Buckinghamshire County Council

Making the impossible possible

or

the practical tale of Buckinghamshire County Council's Community Libraries

What was possible

- Helping the volunteers achieve their vision of a Community Library.
- Defining boundaries and responsibilities
- Anything goes providing it was safe and legal!

Our Staff

- What did we offer?

- How did we support them?

Volunteers

What did we offer?

How did we support them?

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IT AND WEB SITE

Lessons from 2006

- Access to information is vital for good service
- Need to share current training materials
- Difficult to share local documents with volunteers
- Involve partners in library initiatives

Brief

- Low cost
- Low staff overhead
- Simple to edit
- Ability to share documents
- Ability to list library events

Solution: Google sites

Three distinct sites:

1. One Volunteer Resources private website
2. A Public website for each community run library that wants one
3. A Private Volunteer forum website for each library that wants one

Volunteer resources

Volunteer Resources

Search this site

- Home
- Bucks Shared Documents
- Contact Bucks
- National Campaigns & Events
- Newsletters
- Spydus Resources
- Statistics
- Your Local Webpage
- Sitemap

Home

Welcome to all our Community Library Partners Website.

This site will keep you up to date with Buckinghamshire Libraries' news and give you access to the training available to help you.

Please take a look around the site and if you have any suggestions for improvements let us know, using the links on the Contact Bucks page.

Some Useful Library Links

- Library home page www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries
- Library catalogue https://buckinghamshire.spydus.co.uk
- Library reference and enquiries service http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/libraries/Information/informati

Some Google Links

(See 'your local webpage' section for more details)

- Google Groups: http://groups.google.com
- Google Calendar: https://www.google.com/calendar
- Volunteer Resource Site (here): www.buckscommunitylibraries.org/volunteer-resources

Community Library Links

Library	Public	Forum*
Beacon Villages	Link	
Chalfont St Giles	Link	
Farnham Common	Link	Link
Flackwell Heath	Link	Link
Little Chalfont	Link	Link

@Bucks_Libraries Tweets | Bucks Libraries Events | Council News | Bucks Free Press

Twitter / Bucks_Libraries
Twitter updates from Bucks Libraries / Bucks_Libraries.

Bucks_Libraries: @usea_tweet Nice photo of Burnham Library. #ecoweek runs all this week at Burnham Library. http://t.co/ryABx5vJ
[21 June 2012 15:50:21]

Bucks_Libraries: RT @usea_tweet: Our Affordable Warmth staff are now at Burnham Library in South Bucks to reduce residents energy bills http://t.co/FEPEIJ3x
[21 June 2012 15:49:02]

Bucks_Libraries: RT @buckscc: Could you volunteer to help with Olympic and Paralympic events this summer? http://t.co/0nF7qNPi
[21 June 2012 11:15:19]

Bucks_Libraries: Do an Advanced search in our catalogue and select 'Best Sellers Fiction' from Collection. Easy! http://t.co/7lY1c3hz
[20 June 2012 10:30:10]

Bucks_Libraries: Are you looking for best selling fiction from Buckinghamshire Libraries?
[20 June 2012 10:25:04]

Bucks_Libraries: RT @ConnexionsBucks: We've updated the around the town vacancies for Chesham and Beaconsfield/Marlow (click on the High Wycombe jobs... ...
[19 June 2012 21:23:08]

Bucks_Libraries: RT @WorldBookDayUK: Have a look at the fantastic StoryCloud from @Discover_Story: http://t.co/DFsv1GqL @MichaelRosenYes @KristynaLitten ...

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Public web site

Long Crendon Community Library

Search this site

- Home
- Books
- News & Events
- Calendar
- Volunteering
- Sponsorship
- Helpful Links
- Album
- Sitemap

Acknowledgements

Working in partnership with **Buckinghamshire County Council**

Disclaimer

This site is managed by this Community Library's volunteers, not Buckinghamshire County Council.

Please report problems to the local administrator.

Home

Welcome to Long Crendon Community Library

Our popular village library has stood at the heart of our community for many years, offering books, internet access, newspapers & magazines, information and companionship.

It was transferred to community ownership on 3 April 2012, and is now a registered charity, run by a team of volunteers. Running a library is proving to be quite challenging, but at the same time has brought with it many benefits. Not the least of which is the opportunity to purchase our own new books and tailor our stock to the needs and tastes of our users.

Our opening hours have remained the same. We will continue to be part of the stock rotation of Buckinghamshire County Council, ensuring that our books are continually changed and renewed. In particular, Bucks CC have agreed to safeguard the provision of children's titles, audio books, large print books and reference material.

We have a photocopier, computers and internet access, a hearing loop, wheelchair access and a disabled toilet.

If you are already a card holding member of the library service, you may continue to use the library as normal. If you would like to join, (it's still free) please call in when we are open and speak to the library staff.

We hope you will visit soon, and often.

