

FRIENDS OF ADLINGTON LIBRARY

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ADLINGTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY SUPPORTING THE PROVISION OF A LENDING LIBRARY.(2) TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF ADLINGTON AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, FOR RECREATION, LEISURE TIME, AND OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: Friends of Adlington Library aims to provide equipment for use by the public in the library. It provides entertaining and educational events in the library for the residents of Adlington and all the surrounding area. These events include talks, courses, evening events, and children's events. FoAL also assists the library's staff with organising and advertising their events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bolton
- Lancashire
- Wigan

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £10,651 | £11,210 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £9,862 | £5,642 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £11,817 | £7,892 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £6,367 | £2,578 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £629 | £8,435 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---------------------------|-------|------------|
| Alison Clair Evans | Chair | 2017-02-04 |
| ANDREA ROSE BARNARD | | 2017-02-04 |
| CAROLINE PHARAOH HESKETH | | 2017-02-04 |
| KATHLEEN MAIDMENT | | 2017-02-04 |
| KIM SNAPE | | 2017-02-04 |
| TONY DEWHURST | | 2017-02-04 |

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2025 AGM

Held in Adlington library on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 7pm

1. Present at the meeting... Caroline Hesketh, Andrea Barnard, Philip Pilling, Peter Walkden, David Carpenter, Jeanette Lowe, Pat Marchant, Eileen Thomasson, Don Hesketh, Michael Withington, Patrick Kehoe, Russell Ramsden, Valerie Ramsden, Janet Withington,

2. Welcome & apologies

Chairman Caroline welcomed everyone to the meeting,

3. Apologies were received from:- Terry Diviney, Gerry Fielding, Penny Panting, Kate Burgess, Audrey Yates, Margaret Burgess, Kate Burgess, Cathy Maidment, Carole Turner (Library Manager),

4. Minutes of meeting

The minutes of the 2024 AGM had previously been sent to the committee and to FoAL Members.

(Proposed by David C. , seconded by Andrea B.) Vote. The 2024 Minutes were accepted as a true record.

5. FOAL Committee

5.1 Resignations were received from Terry Diviney, Audrey Yates, and Gerry Fielding..

5.2 Re-election of existing committee – (Proposed by Jeanette L. , seconded by Peter W.) Vote. Accepted

5.3 New committee members –Pat Marchant, Michael Withington, Patrick Kehoe. (Proposed by Caroline H, seconded by Andrea B) Vote. Accepted

5.4 Election of Officers

Chair – Caroline Hesketh

Treasurer – Philip Pilling

Secretary – Pat Marchant

(Proposed by David C. , seconded by Jeanette L.) Vote. Accepted

6. Chairman's Annual Report by Caroline Hesketh

Welcome to the Friends of Adlington Library AGM 2025.

Firstly I would like to say Thank you to all our committee, volunteers and members for their time, energy and contributions

Events and Activities:

Meetings – FoAL committee members met regularly throughout the year to plan social activities that support mental and physical health and wellbeing and organise fundraising and social events.

Saturday Coffee Mornings – Our regular Saturday Mornings continue to be successful, with adults and children of all ages attending. Many thanks to Audrey, Jeanette and our team of volunteers for organising this popular social event . The themed children's craft activities and LEGO, which are held during the coffee morning, continue to be popular, with Andrea, Pat, and myself running these.

Learning and classes: See reports from individual groups:

Play and Stay –The group continues to be popular with young families. Many thanks to Andrea and her team. Details are in a separate report to be given by Andrea.

Films For All show regular movies aimed to appeal to all interests and ages. We have joined with St Paul's School PTFA on a number of film events for children, which has worked out very well. A report from Margaret Burgess will be given.

Community Fitness , the Chair yoga with movement and meditation now has 4 groups, With the help of a grant from the National Lottery, we are now able to run this for a further 2 years. . We share funding of the fitness and movement groups with SVP Chorley Buddies. There is the walking group promoting health and wellbeing, and Baby Yoga for the little ones.

Crafts – Throughout the year art and craft activities and events have been offered during school holidays as well as on a Saturday morning. During the summer holidays we had craft events every week, with large numbers of children attending. Thank you to Andrea, Pat, and the young library hacks, and the staff for their help. We have had to split the craft mornings into two sessions because of the popularity of the events.

Special Events:

The Fashion Show – A successful fundraiser and social event in conjunction with St Catherine's Hospice We held the fashion show in June and it was very well attended, A very enjoyable event which also helped to support a local charity. We plan to have another show this year.

Murder Mystery,– Lots of fun was had solving another murder at the library – great social and fundraising event in November. Thanks go to Chris Martin and his team of volunteer actors. We plan to hold another murder Mystery in 2025.

Speakers- FoAL have had a number of speakers and authors talks during the year. Thanks to all the speakers involved and those who attended.

Other topics

The magnificent Christmas Tree in the library received many great comments, with people coming in especially to see it. Sadly the tree in the bracket attached to the outside of the building did not light up. The company have been informed. We were able to put lights on the bushes and hope that we will be able to have an outside Christmas tree this year.

FoAL and Adlington in Bloom have worked hard to maintain and improve front garden of the library. We have also purchased two wooden planters for the side of the library and three small ones for the children's play area at the back of the community rooms.

What's next?

We will continue to fund our events and have a continued programme of activities for the community.

We purchased a large number of items for the library and for our events during 2024. We will look at other projects during 2025 but hopefully expenditure will not be so high.

More film showings, another Fashion Show, Author talks, Speakers, and other social events.

We have purchased a video camera and hope that a film group can be started up this year. Involving people of all ages including school and college students.

Friends of Adlington library will continue to serve the local community and promote our library .

If anyone has any ideas for talk and events that we can hold please let us know.

FRIENDS OF ADLINGTON LIBRARY .FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR year ending 31/12/2024

| | £ | p | | £ | p |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| INCOME | | | EXPENDITURE | | |
| DONATIONS | | | Insurance | 322 | 76 |
| S/O from Supporter | 120 | | Other (inc. Tree, Wreath, Chairs) | 164 | 78 |
| Public donations | 15 | | Films for All screenings | 57 | 94 |
| EVENT FUNDRAISING | | | Chair Yoga & Wellbeing | 1890 | |
| Coffee Mornings | 1798 | 49 | Refreshments+Event Expences | 172 | 19 |
| Murder Mystery | 522 | | Murder Mystery | 225 | 10 |
| Fashion Show | 547 | 01 | | | |
| | | | Sign Language course | 75 | |
| Films for All | 185 | 85 | Talks/Educational | 270 | |
| Craft events | 50 | | Craft Equipment | 235 | 64 |
| | | | Baby yoga | 660 | |
| | | | Adlington in Bloom | 500 | |
| | | | Vacuum Cleaner | 109 | 99 |
| Easyfundraising | 22 | 93 | Pop-up Tent | 48 | 90 |
| | | | Planters+Garden Equipment | 221 | 21 |
| GRANTS | | | Stationary/Printing/Card | 96 | 75 |
| National Lottery | 5000 | | Moveable Shelving | 3867 | 60 |
| Adlington TC Mayor's charity | 1000 | | Panasonic Camcorder | 1385 | 95 |
| June Molyneaux CBC | 250 | | Blu-ray player | 430 | 64 |
| Jack Simmons Trust | 500 | | Art Trolley | 376 | 13 |
| | | | ATC Hanging Baskets | 100 | |
| Sub TOTAL | 10011 | 28 | | 11210 | 58 |
| Saving Account Interest (1) | 458 | 44 | | | |
| Saving Account Interest (2) | 181 | 58 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 10651 | 30 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 11210 | 50 |
| Closing Balance in TSB 31/12/23 | 22644 | 99 | Closing Balance in TSB 31/12/24 | 21445 | 69 |
| 1.Savings Accounts - closing balance | 11429 | 70 | 1.Closing Balance. United Trust | 11888 | 14 |
| 2.Savings Account-closing balance | 5187 | 93 | 2.Closing Balance. United Trust | 5369 | 51 |
| Petty Cash-closing balance | 24 | | Petty cash/cash in hand balance | 24 | |
| TOTAL OPENING BALANCE | 39286 | 62 | TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 2023 | 38727 | 34 |
| | | | Expenditure over Income | 559 | 28 |
| | 39286 | 62 | | 39286 | 62 |

Treasurer..

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Auditor...

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7 Treasurers Report and Financial Statement.

7.1 The statement of the 2024 account was presented by Philip Pilling (Treasurer). Although FoAL made a loss this year we realise that it has been an expensive year and we have purchased a lot of items. We do not intend to purchase as much in 2025.

Mr Pilling explained some of the expenditure and income and asked for any questions.

Mr Pilling was thanked for his report.

Don Hesketh, the auditor, was thanked by Philip Pilling.

7.2 Acceptance of Statement & report - (proposed by David C. , seconded by Caroline H. vote. Accepted.

7.3 Acceptance of Mr Donald Hesketh as auditor for 2025 (proposed by Phillip P. seconded by Andrea B.)

8. Reports on FoAL Groups.

Family History report by Andrea Barnard

We continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Usually 10 – 12 people attend while a few others come when they need assistance with their family trees.

With the aid of Kim and Janette we are soon guided to the right track with helpful information on how to track down newspaper articles.

These are an aid to look at incidents and how everyday life affected our ancestors.

Kim uses her knowledge to help people understand DNA results and how to assess and progress any family links revealed.

Janette uses her local knowledge of families and the area to provide an historical perspective.

Andrea Barnard

February 2025

French Group Report: by Margaret Jackson presented by Andrea B.

The French Group continues to meet every other Monday evening at 6.45pm in the library. We usually have 5 students. We are now using the fourth book of Longman's and making good progress with our French speaking as well.

We have been helped by the arrival of a French lady who comes to chat with us in French for the first hour of the lesson. She is very good and enthusiastic. We will continue to develop the 4 skills, reading, writing, listening and speaking

Stay And Play Group: report by Andrea Barnard

Numbers on average are 6-8 children but occasionally up to 11 attend. The group which started with us after Covid (Mums who had become isolated because of lack of involvement from services) are mostly in pre-school and will start primary school in September.

They have grown up together and formed friendships; adults have sympathised with each other; found out useful places and groups to visit and have met up for children's parties.

We have welcomed a different set of children - a mixed baby and toddler group, put out different equipment each week for development and social skills. We follow our set routine of play and tidy away, toast and banana and our sing song at the end of the session.

Margaret has been missing for a few weeks recuperating after a hip replacement. Parents have helped out with Pat coming in to help with refreshments

We are pleased to say that Margaret is on the road to recovery and will be back with us soon.

Andrea Barnard

FILMS FOR ALL report by Margaret Burgess presented by Caroline H

We have continued to offer free screenings of films for both adults and children at approximately monthly intervals.

Audience numbers vary, but generally attendance was greater at film shows for adults.

We have recently shown a couple of films in collaboration with St Paul's PTA. St Paul's providing the film and using our equipment and expertise,

As an experiment we will have a bar at our next film show, which we hope will make for relaxed enjoyable evening.

Thank you as always to everyone for setting up the room ,serving refreshments and particularly to Carl and Mike for working the equipment.

Sign language Group report by Caroline Hesketh

All are welcome to this group whatever their ability.

