



# Library Matters

The Newsletter of Friends of Honley Library

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## A Special Welcome!

FoHL are very happy to welcome Rebecca Edwards to Honley Library. Although she has been working for Kirklees Library Services since last summer's cautious re-opening, Rebecca has now been officially appointed as our Customer Service Officer. Her enthusiasm has impressed everyone; already visitors can see the difference she is making in the layout of the library, complete with new signage. She is also extremely supportive to the volunteers who work alongside her.



## Library Opening Times

Monday:  
CLOSED

Tuesday:  
13:00 – 18:00

Wednesday:  
10:00 – 13:00  
*This session is run by FoHL Volunteers*

Thursday:  
CLOSED

Friday:  
13:00 – 17:00

Saturday:  
10:00 – 13:00

Sunday:  
CLOSED

## Library Update:

We are nearly there! It has been a long journey but at last it is looking very hopeful that the transfer of the Library building to Holme Valley Parish Council and then to Friends of Honley Library will be completed by June this year.

We have exciting plans to open up the building for more Library activities and related events. The fact that we have had such a wonderful response for new volunteers to support all we wish to do is indeed heartening. My thanks go to our team of Lead Volunteers who are pulling out all the stops to welcome new volunteers and show them the ropes; there is more on this below.

Our first task will be to improve the lighting and the heating controls and we have received a grant from One Community to cover the costs of this work. The second priority will be to upgrade the fire and emergency lighting for the building!

We are also working to improve our website and you may already have noticed the bright new logo which adorns all our publicity.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated band of volunteers who work tirelessly in these difficult times to support Kirklees Library Service and the Parish Council to improve and enhance the service for the local community.

Thank you

*Jenny Lockwood*

On behalf of the Trustees of Friends of Honley Library

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## Find us on Social Media:

Please remember to check out our media profile; don't forget to like, share and become involved in our social media channels. We're on Instagram @honleylibrary, Twitter @friends\_honley and Facebook (Friends of Honley Library). We also connect with local publications, including the Honley Flyer and Honley Info website, to ensure wider publicity for events.



Look out for details of a **GRAND OPENING** during summer 2022 to celebrate the major changes taking place to YOUR community library!!



## Volunteers update...



### Recent challenges have proven that Honley has many community minded people who are happy to support the village in many different ways.

In February, KLS agreed to FoHL's volunteer coordinators, Ann and Carolynne, taking on greater responsibility for the recruitment and induction of new volunteers. With a number of potential applicants who had been awaiting contact, they successfully inducted an impressive number of new volunteers thereby boosting the pool of available people considerably. To coincide with this a meeting of all volunteers is planned in the coming weeks which will allow us to share news, provide updates and to introduce the new volunteers to the established group. A new programme of mentoring and support has also been introduced to complement the available KLS training. New recruits include twelve potential library support volunteers, a new member of the management committee, and people with skills to do meeting minutes and funding bids. However, we are still keen to hear from anyone who can support with planning and organising events; the resurrection of the monthly pop-up café is an activity that is requested frequently and eagerly anticipated.

#### People volunteer for many reasons:

- ☞ To meet and make new friends
- ☞ To do something positive for Honley
- ☞ To bring their own skills to share with others
- ☞ To broaden knowledge and learn new skills
- ☞ To share a love of books
- ☞ To increase self confidence and social skills

### FoHL Events for Children & Adults:

Despite the challenges presented by a still evident pandemic, events have taken place and more are in the planning stages. As part of the 'Honley Together' Christmas event on 4<sup>th</sup> December Ian Pollitt brought his fabulous 'Village at Christmas' Lego display, along with a 'what can you find?' quiz.



Children were also able to take part in several 'Where's Wally' themed activities.



Children's Book Festival activities during the Christmas holidays included Bridget and Emily presenting Tom Fletcher's 'There's An Elf In Your Book' as well as an origami animals workshop led by Fiona.

Easter once again sees CBF activities including a special event to introduce the work of Guide Dogs and a sensory story time, 'That's Not My Puppy'.



From 14<sup>th</sup> April there is a special new event for the very young - babies and toddlers up to age 3 years. This group may become regular each week as an addition to Friday's Story Time. With Helen Harrison leading the group, babies and parents can access quality skills they need to share books and sensory experiences, starting off very early foundations of reading.

On 9<sup>th</sup> March an 'Evening of Poetry' took place, featuring the poet, writer and photographer, Anne Steward and the author and poet Tim Taylor with Anne Rothwell, author, reading from her book. This was followed by an Open Mic session; the event was enjoyed by all.

Several further events are planned to take place throughout 2022; these will include a talk from library volunteer Angela Marshall about her local history book, 'Finding Banks' hopefully at the end of June, as well as other author led and community awareness events. There are plenty of ideas under consideration so look out for information about these on our notice boards and in our social media forums.

### 'Regular' FoHL Events:

The 'Knit & Natter' group is up and running again on Tuesdays; the Wednesday Reading Group has restarted. Friday's Story time has returned and, to the delight of many children (and their parents) the Lego club is once again available on Saturdays. Thanks must go to the volunteers who diligently washed every piece of Lego in readiness for this!

If you want to become involved in any of the many FoHL activities, such as helping to provide the library service, organising or supporting events for adults or children please ask in the library or register your interest on the website so your details can be passed to the Management Committee.

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