

Ex Libris

Early in the last century, a range of beautifully designed book plates were developed to fit into a personal book collection denoting, Ex Libris – this book belongs to The Ex Libris column in this paper which ran for six years on alternate months had a rather different connotation.

Before the opening of the excellent toy and bookshop, WordPlay on Prospect Street, Caversham was served for many years by the Caversham Book Shop. Here you could find friendly and expert help on books of every kind from a specialist publication to a new idea for a holiday read. Both John and Lindsay Mullaney brought their experience as teachers to provide a local community service and their work on different community projects extended well beyond the work of the book shop.

When John and Lindsay retired and handed on the business, John joined the committee of the Caversham and District Residents' Association. Individuals from CADRA have long contributed to columns in this paper including *Watchdog*, *Nomad* and more recently, *From the Lookout Post*. John agreed to take up his pen again and set about looking for a Nom de Plume. For six years he brought a range of community news and personal thoughts to this column. He has finally decided to lay down his pen and so we send our warmest thanks for the many musings of 'Ex Libris.'