The number of attendees ranges from 8 to 15.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

We try to do a different topic each month.

We have a wonderful new tutor Nicola, who is a sign language interpreter.

Topics covered have included seasons, holidays, shopping, Easter; Halloween; Christmas Carols; Food and Beverages; and types of clothing. Family. And obviously spelling and the BSL alphabet. .

After each class the sheets and videos used are sent to the group so that we can continue to practise.

Friday 'Health Walk' Group by David Carpenter

The walks are on Fridays from approx.. 10am to 12pm. With refreshments and hot drinks in Adlington library at the end.

Originally run in conjunction with Active Lancashire, the group has several regular walkers and has between 6-14 people attending weekly.

The walks range from 1 to 2 hours.

There is a social support and social inclusion element, whereby Paul and Steve, from Active Lancashire, sometimes bring some of their clients in need of help, out on the walks with the group. One young man went from hiding in a hoody and not speaking to any one, over several months, to joining in conversations and eventually getting a job. One regular of the group suffers from dementia and finds the group helps her a great deal.

Some of the regulars have formed strong friendships and do other activities together, meals, trips, a Christmas party and even going on holiday.

Wot The Dickens Reading Group by Kate Burgess. Presented by Caroline H

Wot the Dickens continues to go well with a core attendance of about 8 people, sometimes more. We are well supported by the library service who provide all the books which means the group is accessible regardless of income, however it does slightly limit our choices of books.

Sarah a librarian and a very avid reader leads our group admirably, and we are grateful for her support.

We have changed to a more regular pattern of meetings which helps with planning for the group generally the third Tuesday of the month.

The discussions continue to be varied and interesting with people rarely coming to the same conclusions, which leads to really good conversations and debate.

We had a fab social night at the end of 2024 and would like to thank members of the FOAL committee for attending and for your continued support and promotion of the group.

We welcome new members and are happy to chat with anyone who might be interested ahead of the meeting, always reminding people that the first rule of book club, is that you don't need to read the book

Gardening Club report by Andrea Barnard

Garden Club started on 4th November 2024 following a request from the library when we received money for new planters to be placed at the side of the library and to replace broken ones in the small attached garden. The 2 large and 2 small planters were waterproofed and filled with compost ready for planting.

Members of Stay and Play helped by Andrea and Jeanette planted daffodils and crocus bulbs in the small planters and topped them with winter pansies.

The larger planters were placed on the Highfield Road side of the library and again with the aid of a few children planted with spring bulbs, winter pansies and violas.

We continued to meet every fortnight usually with older stay and play children. Over the weeks, we have made bird feeders, drinking trays, planted up pots of hyacinths and crocus, made collages with leaves and leaf rubbings.

We have planted basil and watercress seeds and talked about animal habitats. We spend time outside, weather permitting, and planted the boxes by the bench with tulips.

With the help of Adlington in Bloom, we hope to achieve an R.H.S. award in the future.

Health & Wellbeing Chair Yoga report by Carole Turner presented by Caroline

Exercise in chairs – Janine Noblett has delivered weekly sessions since October 2021, initially funded by the Tackling Inequalities Fund and Chorley Buddies. This has taken off massively over the last 12 months and we now have 4 classes per week that are up to capacity at virtually everyone. We are bursting at the seams now and are continually moving furniture around to accommodate the numbers. People are booking weeks in advance to secure their places. Most of the new attendees are from word of mouth. These classes are now funded by FoAL and Chorley Buddies with each organisation paying for 2 classes.

Baby Yoga – Carol Unsworth continues to deliver weekly sessions with an attendance ranging from 4 to 8 babies and their parent/carer. The numbers here are restricted due to the size of the room. There is also a greater changeover of attendees as the babies start to walk or parents/carers return to work

Library Review report by Carole Turner (Library Manager)

Firstly, thank you one and all for your support again over the last 12 months, it is very much appreciated.

As this is just a precis of the last 12 months it will mainly be the activities that have been run and the attendance figures. I will head them up with our core offer titles.

Reading

This is, obviously, our core area!

We have our weekly Storytime session on Tuesday afternoons which we do struggle with numbers for but can have weeks with 4 or 5. This is mostly down to a lot of children of the target age being in nursery. We may look at changing the time in September to keep it in line with Baby Bounce & Rhyme and Toddler Time so that if children progress through the chain only change is the day! It has been historically on Tuesday afternoon as that used to be our half day opening (1.30-5pm).

We have 3 Reading Groups; Adlington Avid Readers, who meet in the library 1st Friday of the month; Wot the Dickens, the FoAL group who meet on a Tuesday evening; Reading Friends who meet 1st & 3rd Mondays and they read short stories and extracts etc aloud rather than the same book to discuss.

We have 3 reading schemes for the children. Explorers for the 0-2/3s which is just a sticker book reward system, Little Steps for 2-5s using colourful flashcards with recommended reading around various topics and then Lancashire Reading Trail for those at Primary School and maybe into years 7 & 8 where they work their way round a map of Lancashire and collect Top Trumps style cards along the way.

Reading Heroes is our biggest focus in the calendar.

Wellbeing

We have worked with partners such as LCC's Children and Family Wellbeing Team for a couple of sessions, we work with Chorley BC's Social Prescribing and Community Engagement Teams and have helped some of our yoga members to become Dementia Friends to help them support one of the ladies there. We have had NHS health checks available on the car park (booked in again for 18th March). We also had our Bibliotherapy Manager here to talk about Lancashire Health Hub and Vanessa from Inspire with advice about keeping warm this winter and Sunny the Bear from Lancashire Mind came to the Play and Stay session as part of Children's Mental Health Week and Storytelling Week.

Digital and Information

We continue to offer our Get Online sessions on Monday afternoons where a member of staff is available to help guide people through several modules, Learn My Way, available for self-learning. Staff can also support with getting online outside of these sessions if required.

We have also offered events etc around key calendar dates such as Safer Internet Day, Lego Robotics for National Coding Week, Code & Go Mice at Fun Palace.

School Q&A visits with Adam Henley (Chorley FC & ex-Blackburn Rovers) and Sir Lindsay Hoyle.

Big Green Week – Talk by a representative from Waste Management Services to 2 schools' eco councils about recycling.

Volunteers' Week and Mental Health Awareness Day coffee mornings with representatives from various organisations sharing information on what services and support they offer.

Staff have been available to help with getting Voter ID sorted for the elections for those without photo ID.

Information about the anaerobic digester plans locally have been displayed and details of how to appeal, supplied by Adlington and Heath Charnock Town Councils in collaboration.

The films that FoAL show regularly also fall into this objective.

Culture and Creativity

The biggest activities around this KPI is the crafts etc during the school holidays, the Reading Heroes in summer in particular. We saw our best figures yet over the summer for children both signing up and completing the scheme in full. Thanks for this goes to staff, FoAL volunteers and our Culture Hacks and Pat for making enjoyable events and ensuring the reading side was met – the stats show that those children who don't read over the summer holidays fall back in their literacy levels when returning to school in September. We have seen good numbers over the various holidays and the 2 x 1 hour sessions, bookable online have helped to make these more structured and organised.

Fun Palace is also a major event in this category, and I personally feel it has been calmer and easier to manage over the last couple of years when we have concentrated on less activities meaning people are not rushing around from one to the next. We will wait and see if we do something this year as it will be down to staff availability. We may go for single events at set times over the Friday and into Saturday but there's plenty of time to think about that!

LAL courses – Slow down and Destress; Make a Festive Wreath; Make Festive Decorations - these all got good positive feedback. I am waiting to hear about my requests for either History of Lancashire Women or History of Lancs Women & the decline of the textile industry, I have requested one of these for Women's History Month in March. We will look at what else we can book in the coming year.

D day display & Armistice Day marked as part of the Community.

Gardening Club started in October, slow to build up but I have shared with all 4 primary schools, and we did get a couple of new children from that so hopefully word will spread. We may have to wait until the warmer months to really kick off though. Thanks to Andrea for taking this on, on behalf of FoAL.

Murder Mystery night comes under this heading too.

Looking at how all this ties in with our Business Plan:

Deliver Better Service – The targets: *To focus on inclusive services for Children and Young People with SEND; Adults with SEND/Communication difficulties; Adults with dementia and their carers; People seeking sanctuary.* For this we used the sensory tent and other resources and now have the scanners silenced and some lights off for the first hour the first Tuesday of the month. We held the LAL course 'Slow down and Destress through creativity' which 9 people attended. We held a Dementia Friends awareness session with 12 attendees and have requested a Memory Box to use with Marley Court, Chorley FC Community Friendship Group and at a coffee morning. We have also developed links with at least one new partner (internal or external) per quarter, these have included Chorley FC Community Foundation, Children and Family Wellbeing, Social Prescribers, NHS Community Engagement Team, Breakthrough Recovery Chorley, Lancashire Mind, LCC Libraries Bibliotherapy Manager, Inspire Youth Zone, NHS Health checks and Chorley Buddies.

Caring for the vulnerable – The targets were: *to engage with local partners whose focus is working with vulnerable residents.* We have involved Chorley BC Social Prescribers in some of our events, the PCSOs came to Fun Palace and have made regular routine calls since then helping keep ASB incidents to a minimum. We have worked with Inspire Youth Zone, LCC Children & Family Wellbeing, NHS healthcare checks and Lancashire Mind. The Galloways coffee morning will also fit under this. We also said we would do a display and/or event around Autism Week, HiVis Fortnight and Refugee Week and used the sensory pebbles and tent along with tactile board books and silenced our scanners and switched some lights off.

Support economic growth – Target *minimum of 2 LAL courses requested*. To date we have requested 6 and 4 have run with a total of 31 attendees. We also have Adlington Law coming on Friday 14th March with their free Will Workshop where they can give help and advice around wills and POAs at a drop-in session.

Protect our environment – Targets: *Keep Library, offices, and staff spaces as attractive as possible by reducing clutter and adhering to health and safety policies; Plan and deliver an event around Big Green Week (June); Utilise outdoor spaces/gardens to raise awareness of environmental issues/climate change*. We have removed several unused/obsolete items from the front office meaning the Christmas tree and decorations can now be housed there, saving lifting heavy boxes onto and off the high cabinets in the staff area. We have acquired a filing cabinet to help with storage of FoAL items in the storeroom and have been given a bookcase that can be used instead of the folding table. The storeroom does need addressing again and ***only items that are used on a regular basis should be stored in there***. Maybe some of the materials (such as craft materials) can be combined so we have one central point for all to use? We held the event with Waste Management Services for Big Green Week when the eco councils came in for a talk on recycling. Gardening Club started in October and is slowly picking up – thanks to Andrea for this. We also have the battery recycling box (official) and collect newspapers for the hedgehog rescue (unofficial) to help with recycling.

Culture and creativity – Targets: *Deliver a wide range of quality events and activities to reflect diverse communities and to align with the Cultural Services campaigns calendar and Libraries Connected calendar of events*. This includes Fun Palace; 50th anniversary of LCC – Sir Lindsay Hoyle did a Q&A with a year 5 class; Women's History Month – display to be prepared; International Youth Day – Culture Hacks science treasure hunt for Reading Heroes; Black History month – display done; Libraries Week (theme green/sustainability) – Gardening Club launched.

