

NARBOROUGH & LITTLETHORPE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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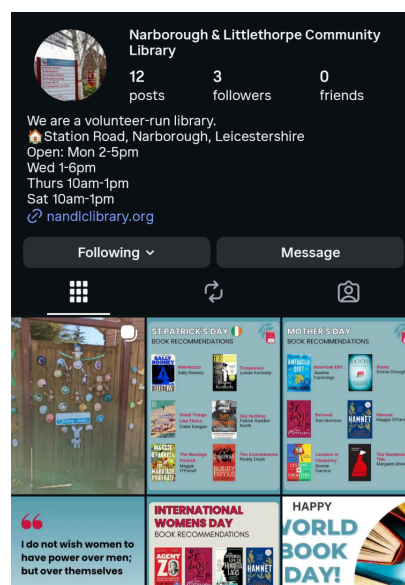
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Dear Friends and Volunteers, Library Updates

Welcome to the 50th library newsletter! We enjoy publishing our newsletter to keep our volunteers and supporters up-to-date with the goings on at the library. You can also keep

an eye on the library by following us on Facebook, find us by searching 'Narborough and Littlethorpe Community Library', our website, and we are now on Instagram! Find us at nandclibrary on Instagram if that is your preferred platform, or follow us on all platforms!

We have lots of upcoming outreach and fundraising efforts we are looking forward to. I'll be telling you about those later, we'll also have our posters around the villages. Be sure to tell your friends about the events, everybody is welcome.



Friends of the Library

By Andrea

Those of you who have been members since the Friends scheme started will remember that our annual event for Friends and Volunteers used to take place in September or October around the time of the anniversary of our opening as a community library. More recently, to brighten the post Christmas gloom, we moved the event to late January.

This year, because we will be celebrating a very special tenth anniversary, we will be holding our annual social event for Friends and Volunteers on September 26th and very shortly you will receive your own invitation with details of the time and venue. We do hope as many of you can come as possible as we deeply appreciate the generous support you give in meeting the running costs of our library.

As the new financial year is upon us we will also be sending out notice of membership renewal. Thank you, as ever for past subscriptions, and we do hope you will be happy to renew your membership for 2026 to April 2027.

Already the year seems to be galloping along and we are now planning our Summer Fayre and raffle as part of the Connecting Narborough event on June 13th. The bran tub or lucky dip has always been very popular with the children who visit but we are running a little short on prizes. If you have any small items suitable as prizes for ages 3 to 6/7 years olds that you can spare we should be very grateful.

Volunteers

We have had three new volunteer librarians join us, Suzie, Ingrid and Janet, welcome to the team.

Thank You, Clinton!



Clinton is the first of our trustees to complete the maximum term permitted of nine years as a trustee. He also took responsibility for being our data protection officer and making sure we adhered to all of the GDPR rules. Now he has completed the term he has to leave us in accordance with trustee guidelines. He is also an excellent scorer at our quizzes and he has previously entertained us with his band at our Summer Fair. He has now moved from Littlethorpe, and his daughter is at university. Perhaps he has more spare time now to volunteer as a librarian or be a digital champion at a community library! Our group of trustees awarded Clinton with a token of our thanks at the most recent quiz. Thank you Clinton for your support and dedication to the library.

Events

Quiz

Thank you to everyone who came to our quiz night in March at the Littlethorpe Village Hall. Our quizmaster Alan, set questions across these categories: anniversaries, geography, film and tv, sports and games and music, as well as random questions and a picture round. Clinton kept score of the quiz and announced that the Allsorts team (*pictured*) came first with 131 points.



Beer and Skittles Night

By Kath

In January we held our first beer and skittles night! We met up at The Red Lion pub in Huncote who hosted us and served up a lovely meal. The night was a great success and we had very positive feedback from all who attended. Congratulations to Yvonne who won the knockout/last person standing competition. Thanks to Sheila who helped me organise the event and to the staff at the Red Lion Pub for the amazing food! We may if there are enough people who would support a further night later in the year.



Board Games Group

By Sue E

We are continuing to meet every Tuesday morning at the library. Over the last few months as well as enjoying our usual games of Scrabble, several members have become involved in more of the library's events and activities, such as the beer and skittles evening and the quiz nights. The morning is also a useful forum for providing information about local transport services, various support services, drama events, etc.

