

bacla

Boroughbridge Community Library
(Working in conjunction with NYCC)

You may be wondering who or what “BACLA” is.....



“BACLA” is an acronym for BOROUGHBRIDGE AREA COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION which came into existence in mid-2011 when NYCC was debating whether to close our local library altogether or reduce the number of hours during which it is open. In the event, the County

Council decided that it didn't need to save *quite* as much money as was at first thought to be necessary and the result (for the time being at least) was a reduction in hours of opening.

While County were deliberating, the community asked a small group of people (mainly members of local councils) to get together as a kind of “action group” to see what could be done to maintain a full range of library services in the town, for the benefit of both Boroughbridge and the Lower Ure Valley

In June, 2012, BACLA volunteers began to work in the library, following a period of induction and training

At the present time (June, 2016), the following local people make up the BACLA committee:

Jane Barber (i/c Bookings/invoices)

Judith Burton

Helen Chester (elected at the AGM, 27/06/2016)

Mike Collins (Jubilee Room manager)

John Helliwell (Secretary and manager of the library downstairs)

Ian Hick (Chair)

Nic Holmes (Treasurer)

Barbara Horner (Volunteers rep)

Robert Windass (Town Council rep; effective from 27/06/2016)

“What does BACLA actually do?” you may ask. Well, we operate under two broad headings:

1. On Wednesday mornings (9 am to 1 pm) we run the library on the basis of a highly trained group of 12 volunteers, on a rota basis

2. We also manage the upstairs of the library which is now referred to as the Jubilee Room, for fairly obvious reasons. In fact we have taken over the marketing and management of the Jubilee Room, seven days a week, from NYCC. Booking costs have been significantly reduced because we do our own cleaning and there is no longer a fee for “caretaking” (opening and closing the library in the evenings)



Opening Times	
Monday	2.00 - 5.00
Tuesday	2.00 - 5.00
Wednesday	BACLA 9.00 - 1.00
Thursday	10.00 - 1.00
Friday	10.00 - 1.00, 2.00 - 6.00
Saturday	10.00 - 12.00



The Jubilee Room (1)



The Jubilee Room (2)

The expectation is that BACLA will in due course (not later than April 1, 2017) take over the running of the library from NYCC and negotiations are currently taking place between BACLA and NYCC with that end in view

Having read this short account, you may find you need some information:

If you would like to find out about volunteering at the library (that's the downstairs area with the books and computers), please contact John Helliwell on 01423 320731

However, if you would like to have a look at the Jubilee Room with a view to hiring it, contact Mike Collins on 01423 322458

Finally, should you wish to book the Jubilee Room without further ado, please do so through the Town Council Offices in Hall Square, Boroughbridge

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