



# Friends of Buckingham Library

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## Chairman's Intro

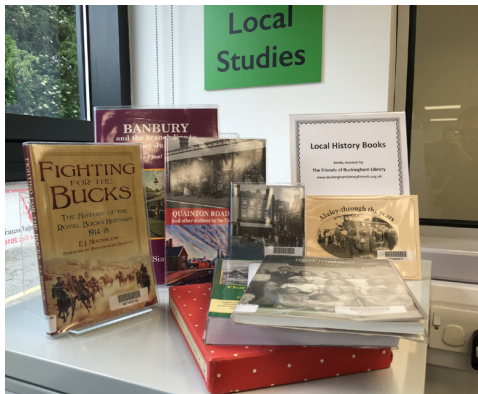
The first few months of our new charity have been very busy, with trustees signed up, bank account opened, HMRC approval of our charity status, and most importantly, we have made our first two donations to the library - details below. I am indebted to our founding members who made this possible, and for my fellow trustees (especially Bev Kelly, Secretary, and Paul Hirons, Treasurer) who have helped with all the formalities to make the Friends of Buckingham Library a properly established charitable organisation.

*Warren Whyte, Chairman*

Any questions?  
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## Our First Donation

The Friends were delighted to present the library with the first donation of books using funds raised by the Friends in June. The selection of hard-to-find local interest books were purchased from the Old Gaol Trust, who kindly offered them to the Friends at cost price. Mike Smith, trustee of the Old Gaol, with Warren Whyte, Chairman of the Friends are pictured presenting the books to the librarians. The books were on the shelves in days after their details were entered onto the library computer system.



*Friends chairman Warren Whyte and Old Gaol trustee Mike Smith hand over the new local history books to the librarians*



## Patrons of the Friends announced

The Friends were delighted when our two potential patrons accepted our invitations. The Right Hon John Bercow MP will need no introduction, as the MP for Buckingham and the Speaker of the House of Commons. We were very pleased that Sir Anthony Seldon, the new vice-chancellor of the University of Buckingham has also joined us.

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**Aylesbury Vale Lottery**

The Friends have been recently accepted to the new Aylesbury Vale Lottery, and we encourage members to consider taking part! For every £1 weekly ticket, the Friends will receive £26 each year, making this an excellent and fun way to help raise funds for the charity at no cost to us.

The jackpot was recently increased to £25,000! You can sign up to the lottery on our special page: [valelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-buckingham-library](http://valelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-buckingham-library)



**Friends Support the Children's Summer Reading Challenge**

The Friends presented 23 new Roald Dahl books to the staff of the library in July, to coincide with the start of the Summer Reading Challenge. These were quickly entered onto the computer system by the librarians so they could be borrowed during the summer holidays

The Friends will also be providing the book token prizes for the Reading Challenge Competition in September.



**Membership Details**

Thanks to our excellent MembershipMojo website, members are able to log in and update their membership details when ever they need, including updating your email address, changing your preference for potential volunteer opportunity, and now you can also add your gift aid status.

**Our Founder Members**

Thank you to all our founder members who kindly donated a minimum of £50 to help establish the Friends: Robert & Carolyn Cumming, Ed Grimsdale, Tim Mills, Brian Russell, Mike Smith, Peter & Leonie Thorogood, Tony Webster, Warren & Sian Whyte and Christopher & Sarah Willis.

We welcome gifts and donations at any time, or you can now also consider our life membership option, which is priced at £100.

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**Corporate Gifts-in-Kind**

The Friends are very grateful for the local business who have so far donated gifts-in-kind: Black Dog Design who kindly provided our new logo and WhyteConsult Architecture for hosting the website. If your business would like to sponsor an event or provide a gift-in-kind, please contact us!



**What Next?**

The Trustees are currently looking into the possibility of buying an iPad for the library to allow for the staff to help library users to use the various mobile services and to have a range of information at their fingertips around the library. The Friends also see this as a great way of being able to sign up new members during recruitment drives and demonstrate some of the library e-services.

If you have a suggestion for a potential addition to the library stock, or an event that we should consider, please let us know.

Email suggestions and ideas to: [membership@buckinghamlibraryfriends.org.uk](mailto:membership@buckinghamlibraryfriends.org.uk)