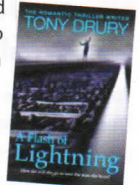


Local author, Tony Drury, was at Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway recently signing copies of his three novels and taking orders for his latest novel 'A Flash of Lightning' which will be launched in November 2013

Full steam ahead for book signings!

'A Flash of Lightning' is based on the Great Train Robbery which took place just outside Leighton Buzzard. One of the most infamous robberies of all time the 1963's Great Train Robbery involved the hijack of a London-bound train, and the theft of millions of pounds. Tony wanted to write this novel to coincide with the 50th anniversary of this historic local event.

A sum of money has been gifted to the LBNGR from funds raised from book sales over the weekend.



"We are always delighted to work with members of our local community, and Tony Drury's visit added extra interest for the hundreds of visitors who came from all over the country for our Steam-Up event. We are very grateful for his donation to support the work of our volunteers, and look forward to the publication of his new book set in the era of the Great Train Robbery." Says Mervyn Leah from LBNGR (marketing@lbngrs.org.uk)



Local distribution points for Tony's books are: Bare Essentials, Cottage Stores, Heath Road, Station Express, Leighton Buzzard Railway Station and the VNP News & Stores by Jasmines/Michael Di Meo's and of course Tony's books are available to download or can be borrowed from any of the local libraries.



BIGGEST BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT A SUCCESS

Hundreds of business people gathered at Cedars School back in September for the LB Connect Business Fair. With 64 stands representing a large and diverse selection of local businesses, visitors flocked to see the skills and expertise on offer and to take the opportunity to network. "We came to meet the business people of Leighton Buzzard – and we did so beyond all of our expectations", says Tony Drury, the author on the City Fiction table. "A great event. Thank you LB Connect."

The event proved beneficial to job seekers and employers too. "I thought the event had a very positive vibe and I for one thoroughly enjoyed my time there," said Steve Perry from Jobcentre Plus.

"This was our third Business fair and by far the busiest and buzziest," said Bob Chandler, chair of the organisers, LB Connect, the town's most active business networking group.

Five volunteers from the Leighton Buzzard-based children's charity Kids Out were on hand to help with car parking and orientation and more than a hundred exhibitors and visitors purchased their pink panther cuddly toys, raising £200. Kids Out is LB Connect's supported charity for 2013 and profits from the event will be donated to the organisation later this year. Businesses represented covered a wide range of industries. Special guests included Andrew Selous MP and representatives from the town council, Central Beds Authority, Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses.

Profit from the Fair is being donated to Kids Out, the Leighton Buzzard-based charity that provides breaks for underprivileged children across the region.

LB Connect is a not for profit organisation that links businesses through regular meetings, networking, sharing best practices, talks by guest speakers, creating business development opportunities and promoting social events. Lead sponsor for the event was Osborne Morris and Morgan (OMM) and other sponsors included Clark Howes and Reisswolf.

Full details of the event and LB Connect membership details can be found on the website: www.lbconnect.co.uk/business-fair