

Family members still campaigning for fresh inquiry into murder

MI5 officers invited to Hilda Murrell talk

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Members of MI5 have been invited to attend a talk on the murder of Hilda Murrell in Shrewsbury tonight. British intelligence officers have been given an open invitation to come along to the talk at the Shropshire Wildlife Trust in Abbey Foregate, which is being put on by Miss Murrell's nephew Commander Robert Green and his wife Dr Kate Dewes, who sits on a UN Secretary General's Advisory Board.

The pair are giving a talk on the murder of the 78-year-old in 1984 and will be joined by one of their most illustrious supporters - Michael Mansfield QC, who worked on the Princess Diana inquest and the Bloody Sunday inquiry.

Mr Green and Dr Dewes, who live in New Zealand, claim they have been subject to a campaign of intimidation as they continue their investigations into Miss Murrell's death, with their mail being repeatedly opened and break-ins occurring at their home.

The pair want to meet with British intelligence officers to discuss their claims.

They have also invited representatives from West Mercia Police to the meeting as they continue to campaign for a fresh inquiry into Miss Murrell's death.

Evidence

Mr Green has written a book about the case called *A Thorn in Their Side*, in which he claims to have uncovered important new evidence about her death.

He claims that new evidence published in his book casts doubt on the conviction of Andrew George, the man serving a life sentence after being convicted of Miss Murrell's abduction and murder following a five-week trial in 2005.

The 78-year-old was abducted from her Shrewsbury home and later found dead in a cove in the shadow of Haughmond Hill, near Shrewsbury, in 1984.

She had been repeatedly stabbed, although a post mortem concluded she died of hypothermia.

Mr Green said he has uncovered DNA evidence not used in George's trial that could acquit him.

"In the book, there are 50 questions about the case that need to be answered by the police," he said.

"We would like to invite West Mercia Police and the security intelligence service to the meeting."

"We would like members of MI5 to come along to the meeting."

The talk is at 7pm.

Murrell family's new information plea

The family of Hilda Murrell have called for anyone in Shropshire who may have information about her murder to come forward as they campaign for a new public inquiry into her death.

Miss Murrell's nephew Commander Robert Green and his wife Dr Kate Dewes, who sits on a UN Secretary General's Advisory Board, are in Shrewsbury this week to give a special presentation on the murder of the 78-year-old in 1984.

They will be joined at the event at the Shropshire Wildlife Trust in Shrewsbury tomorrow



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evening by lawyer Michael Mansfield QC, who worked on the Princess Diana inquest.

Ahead of the event, Mr Green and Dr Dewes, who live in New Zealand, called for Shropshire residents who may be able to help reveal what happened to Miss Murrell to meet them tomorrow afternoon ahead of the talk.

Dr Dewes said: "Anyone with information to give to the family in confidence can come to the Shropshire Wildlife Trust

"They may have seen something they can

remember. There may be people who have carried something on their conscience for 28 years."

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