

# Library Matters

The Newsletter of Friends of Honley Library

Issue 018 January 2024

[www.friendsofhonleylibrary.org.uk](http://www.friendsofhonleylibrary.org.uk)

Registered Charity no. 1181829



## 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

## Honley Library

West Avenue,  
Honley  
Holmfirth  
HD9 6HF  
01484 414868

### Library Update:

It's just over a year since the Honley Library building was taken into the ownership of the Holme Valley Parish Council to be managed by Friends of Honley Library.

At an Open Afternoon in October, a display showed the astonishing amount of work completed in a relatively short time and also gave credit and thanks to the many people and organisations that have supported us along the way. As an example, we are due to get the new FoHL laptop and printer later this month, paid for by The Yorkshire Building Society.

The work continues; following redecoration inside and out, we now have new windows along the back and the testing matter of the badly neglected tree has finally been resolved.

If you haven't admired the 'Hungry Caterpillar' mural in the children's section yet, please do so. This was done for us by Lisette Sykes.

The children (and the adults) love it!

The next challenge will be to make progress on the proposed extension. Hopefully there will be a further opportunity to view the architects' plans for this at another open event in the coming months.

Following October's AGM, Jenny Lockwood has now stepped down as Chair of the FoHL Trustees, and Ann Brooks as Chair of the FoHL Management Committee. Both remain very much involved in the overall work of FoHL and we extend our heartfelt thanks to two people who have devoted so much time over the past few years to getting us to where we are today.

Mandy Cameron has now taken over as Chair of the Management Committee; the appointment of a Chair of Trustees has been deferred for the present time.

***As always, FoHL thank the Honley Community for its continued support and patience at this time of change.***



### Volunteers update



With several new recruits to our volunteer team, we are steadily growing. A Christmas social event proved to be extremely popular; thanks once again to the events team, led by Sue Woodworth who organised a quiz, raffle, music and refreshments.

As always, if you are interested in joining us please follow the directions on the FoHL website. Better still, come and talk to us on a Wednesday morning when the library opens with volunteers only. Please note that on these days, whilst we try to offer the fullest possible service to our much valued customers there are some elements of library work that may still need to be referred on to the designated Kirklees staff.

**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, X: @friends\_honley, and Facebook: Friends of Honley Library. We also connect with local publications, including the Honley Flyer and Honley Info website.



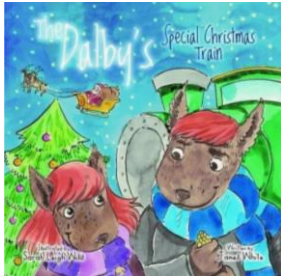
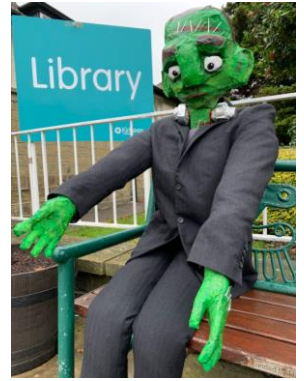
**Honley Library: Your Library, Your Village, Your Future!**



## Activities and Events for Children



Once again, we were treated to one of Ian Pollitt's spectacular Lego displays. His Halloween 'Scream Park' was a delight with its working roller coaster, ghost train and all things spooky! Honley Library also played its part in a weekend of Halloween activities, coming second in the village scarecrow festival with Emma's 'Frankenstein's Monster'.



Christmas events this year included a visit from the main man himself, along with his elves. The children were also invited to join the Dalby's, a family of special woodland creatures from the Dalby Forest, on a festive trip to meet Santa.

As always, the children's activities are organised by a dedicated team, led by Bridget, who is passionate about developing the capacity for learning in our younger members. If you think you might like to support them, please ask for details.



## Activities and Events for Adults



On 28<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed Martin Tyrrell, who introduced us to the world of the Metal Detectorist. He showed us some of his many 'finds' and provided an entertaining history of metal detecting and the processes involved. Inspired by his search for hidden treasure, we are all now looking for a new 'Honley Hoard'!

Also, back by popular demand: following his talk on 'The Secret Intelligence Service – MI6' in October, Stephen Dorril is to return on 30<sup>th</sup> January with a talk on 'The Profumo Affair'. Please note that you will need to book for this event by texting Sue on 07443 426106. For further information, please look out for the event notices at the library or on our social media.

With so much skill to be found in our volunteers, we hope to be able to offer workshops in various crafts and musical activities. Lacemaking, or playing the Hammered Dulcimer anyone? And that's just from Christine! Also, if you want or need to improve your skills in Maths, support sessions are available from Linda again; please ask if you are interested.

FoHL are also supporting Kirklees Library Services in hosting a Digital Inclusion Hub on alternate Wednesday mornings from 10<sup>th</sup> January. These free 'drop-in' sessions are for anyone with questions about information technology, or who want support in using a computer or a mobile phone. They will provide workshops covering basic digital skills and online safety as well as providing access to devices that can be borrowed. For more information, please call 01484 431400.

Details of all library events are shared via social media, the FoHL website and on notices in our board outside the library.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities, please leave a message for Library Volunteer Sue Woodworth, Events Coordinator for FoHL.

### Your regular library activities and events

Rhyme-time for under fives  
Fridays 14:00  
(term time only)

Lego Club  
Saturdays 10:00

Babies Into Books  
Fridays  
10:00 – 11:00  
(term time only)

Knit & Natter  
Tuesdays 13:30

Monthly Reading Groups  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 10:30  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 19:30

For more information please visit our website: [www.friendsofhonleylibrary.org.uk](http://www.friendsofhonleylibrary.org.uk)