



Why a Killing Eve star and The Charlatans frontman have temporarily closed a Gloucestershire bookshop

Actor and director Susan Lynch and singer Tim Burgess are in Tewkesbury to make a new film

A Gloucestershire book store was chosen as the location for a new short film *The Bookshop* starring The Charlatans frontman Tim Burgess.

Cornell Books, in High Street, Tewkesbury, hosted the *The Only One I Know* singer as he made his acting debut.

Produced by Kevin Proctor, Studio POW ('Funny Cow'), Susan Lynch, star of BBC hit *Killing Eve* and Steven Spielberg blockbuster *Ready Player One*, will make her directorial debut in the short film



Views of the film set as Cornell Books in Tewkesbury High Street is transformed for the short film (Image: Daniel Day)

Director, Susan Lynch, said: “The inspiration for *The Bookshop* came from all the different roles that I’ve saw Tim be in *The Charlatans*.”

The short film tells the story of Leonard, played by Tim Burgess, who is a tender and soulful bookshop owner whose only interaction in life is with the myriad of customers who enter his store, and whose lives he fantasises about in vividly wild daydreams.

This all changes one day, however, when a woman called Eliza steps into his shop and brings him out of his repressed prison.

Susan said: “It’s based on an idea I came up with after interviews with Tim, who said he was really interested in acting. We talked about the sensuality of film making.

“We exchanged our love of certain films; Tim is a huge fan of David Lynch and so we have some little moments in *The Bookshop* where we take our hat off to the film makers that we love.”

Tim added: “We kept talking and talking, it was our world really.”



Tim Burgess, Susan Lynch and Lorna Nickson Brown on set at Cornell Books in Tewkesbury High Street. (Image: Daniel Day)

The full cast includes: Tim Burgess (lead singer 'The Charlatans'), Sheila Atim (Olivier Award Winner: 'The Girl from the North Country'), Neil Maskell ('Happy New Year Colin Burstead'), Sura Dohnke ('Any Way The Wind Blows'), Lorna Nickson Brown ('Poirot'), and Rosie Day ('Outlander').



Lorna Nickson Brown who plays a Spanish woman in the film

A staff member at Cornell Books joked on social media they “had never seen Cornell Books looking so clean” and that the experience “was very exciting.”

The book store will remain closed until the crew complete filming on Tuesday, January 9.



Choreography Diane Pickard, Fiesta Dance Centre, Nottingham

A phone call out of the blue and I am working with the lovely Lorna Nickson Brown (Poirot) on her role as the Spanish woman and Flamenco dancer on the film The Bookstore.

Rehearsals done at Fiesta Dance Centre in Nottingham and I'm off to Tewksbury to consult, eat fish and chips with the cast and crew, meet some very interesting people and generally have a fascinating time.

Watch out for my feet!

The last shot of the day and I'm doing a little fancy footwork as part of the "fantasy scene" with Tim Burgess.