Health & Wellbeing – Target: *Raise awareness of the health and wellbeing offer by promoting relevant stock and delivering a range of events*. We planned to cover Health Information Week (January) – Bibliotherapy Manager promoting Lancashire Health Hub and Inspire promoting services to help keep warm/cost of living etc; Children's Mental Health Week (February) – Lancashire Mind and Sunny the Bear visited the Stay & Play group; Dementia Action Week (May) – Dementia Friends training; World mental Health Day (October) – coffee morning with various stallholders from mental health groups.

Information and Digital – Targets: *Develop and deliver a programme of STEM activities to engage children and young people and to help develop valuable life skills- min 1 session per month* – Lego Club on its own covers this but we can also include the half term crafts, Reading Heroes and some of the things we do at Storytime. We have also used the Code and Go mice and had LAL Lego Robotics as well. The robotics also covered coding week in September. Get online week was October and we promoted services such as Borrowbox and Press Reader.

Reading – Targets: *Ensure all babies and toddlers have the best start in life and have access to books and resources to encourage reading for pleasure and language/communication development* – our weekly sessions for pre-schoolers come under this, also the reading schemes. Events include national Storytelling Week – 2 x year 2 classes in for a session with Karon & Pat as well as the regular Storytime. Roald Dahl Day – Display done. World Nursery Rhyme Week – our Baby Bounce and Rhyme/Toddler Time fed into this.

Promote reading and develop a range of events and activities to engage children in different library reading schemes on offer. The biggest engagement is Reading Heroes, but we then hope to sign those completing onto the Lancashire Reading Trail (or Little Steps if slightly younger).

Promote reading for adults and deliver a range of events and activities linked to our reading offer. The 3 reading groups fall under this heading. We have also worked with Reading Friends for poetry day in October and have Shakespeare Week in March to plan. We have had author visits from Dom Conlon and Nick Oldham.

We are still waiting for the 2025/26 business plan format to be signed off but expect it to be in a similar vein and a lot of the campaign calendar events will be the same so we can look at planning around some key dates soon.

9. Future projects and Events.

Weekly coffee mornings are very popular & will continue. With the kids craft table providing more projects for the children.

Films for all will continue, if anyone has any ideas for future films or any other talks/events - please let the committee know.

FOAL now has a film making equipment and a Film Group will be formed with plans to record aspects of people and places in Adlington & district.

We are planning another Fashion Show in conjunction with St Catherine's Hospice Shop, in June 2025.

We will also be organising more talks. The next on taking place on 3rd April. 2025

We will also hold another murder Mystery Event later in the year.

We will continue to work with other organisations such as St Paul's PTFA, Galloways Society for the Blind, St Catherine's Hospice Shop. And other organisations in the village.

10. AOB

There was no other business.

11. AGM 2025

Will take place in February 2026 – date to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 20:05

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1. Present at the meeting...

In attendance

Caroline Hesketh

Philip Pilling

Jeanette Lowe

Andrea Barnard

Kathy Maidment

David Carpenter

Margaret Burgess

Audrey Yates

Peter Walkden

Terry Diviney

Carolyn Kimmins (LCC)

Gary Newell

2. **Welcome & apologies**

Caroline welcomed all to the meeting,

3. apologies received from Alison Evans, Gerry Fielding, Penny Panting, Kate Burgess, Margaret Jackson & Carole Turner (LCC)

4. **Minutes of meeting**

23rd Feb 2023 were accepted as a true record. The minutes of the 2023 AGM had previously been sent to the committee and to FoAL Members.

(Proposed by David, seconded by Margaret)

5. **FOAL Committee**

5.1 Resignations received from Alison Evans. Although Alison was not present she was thanked for her work as chair over the years.

5.2 Re-election of existing committee – unanimously agreed (Proposed by David, seconded by Andrea)

5.3 New committee members – Kate Burgess was previously co-opted on the committee but was now unanimously voted onto the committee (Proposed by Andrea, seconded by Kathy)

5.4 Election of Officers

Chair – Caroline Hesketh

Treasurer – Philip Pilling

Secretary – Terry Diviney

unanimously agreed (Proposed by Audrey, seconded by Margaret)

6. Chairman's Annual Report by Caroline Hesketh

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Meetings – FoAL committee members met regularly throughout the year to plan social activities that support mental and physical health and wellbeing and organise fundraising and social events. .

Saturday Coffee Mornings – Our regular Saturday mornings with themed craft activities and LEGO continue to be successful, with adults and children of all ages attending. Many thanks to Audrey and our team of volunteers for organising this popular social event. Jeanette, Andrea and myself will be helping Audrey in the organising of the coffee mornings.

Learning and classes: See reports from individual groups: French group, Family History, Sign Language, Reading group, Walking Group.

Play and Stay –The group continues to be popular with young families. Many thanks to Andrea and her team. Details are in a separate report to be given by Andrea.

Films For All – regular movies aimed to appeal to all interests and ages. A report from Margaret Burgess will be given later.

Community Fitness –Chair yoga with movement and meditation now has 3 groups, with an extra one added to Monday mornings with the help of funding from Chorley council. We share funding of the fitness and movement groups with Chorley Buddies. There is a walking group promoting health and wellbeing, and Baby Yoga for the little tots.

Crafts – throughout the year art and craft activities and events have been offered during school holidays as well as on a Saturday morning. During the summer holidays we had craft events every week, with large numbers of children attending. Thank you to Andrea, Pat, and the two young library hacks, and the staff for their help.

Special Events:

We held two very enjoyable coronation Events in May last year. A craft event for the children and a coffee morning which continued into the afternoon when everyone who attended had drinks and cake and watched the Coronation on the big screen

The Fashion Show – successful fundraiser and social event in conjunction with St Catherine's Hospice held in September last year. It was very well attended, A very enjoyable event which also helped to support a local charity.

Lancashire Day – Co-op funding from 2022 also paid for an enjoyable Lancashire Day in 2023.

Murder Mystery,– Lots of fun had solving another murder at the library – great social and fundraising event.

Speakers- we had a number of speakers and authors talks during the year. Thanks to all the speakers involved and those who attended. A Special mention to Janette Cordwell for her talk on Local history. The library was packed that evening.

Our next speaker is on 21st February 7pm and will be Cath Cole a local author who writes about nursing and everyday life in the 1960s. I hope you will come along to this event.

Christmas tree bracket was used again this year and, we had a lit up Christmas tree attached to the side of the library. As well as the magnificent Christmas Tree in the library.

FoAL and Adlington in Bloom have worked hard to maintain and improve front garden of the library.

The work done on the fences and chairs in 2022 still looks like new, thanks to the hard work of the volunteers who did a very professional job.

What's next?

We will continue to fund our events and have a continued programme of activities for the community.

More film showings, another Fashion Show, Author talks, Speakers, and other socials

We have purchased more moveable shelving, and an arts and crafts trolley.

We have also purchased a laptop and tablet which are currently used in the sign language group and family history group. We also plan to use these to promote film making by children and adults which can be shown on our big screen.

We also plan to purchase a video camera and hope that a film group can be started up in the next year.

These are with the help of a grant from The Co-op.

We also hope to purchase some planters for the side of the library that can be used for the children to plant herbs and flowers and can be shared with Adlington in Bloom.

Friends of Adlington library will continue to serve the local community and promote our library .

FRIENDS OF ADLINGTON LIBRARY .FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR year ending 31/12/2023

| | £ | p | | £ | p |
|--|--------------|-----------|---|--------------|-----------|
| INCOME | | | EXPENDITURE | | |
| DONATIONS | | | Insurance | 242 | 75 |
| S/O from Supporter | 90 | | EVENT EXPENSES | | |
| Other donations | 28 | 30 | Films for All screenings | 284 | 25 |
| EVENT FUNDRAISING | | | ITF Chair based movement | 840 | |
| Coffee Mornings | 2193 | 42 | Exercise for Wellbing | 120 | |
| Murder Mystery | 510 | | Baby Yoga | 800 | |
| Fashion Show | 512 | | Raise the roof singing sessions | 469 | |
| Coronation Day | 80 | | Sign Langurage course | 175 | |
| Films for All | 51 | | Others (speakers and play) | 170 | |
| Craft events | 228 | | Purchases/Assets | | |
| Christmas Sales Table | 48 | | ASUS laptop and accesseries | 482 | 11 |
| | | | lpad | 669 | |
| Revely Ltd | 50 | | | | |
| Easyfundraising | 16 | 83 | Craft Equipment | 563 | 55 |
| Amazon Europe | 13 | 41 | Others(wreath, Xmas tree, cables) | 129 | |
| GRANTS | | | Stationary/Printing/Card | 87 | 89 |
| Co-op Local Community Award | 2900 | | | | |
| Adlington TC(Coronation lottery award) | 100 | | Refreshments &Event Licences | 609 | 92 |
| Active lancs. (walking group refreshments) | 70 | | (including Fashion show and Murder mystery) | | |
| TIF grant.Active Lancashire | 1830 | | | | |
| Chorley B Council (wellbeing) | 650 | | | | |
| Sub TOTAL | 9370 | 96 | | | |
| Saving Account Interest 2023 | 439 | 60 | | | |
| Saving Account Interest 2022 | 51 | 37 | | | |
| Savings Interim Interest | | 21 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 9862 | 14 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 5642 | 47 |
| Closing Balance in TSB 31/12/22 | 18916 | 50 | Closing Balance in TSB 31/12/23 | 22644 | 99 |
| Savings Accounts - closing balance | 16126 | 45 | Closing Balance. United Trust Bank | 16617 | 63 |
| | | | | | |
| Petty Cash-closing balance | 24 | | Petty cash/cash in hand balance | 24 | |
| TOTAL OPENING BALANCE | 35066 | 95 | TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 2023 | 39286 | 62 |
| Income over Expenditure | 4219 | 67 | | | |
| | 39286 | 62 | | 39286 | 62 |

Treasurer...

P. W. O'Byrne

February 4th 2024

Auditor...

DV Hesketh 1/2/24

7 Treasurers Report and Financial Statement.

7.1 The statement of the 2023 account was presented by Philip Pilling (Treasurer)

Mr Pilling explained some of the expenditure and income and asked for any questions.

Mr Pilling was thanked for his report.

Don Hesketh, the auditor was thanked by Philip Pilling.

7.2 Acceptance of Statement & report - unanimously agreed (proposed by Terry, seconded by Andrea)

7.3 Acceptance of Mr Donald Hesketh as auditor for 2024 unanimously agreed (proposed by Phillip seconded by Audrey)

8. Reports on FoAL Groups.

Family History report by Gerry Fielding.

The family History Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 9pm in the library. We have now been meeting since September 2019 and there is still an average of 10-12 people attending each month. Once again we have welcomed some new members this year.

The sessions usually start with updates from individuals on the progress they've made since the last meeting. Then we focus on any problem areas people may need help with. Others like to use the session just to progress their research and make use to the library resources they may not be able to access at home.

One new member though that one of his ancestors may have been a musician. By the end of the first session he attended we were able to find a recording of some jazz music composed and performed by his ancestor.

