

## Friends of Milborne Port Library (FOMPL) - AUGUST 2018



Hello everyone – I have recently taken on the role of Publicity Officer for the Friends of Milborne Port Library. The first thing I would like to say is a huge thankyou to Christine Partington, who has provided the monthly FOMPL report in the Parish Magazine since March 2011. She was also a very strong voice in the opposition to the possible closure of the library back in 2011. Christine continues to be a very active member of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of Milborne Port Library.



On Friday 13 July the library celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Drinks and nibbles were handed out all day by Sue and Edwina and 27 children from the primary school enjoyed a selection of stories read by Sue's husband Tony. They also enjoyed drinks and lots of biscuits! Photographers from the Blackmore Vale Magazine and the Western Gazette joined us to take some photos. It was great to welcome so many visitors (a total of 117), including past library staff, Janet Horfield and Caroline Woodall.

Other recent events included the Murder Mystery event which took place on June 28. Milborne Port was transported to Shetland where a gruesome stabbing had taken place. In the absence of the local detective, who had been delayed on the mainland due to bad weather, the small group assembled in the library were called upon to solve the mystery! To help the problem-solving process those present were served traditional bannocks and cakes as they weighed up the evidence. All in all it was a fun way to spend a morning and possibly something the library might consider revisiting some time in the future.

The annual Summer Reading Challenge started on Saturday 14 July and runs until Saturday 8 September. So if your children haven't already signed up, now is the time to do it. Roz Barrett and Jill Spring are planning all kinds of Fiendish Fun to share at the annual Award Presentation and Party on Saturday 22 September. Also, if anyone is free to volunteer to help children choose books, complete activities and anything else to do with the Summer Reading Challenge during the summer holidays, drop into the library or contact Roz Barrett (250112).

And finally a reminder – Cherry Cobb, author of *Will's War*, which was published in April 2018, will be visiting the library on Friday 17 August at 10.30 am. She will read to any children present and has also planned an activity. Cherry lives in Somerset with her family and cats and got the idea for the book when she visited a village which was deserted in 1943. This could be a 'must read' on some of your children's booklist for the Summer Reading Challenge!

Jill Spring