

The Friends of Deddington Library News
December 2024

FoDL News

Dear Friends and supporters

First, we'd like to wish our loyal subscribers, sponsors and residents of our parish and the wider community who regularly use and support our valued village library, a fun filled and peaceful Christmas and a happy and New Year.

This year has been a busy one for the library. Gail, our Library Manager, who was appointed last year, has been proactive within the library, engaging with the community and very supportive of the Friends group too. We are lucky to have her, and we look forward to more exciting initiatives in the library throughout 2025.

Once again, our Parish Calendar has been our main fundraiser, your fabulous photos allowed us to create another stunning calendar. The support from our local businesses in sponsoring its production, as well as residents who bought copies themselves, friends and family, allowed us to generate much needed funds to keep the library open.

In addition to the calendar, we offer postcards and notecards with calendar images on them, pre-owned books donated by parishioners and, we have a few Deddington Library mugs still in stock, all available at the library.

For 2025 we're working on several new fundraising projects which we hope the parish will support during the year, more news on those in the New Year.

Thank you once again to all our Friends, supporters, subscribers and of course all the Parish businesses who sponsor us. Without you, keeping our library open would be so much more difficult.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you back at the library next year.

Bryn Williams
FODL Chair

From the Library

In October half term we had our first LEGO club in Deddington library and what a great success this was. 18+ children and parents and some lovely creations created. We used library resources to have extra books with ideas for Lego and these can be borrowed buy are readers. With this success I will be starting a weekly club on Mondays 3.30 - 4.30pm from 13th January 2025. The age is 4 half upwards and all children to be accompanied by an adult. We have a beautiful bear who needs a name for Christmas. This is a fund raiser for the library, pop in and choose a name from the list and it's a £1 ago [cash only], there are 90 names to choose from. The winner will be announced on Dec 21st at midday. And have a new home. Opening hours, I will close at 7pm on 23rd December and reopen Thursday 2nd January 1pm 2025.

A big thank you to all my volunteers, D of E helper and Readers for their continuing support in keeping the library running and to the Friends of Deddington Library.

Big News coming in February so please watch this space and check out our Facebook page. Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and Blessings for the New year.

Gail Cripps
Deddington Library manager

December 2024 Calendar Reveal

Thank you to '**Nellie & Dove**' for supporting the production of the 2024 calendar! Our **December** image shows a '**Castle House , Deddington**' and was taken by **Helen Spencer**