The group is open to everyone and there is no need to attend every session as they are very informal. You don't need to have any experience as there's always someone who can help you get started and guide you along your family history journey. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7pm

French Group Report: by Margaret Jackson

We are now meeting every other Monday evening at 6.45. There are currently 5 members in the group. We have been using a more advanced textbook as well as listening to stories. Now I am looking into starting a different textbook for adults. Everyone is making good progress.

FILMS FOR ALL report by Margaret Burgess

We screen a film each month on average, usually alternating between films for adults and those suitable for children, Numbers attending varies widely films for adults shown in the afternoon remain popular as do children's films.

The last film that was shown, 'The Book Club', had an audience of approximately 30 people.

The screening of a film aimed at teenagers was not a success, this age group remains difficult to engage in activities.

Although we do not charge for attendance we often receive generous donations which helps to cover costs.

Thanks to all who help set up the room and equipment with particular thanks to Mike and Carl who set up and work the equipment.

Stay and Play Report by Andrea Barnard

Our group grows with the children who come to our sessions, they arrive as small babies but by the time they have to leave us and move on to nursery the skills they are able to maintain amaze us.

Children enjoy the freedom of play; enabling them to share with others. This may prove difficult at times but friendships grow. Parents and Grandparents also enjoy the chance to chat and share ideas.

We follow a set routine each week. We start with play, the toys may change each week but some enjoy their favourites. We provide mark making equipment (crayons; pencils; felt tip pens) and different types of paper for creative play. To encourage dexterity, we have threading, jigsaws and building equipment. The large soft play and play tunnels help with socialization and sharing. Messy play includes painting and on warmer days we opened the doors and enjoyed waterplay.

To finish our session we have toast and banana when all the children sit round the table together; when all are finished we move to the floor for our sing song. We have our goodbye song before everyone leaves.

Numbers vary between two and eight children attending.

The seating in the outdoor area was repaired and the fencing replaced. The gate was made more secure.

Weather permitting we move equipment outside, unfortunately this year that hasn't happened that often.

Friday 'Health Walk' Group by David Carpenter

The group has had one cancellation of a walk due to the very icy conditions underfoot recently and some regulars being moderately unsteady in those circumstances.

Other than this we have been doing around 4 miles each Friday over around an hour and a half. The group has a core of regulars and attracts varying numbers of others depending on the weather and other factors. Usual numbers vary between 8 and 18. Sometimes we are joined by people on social schemes from Chorley where a couple of people work. This gets them out into the fresh air and gives them an opportunity to socialise as well.

We have had a couple of extra curricular events including a canal boat ride last summer and a Christmas meal at the bowling club in Rivington.

The usual after walk socialising over tea, coffee and biscuits at the library is very welcome and FoAL is appreciated for providing them.

Sign Language Report. By Andrea Barnard

At our recent class we had 17 attendees; some for the first time. All are welcome whatever their ability.

Our first session this year was a full recap of signs for letters, numbers and questions with a wordsearch to test our knowledge.

Over the past year we had difficulty with our teacher personally attending but videos sent have kept us busy. Louise Donlan has stepped up to the mark to help us use the videos and supply additional support.

Topics covered have included seasonal signs; Easter; Halloween; Christmas Carols; Food and Beverages; and types of clothing.

Caroline sends the videos used round to the group after the session has been completed so that we can continue to practise.

Having the use of FOAL's computer for the session has enabled us to keep everything together for setting up to projector and large screen.

It is hoped that we can meet up with a new teacher for February's session.

Wot the Dickens Book Club. Report by Kate Burgess

The reading group meets monthly at Adlington Library, we meet in the evening to enable people of working age and those with daytime commitments to attend. We are well supported by Lancashire County Councils Library Service, with a local librarian attending the meetings and liaising with the councils reading club service to source books that the group are interested in, she also writes a monthly email summarising the discussions, advising of the date of the next meeting and the name of the book we will be reading. We are very appreciative of her support.

We read a broad range of fiction, with books supplied free of charge by the Library Service, this ensures that the group is accessible to all local residents regardless of income, there is a broad range of books available, and the group select which ones they would like to read in advance. Lively and entertaining discussions often take place, with us rarely agreeing as a group, we are really happy with this position as most joined the group to discover new genres and authors whilst perhaps challenging our established reading habits.

We generally have between 6 and 8 attendees at each meeting and have started to advertise the group through the established FOAL communication channels as we look to increase our numbers.

The group is now well established with regular attendance and well supported, we endeavour to be an inclusive group, respecting each others views and perspectives, and welcoming to new members.

Library Review for FoAL AGM 24/2/23 by Carole Turner, library manager

Firstly, thank you one and all for your support again over the last 12 months, it is very much appreciated.

As this is really just a precis of the last 12 months it will mainly be the activities that have been run and the attendance figures.

Starting with Together Fund activities (formally known as TIF):

Exercise in chairs – Janine Noblett has delivered weekly sessions since October 2021, initially funded by the Tackling Inequalities Fund and Chorley Buddies. We started with just one class at 9.30 on a Monday morning and when it was run at Fairview there was only about 3 attendees. We quickly grew this to 15-20 and Chorley Buddies approached Janine to start a 2nd class which then started on Tuesdays at 11am from September 2022 and this is equally successful. Then in September 2023 we started a 2nd Monday class, 3rd class in total, initially funded by grant monies from Chorley BC obtained by FoAL, and this is slowly growing in numbers. We are seeing approximately 42 attendees per week

Baby Yoga – Carol Unsworth continues to deliver weekly sessions with an attendances ranging from 1 to 8 babies and their parent/carer. The numbers here are restricted due to the size of the room. There is also a greater changeover of attendees as the babies start to walk or parents/carers return to work.

Health Walk – We don't have accurate figures for this but seem to be averaging 10-15 walkers these days. The only outlay here is for the refreshments on the return to the Library.

The funding we received has now run out and we thank FoAL for agreeing to fund these activities moving forward (Chorley Buddies fund the Tuesday chairs class and alternate months of the Monday 9.30 one)

Digital Courses

We held a three week computer sessions with a company called UDevelop, who work in conjunction with Chorley Borough Council. Over these courses we helped 6 or 7 people improve their online skills or with a technical issue they had.

We also have our Get Online sessions on Monday afternoons available where a member of staff is available to help guide people through a number of modules available for self-learning. Staff can also support with getting online outside of these sessions.

Junior Sessions (crafts etc)

We continue to see good numbers at the holiday craft events, in particular the summer Reading Heroes ones. We had 107 sign ups, 51 (47.7%) of whom achieved the reading element and 34 the whole thing. 81 children completed at least 1 activity (Compared to SCART – Target was 75 sign ups and 30% completions.)

We have also have 1 class from each of our 4 Primary schools booked to attend sessions with Dan Worsley, kindly paid for from FoAL funds.

Looking at how all this ties in with our Business Plan:

Digital – Target is 40 Record of Achievement forms (where either staff, volunteers or digital partners have helped customers in at least 4 identifiable areas). Thanks to the UDevelop course we have completed 22 (55%) (though this is under dispute as we have completed more!)

Deliver Better Service – We said we would invite all 4 schools in for a class visit of some kind. The Dan Worsley visits would have ticked a couple of these off but illness thwarted us. We have had St Paul's to Storytime and have Adlington booked in for World Book Day week. We have been to assemblies at all the schools too, to promote Reading Heroes and then to present the certificates so that the Head Teachers are aware of who has completed.

Caring for the vulnerable – We said we would do something around Dementia Action Week, Together Fund activities and Children's Mental Health week and have delivered on these. We had 15 people attend a Dementia Awareness session and become Dementia Friends, The Together Fund has been covered elsewhere and we hosted an event with LCC Children and Family Wellbeing Team for Children's mental health week with 10 children and 8 adults attending and had our sensory tent and light up pebbles available all week and these proved popular with children.

Support economic growth – We had a LAL course about household budgeting and also hosted Age UK with an information morning.

Protect our environment – we have the battery recycling box (official) and collect newspapers for the hedgehog rescue (unofficial) to help with recycling. We have also hosted Dom Conlon with his books about the environment.

Culture and creativity – The king's Coronation on the big screen was a great success with 60+ people attending over the course of the morning. Fun Palace happened again with a similar footfall to previous years. Libraries Week had a 'green' theme and we used recycled resources and had a display of eco-friendly books.

We have Mother Language Day on February 21st with a display that Lars has pulled together as our 'non-English as his mother tongue' expert! We also have LGBT+ month and Shakespeare Week where we will have activities and/or displays.

Health & Wellbeing – Mental Health Awareness Week in May, our Reading Friends held their regular meeting during this week and the Together Fund activities also cover this. Empathy Day (June) we used this theme for Storytime & Baby Bounce & Rhyme. Loneliness Awareness Week (June) we had notices on the benches to promote Library regular events, coffee morning also embraces this Singing for the brain, Raise the Roof is a local version of this Alzheimer's Society initiative.

Information and Digital – British Science week (10-19 March) Looking at pulling together an activity for this – maybe after school on the Monday. STEM programme, we have a target of 1 activity per month, Lego covers this as a minimum but we do also need to look at what other activities we can do using the resources LCC have made available to us such as the Code & Go mice and Lego Gearbots along with other things such as gardening, the vehicles from recycled materials etc.

Reading – Whilst we have days/weeks such as World Book Day and National Storytelling Week plus Reading heroes, we also have our year round Reading Schemes Library Explorers, Little Steps and Lancashire Reading Trail to promote.

STEM

We have been asked to get closer to STEM and things like the Lego Club and the crocuses would count towards this. STEM is Science Technology Engineering and Maths but we don't need to suddenly become Physics Professors or Coding Experts overnight!

We will be starting to work on the 2023/24 business plan soon and I will let you have a copy so that we can ensure that the work you do is supportive of our core areas and helps with the targets we aim to achieve.

9. Future projects and Events.

Weekly coffee mornings are still very popular & will continue. We will also look to hold another fashion show & murder mystery event during 2024. Films for all will continue, if anyone has any ideas for future films or any other talks/events - please let the committee know.

10. AOB

FOAL now has a laptop & iPad.

A recent LEGO session was filmed and animated using the iPad and software, by the 'Library Hacks'.

The Committee members are welcome to borrow the laptop/iPad as appropriate.

We have purchased an Art Trolley. We are also purchasing new movable shelving for the library.

11. AGM 2025

Will take place in February 2025 – date to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 19:45

FRIENDS OF ADLINGTON LIBRARY

England & Wales - Charity number 1172039

Accounts

Minutes of FOAL AGM

Thursday 23rd February 2023 Held in Adlington library at 7.15pm

1. **Present** - Alison Evans (chair) , Andrea Bernard, Philip Pilling, Margaret Jackson, Gerry Fielding, Jeanette Lowe & Terry Diviney.

2. **The chair's welcome.** Members were welcome by Alison Evans FOAL Chair.

3. **Apologies** were received from Carl Fazackerley, Erica Fazackerley, Peter Walkden, Caroline Hesketh, Donald Hesketh, Audrey Yates, Margaret Burgess, David Carpenter, Kathy Maidment & Penny Panting

4. **Minutes of 2022 AGM** - These have previously been sent out to members. Their acceptance was proposed by Philip Pilling & seconded by Andrea Bernard. Voted on and approved as a true record.

