

The Friends of Deddington Library News  
**October 2024**

**FoDL News**

Our 2025 Deddington Parish Calendar is GO, GO, GO, available to buy at Fenemore's Farm Shop, Hamptons, Nellie & Dove, Deddington Library and, of course, at each farmers' market until Christmas. The calendar was launched at a gathering on Friday 27 September at the Holly Tree Hall where the winning finalists were revealed and presented with a complimentary calendar. The top three, as chosen by the FoDL committee, were presented with a canvas of their work. The eminent photographers are Jen Toll, Helen Spencer, Tony Pain, Stefan Wathan, Alison Day, Heidi Fardell, Kevin Mayo, Mike Higgins, Chris Rose, Maureen Robinson and Christopher Darkins. Our thanks go to all entrants who shared their stunning work with us. Entries were again impressive, even though the weather hasn't been too kind to us this year. The calendar would not be possible, of course, without the continued and valued support of our sponsors. Therefore, a sincere thank you to Cox's Garage, Holly Tree Hall, Cherry Lets, Hamptons, Wellness at New Street, House Calmer, RC Spencer, the Cyclogical Shop, Deddington Farmers' Market, Deddington Dental, Bengal Spice and Nellie & Dove. Please buy a calendar to support your community library. The production costs are covered by the generosity of local businesses, so 100% of the sales proceeds go directly towards meeting the Friends' legal obligations under our contract with OCC to contribute to the costs of keeping our wonderful library open, stocked and staffed in our community.

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Fabulous local Photography - Professionally created!  
And a 'must have' Gift!

**Hugely Popular A4 Calendar**

**£10.00**

**A5 Desktop Calendar**

**£7.50**

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Raising much needed funds to keep our library open!  
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## **Appeal from Catherine Desmond Trustee, Friends of Deddington Library**

From the Deddington News October 2024

### **YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!**

Lee Child, the author of the international best-selling Jack Reacher novels, who was brought up in Birmingham, has recently been much in evidence on the airwaves, audibly upset by the proposed closure of several Perry Barr branch libraries, owing to the Council's budget problems. He attributes his becoming a writer categorically to the access he had throughout his childhood to his local library. Moreover, while he was the only one of his childhood friends to become an author, he maintains that the library expanded the horizons of friends who hung out with him there, making it possible for one of them to imagine becoming an engineer and another a doctor. So far, we have been fortunate in keeping our library's doors open but only through local support.

Oxfordshire County Council threatened to close many of its branch libraries in 2011/2012 but was met with such strong opposition that they proposed a compromise.

Branch libraries would remain open in places where the community committed to raising funds to cover a portion of the library's operating costs and providing volunteers to work in the libraries to help with the day to-day running of the branch, replacing part-time staff. The parish stepped up to the plate and our community volunteers can be found shelving books, finding titles requested by other branches, helping people use the computers and a myriad other tasks to support the library manager. The Friends of Deddington Library has the legal contractual responsibility for raising the community's share of the operating funds. This has been accomplished primarily by signing up members who regularly contribute by subscription to the Friends, with the shortfall being met by publishing a high-quality annual village calendar. This is sponsored by local businesses, meaning that 100% of the income goes directly to support your community library. However, as with everything else in our cost-of-living crisis world, the cost of operating public services, including the library service, has gone up and, with it, the size of the community contribution. We need your help if we are to continue stimulating the imaginations and curiosity of the parish's children, whether visiting the library with their school class or coming in with their parents; entertaining and informing our adults, including the housebound to whom we deliver books; providing online access for those who either don't have or cannot use their own electronic devices; and constituting a hub for informational material ranging from services to events. You can provide immediate help by buying the 2025 calendar now on sale at the library, Fenemore's Farm shop, Nellie & Dove, Hamptons and at the October and November farmers' markets. The A4 calendar is £10 and the desk size A5 is just £5. Next time you are in the library ask for a subscription form and sign up as a Friend. From as little as £5 a month, you can make

## October 2024 Calendar Reveal

Hello October! Thank You [House Calmer](#) for supporting the production of the 2024 Parish Calendar!

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Our October image shows a 'Misty Sunrise over the Swere Valley' and was taken by Richard Spencer

