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 success.

**Story Time with Ted & Holly**

On Wednesday 28th March we held a Story Time in the children's section of the bookshop with local author Holly Edwards. Holly has written the 'Ted and Tilly Adventures' book series based on two of her rescue dogs. Holly brought one of her dogs Ted along to the event and read three of her stories to the children. There was a great turn out and all of the children loved Ted and listening to Holly’s stories. We have received excellent feedback and brought a lot of publicity for the bookshop, with the event being shared a great deal on various social media pages. One of the parents who attended sent us this comment: *'It was a lovely storytime & Ted was a star. Such a wonderful book shop too & obviously left with a purchase. Will visit again.'* It was a lovely afternoon and was a brilliant way to bring new customers to the bookshop, hopefully we will be able to work with more local authors in the near future.

**Clevedon Community Bookshop goes world-wide**

Our internet sales have grown steadily since we started trading in 2013. We currently have about 13800 books on our internet catalogue and in 2017 sold nearly 2000. However, members may not be aware of where these books end up. As well as the UK, we are increasingly selling our books to customers right across the world. So far, we have sent books to 35 different countries, with at least one in every continent, and overseas orders are an increasingly important element of our internet sales. Apart from Europe, the most popular countries are the USA and Australia, but it is very pleasing when we get an order from a far-flung tiny country to think that someone out there has chosen to buy from a small community bookshop in North Somerset. It is also quite astonishing how postal services across the world seem to be able to unite the books, (eventually!) with patient customers – we have very few problems with non-delivery. The map below illustrates our growing world-wide coverage.

![Map of countries where Clevedon Community Bookshop books have been sold](image)

Did you know that we have donated books to all these local causes since the last newsletter?

- The Leg Club
- The Teatro Lounge
- The Curzon
- Clevedon Community Centre
- Elm Tree Nursing Home
- The Food Bank
- Clevedon School
- NSC Books for Schools
- The Strawberry Line Cafe
Bindery News

We carry on with repairing donated books for sale on the Internet, and the occasional repairs members and customers, but our news for this newsletter is a new project suggested by one of our team. She was concerned about the dire state of the books her 5 year old grandson was bringing home from school and suggested getting in touch with local schools to see if we could help.

Contact was made with Yeo Moor Primary School and we have nearly finished re-covering about 15 assorted dictionaries and thesauri. It has been a very interesting exercise since we don’t often get to do a complete recover of a book, so we welcomed the practice.

We now plan to get in touch with some more local schools to see if they would be interested.

The Bookshop has volunteered to be a drop of point for the North Somerset Times books for schools campaign.

We have also donated a lot of books for children to this campaign.

CCBC Board News

The Business plan has now been discussed at various meetings. The Board is looking for volunteers to join the four working groups: Investing in Members, Investing in Volunteers, Expanding our community outreach & exploring how we can make our co-operative status work for us. The groups will run for approximately 6 months and will bring their initial thoughts to the AGM on Saturday 30th June 2018. If you would like more information please contact harriott44@gmail.com

We are still short of volunteers to help with organising events & courses so if this is something you feel you could help with please contact enquiries@clevedoncommunitybookshop.coop

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.