5. FOAL Committee

5.1 **Resignations** - Whilst none have been received, Penny Panting has advised she is no longer able to continue as minute secretary but will remain on the committee, it was agreed the minutes should be noted to thank Penny for her efforts in this role.

5.2 Re-elections of existing members to committee.

All existing members to be re-elected – approved, proposed by Jeanette Lowe, seconded by Philip Pilling.

5.3 **Election of new committee members** – none have been received.

5.4 **Election of officers to continue in their present role**, Caroline Hesketh in her role as secretary will receive some additional support from Gerry Fielding . Proposed by Andrea Bernard, seconded by Margaret Jackson – approved

5.5 **Vice Chair** - it was requested that the minute should also be noted that Margaret Burgess be appointed as vice chair - proposed by Philip Pilling, seconded by Margaret Jackson – approved

7 Treasurer's report

7.1 The accounts were presented by Philip Pilling and were made available to people attending.

This has been the first year of full activity since the pandemic, finances are in a healthy position.

Philip was thanked for his report by the chair.

The accounts are attached to the end of the minutes

7.2 Acceptance of the accounts, proposed by Gerry Fielding, seconded by Terry Diviney. They were unanimously accepted.

7.3 Acceptance of Donald Hesketh as auditor for 2023, proposed by Philip Pilling, seconded by Gerry Fielding - unanimously accepted.

6 Report by Chair Alison Evans

Welcome to the Friends of Adlington Library AGM 2023.

Thank you to all our volunteers and members for their time, energy and valued contributions to our first full year of activities following the closures and restrictions of the pandemic.

Events and Activities:

Meetings – FoAL members met regularly throughout the year to plan social activities that support mental and physical health and wellbeing and organise fundraising.

Saturday Coffee Mornings – Our regular Saturday mornings with themed craft/activity focus continue to engage all ages. Many thanks to Audrey and our team of volunteers for continuing to organise and run this popular social event. Lego has now been added as a regular activity on the last Saturday of every month due to its popularity.

Learning and classes: See reports from individual groups: French group – Monday evenings; Family History – 1st Tuesday of the month; Sign Language - 4th Wednesday of the month; Reading groups – Friday every 4 to 6 weeks

Play and Stay – details are in a separate report. The group continues to be popular with young families. Many thanks to Andrea and the team.

Films For All – regular movies aimed to appeal to all interests and ages. A local community grant from LCC was used to fund some of our film showings over the winter as part of the warm spaces initiative.

Community Fitness TIF – detailed in separate report. Baby yoga, chair yoga and walking group promoting health and wellbeing.

Crafts – throughout the year craft activities have offered a creative way to commemorate, celebrate and express: Jubilee celebrations included making London Landmarks and Crown Jewels; summer crafts included Butterflies, Bug Shelters, Painted Rock and cone; Christmas crafts included button trees and cards.

Special Events:

VE Day Remembered, 7th May – a wonderful event with so much positive feedback received from attendees – singer, pasties, ukuleles and tombola to support Ukraine refugee appeal.

Fashion Show – successful fundraiser and social event in conjunction with St Catherine's Hospice – well attended, promoting sustainability and supporting a local charity.

Lancashire Day – Co-op funding paid for an enjoyable Saturday afternoon talk and reading by local actor Dean Fraser following a busy coffee morning.

Jubilee – FoAL's contributed to the community celebrations marking the Queen's Jubilee with craft activities and an indoor street party on Sunday 5th June which included tea, cakes and sandwiches and film of the Coronation on the big screen.

Murder Mystery, October – Lots of fun had solving another murder at the library – great social and fundraising event.

Fun Palace, October – FoAL supported the library in offering activities during the day, including dream catcher making, bracelet making, crazy Boccia and French quiz with food tasting.

St Catherine's talk, May – talk about the work of St Catherine's.

Chris Martin, December – local author ran a workshop on mystery plays and had an interactive session bringing characters to life – with hats and wigs, of course!

Steering Group:

Christmas tree bracket was used again this year and, thanks to support from Adlington Town Council, we had a lit up Christmas tree attached to the side of the library.

Cllr Alan Cullens attended the coffee morning on 14th May to discuss LCC's work with Friends groups and the needs of our library.

FoAL and Adlington in Bloom have worked hard to maintain and improve front garden of the library. Following permission from LCC, members painted the benches and railings to give a much-needed makeover.

The building has been cleaned.

Plans are in place to add new planters to the rear and side of the building and to repair or replace fences around the children's garden.

Defibrillator has been replaced and can be used at FoAL events.

What's next?

Over the next year plans include Coronation events, Fashion Show, regular films for all, and a continued programme of activities that reflect and respond to the community we serve.

Alison Evans

Chair of Friends of Adlington Library

8. Reports from FoAL Groups.

Stay and Play Report by Andrea Barnard

Our numbers vary – we may have two one week or eight another, but Mums tell us how much they appreciate having the stay and play session.

It gives them access to adult conversation and a chance to net work with other mums, their children socializing in a safe environment.

We watch as children learn new skills, and mum's grandparents and carers reassure each other about problems with teething, diet ,at what age milestones will be reached etc.

Towards the end of the session those who are able sit round the table and enjoy toast and bananas.

We move on to our finishing singsong, with requests for favourite songs. We finish with a personal bye bye to each of them.

Family History report by Gerry Fielding

The family history group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 9pm in the library. We have now been meeting since September 2019 and there is still an average of 10-12 people attending each month with some new members joining since last year.

In the sessions we tend to concentrate on working through 'break walls' that individuals have come across throughout the month, and try to suggest different sources they can try, which may help them resolve their mysteries. We have also been astounded to learn that all members of the group can trace at least one ancestor back to Adlington! It seems that all roads really do lead here!

A few members of the group have now taken DNA tests and we have been learning what information this can open up to us. It's amazing how many relatives you can find without ever knowing they existed.

The group is open to everyone and there is no need to attend every session as they are very informal. You don't need to have any experience as there's always someone who can help you get started and guide you along your family history journey. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7pm.

Report for FoAL Sign Language Group.

The group started in June 2022 and we had 30 people at the first meeting.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

We started with Louise Donlan taking the classes but it was decided that we needed a deaf person who could teach British Sign Language. We now have Colette Forrest-Hogan teaching the class. Her husband Mark taught the November Class. Colette also does a Youtube video for the group so they can practice at home. The cost is £25 per class which is covered by the donation from the Jack Simmons Trust, so we don't have to charge members. We have also purchased some BSL books.

Although we don't have as many attending as we did in June, we do regularly have 15 people at the classes.

We plan to continue with the group for 2023.

Report for Films for All by Margaret Burgess

A variety of films for both adults and children were shown throughout the year.

There was a special screening of the film " A Queen is Crowned " to celebrate the late Queen's jubilee.

Audience numbers were very varied and it is not always easy to judge the best day or time to show films. It might be worth considering if we should produce a list of future films perhaps quarterly which we could circulate.

The main cost of showing films is the licence fee - A grant from Chorley BC of £500, donations , sale of refreshments and the occasional ticket sale has helped cover costs.

Thank you to everyone who helps with setting up the room and equipment, serving refreshments and tidying afterwards.

FoAL Reading Group - Wot the Dickens - report:

The group continues to meet on Friday nights, once every four to six weeks. Currently, there are ten members. Numbers are steady with around five to eight members in attendance each session.

We have read a range of fiction over the last year, some based on factual events, some fantasy and magical realism and all offering a widening of members' existing reading choices.

The group's discussions are wide ranging and move from characters and events in the text to conversations on connected themes, ideas and topics. There is always a lot of laughter.

Anyone is welcome to join and members do not have to have read the book to come along to the meeting.

French class Report by Margaret Jackson

The French class has now been meeting for four years. It continues to thrive with 5 regular attendees meeting in the Library from 6.45 till 9pm on Monday evenings. We always start with general conversation and progress to other activities, some using a textbook. We practice the four skills needed to learn a language - listening, speaking, reading and writing. We have also covered all the main tenses and practice them regularly.

A few months ago we had a new member join us who is self-taught and he has done remarkably well and fitted into the group. I have had an occasional request for beginners' lessons but feel it would not be appropriate to try to integrate complete beginners into the group.

Library Review for FoAL AGM 24/2/23

Firstly, thank you one and all for your support again over the last 12 months, it is very much appreciated.

As this is really just a precis of the last 12 months it will mainly be activities run and the attendance figures.

Starting with Together Fund activities (formally known as TIF):

Monday Morning Movement – Janine Noblett has delivered weekly sessions with attendances totalling 381 for the period 1/3/22-12/2/23. This has been paid for alternate months through the funding we received in 2022, Chorley Buddies have paid for the other months.

Baby Yoga – Carol Unsworth has delivered weekly sessions with an attendance total of 124 for the period 1/3/22 to 10/2/23. The numbers here are restricted due to the size of the room. There is also a greater changeover of attendees as the babies start to walk or parents/carers return to work.

Health Walk – We don't have accurate figures for this but seem to be averaging 8-10 walkers these days. The only outlay here is for the refreshments on the return to the Library.

The funding we received is now almost exhausted, as at 14/2/23 we have £138.20 remaining, which should cover the Baby Yoga to the middle of March. It is Chorley Buddies' turn to pay the seated exercise bill for February. A bid for further funds to take us from 1st March to the end of September is to be submitted, closing date 28/2/23 so there will be an interim period where we are waiting to find out if that has been successful and the funds being issued. We have discussed this before at previous Committee meetings as to whether FoAL would consider either covering this interim period or, if the bid is unsuccessful, paying some or all of the amount going forward. I will also approach Chorley Buddies with regards to the Exercise in Chairs, I know they are really pleased with how the numbers have risen here and may well be happy to take over the full payment of Monday. They already fund the Tuesday class in full. **This may be something to consider in the Committee Meeting following the AGM in connection with the Sports & Culture Grant mentioned at 4.2 on the agenda. I have emailed Chorley Buddies on 16th February, but on leave since so not aware of their response in time for the meeting.**

Digital Courses

We held 2 three week computer sessions with a company called UDevelop, who work in conjunction with Chorley Borough Council. Over these 2 courses we helped 10 people improve their online skills or with a technical issue they had. We are hoping to work with UDevelop further in the next business year, either with more of these courses or other services they offer. I have put our name in the hat for a session around food poverty/fuel poverty and debt management and they have also mentioned scam awareness sessions – something we could also invite Fern Jones (PCSO) along to give us the Police advise in this are too.

Junior Sessions (crafts etc)

Easter – we had 52 children attend over 2 sessions

Jubilee – 80 children

Summer SCART Club a total of 196 attendances over the 5 sessions, 91 sign ups, 29 completions (31.9%)

Christmas - 42 children

Feb Half Term - 29 children Winter SCART sign ups 31, completions 11 (34.4%) as at 16/2/23

We have also had 1 class from each of our 4 Primary schools attend sessions with Dan Worsley, kindly paid for from FoAL funds. This is the feedback from Miss Dervish, Year 3 teacher at Anderton:

The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit to the library with storyteller, Dan Worsley. They left extremely excited to read his stories. It was great to watch their faces light up and the smiles to appear whilst listening to him. He is

a fantastic story teller. The children were engaged throughout and we would love to invite him to school for the rest of the children to experience his expert story telling skills.

