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Chairman's comments

Was it really a year ago that we finally took over responsibility for running Colehill Library? I recall going into Bournemouth on the previous Friday with David Mitchell, to sign the lease, and being convinced that we would run out of time, but all ended well. Despite being closed over Christmas (against our wishes), our customers remained loyal, and when we opened on January 8th all went smoothly (although Linda might tell a different tale).

Since then we have made improvements to the building, some major, like the new frontage (courtesy of a grant from the Digby Trust) and others such as comfortable chairs and new shelving, not so obvious, but all help to make the Library a comfortable and friendly place.

We hope you saw our gaily decorated Christmas tree at the Methodist Church and the volunteers enjoyed their informal get-together with mince-pies and chat.



January brings the Friends' AGM on Friday 24th, followed by a fish & chip supper and quizzes. Not to be missed.

On February 1st we celebrate a double anniversary - not only our first year as a community library but also 40 years since the Library opened. We are planning a coffee morning with a difference. I have asked some local writers to come along and show their work and they will be pleased to tell you how to get started as a writer. Perhaps you will feel inspired to join our creative writers group which will be starting soon. Also we hope to emphasise our links with the community by showcasing the Colehill & Ferndown Community Choir, which has gone from strength to strength.

We must never forget that the COMMUNITY is at the heart of the building, with the volunteers both at front of house and elsewhere, and the public they serve. The Library is run by the community for the community, and we welcome any ideas on how we can extend the use of the building through small groups. *continued overleaf...*

Coming events

FoCoL 12th AGM

and

Fish & Chip Supper

to follow the AGM

Friday, 24th January @ 7 p.m.

St Michael's Church Hall

Bring own drinks & glasses

(Supper - by ticket £9.50 from the Library)

The DATE Saturday 
1st February 2014

The PLACE
Colehill Memorial Hall

The EVENT
**COLEHILL
LIBRARY'S
BIRTHDAY**

It's the 40th anniversary of the opening of Colehill Library and the 1st birthday of Colehill Community Library.... A reason for celebration!

So we're having a Colehill Coffee Morning (with surprises) - everyone is welcome

to join us at

10.30 a.m. on the 1st.



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Subs are due! Renewal form is on the website or in the library - please mark fao Sam Fox & leave in the library

Travelling Trends Fashion Show High Street Clothes at BARGAIN prices!

Friday, 14th March 2014

at Colehill Memorial Hall

Doors Open: 7 p.m. Show Starts: 7.30 p.m.

Tickets: £5 (from the Library)

Funds Raised donated to Colehill Community Library

ALL CLOTHES CAN BE TRIED ON & BOUGHT ON THE NIGHT –
NO ORDERING NECESSARY! Travelling Trends will accept cash
& most major forms of debit & credit cards on the night.

Thank you all for your help and support, especially the volunteers who have contributed so much. We enter our second year in good heart, ready to meet fresh challenges in the year ahead.

Finally, we are a Charity and also a Company Limited by Guarantee. We welcome any Colehill resident to join the shareholders/guarantors (without cost) and particularly anyone who would like to help us run the Library in any way. Please talk to Linda or myself.

Happy New Year to everyone. *John Gooch*

FUND-RAISING

During 2013 the fund-raising volunteers organised:

- the opening launch of the library;
- a Fish & Chip Cabaret;
- two Bazaars;
- a coach trip to the Houses of Parliament;
- Three Hidden Colehill Gardens with a cream tea;
- an evening of folk singing - Friday Night is Music Night.

£2500 was raised for improvements to the library and for regular additions such as the daily newspapers and refreshments for the volunteers.

Plans are underway for more events in 2014 – in the first quarter alone we are organising 3 events (see above and overleaf). Details – and tickets where necessary – in the Library.

Subscriptions to the Friends of Colehill Library are important to us too, as a reliable source of income. Friends receive a newsletter every other month by email and are kept informed of the many activities planned for, by and in the Library. If you wish to see the Library continue to be available to the community, please join the Friends.

Special Interest Groups

We are keen to extend the use of the Library building within the community and with this in mind we are holding a meeting on Thursday 23rd January at 10.30 am in the Library.

You are invited to come along, have a cup of coffee and meet up with others who are interested in any of the groups that have been mooted. Ideas for other groups are very welcome. You do not have to be a regular library user or make any sort of regular commitment.

Some of you have already registered an interest by leaving

Extract from *The Poole Times & Herald*
for: 9 February 1974

Colehill Library Opens

Colehill's new £14,700 library will open to the public on Monday with a selection of 5000 books, including selections for children and large-print volumes for the partially sighted.

The library at the junction of Middlehill Road and Cannonhill Road, is the latest in the series of Dorset community and village libraries and replaces an informal service which had operated from the home of a resident for some time.

GLAZED

The new building is designed to fit in with the unusual shape of the site and to complement the surrounding pinewoods, and with the solid walls at each end clad in natural timber and the centre section wholly glazed.

Overall charge of the service will be maintained by Miss H.E. Wheeler, librarian, Wimborne group, but in direct charge of the new Colehill library will be a Colehill resident, Mrs Tina Southgate, who recently transferred from Ferndown and had earlier experience with Bournemouth public libraries.

Total cost of the building was £13,420 and furniture and shelving cost £1,325.

your name at the Library and so we know we have a nucleus of people for the groups already proposed – Family History, Local History, Knit (or other craft) and Natter, Writing Circle.

It is suggested that the library would be available every Thursday morning with each interest having the opportunity to meet monthly (dependent on the number of groups) but if a group would prefer a different day and time we will do our best to accommodate them.

Groups need not be mutually exclusive – your interest in writing may extend to researching and writing up your family history!

You may wish to access Ancestry on the public network computers or talk to other residents about their local knowledge of the area.

We have already been given some excellent materials for those with an interest in crafts to try their hand and we have offers of a flower arranging workshop.

Would anyone like to meet up with others for chess or other game?

It would be helpful if you could let us know if you are coming but it will be fine to just turn up.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Items for loan

I have DVDs of James Patterson's 'Kiss the girls' and 'Along came a spider' – also Tom Clancy's 'Sum of all fears', if anyone would like to borrow them. *Ed.*

I still have the Edward VII/George V items in exchange for a donation to the library (see last issue) *Ed.*

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