

Newsletter from The Tottington Centre May 2021



Here we are in May and looking forward to life becoming more “normal.” In the photograph above you can see all the fundraising activities we did in the Spring and Summer of 2019 - such a long time ago! Roll on Spring and Summer 2022.

Remember our new opening times are:

- **Monday to Friday 10.30 - 1.30pm and 2 - 5pm Monday to Friday.**
- **Saturdays 10.30 - 12 noon.**

From Monday May 17, an extension of our services to you.

- From Monday May 17 members will be allowed in either as **two individuals or two households at any one time.**
- There will be no specific time limit for browsing and borrowing but if we are busy, we may have to ask you to limit your time to 20 minutes.
- We would ask members, as they move around the library, to please keep their distance from other library members and our volunteers.

An extension of Computer use.

- **We are now opening the computer room each day - Monday to Saturday during opening hours.**
- We can accommodate one person at a time in the downstairs computer room. The maximum time slot will be 55 minutes, to allow the computer station to be sanitised between customers.
- If you wish to book the computer please either phone: **07902 671 040** or email: info@tottingtoncentre.co.uk with your name, membership number, and the slots you wish to book. You can also pop in to see if we have spaces for the time you would like.

The 55 minute slots are:

- **Monday to Friday: 10.30 - 11.25am; 11.30 - 12.25pm; 12.30 - 1.25pm; 2 - 2.55pm; 3 - 3.55pm; 4 - 4.55pm.**
- **Saturday morning: 10.30 - 11.25am.**

Computer users must sanitise their computer station at the start and end of their slot.

From May 17 we will no longer be offering “Order & Collect.”

Order and Collect” will stop from May 17. You may still have your orders coming through the system that week and we will honour them.

We would like to thank everyone who has used this service. Without this support we would not have survived the various lockdowns. Our volunteers are proud to have been of service. We will contact you personally if you have used this service and we are happy to discuss alternative arrangements if you are unable to access the library in person.

Returning Books.

All returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours before becoming available for loan once again.

New Members.

New members wanting to join will need to fill in a membership form, available from our porch and bring proof of ID. A donation of £2.50 would be welcome.

Safety measures for you as our Members/Customers:

- Face Masks must be worn on entering the building. This is a legal requirement. Government guidance is that a face visor is not sufficient protection - if this is worn, an additional face covering over nose and mouth is required. (Children under 11 and those exempt do not need to wear a face covering)
- All visitors must sanitise their hands on entry - sanitisers will be available on tables
- By law we must collect details for Track and Trace. Visitors can either scan the NHS QR code at the entrance, using their phone, or enter their name and phone number on a daily signing in sheet. (Data protection policies are in place)
- Ventilation. We will have the front doors open and some windows open all the time throughout the day.

Health and Safety.

Risk Assessments are carried out, as the Health and Safety of our volunteers and members is paramount. Social distancing and hygiene measures are in place. Books are quarantined for 72 hours and paper for 24 hours. We wash and sanitise our hands all the time so everything we handle has been sanitised. For further information or assistance please contact us during our opening times

Contact us: Phone: 0790 267 1040 Email: info@tottenhamcentre.co.uk

Children’s Activity Packs.

The Activities Team have produced Spring Activity Packs. See the posters on our website, Facebook page and on Twitter. Packs are available from The Tottenham Centre, £1 donation per pack please and there is no need to pre order.

Fundraising.



Books/Jigsaws/Board Games for sale each Thursday 2-4pm and Saturday 10-12noon - weather permitting:

So far, in the three outdoor sales we have had, we have raised £244. We would like to thank you for supporting us and helping us to raise much needed funds to keep us going.

Inkjet Cartridges:

Please save any used/empty inkjet cartridges. We will collect and recycle for the fundraising team.

The 100 Club:



Thank you so much for continuing to support The Tottington Centre 100 Club. You can join this fundraising draw by paying £5 a month or £60 a year, whichever suits you best. Packs are available via email: info@tottingtonlibrary.co.uk and we will send them out to you. The draw takes place on the third Friday of the month and the winners are announced on our social media platforms, our website and in this newsletter.

Latest results for the April draw:

- 1st prize Number 34 wins £102
- 2nd prize Number 15 wins £51
- 3rd prize Number 27 wins £17

Other ways we are fundraising:

Just Giving: www.justgiving.com/friendsoftottingtonlibrary

Easyfundraising: www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Thank you for your donations to help support The Tottington Centre.

Porch Boxes - Providing Crisis Packs For Those Most In Need.

The Tottington Centre is happy to partner with Porch Boxes to help support the local community. We had a fantastic turnout in our car park on Saturday 24 April. Thank you so much for your support.

We still have our Porch Boxes donations box in the porch at The Tottington Centre and there are donation points at Morrison's in Ramsbottom, at Tesco's in Ramsbottom and at Tesco's Bury. Their Facebook page is: <https://m.Facebook.com/porchboxes> and Twitter at [@porchboxes](https://twitter.com/porchboxes).



A Message from Kelly-Ann - The Tea Room at The Tottington Centre.

Dear Customers,

First of all, apologies for taking so long to update you, there has been a lot going on recently which has had a significant impact on my business. It is with regret that I must end my contract with The Tottington Centre. I will not be reopening the Tea Room as planned and my home deliveries will be discontinued for the time being at least.

Like so many other businesses, the pandemic has had a damaging effect on my business and has ultimately resulted in a change of direction. When one door closes, another door opens...

I am happy to announce that I will soon be taking over the catering at **Brightmet Golf club**. In addition to providing catering for the club members, I will also be catering for external events and functions. This gives me a good opportunity to be able to continue to provide afternoon teas, buffet boxes and more whilst rebuilding my business in a new environment.

I would like to thank you all so, so much for your continued support and custom, you have kept me going throughout the pandemic and I have enjoyed getting to know you all a lot better during these crazy times. Going forward, if you ever wish to discuss any catering needs please don't hesitate to get in touch. Until my next update, take care and thanks for everything.

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