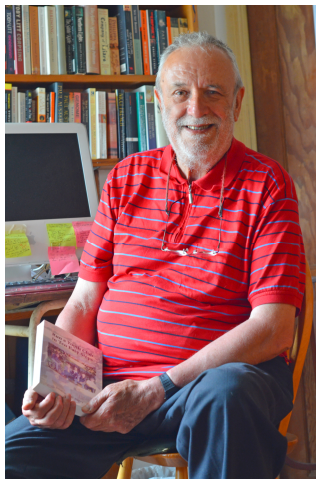


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Volunteer youth worker to launch book on experiences

Alcester volunteer youth worker Bill Bayley has published a book about his experiences whilst running youth clubs in the town.

The retired science teacher has written the book *Run A Youth Club In Ten Easy Steps* which chronicles the ups and downs of his thirty five year involvement with the community's teenagers and tells the stories of the children, adults and organisations encountered along the way.

Run A Youth Club In Ten Easy Steps is not a 'how-to' book but a humorous and sharply-observed tale of one man's determination to get the youth of the town a permanent base for a youth club and the various set-backs faced whilst doing so.

The autobiographical account also outlines Bill's early days at prep and public school, his entry into teaching at state schools and work as a scientist at a famous British manufacturer for the aerospace industry based in Birmingham.

Bill said: "I wrote the book to find out how kids have changed over the years, whether I had changed and how society's view of youth clubs has changed during this time. I was also interested to understand how becoming involved had affected me personally. It is entirely my own view and I have tried honestly to include the good things that happened as well as the bad."

Bill Bayley is officially launching his book at the Stratford upon Avon branch of national book retailer Waterstones – which is stocking the paperback in their local authors section - on Thursday 5 July at 7pm to which members of the public are invited.

The evening will consist of readings, Q&A and book signing interspersed with live musical entertainment from Linzi Morgan on acoustic guitar.

For more information visit www.billbayley.co.uk or call Bill Bayley on 01789 762841.

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Photo Caption: Jonathan 'Bill' Bayley at home with his book 'Run A Youth Club In Ten Easy Steps'.

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Notes to Editors:

- Bill Bayley has lived in Alcester since 1967, working first as an industrial chemist, then as a science teacher at the local St Benedict's RC High School, amongst others. He has been married to his wife Sally for 50 years, has three children and four grandchildren.
- A self-taught artist, he has been painting since 1965 and over the years has held numerous exhibitions of his naturalistic landscapes of Warwickshire and other more distant locations.
- Now retired, he devotes more time to creative pursuits and continuing his many community interests which includes a 33 year involvement with the local Youth Club and editing 'The Bear Flag', a local writer's magazine which he founded.
- In 2006 Bill became the first recipient of an annual Civic Award from Alcester Town Council for his longstanding volunteer work and contribution to Alcester Youth Club.