**Ely 501**

**The Story Writing Challenge for East Cambridgeshire**

*In association with Burrows Bookshop and Mr Simms Ely*

Thanks for entering Ely 501. We’re really looking forward to reading your stories. Here is a list of six opening lines you can use to start your story, or you can use your own!

* Slower than a tortoise, it began to move.
* ‘What’s that knocking?’
* Twelve. Yes, twelve was going to be enough.
* Old? It wasn’t that old. Or was it…?
* There was just enough space to squeeze through.
* Far away in the distance, they could just see the mountains.

Your story needs to be all your own work and can be any length up to the maximum allowed of 501 words, but don’t feel that just because your story might be shorter it can’t be just as exciting as a longer one. Tell us the sort of tale that you yourself would like to hear told to you.

Please fill in the application form below and attach it to your entry. If you’d like to submit your story electronically you can: just scan the form and send it as a separate attachment to mrsimmsely@gmail.com. Your entry needs to be with us by Friday 14 April; you can hand it in to Burrows Bookshop High Street Passage Ely or Mr Simms High Street Ely. Any questions? Just call Annabel at Burrows on 01353 669759 or David at Mr Simms on 07914 789868.

Good luck from Annabel and David!!

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