Looking at how all this ties in with our Business Plan:

SCART – Target was 75 sign ups and 30% completions.

Digital – Target was 24 Record of Achievement forms (where either staff, volunteers or digital partners have helped customers in at least 4 identifiable areas). Thanks to the UDevelop course we have completed 26 (108%)

Collaborative events – Our Target was 1 per quarter:

Q1 – London Landmarks with yourselves and the restart of Reading Friends with the help of LSCFT Community Engagement.

Q2 – Sign Language classes for both children and adults – Louise Donlan and exhibitions by both Bill Nolan and St Paul's Guides

Q3 – Fun Palace with various groups, businesses and individuals (75 adults & 53 children) Author visits (Jen Carney & Dan Worsley), Clog Dancing

Q4 – Further Dan Worsley visits, Fiona's flowers, Lego Club

We have also got targets around dementia friendly activities and the boccia falls into this. We promoted Playlist for Life during Dementia Action Week and at Fun Palace. Moving forward on this subject, we would like to offer Dementia Friends training, possibly a play (subject to cost and availability) and, as part of the new Together Fund bid, Raise the Roof with Genesis Day Care (a singing and dancing session for people with dementia and parkinsons)

I have also been to Marley Court this week and have signed up 9 new Home Library Service customers – our target was to increase our numbers by 2!

The Home Library is available to anyone who would like books but is no longer able to get to us. There are 2 options, a collection service where we pack a bag up and a relative/neighbour/carer collects for the borrower or a delivery service where the bag is dropped off and the old one collected by our volunteer Maureen.

Lancashire Adult Learning

We had a target of one course per quarter (or 4 per year). So far we have had 2 tutors at the Fun Palace and the Taste of Germany at Christmas course so 3 to date. We did have a dementia course booked in May but it was cancelled due to insufficient numbers. I do have a list of possible classes we could try for but don't think we would get anything this business year now.

STEM

We have been asked to get closer to STEM and things like the Lego Club and the crocuses would count towards this. STEM is Science Technology Engineering and Maths but we don't need to suddenly become Physics Professors or Coding Experts overnight!

We will be starting to work on the 2023/24 business plan soon and I will let you have a copy so that we can ensure that the work you do is supportive of our core areas and helps with the targets we aim to achieve.

9 Future events – Another full year of activities & events, which will be promoted on social media & posters.

10 AOB – none

11 Date of AGM 2024 – exact date to be confirmed but will be in February 2024

FRIENDS OF ADLINGTON LIBRARY .FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR year ending 31/12/2022

| | £ | p | | £ | p |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----|------------------------------------|-------|----|
| INCOME | | | EXPENDITURE | | |
| DONATIONS | | | Insurance | 179 | 80 |
| Public | 310 | 83 | EVENT EXPENSES | | |
| | | | Films for All screenings | 1062 | 82 |
| EVENT FUNDRAISING | | | ITF Chair based movement | 660 | |
| Coffee Mornings | 1812 | 62 | Baby Yoga | 540 | |
| Murder Mystery | 573 | | Sign language course | 161 | 19 |
| Fashion Show | 609 | 90 | Performers | 80 | |
| VE Day Remembered | 261 | 11 | Others | 170 | |
| Films for All | 425 | 07 | | | |
| Others | 54 | 50 | PURCHASES | | |
| | | | Bluetooth Speaker TIF | 120 | |
| SALES | 8 | 10 | Boccia Set | 588 | 01 |
| | | | Sun blinds | 1796 | 40 |
| | | | Craft Equipment | | |
| | | | Printer | 61 | 10 |
| | | | Stationary/Printing/Card | 242 | 53 |
| GRANTS | | | Refreshments & | | |
| Jack Simmons trust | 5000 | | Event Licences | 1102 | 71 |
| LCC shared reading | 50 | | Donations | 300 | |
| TIF grant. | 1470 | | Craft,Jubilee, Decorations | 441 | 79 |
| Chorley B Council | 725 | | Benches and Fencing | 201 | 29 |
| Saving Account Interest 2021 | 221 | 34 | Jigsaws,games, and | | |
| Saving Account Interest 2022 | 228 | 52 | Commemorative items | 52 | 82 |
| Saving Account Interest 2021 | 50 | 86 | Others | 131 | 81 |
| Easyfundrasing | 16 | 52 | | | |
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| TOTAL INCOME | 11817 | 37 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 7892 | 27 |
| Closing Balance in TSB 31/12/21 | 15492 | 12 | Closing Balance in TSB 31/12/22 | 18916 | 50 |
| Savings Accounts - closing balance | 15625 | 73 | Closing Balance. United Trust Bank | 16126 | 45 |
| | | | | | |
| Petty Cash-closing balance | 24 | | Petty cash/cash in hand balance | 24 | |
| TOTAL OPENING BALANCE | 31141 | 85 | TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 2022 | 35066 | 95 |
| Income over Expenditure | 3925 | 10 | | | |
| | 35066 | 95 | | 35066 | 95 |

Treasurers...



Auditor...




FRIENDS OF ADLINGTON LIBRARY

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Accounts

Minutes of FoAL A.G.M. Chairmans/Trustees Report and Treasurers Report

Wednesday 23rd February 2021 at 7pm in Adlington Library

1. Present: Alison Evans, Andrea Barnard, Caroline Hesketh, Philip Pilling. Penny Panting. Margaret Jackson, Gerry Fielding, David Carpenter. Carole Turner (library manager)

2. The Chair's welcome. Members were welcomed by Alison Evans the Chair of FoAL.

3. Apologies were Received from Carl Fazackerley. Erica Fazackerley. Peter Walkden. Terry Diviney. Margaret Burgess. Jeanette Lowe. Audrey Yates. Kathy Maidment. Don Hesketh

4.. Minutes of the 2021 AGM. These had been previously been sent out to members .

Their acceptance was proposed by Philip Pilling and seconded by Margaret Jackson.

Voted on and approved as accurate

5.. FoAL committee

5.1 Resignations . No resignation have been received.

5.2 The re-election of all existing committee members was proposed by Andrea Barnard
Voted on and approved.

5.3 New members. We have one possible new member but he was not able to attend the meeting. He will be contacted and if he wishes to join will be co-opted onto the committee for 2022 .

5.4 Re-election of the existing executive Chair...Alison Evans, Secretary ...Caroline Hesketh, Treasurer... Philip Pilling. Vice-chair.... Margaret Burgess.
The re-election of the executive was proposed by Andrea Barnard.
Voted on and approved.

6. Chair's report. Alison Evans read her chair's Report to the meeting.

See Appendix 1 for Chairs report

7. Treasurer's report

7.1 The accounts were presented to the committee and members. Mr Pilling pointed out that most of the funds raised in 2021 were from grants as we had not been able to have any big fundraising events. These grants are mainly for specific events that will take place in 2022. Mr Pilling was thanked by The Chair.

7.2 Acceptance of the accounts were proposed by Caroline Hesketh and seconded by Andrea Barnard. They were voted on and duly accepted.

7.3 Mr. Donald Hesketh was proposed as auditor for the 2023 accounts by Andrea Barnard and seconded by Gerry Fielding. Voted on and approved. Mr Pilling asked for his thanks to be passed on to Mr Hesketh

8. Subscriptions. It was proposed that for the future we do not have paid subscriptions and this will no longer be discussed at future AGM meetings unless circumstances change.
Proposed by Caroline Hesketh, Seconded by Gerry Fielding. Voted on and approved.

Andrea Barnard proposed that we have membership forms available in the library so that new people can join.

9. FoAL Groups. The Chair, Alison Evans asked the organisers of each group activity within FoAL to give a report on their group.

Family History Group... Meet 1st Tuesday at 7pm. During the lockdown 6 members regularly met every month via Zoom. Since October 2021 face to face meetings have resumed with an average of 10 members per meeting. At the beginning some of the meetings are themed but now they are general meeting with members discussing what they are working on and help being given where possible. A Lancashire Adult Learning course is being planned for the future and this will probably be in the daytime with information being passed onto the monthly group. New members are welcome

French Group... The French Group has been meeting every Monday evening for 3 years now. Whilst the Library was closed we met on Skype but it's really good to be back in person now.

We have a regular group of 4 and we practice conversation, listening, reading and writing. We're using Longman's A3 textbook. Everyone seems to enjoy it and we have a bit of a laugh. Anyone who has a reasonable level of French is welcome to join us.

Stay and Play Pram Club

This has proved very important to mums and their children particularly when times have been uncertain due to Covid. Many have not seen health visitors or had follow ups babies weighed etc.

It was a period when the certainty of a Monday afternoon (changed from mornings) became an important meeting place.

It has given new mums a chance to reassure each other, to find information and meet; some were new to the area, or have been in work previously and felt isolated. Others came during maternity leave and were able to talk to each other about going back to work, teething problems; finding nursery or child care places.

It has been good to see confidence building within the group which has also included grand parents.

The development of play is essential and the free play has encouraged toddlers and babies to socialize and share.

Our session includes sitting at the table for toast and banana and ends with the singing of familiar rhymes, closure at the end of each session.

We have been reaching our limit with numbers(10 babies at present), with Carole's approval we put the new library mat out with toys in the main hall so as not to turn anyone away.

We have bought new equipment- activity mat, play cubes and craft materials.

Margaret and I enjoy our sessions and hope to have a back up rota of help.

Alison Evens, Chair, said how important this group was for the young mum's in the community and their babies, and thanked Andrea and Margaret.

Reading Group..... This was due to resume on Friday 18th Feb but was cancelled due to the storm. The group will start again soon.

Films for All... Report sent by Margaret Burgess.

The coronavirus outbreak and restrictions unfortunately delayed the launch of our project. After lengthy discussion with LCC a large drop down screen was installed in the library. The remaining equipment was delivered by Soundsmith in November and training took place re its use.

We have a couple of volunteers who show the films but it would be helpful if we could recruit a few more.

A number of additional items needed to be purchased ie cable reels and cable covers.

The blackout blinds have now been installed

Films for All

Our first screenings took place in December with a Christmas film for adults and one for children.

Further films are to be shown in February. Including, Harry Potter and Downton Abbey. Everyone has been impressed by the picture and sound quality produced by the equipment .

We also purchased a popcorn machine and serve drinks etc which helps to enhance the experience.

Numbers attending have been a little disappointing but we understand not everyone is comfortable attending large gatherings while COVID 19 is still affecting large numbers of people.

But perhaps we should also think about advertising more widely.

We have some suggestions for future films and should look to producing a programme of future screenings.

Purchasing Blu-ray films is relatively cheap the main cost is the purchase of copyright licenses and if the Community Cinema needs to be self sufficient we will have to charge a small amount for tickets .

The library staff would like to use the equipment to complement some of their activities. However the lengthy process of running cables etc makes it difficult for them. We need to approach LCC to ask if some of the cabling could be installed as a permanent feature this would make preparations for screening much quicker and easier for us and enable the library staff to use the equipment. I had hoped to do this earlier but as Shelley Verran our community library contact was leaving her post I felt I should wait till we could meet with her replacement

Report from Library Manager... See Appendix 2 for Library Mangers Report

10. Future Projects and Events.

Coffee Mornings are back to being weekly and numbers are building up. With the themed colouring and crafts for children we are now seeing some families attending the coffee morning.

