

FRIENDS OF NETHER STOWEY LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

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We need your help!

We need information in support of our bid for funding to the Hinkley Point C Open Grants Scheme.

If you are resident in Nether Stowey and surrounding villages, please could you complete our Questionnaire online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BY56WDJ> Thank you!

Friends of Nether Stowey Library has been registered as a Charity with the name **The Thomas Poole Library Nether Stowey**. The charity will take over the running of the Library as a Community Library Partnership as from 1st April 2019. It is expected that the charity will sign a Lease for the building with Somerset County Council in the New Year.

The Library will operate its current staffing and opening hours until 31st March 2019.

Over 80 people have volunteered to help in the Library in a variety of roles - in the library at the enquiry desk, shelving books etc and behind the scenes e.g. cleaning and general maintenance. Training of volunteers will commence in January 2019.

Funding is currently being sought to support the new organisation and it is hoped that a Librarian can be employed. Until that time the Library will be volunteer-led. It is envisaged that the Library will be developed as a **local History and Heritage Centre**, linking with Friends of Coleridge, and an **Interpretation Centre for the Quantock Hills**, linked with the AONB.

If you would like to offer your services as a volunteer as part of this exciting new development, please email nflood99@btinternet.com . We need your help!

Meeting for all Volunteers:

Wed 16th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Library

The 4 named Trustees for the **Thomas Poole Library Nether Stowey** are:

Roger Stacey
Sue Aubrey
Mary Reece
Norma Flood

FoNSL Committee comprises:

Chairman Roger Stacey
Secretary Mary Reece
Treasurer Geraldine Mayell

Committee members: Sue Aubrey, Norma Flood, Sally Friend, Isabel Ham, Dennis Harkness, Margaret Harlow.

EVENTS FOR 2019

Monthly Talks held on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.

£3.50 members; £4.50 non-members. Refreshments available.

9th January Dr J. Schwieso The Agapemone of Spaxton

13th February Margaret Markwick Wuthering Heights

13th March Nick Wright The War in the Med *
*(*Note change to advertised programme)*

Programmes may be liable to change. Please check with the Library before travelling any distance
01278 732741.

Regular weekly groups in the Library

Rhyme and Story time for babies and young children, and their Mums, Dads and grandparents, is held each Monday at 11am.

Knit and Natter sessions – a social group held every Wednesday morning in the Library from 10.30am until 12.00.

You can bring your knitting, sewing, tapestry or current craft work along and get to know other people from Nether Stowey and surrounding villages. Attendance is free but we ask for a small donation towards the refreshments of teas and coffees.

Ancestry family history sessions - trained volunteers are available to help you research your family history.

Online access to Ancestry.com is free in the Library! Please contact Nether Stowey Library for more information.

A **Jigsaw Club** is ongoing in the Library. A jigsaw puzzle is always out on a table in the Computer Room.

Other groups:

Monthly

Play Reading Group – a friendly group of people who meet on the first Friday of each month at 10.00am in the Library to read parts in a chosen script. A small membership charge is requested in order to cover the cost of scripts obtained from the Performing Arts Library. Tel 01278 732519