### WINTER 2015 **STAND&ChaT** What's Happening at Stannington Library

# The heart of the community



Stannington now has a library under volunteer management, and it has kept its place at the heart of the community.

Local people have kept faith with their library, continuing to borrow books, CDs and DVDs, and using the Library would stay open despite in-house computer, printer and photocopier facilities.

Local reading groups still hold meetings in the library, and parents, support from local people."

grandparents and child-minders still bring children for their early introduction to learning.

This pleases volunteer library manager Dot Russell. "A lot of work went into ensuring Stannington changed budget priorities at the council. We're now seeing that work rewarded with enthusiastic

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#### STAND volunteers have been running Stannington Library for several months now. Here's what library users think

Malcolm Mackay: One or two of the volunteers struggled with the IT systems at first but now it seems to be business as usual. I was surprised to learn the new management had decided to maintain all existing services.

Gillian Wright: When I heard about the possible closure, I looked at Hillsborough but the facilities don't match those here. even though Stannington is a bit small. I like the friendly atmosphere here.

Shelley Johnston: The volunteers have made a smooth job of the change-over. I've noticed one change to the seating. That's all. My children did notice the

change in personnel, but they have

adjusted now. Tony Nutton: I'm recently retired and never used the old library. I'm quite impressed by what I have seen though. A few more books on vintage cars and local history would make me happy, and I wish the library well.



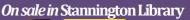
Gillian Wright



Shelley Johnston (top)



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Dr Jenny Stephenson's book traces 144 years of history at Walkley House and Stannington medical centres through two world wars, the launch of the NHS and a host of other social changes Proceeds to Diabetes UK, Alzheimers Society and Stannington Library

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Christmas 2014 saw Stannington Library offer two groups of local performers a chance to welcome the festive season in the library on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - children from Shooters Grove Primary School and a group from Stannington Handbell Ringers.

Both groups included perennial favourites in their programmes – *Jingle Bells, In the Bleak Midwinter* and more. The children's performance also included special seasonal readings and a clarinet duo, whilst the bell ringers brought people out of the audience to have a go.

With tea, coffee and mince pies for sale, thanks to generous support from the Spar Shop in Stannington and from Morrisons Hillsborough, and with several stalls of new and second-hand books, the day proved to be a successful event all round, raising some much-needed funds for the community-run library. Following this event and the equally successful poetry reading in October, volunteers hope to stage more performances in Stannington Library over time.



#### **SCOFF contributes to library funds** STAND was one of the local organisations to benefit from funds raised by 2014's Stannington Carnival. Julie Shaw and Penny Simpson kindly nominated us for a SCOFF *(Stannington Carnival Organisers & Festival Friends)* Award, and we thank them. *SCOFF chairman Peter Butler (left) and Matt Dixon, chair of Bradfield Parish Council, help serve the pie at SCOFF's annual presentation dinner*

### **ONCE UPON A STORYTIME**

Alison Cook first came to StoryTime in Stannington Library with her 3-year old daughter - fifteen years ago.

Now a child minder, she brings other people's children and, for good measure, she runs the event as well.

"I think children really benefit from these early learning experiences," she says.

"They listen to stories together, make pictures and sing songs. They meet other children and learn social skills before stepping up to the next stage in education. It's an activity I really want to see continued."



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