



# Friends of Sonning Common Library

## Newsletter

OCTOBER 2018

### *"A Writer's Life"*

This event was held on 24th May. It was well attended and raised £215 towards Library Funds. Writers Vera Morris and Tom Fort captivated the audience and popular demand will see another Writer's evening in the future.

### *Short Story Competition*

We are very grateful to T A Fisher and Stephen Anthony Developments for supporting our Short Story Competition. We launched the Competition earlier this year to allow the local schools sufficient time for their pupils to enter. By request, we included a category for adults. Judging started on 16th September. The Prize winners will be announced on Saturday 13th October.

### *School Fair*

We ran two stalls at Sonning Common Primary School Summer Fair. It was a lovely sunny day and the Book and Tombola stalls raised £162 for our funds. We are very grateful for all the contributions donated to the stalls.

### *Social event*

The Annual Social Evening for Volunteers and Friends was held on 3rd July. During this event we were informed about Oxfordshire Libraries new computer system, Spark. Graham White (OCL Community Involvement Officer) told us about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The theme was "Mischievous Makers". There was also a Mini Reading Challenge for the under 4's.

### *Sketch a Story*

On August 8th we supported this event for children over 8 years old. The theme was Art in Children's books, particularly related to Tolkien. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

### *Art Workshop*

On August 22nd we supported a Beano themed art workshop in the Library. The 20 children who attended had a wonderful experience.

### *Craft mornings*

The August craft and cake mornings were generally well attended and raised much needed funds for future Craft mornings.

### *Not always successful!*

Following a suggestion for events for the older generations, we organised a Tea and Memories afternoon on 22nd August. Unfortunately this was not a great success. Back to the drawing board!

### *Future Events*

#### *National Libraries Week*

8th-13th October 2017

#### *FoSCL Quiz*

Friday 12th October at 7.30 in Sonning Common Primary School Hall. Tickets are still available.

#### *Short Story Competition*

Prize Giving on 13th October at 12 midday in the Library

#### *The Library Lion*

Untied Artists will be performing "The Library Lion" at 11 am in the Library on 22nd October 2018. This is suitable for accompanied 4 to 7 year olds. Full details and tickets from the Library.

#### *AGM*

To be held in the Library on 19th November at 7pm. The Agenda will be sent out in October.

#### *Christmas Celebration*

Do come and join us in the Library on Friday 21st December from 2.30 pm. Amongst other delights, there will be mince pies and Val's Famous Punch.

### *New Members Welcome*

FoSCL application forms are available in the library or to download from the website.