Browse the Library Catalogue
Login here to renew loans

Contact Us

High Street, Long Crendon, HP18 9AF
Tel: 0845 2303232
email: longcrendonlibrary@hotmail.co.uk
Facebook

Visit us on Facebook

Opening Times

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday	10:00 - 13:00	14:00 - 17:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 13:00	14:00 - 17:00
Thursday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Friday	CLOSED	14:00 - 19:00
Saturday	10:00 - 13:00	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED	CLOSED

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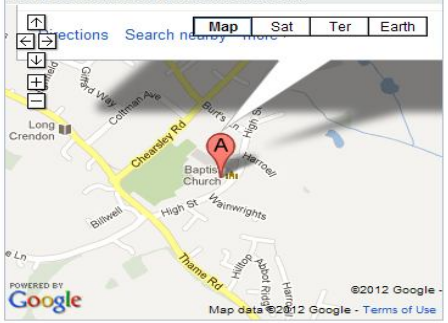

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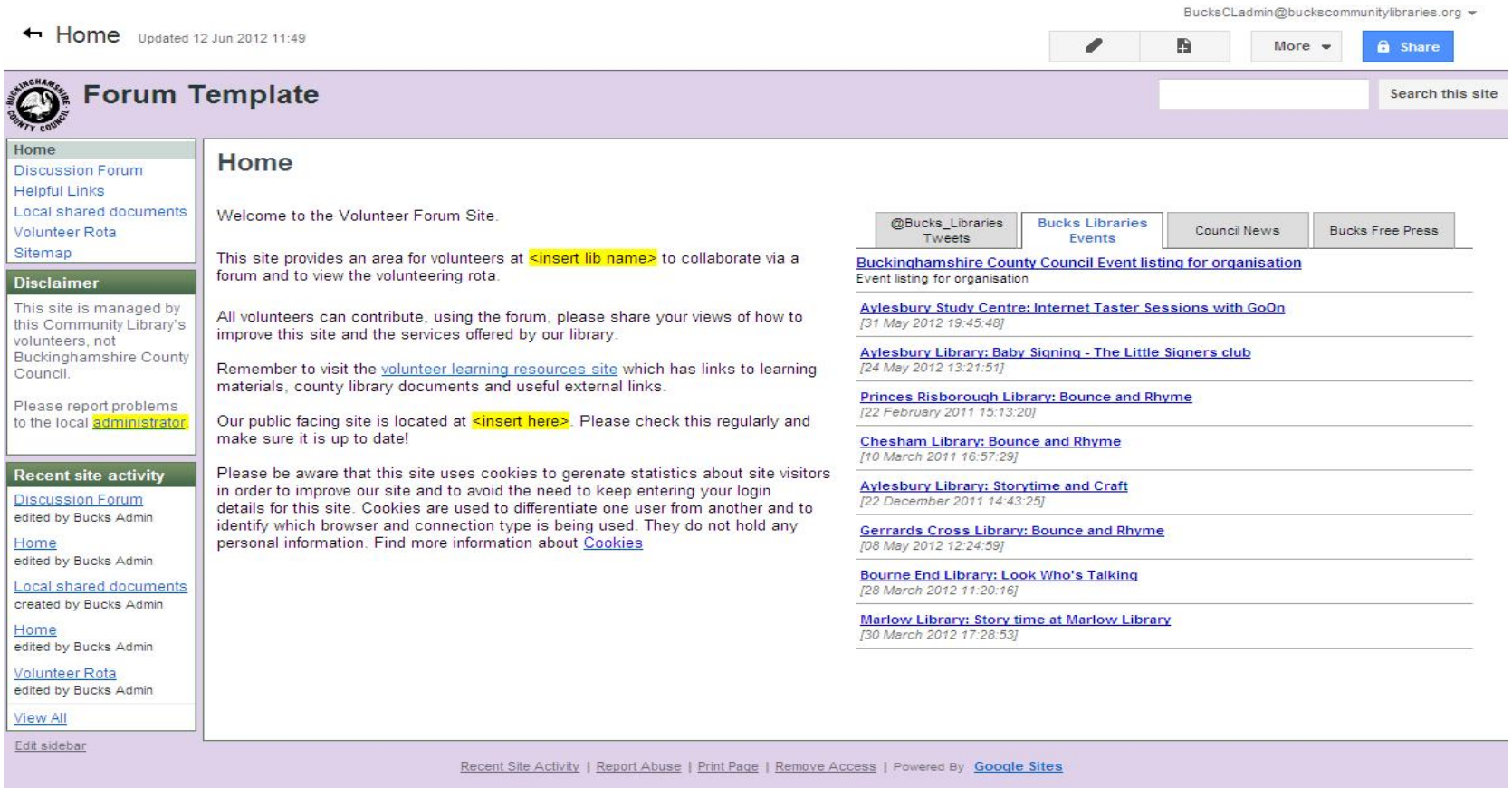
Private volunteer forum



Stock

- Our solution for maintaining the book stock
- Our “core” book stock offer
- Our approach to satisfying local demand
- Our solution to training volunteers on managing stock

Achievements

- All libraries have remained open
- A recognizable library service delivered by local people.
- A better understanding of local community needs
- Mutual respect
- Working in successful partnerships
- A commitment in continuing to support the Community Libraries