

The Friends of Deddington Library News

February 2025

FoDL News

A big thank you must go to everyone who supported us in 2024 through subscribing to the Friends, kindly making donations, buying preloved books and, of course, our calendar. It was a sell-out, thanks to sales through the farmers' market, Fenemore Farms, Hamptons, Nellie & Dove, and the library itself. It would not be possible without the continued support of our valued sponsors, the gifted local photographers who submit such stunning shots and you for buying it. You'll notice that this edition of the Deddington News carries a Friends of the Deddington Library subscription form. Many thanks to Mark David Estate Agents for printing and the DN for delivering it. We are appealing to you all to consider supporting the library in this way. The library remains open only because the community covers a portion of the operating costs, as well as supplying volunteer support for the library manager. The proceeds from the parish calendar top up our annual financial obligation to OCC, but our subscription income is the bread-and-butter of our fundraising effort and crucial to keeping the library open. Unfortunately, due to people moving away and the age demographic of our current subscribers, this income stream has fallen dramatically in recent years, hence the need to address this now with an appeal for new subscribers. I'm sure you'll agree, we're so fortunate to still have a thriving village library. What an asset it is for the parish, particularly for the children who make regular class visits and the elderly who rely on it for social interaction, as well as the vast array of reading materials, audio books and the home library service in particular. We all benefit, directly or indirectly, from our library. So, please consider supporting the Friends today and keep our library in our community. Stop press! Bengal spice curry night fundraiser – 2 April, details next month.

Bryn Williams
FODL Chair

From the Library

We started 2025 with our first Lego Club which went so well that we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday afternoons from 3.30–4.30pm. Please note, children need to be accompanied by an adult. RhymeTime for babies, toddlers and their parents will be starting in March. Please look out for further information on our Facebook page and in the library. Lots of new adult and children's books have arrived and are waiting to be read. They have been bought with money from a special fund left to the library by a local resident and I have had the pleasure of choosing the books with recommendations from my readers. There are jigsaws available to borrow, both children's and adults, 12 pieces to 1,000 and you don't need to be a member of the library to borrow them. The Friends of the Library have a table of second-hand books for sale at 50p for paperbacks and £1 for hardbacks to raise funds in support of the library. There are lots of Mr Men and Thomas the Tank Engine as well as a wide range of adult titles. And don't forget that the library is registered as a safe warm space, where I can offer a cuppa, a chat and a place to sit out of the cold. We have lots going on, so please pop in and say hello and ask away with any questions – I will do my very best to answer. Thank you for your continuing support.

Gail Cripps
Deddington Library manager

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Calendar Reveal

Thank you to **Holly Tree Hall** for supporting the production of the 2025 Calendar!

The Holly Tree Hall is a centrally located space at the heart of the village and is ideal for small parties, family gatherings, meetings and group activities. With On-site parking, a fully equipped kitchen area, tables and chairs and accessible facilities including a hearing loop system, free Wi-Fi projector and cinema screen everything is at your fingertips!

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February 2025 Winning Image

A mackerel sky looking north along Chapmans Lane

Helen Spencer

