

FRIENDS OF STOGUMBER STATION

Leading to a Better Railway

STOGUMBER station was first opened on 31st March 1862. Due to the steep sided bank on the platform side, the station building is unusually sited on the opposite side to the platform. In GWR days, the station boasted a goods shed and camping coach, and the cattle dock still exists. In 1971, as part of the Beeching axe, the Minehead branch closed taking the picturesque Stogumber station with it.

HOWEVER, all was not lost as preservationists moved in, and in 1978 the station re-opened as part of the *West Somerset Railway*.

TODAY, the Friends of Stogumber Station (FoSS) take care of, and run the station with the aim of replicating a Great Western Railway country station as it was prior to nationalisation in 1948.

By joining FoSS you'll receive a newsletter – the *Buzzard Chronicle*, which can be either e-mailed to you or sent through the post, as well as up-to-date information of the goings on at this one time typical country station. So why not join FoSS today and revisit the life of the isolated wayside station complete with steam trains passing by and a friendly cup of tea!



If you would like to be part of FoSS, return the form (below), with your remittance to:

FOSS
The Membership Secretary
Stogumber Railway Station
STOGUMBER
Somerset
TA4 3TR

Cheques made payable to: Friends of Stogumber Station

For more information, telephone: 01984 656755 (when open) or e-mail: friendsofstogumberstation@live.co.uk

2010 MEMBERSHIP

For the 2010 season, all membership rates will be the same across the board at £3 per person of over 16 years. Further classes of membership will be introduced in 2011.

The membership year is from 1 January to 31 December. Persons joining after 1 September in any year will qualify for membership until 31 December in the year following.

MR/MRS/MS/MISS (delete as applicable)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Date of birth: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Newsletter : POSTED / E-MAILED (delete as applicable)

Are you interested in working at the station? – YES / NO