Fashion Show on 22nd April. Clothes and accessories by St Catherine's Hospice Charity Shop. Tickets are now available.

Future Films for All events are planned for 2022

Postponed VE Day event. This was due to take place in May 2020. This will now take place on Saturday 7th May 2022 in the community centre. Tickets are now available

11. AOB There was no other business.

12 Next AGM will be held in February 2023

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Appendix 1

Chair's Report for year ending 31 Dec 2021

Welcome to the Friends of Adlington Library AGM 2022.

A busy year and a positive one for us at FoAL. Once again, a special thank you to our secretary Caroline, whose communications with members and organisations have been invaluable in continuing our work as a community group, offering social and learning opportunities for all ages throughout 2021/22 and the ongoing pandemic.

Thank you again to all our volunteers and members for their ongoing involvement and contributions. Since October we have been back in the library, dressing up, moving shelves, watching, learning, crafting and socialising, making up for a bit of lost time and coming up with plans for the coming year.

Events and Activities:

Learning and classes: - reports from individual groups: French, IT, Family History

Meetings – FoAL members attended a socially distanced meeting held in Caroline's garden in July and had our first back in the library in October. We remain flexible in our use of Zoom for meetings and although face to face is everyone's preferred format, we are able to use a mixture to ensure safety and inclusion.

In Bloom – members of FoAL met up with Adlington in Bloom in August to weed prune the garden at the front of the library and the new Adlington narrow boat planter has been installed, awaiting new flowers for the spring.

Lancashire Day - Co-op funding was used to purchase Lancashire Day items for displays and to pay for a folk singing duo/trio to perform on the day. Items such as beer token, poetry books and historical postcards of local scenes were exhibited in the library and our Saturday coffee morning was transformed into a singalong of local folk classics.

Play and Stay – detailed in a separate report. Many thanks to Andrea and team.

Saturday Coffee Mornings – although libraries were reopened on 12th April, full recommencement of activities only began in October when we were allowed monthly coffee mornings. These were well supported and those who attended the first one following lockdown 2020 could feel the relief and excitement of being able to meet again. Since January we are back to our regular weekly coffee mornings, each with a themed focus to add interest and engage all ages. Many thanks to Audrey and our team of volunteers for organising and staffing the rotas and ensuring we have refreshments – especially the lovely homemade cakes - available.

Community Fitness – FoAL applied for and received TIF grant funding from Sports England and Active Lancashire. This has been used in conjunction with LCC and Adlington Library to provide fitness and well-being activities at Adlington Library for different ages, to promote

health and reduce social isolation. More activities are planned to make the most of the funding received.

FILMS FOR ALL PROJECT – detailed in separate report. Many thanks to Margaret and our newly formed tech team for making this happen.

Caring Cards: Christmas cards were made in December over a number of sessions at the library for the residents of Grove House and Marley Court and we're well received.

Harry Potter Christmas event: Adlington Library was host to wand-making, chocolate frogs and a magical Harry Potter train set, complete with miniature wizards, Hedwig and Hogwarts Express. Thanks to Caroline for providing the artistic skills and craftsmanship. A real treat, enjoyed by all.

Steering Group:

Caroline has been successful in FoAL's communications with LCC and achieved action on the following:

- Further improvements to the library - new blackout blinds have been installed around the top windows of the main library room to ensure the best lighting conditions for the cinema
- Request for Christmas tree bracket was actioned and this year and, thanks to support from Adlington Town Council, we had a lit up Christmas tree attached to the side of the library
- Book Bench – our book bench has now been re-homed – moved from Chorley town centre and secured at the front of Adlington Library.

What's next?

Over the next year, we look forward to continuing activities at the library to promote health and well-being, including: film-making; Fashion Show in conjunction with Adlington's St Catherine's Hospice Charity Shop; a community event on May 7th in place of the cancelled 2020 VE Day celebration; a commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; and a wide range of events to engage, entertain and support local communities within our very special library.

Alison Evans

Chair of Friends of Adlington Library

Appendix 2

Report by Carole Turner Adlington Library Manager

Library Update for FoAL AGM 2021/22

Firstly, and most importantly, thank you for your support over what has been another difficult 12 months with the Library open in various guises.

Since the last AGM we have had new heaters installed, the wifi and network cabling upgraded, a new people counter put in, recruited a Culture Hack (Amelia) and finally seen the re-introduction of events and activities.

Events since re-instatement in October

The Library regular activities and groups such as Storytime, Baby Bounce & Rhyme/Toddler Time, Reading Group, Knit & Natter, Patchwork & Quilting have restarted. We also have FoAL groups Pram Club, French, Family History and coffee mornings back. The Reading Group was due to restart 18th February but the storms put paid to that! We have new activities under the Together Fund (formally Tackling Inequalities) banner, namely Exercise in Chairs, Baby Yoga & a new one of Men's Health & Nutrition talks – thanks for your help in managing the finances for this scheme. All our old groups seem to have retained their membership, the children's groups have had mixed success – Toddler Time seeming to be the one with a slow take up – Pram club has really taken off since moving to an afternoon.

For the Together Fund, we have permission to buy a boccia set and a Bluetooth speaker as these will form part of our legacy from the funding. There is also a boccia training course that Alison found the details for. I forwarded this to our project lead and she has circulated it around the other libraries to see if they would be interested in joining the course, as you can have up to 18 on it, with the cost divided pro-rata.

We have had 'one-off' activities/events for Hallowe'en, Lancashire Day, Diwali, Christmas Card making, Harry Potter wand making and Random Acts of Kindness Day crafts & colouring. There have also been 3 successful film showings, with another to come next week.

During National Storytelling week we had all 5 classes from Adlington Primary come along for a visit and a story, reception joined us for Storytime and made some lovely Chinese lanterns.

I have emailed Ian Bagshaw to try & book him in again to do the talk on the History of the Post Office that was scheduled for April 2020! We also have a local author, Jen Carney, who is keen to come in and talk to us about her children's books (The accidental diary of B.U.G., Basically Famous & Sister Act)

Plans for 2022/23 around the Libraries Connected calendar and our core offer

These are dates in our library calendar. Some all Libraries are expected to do something for and others are optional but at least one in each district (for us Chorley) should be doing something so if we plan ahead we can get in first! All the ones marked in red are the 'all libraries' ones. We will have our plans/thoughts but any ideas, help & support is, as always gratefully received.

Thursday 3rd **March** sees the 25th anniversary of **World Book Day**. This is our baby Bounce/Toddler Day and we will be encouraging fancy dress on the day.

In **April** we have Autism Awareness Week 28/3-3/4 and I have approached Anderton Primary Year 4 about doing something with them as they produced a leaflet at Christmas after studying autism. There is also National Gardening Week 27th April-2nd May that we could maybe do something with Adlington in Bloom for? I also have the cabinets booked for a display on some anniversary of the

Youth Movement (can't quite remember how many years!) We have Easter and the school holidays (over 3 weeks) too.

For **May** there are the Jubilee plans for the long weekend and some of these will be held in conjunction with High Five, who are a support group for children with severe disabilities and their families.

We will be looking to hold events for **Get Creative Festival** in May – this is usually one week but seems to be for the month this year – some of the Jubilee activities will come under this umbrella.

We also have **Dementia Action week** 16th-22nd May, when I would like to either have a taster session for Sporting Memories (where I volunteer outside of work) or look at a Playlist for Life display or activity.

SCART will launch at the end of **June**. We also have the Jubilee celebrations running into this month. **Loneliness Awareness Week** is 13th-17th and I may look at the Sporting Memories taster for this if dementia week is too busy for the other volunteers. **World Environment day** (5th) is this month too

July has **Health Information week** 4th-10th and the Commonwealth games 28th-8th August.

August will mainly be our **SCART** activities and we will probably stick to our Thursday half day to run these.

September sees **Roald Dahl Story Day** on 13th, international Literacy Day 8th and banned books week 18th-24th

Hopefully in **October** we will get to be a Fun Palace again (1st October), and it's never too early to start thinking about activities for this. We also have **Libraries week** following straight on from this, with National Poetry Day in the middle of this week (6th). There is also **Get Online Week** 10th-15th and **Family Learning Festival** 19th Oct-2nd Nov

November is men's Health week (who knows we may have a walk leader by then 😊), it's also self-care week (12th -18th), **Lancashire Day** 27th, International Games Week 7th-13th and, of course, the World Cup starts this month!

December sees the World Cup conclude. We also have International Day of People with Disabilities, small business Saturday (3rd) and Grief Awareness Week (2nd-7th).

LAL also have some, but not all, of their courses back available. We do need to be sure of a minimum of 5 attendees before we book them and I can provide a list on request.

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| INCOME | | | EXPENDITURE | | |
| DONATIONS | | | Insurance | 178 | 47 |
| Public | 25 | | EVENT EXPENSES | | |
| | | | | | |
| EVENT FUNDRAISING | | | TIF Baby yoga and chair | 250 | |
| Coffee Mornings | 203 | 40 | Lancashire Day 2021 project | 434 | 35 |
| Christmas Tombola | 73 | | Hire of Popcorn machine | 100 | |
| | | | Harry Potter craft | 24 | 93 |
| | | | Refreshments | 38 | 81 |
| | | | Jubilee Project (2022) | 36 | 92 |
| | | | PURCHASES | | |
| | | | TIF yoga mats | 293 | 79 |
| SALES | 5 | | Book Bench | 516 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | Craft Equipment | 61 | 72 |
| | | | Popcorn Machine | 179 | 99 |
| | | | Stationary/Printing/Card | 83 | 22 |
| GRANTS | | | Christmas Tree and decs | 71 | 48 |
| Co-op | 3725 | 34 | Items for Events | 48 | 32 |
| Adlington Town Council | 312 | | Cinema for All | | |
| TIF grant. | 1470 | | Films and licences | 23 | 36 |
| Chorley B Council | 250 | | Subscription cinema for All | 95 | |
| | | | Equipment | 116 | 52 |
| Saving Account Interest 2020 | 217 | 37 | | | |
| ' | 85 | 70 | Sanitizers etc | 6 | 75 |
| | | | RBL Wreath | 17 | 99 |
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| TOTAL INCOME | 6366 | 81 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 2577 | 62 |
| Closing Balance in TSB 31/12/20 | 12006 | | Closing Balance in TSB 31/12/21 | 15492 | 12 |
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| TOTAL OPENING BALANCE | 27352 | 66 | TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 2020 | 31141 | 85 |
| Income over Expenditure | 3789 | 19 | | | |
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Treasures...

Auditor...

