Welcome to the spring/summer issue of the Clevedon Community Bookshop Co-operative's members newsletter. The Bookshop continues to thrive, and we hope that this update will give our valued members an insight into the many and varied activities that have contributed to the Bookshop's continuing suc-

Books and Bubbles

A big Thank you to Jenny & Peter for organising the successful event!

The Clevedon Community Bookshop recently held a summer party bringing together customers, volunteers, members and the community to celebrate its success, and to recognise Co-operative day.

The day was a great triumph with over 50 people attending the party at the Bookshop, which had been dressed with bunting and balloons for the occasion. It was a chance for all to share stories and recall significant moments of the bookshop’s short history, while offering attendees welcome nibbles and drinks.

The party finished with the Community Bookshop Committee Chair, Michael Harriott, announcing the winners of the Bookshops Pen a Postcard competition, which received entries from adults and children.

Suggestion Board at the AGM

At last year's AGM 2016 we asked for your suggestions for improvements.

These are some of them with an explanation of what we have done.

- Twice yearly newsletter is being sent out to members to help with communication.
- Lanyards are now being used by booksellers to help identify them from customers.
- Essential documents are now being saved in a least 2 formats so that they can be downloaded easily.
- Large book donations are now being directed to Unit 15

Did you realise that in the last year we donated books to Changing Lives, Nat West charity booksale, Clevedon Community centre, Tyntesfield House, The Teatro Lounge, Clevedon School, Giggles and Clevedon Christmas Extravaganza?
From The Ice House to The Beach House!

Unit 15 continues to thrive as an internet shop, scanning hub, sorting facility and storage centre for both shops and outreach events such as the Clevedon Tides Festival and Clevedon School Book Sales.

Since opening in October 2014 the team have operated in below HSWA recommended temperatures for most of the time, dressed like Eskimos and huddling around convector heaters! We are pleased to say that we can now shed some of those extra layers as we were given the go ahead by the Board to have a partition wall built to provide a new office area. Unit volunteers will be painting new and existing walls, doors and window frames over the next few months. While the new office is being reorganised it is being used for sorting and price checking but by the autumn the scanning volunteers will be able to move downstairs into a more workable space that will also be suitable for meetings and other activities.

As well as creating a more comfortable volunteering experience the reorganisation will reduce heating bills and free up space for catalogued stock.

Sue Marshall, Unit 15 Coordinator

How to get more involved

If you have a few hours free each month why not become a Committee Member for the Bookshop? The Committee meets every 6 to 8 weeks at the shop, to discuss and evaluate new projects, improvements to the Shop and Unit 15, financial reports, health and safety policies, volunteer training and membership involvement etc. The post lasts for one year only but you can continue if you wish. Anyone can apply, it is not necessary to be a current volunteer, as long as you are a shareholder. To join us now to help the Bookshop achieve greater popularity and success over the coming year, complete the application form that will be included in your AGM notification email.

Happy Holidays!

Many of us like to take a good book on our summer holiday. But buying a new book can be costly so why not head down to the Community Bookshop, where we hold a great selection of value for money quality paperback fiction, and children books, just perfect for those quiet moments sitting by the pool or relaxing on the beach.

If you purchase a book, or two, don't forget to get your loyalty card stamped. Collect just 10 stamps to get a book free (to the value of £2).

Have a great summer.

Are you an ‘ideas’ person?

The Bookshop is looking for someone to lead a small team arranging writing courses, lectures and other events designed to bring a host of benefits to Clevedon and the Bookshop Cooperative. If you would like to be involved in designing the program, recruiting speakers, preparing advertising or organising hospitality please email

enquiries@clevedonbookshop.coop

The Clevedon Community Bookshop Co-operative has achieved much in its first five years of business to which you must all be very proud, and we now look forward to its continuing success over the next five years. Many thanks for your continued support. We hope you enjoy this issue, and please do let us have your feedback, thoughts and ideas. You can contact us by email, phone or letter.