contact number in case of emergencies. Please ensure that you are able to collect your young person(s) at the specified event end time.

Age Range

We've included a recommended age range for each event to help you choose. These ages are carefully chosen in consultation with the publisher and author/illustrator/presenter, taking into account the length, content and format of each event. However, the age ranges are a guideline only.

Photography

Any person attending a Bookfest event consents to being photographed by local press or Bookfest for publicity purposes, including our website. Some events may also be filmed for publicity purposes, including YouTube streaming. Please see a Bookfest Organiser before the start of the event with any questions or concerns about this.

Access For All

Everyone is welcome at all our venues and we will do whatever we can to ensure you have an enjoyable visit to your event.

For up to the minute news and information on the Festival visit www.shrewsburybookfest.co.uk

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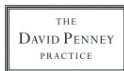
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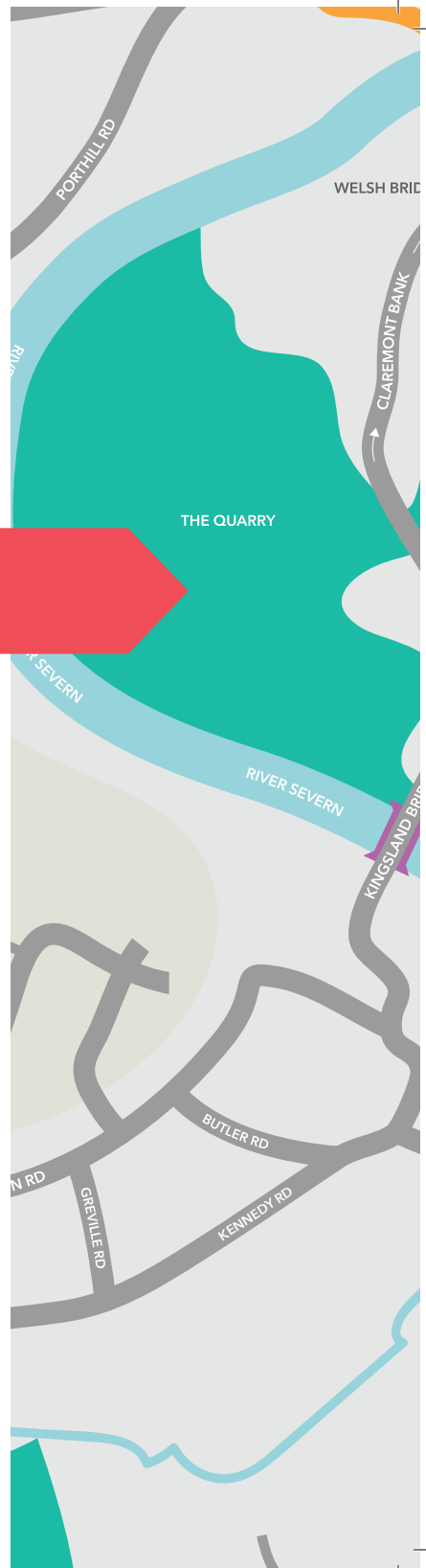
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Venue Map

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