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Accounts

Minutes of FoAL A.G.M. Chairmans/Trustees Report and Treasurers Report

Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 7pm via Zoom and email

1. Present: Alison Evans, Andrea Barnard, Don Hesketh, Caroline Hesketh, David Carpenter, Kathy Maidment, Jeanette Lowe, Margaret Burgess, Peter Walkden, Terry Diviney, Margaret Jackson, Gerry Fielding, Audrey Yates, Kim Snape, Delphine Price, Bill James, Carole Turner,

2. The Chair's welcome. Members were welcomed by Alison Evans the Chair of FoAL.

3. Apologies were Received from Penny Panting, Carl Fazackerley. Philip Pilling, Erica Fazackerley. Ann O'Shea

4.. Minutes of the 2020 AGM. These had been sent out to members before the meeting by Secretary C. Hesketh. Their acceptance was proposed by Andrea Barnard and seconded by Gerry Fielding
Voted on and approved as accurate,

5.. FoAL committee

5.1 Resignations . No resignation have been received.

5.2 The re-election of existing committee members was proposed by Caroline Hesketh and seconded by Audrey Yates. Voted on and approved.

5.3 New members. Terry Diviney was proposed as a new member of the committee. Proposed by Caroline Hesketh, Seconded by Andrea Barnard .
Voted on and approved. Terry was welcomed to the committee.

5.4 Re-election of the existing executive Chair...Alison Evans, Secretary ...Caroline Hesketh, Treasurer... Philip Pilling. Vice-chair.... Margaret Burgess.
The re-election of the executive was proposed by Terry Diviney and seconded by Jeanette Lowe .

Voted on and approved.

6. Chair's report

Chair's report by Alison Evans Chair and Trustee had previously been sent to members. Andrea Barnard commented that Adlington Friends for You had not been running, however there had been some contact with Chorley Friends for You.

See Appendix 1 for Chairs report

7. Treasurer's report

7.1 The accounts were sent out to committee and members for inspection before the meeting. A comparison statement between 2019 and 2020 was also sent out

Auditor Mr D Hesketh thanked Mr Pilling for his work.

7.2 Acceptance of the accounts were proposed by Jeanette Lowe and seconded by Kathy Maidment.
They were voted on and duly accepted.

7.3 Mr. Donald Hesketh was proposed as auditor for the 2021 accounts by Andrea Barnard and seconded by Gerry Fielding. Voted on and approved.

Caroline Hesketh informed the meeting that the interest on the 3Years savings bond will be on the 2021 accounts as the statement did not arrive until after the accounts had been finalised. The amount was £217.37

8. Subscriptions. It was proposed that as in 2020 FoAL do not charge a membership fee for 2021. Members are able to make a donation in lieu of subscription if they so wish.

Proposed by Audrey Yates , Seconded by Terry Diviney

Voted on and approved.

9. FoAL Groups. The Chair, Alison Evans also asked the organisers of each group activity within FoAL to give a report on their group.

Family History Group. Met monthly in the library until Lockdown in March 2020.

They have a WhatsApp group and an Email Group and from June have met on Skype on a monthly basis. Some of the meetings are themed and the group help each other with research. There are 7-8 members at meeting. Carole Turner from Adlington Library informed the meeting that Family and Local History sites usually accessed in the library can now be accessed at home using a library card number. Details of this will be sent to members.

French Group... met weekly on a Monday before lockdown. They now meet using Skype every week and are progressing well. Numbers have gone down to 5 but it is hoped this will increase again once FoAL can use the library again.

ICT Group... this is run by Lancashire Adult Learning. Now meet using Zoom. Just Andrea Barnard from FoAL involved with this at the moment although 12 do the course, some from Colne and Leyland.

Andrea informed the meeting that Lancashire Adult Learning are doing a number of courses on line and can be accessed on their website.

Play and Staythis will start up again once FoAL can use the library. Some new equipment has been purchased.

Book Clubhas not run during lockdown.

10. Future Projects and Events.

Lancashire Day. This is planned for November 2021 with a week of events, films, and displays. We have a Coop grant for this which finishes in November. The current amount for this is about £500 but goes up all the time. Some of the grant will be paid in April and the rest in November.

Postponed VE Day event. This was due to take place in May 2020. Once large groups can meet again we will have this event. The money for the evening part of the event is not included in the FoAL accounts because it is part of Adlington Mayors Charity fund. The FoAL section of the event had no charge. The refunding of this money will be discussed with Adlington Town Council. When we can have an event there will be no charge as we received a small grant for it in 2019.

11. AOB

Films for All... The screen has been put up in the library. The equipment has been paid for and is being stored by Soundsmith in Kendal until it can be delivered to the library and training can be given once lockdown restrictions are over.

Defibrillator. The 'Ready' button on the machine has stopped flashing. The battery and pads have been checked and are valid until Nov 2023. Mike and Andrea Barnard have looked at the machine and believe that it needs a reboot with the library WiFi. This will be done once we can use the library again.

Bookbench. We have still not had a bill for this. There will be a Bookbench/Whats My Story Chorley event in April 2021. This will be partly virtual and partly actual depending on what covid restrictions are in place. More details will be sent out once we receive them from Chorley Borough Council and Edge Hill College. FoAL's bookbench is outside YouthZone in Chorley.

Carole Turner of Adlington Library informed the meeting that modernisation work on the heating is to be carried out in the library. The work may involve moving one of FoAL's display cabinets but will not have much impact. Work is also to be done on the library WiFi.

12 Next AGM will be held in February 2022, Hopefully inside the library date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Appendix 1

Chair's Report for year ending 31 Dec 2020

Welcome to the Friends of Adlington Library AGM 2021.

A special thank you to our secretary Caroline, who, throughout lockdown has kept everyone in contact with FoAL and library news and developments. She has tirelessly maintained communication with members and organisations, including Lancashire County Council and the wider network of organisations we have links with. On 21st March 2020, Caroline emailed members to let them know that the library was closing the following Monday at 5pm. Since then, Caroline's emails have provided information and kept us up to date: library opening times, changes to service, the ever-evolving arrangements for proposed and future events, quizzes and a range of online and remote activities to keep us active, challenged and engaged.

Thank you to all our volunteers and members for their ongoing involvement and contributions. You have all, maybe without even realising it, supported friends' and neighbours' in different ways – recommending a book, delivering shopping, making a phone call, sending an email, offering help - in a year where the simplest acts made the most difference.

Events and Activities:

Pokemon display, March 14th – a popular event which was attended by children of all ages who had opportunities to ask questions, chat with like-minded fans and play with the many Pokemon toys, cards and items brought in by Ellis Evans. Young people attended from far and wide, including Bamber Bridge!

Online activities and events - Sadly, March saw our Coffee morning, planned and well-established calendar events and activities suspended. Since then Caroline has emailed

regularly with book lists, video clips, Remembrance links, Friends For You notices, Lancashire Library online events and activities.

Book Bench:

Although the Book-bench painting had been completed just before last year's AGM in February, the bench was still to be varnished and put on display. What's Your Story Chorley 2020 was scheduled for March but as we know did not go ahead due to the nationwide lockdown. Our book bench is situated outside the Youth Zone in Chorley and can be seen from the dual carriageway. I hope that when you drive or walk past it, you're reminded of the fun everybody had painting it and the joy of those days spent together. Looking forward to getting our hand on another one.

What's Your Story Chorley will run this year, on Saturday April 24th 2021, as a hybrid event with a mixture of online and open-air events (namely the book bench trail) circumstances permitting. An assessment of all the benches has taken place and CBC are approaching Chris to carry out some cleaning and repairing (they have actually faired pretty well).

Quizzes – thank you Wendy, the source of many of our lockdown quizzes, Caroline and everyone who sent them in. Well done to those of you who have completed them all and well done if got any of the answers right!

Garden Meeting – FoAL members attended a socially distanced meeting held in Caroline's garden in July,

In Bloom – members of FoAL met up with Adlington in Bloom on Monday 27th July and Thursday 30th July for some socially distanced weeding and replanting on the flower beds and wall around Adlington Library - a bit wet but worth it.

FILMS FOR ALL PROJECT – the committee approved the purchase of the screen and projection equipment in August. The screen has been installed and we're just waiting for lockdown to end, vaccines for everyone and immunity to increase so we can get back into the library and watch some films together.

Caring Cards: We once again made Christmas cards for the residents of Grove House and Marley Court. Caroline arranged for safe distribution of card making equipment and collection of cards then dropped them off. Although we didn't get to hand deliver them as we have in the past, it was the next best way to let them know we were thinking about them.

Steering Group:

Caroline and Margaret have been active in communicating with LCC on the following:

- Films for All – continued negotiations with LCC over price of equipment stalled and eventually the steering group recommended the committee approve the purchase to avoid further delay
- Further improvements to the library - the film screen has been installed and is fixed to the ceiling of the main library near the children's area
- Requests for the outside of the building to be cleaned
- Request for Christmas tree bracket to be fixed to the front of the library – after an extended email exchange, a little Christmas cheer went up, quote literally, as we received permission to fix a lit tree on the front of the library
- Co-op funding – funds will be used to fund Lancashire Day events and displays

Thoughts and condolences:

Before I finish, I'd like, on behalf of FoAL, to offer our thoughts to those whose health has been affected by the virus this year and to those who have lost loved ones.

We'd also like to offer our condolences to Richard Cornes, a founder member and supporter of FoAL who lost his daughter Sally to cancer last week. We were deeply saddened by the news and our heartfelt thoughts go to Richard, Jo and Milly.

What's next?

Finally, thank you for continuing to support FoAL. We hope that over the year we will see the gradual lifting of restrictions and the resumption of activities and events at our library - Saturday mornings, Lancashire day events and displays, talks, crafts, learning and Films for All.

Alison Evans

Chair of Friends of Adlington Library

FRIENDS OF ADLINGTON LIBRARY .FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR year ending 31/12/2020

| | £ | p | | £ | p |
|---------------------------------|-------|----|------------------------------------|-------|----|
| INCOME | | | EXPENDITURE | | |
| DONATIONS | | | Insurance | 134 | 3 |
| Public | 145 | | | | |
| | | | EVENT EXPENSES | | |
| EVENT FUNDRAISING | | | VE Day decorations | 50 | 54 |
| | | | Lancashire Day 2021 project | 71 | 74 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | Coffee Morning/drinks for events | 20 | 30 |
| Coffee Mornings | 469 | 44 | | | |
| | | | Easter Event | 53 | 39 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | PURCHASES | | |
| SALES | 15 | | Table cloth material | 19 | |
| | | | Christmas Tree -outdoor | 45 | |
| | | | Flowers | 27 | 50 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | Stationary/Printing/Card | 91 | 96 |
| GRANTS | | | Pram Club | | |
| | | | children mat/ponchos/etc | 116 | 27 |
| | | | Cinema for All | | |
| | | | Portable Cinema System | 5468 | 26 |
| | | | Subscription cinema for All | 80 | |
| | | | Electrical Screen via LCC | 2240 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | RBL Wreath | 17 | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 629 | 44 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 8434 | 99 |
| Closing Balance in TSB 31/12/19 | 24811 | 55 | Closing balance in TSB 31/12/2020 | 12006 | |
| Savings Account-closing balance | 10322 | 66 | Closing Balance in Savings Account | 10322 | 66 |
| | | | 2nd Savings Account | 5000 | |
| Petty Cash-closing balance | 24 | | Petty cash/cash in hand balance | 24 | |
| TOTAL OPENING BALANCE | 35158 | 21 | TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 2020 | 27352 | 66 |
| | | | (Income over Expenditure) | 7805 | 55 |
| | | | | 35158 | 21 |

Treasurers...

P.W. Kelly

Auditor...

D. White

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