



FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH LIBRARY (FOAL)

NEWSLETTER / RENEWAL

March 2020

Dear Friends,

We have had yet another good year. A strong membership of **217** has continued to provide support to our Library and its staff. Courses at the Library, which are open to all, have also grown and diversified, offering an ever wider range from philosophy to languages to health and wellbeing to local ecology. Students come from across Aldeburgh and 35 villages and small towns in East Suffolk. 20% of enrolments are new to the Library and our courses. Both the subscriptions and fees are important ways to fund your Library as a Community hub. The last year has seen our third major building project since ALF/FOAL started in 2012.

Details for membership renewal as a Friend of Aldeburgh Library are shown below.

The Loyalty Card is a wonderful way of supporting your local library.

In addition to supporting the library, your presentation of the Loyalty Card to participating businesses in Aldeburgh and the surrounding area will enable you to receive discounts of up to 10%. This generosity of the local businesses is much appreciated.

There are many opportunities to use your card and receive a discount. To find out about these opportunities please visit the Aldeburgh Library Foundation website.

New companies are joining the Loyalty Card scheme with innovative offers.

ALDEBURGH LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD

David Grugeon	- Chair of the Board
Barbara Wallis	- FOAL Nominee (retiring)
Robin Boyd	- Treasurer, Aldeburgh Society Nominee
Sally Irvine	- Community Partnerships and Building Project
Janet Dolan	- Adult Education Organiser
Marianne Fellowes	- Aldeburgh Town Council nominee
Jonathan Hodrien	- Adult Education Organiser (from September 2020)

We are looking for new Board members, so if this appeals please talk to David or any other board member.

LIBRARY MANAGER

Sue Osben has been our Library Manager since April 2017. She has regular articles in the Aldeburgh Times and Aldeburgh Gazette to keep people informed about what is happening

in the library, as well as a Facebook page for those who are in the loop with Social Media. Library activities now include Lego Club, Tot Rock and Baby Bounce (ably led by Jane), Code Club for 8 - 11 year olds which Sue runs with the help of a volunteer, Friendship Fridays (hosted by the library and run by Ali Cherry, our Parish Nurse), and the new Board Games Club for ALL ages on Saturday mornings.

Sue has renewed our links with Aldeburgh Primary School to provide a library service to the pupils. Each class now visits the library once per month to browse and borrow books.

Sue has organised an improved range of greetings cards for sale in the library to boost ALF funds.

FOAL contributes towards her staff costs in support of these community activities.

Sue and her excellent team also help with new FOAL member subscriptions and collect enrolments for the courses run by ALF.

FOAL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Your annual Subscription becomes due on 1 April so we hope you will continue to support your library through the Foundation. Subscriptions remain at £15 for the year and you can renew by several means:

By Bank transfer to 'Aldeburgh Library Foundation' account at Barclays 20-98-07 43995291

By cheque, payable to the Aldeburgh Library Foundation or cash, left at the Library including your name in an envelope marked FOAL.

By Bank Card at the Library desk. Or by setting up a Direct Debit

We no longer take payments via our website (Charity Checkout).

There is a renewal form attached which can be printed off with your payment. You may also pick up a renewal form from the library or download from our website.

You can collect your new Aldeburgh Loyalty Card from the library on:

Monday 16 March 10 -12 or Wednesday 18 March 10-12

If you would like your card to be posted to you, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your form and payment.

This year's loyalty card will have a new colour on the back and from 1 April orange back cards will be invalid.

Abi Hassett remains our able membership and course application administrator and may be contacted at foalaldeburgh@gmail.com or by the contact form on our website.

Best wishes,

Barbara Wallis- FOAL Nominee (retiring)