



TeaBooks Update: March 2022

TeaBooks is an Oxfordshire-wide project organising social book groups for the over-60s. Our groups help older people to share a love of books and reading while making new friends. Each group is run by a volunteer group leader, who liaises with the local library to borrow the books, so there is no need for group members to buy them. The groups meet once a month, and there is a nominal charge of £1 per meeting.

New Members

We have 15 groups running all over Oxfordshire. If you are interested in joining one, please get in touch so we can discuss the option which is best for you. Please see below for details of groups currently looking for new members.

"It's not just discussing the books that's so important. It's also the chance to meet like-minded people from the same neighbourhood for an hour of friendly, stimulating chat.

Often it ranges far beyond what we have all been reading. What's more, unlike most book groups there's none of the expense or bother of acquiring books."

Volunteer group leader

New Volunteers

If you would like to become one of our amazing TeaBooks volunteers, we would love to hear from you. It's a rewarding role and full training will be provided. Please see overleaf for current volunteering opportunities.

"It has given me the opportunity to access books. The group has widened my horizons. I love the meetings and the way that the group has developed into a friendly and supportive set of friends."

TeaBooks group members

TeaBooks Opportunities

Moorside Place, Kidlington New members wanted



This established TeaBooks group has been run by the current volunteer since 2019. The group has room to grow, so will be hosting two informal coffee mornings soon, for potential new members from both Moorside and the local Kidlington community to come along and find out more. If you are interested in joining this TeaBooks group, please get in touch and we will let you know details of the coffee mornings.

Kidlington Library (Zoom) New members wanted



This TeaBooks group started meeting at Kidlington Library in 2018. However, since Covid, the members have been unable to return to meeting in person. Instead, they have been meeting on Zoom, at 3pm on the second Monday of the month. If you would like to join this group for their Zoom meetings, with a view to joining the in-person meetings at Kidlington Library when they resume, then please do get in touch.

Parmoor Court, Summertown New volunteer wanted



The Parmoor Court TeaBooks group usually meets at 4pm on the first Tuesday of the month. There are five regular members, and new members from Parmoor Court are always welcome. After running the group since 2012, the current volunteer will be stepping down soon, and would like to be able to hand over to someone new. If you would be interested in running this TeaBooks group in Summertown, please get in touch to find out more.

* NEW GROUP *

Witney Community Support Service New volunteer & members wanted



This new TeaBooks group will meet at Witney Community Support Service, probably on a Tuesday or Friday (day and time to be confirmed). As a central and accessible venue, Witney Community Support Service looks forward to hosting a TeaBooks group to add to their current offer of activities. If you would be interested in volunteering to run this group, or would like to be one of the founding members, please get in touch.

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