

Bridget Nolan with her new anthology

## Mum puts her poetry dream into motion

A Walk With Charles Dickens is the intriguing title of a new anthology of poems by West Farleigh-born poet Bridget Nolan

The administrator, who works for Kent County Council libraries at Aylesford, previously had just one short story published by the People's Friend magazine, but her book of 60 poems was eagerly picked up by Conrad Press.

The themes range from nature to family, from human folly to love. Some are rhyming verse, some blank.

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She said: "I like to vary my style. Most are inspired by some personal experience."

One of those experiences was the loss of her granddaughter Niamh to sepsis at the age of just 10 months.

Mrs Nolan, 57, now lives in City Way, Rochester, but she returned to Maidstone to sign copies of her tome in WHSmith in Week Street. Her book costs £9.99.