

FRIENDS OF NETHER STOWEY LIBRARY

NEWS & EVENTS

Nether Stowey Library is under threat of closure once more!

Friends of Nether Stowey Library was set up several years ago in response to the last steps taken by Somerset County Council to close our library. Once again, our local library is under threat of closure.

The Friends of Nether Stowey Library are working closely with the Library Service and Nether Stowey Parish Council to achieve the best possible outcome for our Nether Stowey Library.

A County wide Consultation is in process to determine the future of the library service in Somerset which includes an online **Consultation questionnaire. This concludes on 22nd April 2018.**

www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation

We would ask you to complete this questionnaire as a matter of urgency. Hard copies are available in the library if you prefer not to complete the questionnaire online.

To help with the Consultation, there will be **Consultation Event Days** held throughout Somerset. **Nether Stowey's event will be held on Wednesday 14th February** with hourly sessions at **2pm, 3pm and 4pm.**

AGM 31st January 2018

At the AGM the following members were duly elected to the Committee for 2018:

Chairman Roger Stacey
Secretary Mary Reece
Treasurer Geraldine Mayell

Committee members: Christine Cook, Norma Frood, Sally Friend, Isabel Ham , Dennis Harkness, Margaret Harlow, Pat Pardoe

Membership

If you wish to renew your subscription or join FONSL please contact the Membership Secretary (see below). Membership of Friends of Nether Stowey Library costs £2 a year (children free) and has the added benefit of discount to our evening talks (see below). If you would like to join, please contact the Membership Secretary nflood99@btinternet.com telephone 01278 733208.

Alternatively, you can leave a sealed envelope clearly marked FONSL and your name(s) and the correct amount of payment with the Librarian at Nether Stowey Library,

Library Opening Hours

Mon	10.00 – 1.00	2.00 – 5.00
Tuesday	Closed all day	
Wed	10.00 – 1.00	2.00 – 5.00
Thurs	Closed all day	
Friday	10.00 – 1.00	2.00 – 5.00
Sat	10.00 – 12.00	

A **Lego Club** for children is held on the last Saturday morning of the month 10.30am – 11.15am. This is proving very popular for both the children and their accompanying adults who can enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat while they wait.

Free use of the Internet in the Library! All you need is to be a registered member of Somerset Library Service and to bring along your ID Pin number. This includes **Free access to Ancestry.com in the Library** for research into your family tree.

EVENTS FOR 2018

Monthly Talks held on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm £4.50 (£3.50 members)

2018

Jan 10 th	James Crowden	The Wheal of Hope: Cornish tin mining
Feb 14 th	Edward Heath	Techniques of picture-making in Enamelling
Mar 14 th	Andrew Pickering	Witch-finding in Somerset
Apr 11 th	Roy Osborne	A career in HM Diplomatic Service
May 9 th	Daphne Neville	Life with otters – featuring a real otter!

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

Saturday Lego Club for children held on the last Saturday of each month 10.30am – 11.15am. 50p to cover cost of refreshments.