



Stephen Mott, who appears in this month's "Getting to know you" is the new manager at the Resources Centre, run by the Diocese to support the work of Church Schools and Churches.

News from the Resources Centre

We are now opening from 10.00 am - 7.30 pm on Thursdays during school terms so that teachers and church workers who cannot get to the Resources Centre during the day can call after work. Stephen Mott who is a qualified teacher will be available for advice at that time and can be available for training of pre-booked groups. Please contact him at the Resources Centre on 01228 538086.

The Resources Centre would welcome more volunteers to help run the Centre. If you can give 2½ hours per week and want to offer your time and skills as part of a lively and enthusiastic team please contact the Resources Centre.

The Resources Centre is available to all the diocese, both churches and schools and associated youth work. There is a wide range of resources to suit most needs. Do pay us a visit. We are open from 10.00 am Monday to Friday and close at 4.45 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 7.30 pm Thursday and 3.45 pm Friday. We are open on first Saturday in the month only - 10.00 am - 12.30 pm.

Who are you? Stephen Mott

What family do you have? Married to Alison

What do you do? R.E. Officer for the schools of the Diocese and Diocesan Resources Centre Officer

What other career/job would you have liked to try? Working outdoors in environmental research (my first degree is in geological sciences)

How do you relax? Fell walking, reading, music, travelling

What is your favourite possession? My photo albums

What is your favourite food? Most things Italian

What is your favourite place? Shetland

What is your favourite book? It's a Collins New Naturalist – climate and the British scene by Gordon Manley. Long out of print but a brilliant combination of approachable scientific scholarship and a wry look at how people respond to our varied climate

What is your favourite film? Life is beautiful an Italian film by Roberto Benigni about an Italian Jew and World War II. it is a bittersweet film

What is your favourite piece of music? Any thing by J. S. Bach, Olivier Messiaen and Herbert Howells, but especially Bach's Magnificat.

What is your favourite hymn? Light of the minds that know him (Timothy Dudley-Smith based on Augustine of Hippo)

What is your favourite verse of Scripture? The psalms and Gospel of St John

What most annoys you about other people? I find it annoying when I have to work at gaining people's trust; it is symptomatic of a society under severe strain that individuals assume everyone else is not to be trusted

What do you admire in other people? The ability to triumph over the sometimes dreadful tragedies life throws at them

What's the best thing about Church life? There is a generosity of spirit in many of the churches with which I have been involved

What's the worst thing about Church life? Narrow mindedness and the view that some approaches to faith and worship are superior to others

What is the most exciting thing that has happened to you recently? Getting married to Alison