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## Watch out for Tigers on Saturday Night

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Charlie Markwick counts himself to be lucky to be selected as a volunteer for World Book Night. He will be delivering 50 free copies of Yann Martel's "Life of Pi" in the Tuffley Crescent and Tuffley Avenue area on the evening of Saturday March 5th. The story is one of Charlie's favourites because of its humour and wry observation on life and beliefs. It tells the story of a boy, Pi Patel, who spends 277 days on a life raft with a full grown Bengal Tiger called Richard Parker. "I am hoping that I don't meet with a tiger as I'm delivering the books" says Charlie.

World Book Night is a venture to promote books and reading, the intention is that volunteers around the UK will give away 1 million copies of books that have all been winners of the Man Booker Prize. The volunteers were given the choice as to which book they would like to give away. There is more about the project at <http://worldbooknight.org>. "I'm so excited" says Charlie "how often does anyone get the chance to give away books of real class?" Charlie is a volunteer at his grandson's junior school near Cirencester and also regularly reads for children at Tuffley Library. "I always enjoy these opportunities to encourage children to read and use their local libraries" he said "but this time there's a chance to help encourage adults to pick up a book too."

Charlie is no stranger to giving away free gifts. Together with with another local company G Acceleration Ltd, his company Southcot Services Ltd is collaborating to offering free web based productivity packages for small business and the self employed. "So often people think that software has to be expensive but there are high quality solutions available at virtually nil cost" says Charlie, "as with the "Life of Pi", I want people to try something new without the need to commit money and resources up front."

For more information visit <http://meshwork.me>.

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