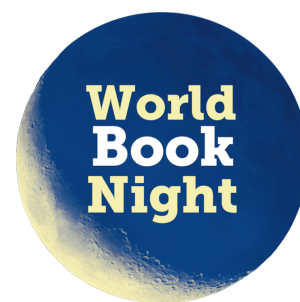
In December we had our annual Christmas lunch. This time it was at the newly refurbished Narborough Arms. All members of the group were there and agreed that it was a great success. The delicious food was served by friendly, helpful staff in a festive atmosphere. Recently we were pleased to welcome a new member.

April 13th is World Scrabble Day, this day was chosen after the inventor, Alfred Mosher Butts' birthday, so there's no better time to join the group for some Scrabble fun!

World Book Night

In our last newsletter I wrote that 2026 is the national year of reading, aimed at getting children to read more and find the books they enjoy reading. We have just had a big delivery of new children's books, so come down to the library and let your children browse and pick something that piques their curiosity.

This time, I'm going to tell you about World Book Night, organised by charity, The Reading Agency. World Book Night runs every year on April 23rd. It's aim is to reach people who don't usually read, but is also a celebration of books and reading. Why not make a special effort on April 23rd, settle down in your favourite place to read and enjoy a few chapters of a book. As always, we have plenty of choice at the library.



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is always a hit with our younger members, this year the challenge launches on 4th July, we'll have the details on our website including the list of prizes to be won. This year's theme is Read To The Beat, with a look at stories and songs, and how they both spark imagination and creativity.

Books, Books, Books

We hope our displays have caught your eye in the library, here's some of the recent ones.

In January we celebrated the new year with a 'New Year, New Book' display. In February, we celebrated Valentine's Day with a 'Fall In Love With Your Local Library' poster, and March 5th marked World Book Day. Maddy is busy working on future displays, so make sure you take a look next time you visit.



On our Facebook and Instagram pages we shared book recommendations for Burn's night, blue Monday, International Women's Day, Mother's Day and St Patrick's day. If you're stuck on what to read, we have plenty of recommendations there, and we can order books into the library for £1 per book.

MOTHER'S DAY
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

	American Dirt Jeanine Cummins		Room Emma Donoghue
	Beloved Toni Morrison		Hamnet Maggie O'Farrell
	Lessons in Chemistry Bonnie Garmus		The Handmaid's Tale Margaret Atwood

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

ST PATRICK'S DAY
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Librarians' Latest Reads

- *Amy and Isabelle* by Elizabeth Strout
- *Dust Child* by Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai
- *Cursed Daughters* by Oyinkan Braithwaite
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skoot
- *Belgrave Road* by Manish Chauhan
- *Evenings and Weekends* by Oisín McKenna



“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.”
— Albert Einstein

Summer Raffle Tickets On Sale!

Dave and Sheila have done a stellar job of collecting some fantastic prizes for our yearly raffle! Our top prizes are:

- *1st Prize, £50 M&S Voucher donated by Hinckley Air Conditioning*
- *2nd Prize, Luxury food hamper from Asda.*
- *3rd Prize, £25 voucher from the Narborough Arms,*
- *4th Prize, JBL GO 4 ultra-portable Bluetooth Speaker donated by C3 Construction Ltd, Whetstone*

You can find the full list of prizes on our website.

Tickets are £1 each and are on sale at the library from Wednesday, 8th April, and the raffle will draw at 3:30pm at the Summer Fair on Saturday 13th June. You've got to be in it to win it, so get a ticket!



Upcoming...

Spring/Summer means our book and plant sales are back. We'll also have our popular Summer Fair in June, full of gifts and unique crafted items for sale. As well as a tombola and other fun to be had!

If you have any unwanted books we'll gladly have them for our book sales, please drop them off at the library to donate. We're also always grateful for any unwanted gifts, toiletries etc suitable for our tombola. All the money gained from sales all go towards the ongoing costs of running the library.

Dates For Your Diary

25th April - Book Sale

30th May - Book and Plant Sale

13th June - Summer Fair & Raffle Draw

4th July - Summer Reading Challenge Begins

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Thank you to all of our volunteers and friends for your ongoing support,

Zara

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