

Iver Community Libraries – Press release



Iver and Richings Park libraries finally close at the end of November.

The 2 branch libraries in Iver and Richings Park are to be closed and replaced with a mobile library service one part-day a week and every alternate Saturday for part of the day.

A number of children will be at Iver library after school on Tuesday 28th November at 3.30pm to highlight what this loss means to them. Secondary school children have to travel a minimum of 16 miles to attend school and can't take advantage of after school clubs if they want to catch the coach home. For some, the library was the only way they could get on-line and borrow books to help with their homework. The local infant school will also miss their regular weekly visits to the library.

Many elderly users of the Richings Park library do not have their own transport and will find it very difficult to borrow books in the future, particularly as there is no bus service from Richings Park to the Bucks CC library in Iver Heath. Many of them value the library as a point of contact with the community. The Richings Park library staff are holding a goodbye party from 2.30 to 5pm on Thursday 30th November.

Iver Community Libraries Ltd, a charity and not-for-profit company, is trying to raise funding to open new premises in both Iver and Richings Park. These community libraries would be open on a much more regular basis and staffed by volunteers. We need people to volunteer, donate books and help in our search for funds.

Alan Oxley, the local Councillor and Chairman of Iver Community Libraries Ltd, says "We already have £10,000 promised by South Bucks District Council, £3,000 from the Parish Council and £1,000 from the Rotary Club of Iver and Langley. If we are to be successful with applications to the lottery we have to demonstrate support from the community, so the more volunteers the better. Bucks County will not support our plans as they don't believe we will get support from the community, I want to show them how wrong they are!"

Richings Park Library is at 38, Bathurst Walk, Iver SL0 9BH

Iver Library is attached to the Iver Village Hall Grange Way, Iver SL0 9NW

Round trip Iver Village to Burnham Grammar is 16 miles

Round trip Iver Village to Chalfont College is 20 miles (majority of Iver children)

Round trip Iver Village to Beaconsfield High is 25 Miles

Iver Heath library to Iver 1.7miles and Richings Park 3 miles

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