

# Friends of Market Bosworth Community Library



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## A Busy Year Ahead!

### Provisional Launch Date Agreed

Members of the MBCL Steering Group met with representatives from Leicestershire County Council (LCC) on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Following this meeting we now have agreed a handover date, subject to the resolution of certain financial and legal matters, mainly relating to the shared site of the library with The Market Bosworth School (TMBS).

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April** is the date currently agreed for the handover from LCC to MBCL. The volunteer run community library will be opening at the current location on Station Road on that day. We are planning to hold a series of events following handover, including a **Grand Launch day on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. Training for volunteers will be organised during the two weeks prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**A Big Thank You** to all potential volunteers who have returned an expression of interest in becoming a volunteer. Sue and Isabel will contact and arrange to meet each volunteer over the next few months. We have over 40 potential volunteers.

### News from the Community Libraries

Newbold Verdon Library has just become a community library. We have joined together to form Hinckley and Bosworth Community Library support group which meets monthly to share ideas and work together.

## Future plans

Whilst MBCL will be supported financially by LCC for an initial period, we have long term concerns about the viability of raising an unknown annual recharge for shared services with the school. (The last agreed annual recharge between TMBS and LCC was £12,000). The Steering Group has decided to explore the possibility of installing separate services, such as water, electricity and gas. Any changes to the building agreed within the transitional funding will take place after the handover.

At our January meeting, we also discussed a proposal made by St Peters Church to extend the back of the Parish Hall for further community use. The church have suggested that this space could be considered by the library as a possible future location and will be conducting a feasibility study. It is the intention of the Steering Group to open MBCL on the current site in April and to sustain the long term presence of the library in Market Bosworth. The Steering Group will consider any firm proposal from the church which may allow the library to re-locate there at some future date. We will continue to report any developments to Friends of MBCL through this newsletter.

**Volunteer recruitment** We are still happy to hear from potential volunteers and expression of interest forms are available now in the library or on our website.