

## The Friends of St Annes Library (FOSAL) – Chair’s Report, March 2019

After months of uncertainty as to whether St Annes would have a library - and nearly two years of the building being closed for repairs - we, at long last, have a bright, refurbished library and The Friends of St Annes Library (FOSAL) are ready to support it once more.

FOSAL had to close very suddenly and the committee had to decide what to do about the groups it ran, equipment it owned and money that it had raised. There didn't seem to be any official guidelines for such a situation, so the committee of six did what they felt was best: some groups tagged onto similar ones in other libraries; equipment was stored in various homes, with some toys being lent to Ansdell Library to use for their activities; and Treasurer Allan Foster took care of the money - a little of which was spent supporting a few activities and buying new plants for the library garden.

During the months of uncertainty, we organised walks to save our library (and others in the area) and attended many meetings. We wrote letters to the press and lobbied councillors. We are now ready to continue with our original remit of supporting our library.

I would like to thank the committee - Allan Foster, Pam Foster, Anne Fielding, Meg Greenfield and Pauline Germaine - for all of their hard work, Aileen Smedley and her team of librarians, and all of you for your support.

Please join FOSAL, come to events, get involved and support our library.

Annette Ford, Chairperson