

Porlock Community Library Report for February 14th 2024 by Cllr. D Thornton

There is a meeting planned for 14th May with the libraries service management to discuss the libraries service contract changes for March 2026. This will be attended by Mary, PPC Clerk and myself. This will give PPC an early indication of any changes that are planned and thus give time for mitigation measures, if required.

See below for report from Library officer. Note that the date for the library ten-year anniversary event will take place on the morning of Thursday 10th October.

Porlock Community Library Report by Mary Perkins for Porlock Parish Council February 2024

Further to last month's report. The library's ten-year anniversary of being a Community Library Coffee Morning will be on Thursday 10th October, which, appropriately, falls neatly into National Libraries Week. There will be representation from the Library Service who see this as a great milestone to be championed.

The Healthwatch drop in at the end of last month was well supported with ten people making their views known to the Healthwatch representative. The topic being, availability of face-to-face GP appointments. The information received will form part of a Countywide report to be discussed with NHS Somerset.

There is a talk planned for the 22nd of this month - "Five Weddings and a Funeral" - by local author Caroline Newark. A fascinating insight into one of her ancestors - Joan (1326-1385) known as The Fair Maid of Kent. It's quite a story! Tickets are £2 and any support would be appreciated. Another talk planned for early March has been cancelled due to a lack of interest.

However, the events for children are being well supported and I feel this is due to the work we now do with the school. The RSPCA outreach children's team are visiting on 12th Feb and fifteen children are signed up to make clay hedgehogs and learn about these animals.

The school not only visits the library, but they usually borrow a selection of books pertaining to their curriculum, which definitely helps with our borrowing rate.

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