

Friends of Milborne Port Library (FOMPL) June 2017



**This has proved to be a great month, as we have been saying
'Welcome' over and over again!**

One Welcome goes to Edwina Stirzaker, who joins the Library Staff.

Her arrival means that we are back to strength and, hopefully, the days of unexpected closure are passed. Hooray! Sharing the duties with Sue O'Brien, she will be working mainly on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and alternate Saturday mornings. Make sure to bid her welcome when you meet her across the counter in the Library.



Edwina and her husband John moved to Milborne Port in September 2015, to be near family. She is a great lover of books and soon joined the Reading Group. She thought the Library post offered a lovely opportunity to get involved in the life of the community.

We also Welcome back Story and Rhyme Time.

This activity is organised by the Friends for the younger children and their parents. Trustee Roz Barrett has been co-ordinating these sessions since 2013 – 'On and off,' she says. Days and times for the sessions have varied to suit the needs of the families involved. Young children do have this tendency to grow and develop new tastes, and 'move on'!



There has been quite a gap since the last group of children 'moved on' and we are very glad that there has been a demand for a new group. The current series will be running every Tuesday afternoon (in term time) from 2.30 to 3 pm. If you are interested, just come along (no charge!) or speak to the Library staff.

Or contact Roz Barrett on 07968-257678. She reports: 'I have a good bank of reading volunteers, but will never turn down more help!'

Well done to Roz, (who also co-ordinates the visits by children from the Primary School), for an incredible record of encouraging children of all ages to enjoy the Library over the years.

Finally, we Welcomed a New Trustee at our AGM on 24th April.

Diane Adie, who volunteered to join the Board of Trustees, is a keen supporter of the library and is a member of both the Reading Group and the Spanish Conversation Group that meet in the building Out of Hours. We are very pleased to have her company – new approaches and talents are always Welcome.

The Board of Trustees of the Friends now consists of: Rick Jones (Chair), John Farley (Vice Chair), Julia Mortimore (Sec.), Roz Barrett (Treasurer), plus Diane Adie, Mary Clothier, Barbara-Ann Jones, Christine Partington, Jill Spring and Martin White.