



# NEWS

## Colehill Community Library

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### Chairman's comments

I am delighted that Fran Marsh has rejoined the committee after her illness.

Since the AGM, we have received both grants, and the new shelving has arrived. The new magazine display is a big improvement. Soon you will see major changes in the reception area as the reorganisation has effect.

As I said at the AGM, we cannot overstate the magnificent contribution made by the volunteers, which underpins everything that has been achieved. I hope everyone is as proud of our library as I am.

Recently I looked back at the Business Plan which we drew up some 3 years ago. It hasn't all gone according to Plan, you may be surprised to learn! Wi-fi and Facebook were not on the Plan for starters.

Having weathered the early years, I feel we must look to the future. I intend to stand down at the end of my current term and would like to hand over to my successor in good time. We have an excellent team, the duties are not onerous and it's a lot of fun fronting such a wonderful community library. We are always pleased to hear from anyone who wants to get more involved with the library, in any role.

*John Gooch, Chairman*

### Fund-Raising Events

*Friday Night Is Music Night* was fabulous! Funny songs, sad songs, nostalgic songs – we all had a great time and raised about £300 for the library. Thank you Maureen and Paul Edwards for organising the event for the second time, we hope you will do it again next year!

Our next event is the **Travelling Trends Fashion Show** on Friday evening, 14th November. It will be the second time we've organised this too, and it's back by popular demand. There will be a glass of wine on arrival and a bar. Bring your friends for a fun night out – tickets are on sale in the library at £7 each.

Co.MaD is holding a **Coffee Morning** in the Memorial Hall on **Saturday 15th November, 9.30 – 11.30**, and we have taken some tables to have a Book Sale. The library is given books, some of which we sell to raise more funds. Do come along and perhaps pick up a few Christmas presents.

Volunteers are welcome at the **Volunteers' Christmas Party** in the library on Wednesday afternoon, 17th Dec.

Everyone is welcome at the **Birthday Party** on Saturday morning January 31st at the Memorial Hall.

The fund-raising group is working on events for next year – if you'd like to help in any way please ring Val on 884079.

### The 100 Book Challenge

With the success of the Summer Reading Challenge in our minds we are very pleased to introduce the 100 Book Challenge. Children (adults too if they would like) are invited to sign up at Colehill Community Library to read 100 books and become a Colehill Book Centurion. There is no time limit and those that completed the Summer Reading Challenge will be able to count those six books towards their total.

Just come to the library and sign up to receive a reading record folder and start reading your way to a medal and certificate awarded by "Readus Maximus".



*Can you read this many books?*

### Lost Property

We now have a growing collection of items left in the library. Along with the inevitable selection of bookmarks we have a ladies jacket, and umbrella, a shopping bag, a couple of caps and assorted hairbands. Please ask at the desk if you would like to reclaim any of these items. We will have to move them on shortly due to shortage of space!

### Christmas Opening Dates

Sorry if this information seems a little too soon but there will not be another newsletter before Christmas!

Colehill Community Library will be **closed** as follows:  
**24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Dec inclusive, 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, and 1<sup>st</sup> January.**

On all other days the Library will be open as normal.

*We would like to send season's greetings to all our library users and supporters.  
Thank you for your continued support.*



## Magazines

We now have a new magazine rack on which we are able to display the very up to date copies of magazines which are so generously donated.

You should also find there the Stour and Avon magazine which many of you collect from the library. The Echo and "i" are also available. A small back file is kept.



## Our new shelving

Thanks to a very generous grant from Synergy and another from EDDC via Cllr. Janet Dover, we have made a start on improving our library furnishings. We have been able to purchase some new shelving on castors which means that we will more easily be able to open up the library space for meetings and events.

We have also been able to acquire some end panels for existing shelving which we hope you agree has smartened us up a bit and provides further display areas.



## Reading Groups

The library will be pleased to help anyone interested in joining or starting a new group.

### Colehill Bookworms

This new book club based in the library is now up and running. It meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the evening at 7.30pm. We are currently full but if you are interested in joining let the library know and we will start a waiting list. Our November choice is "The Elephanta Suite" by Paul Theroux.

### Colehill Reading Group

The long established and successful Colehill Reading Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month, between 1.00 – 2.00 pm, in the library. There is currently one vacancy and enquiries from prospective members are welcome. The November reading choice is "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khalid Hossaini.

## Knit and Natter

The Knit and Natter Group is thriving and meets on the last Thursday of each month in the library between 10-12. In between working on their own projects they have combined to produce the lovely blanket pictured below. It will be donated to raise funds for the library.



**NB No Knit and Natter meeting in December.**

## One to One IT lessons at the library

The free, bookable, One to One IT sessions on Tuesday mornings are proving a huge success. Many of us are now much more confident in how to use our tablets and laptops. Just ask at the desk to book your session.

## New IT Equipment

The long awaited new public access computers have now been installed. Remember you can have free access for up to two hours on any one day. It is possible to book.

## Colehill Business Information File

If you run a business in Colehill we will be happy to place your details in the file on the table by the Self Service Desk.

## Bubble Wrap

Huge thanks to all those who contributed bubble wrap and padded envelopes after our appeal. We can gratefully say that we now have enough to keep us going for several years.

## Used postage stamps and other recycling

A reminder that you may leave your used postage stamps at the library and they will be passed to *Poole Hospital*. We also collect used printer cartridges on behalf of the *Air Ambulance* and spectacles for *Lions Recycle for Sight*.

## Nature Note – Christine & Malcolm Storey

Visitors to the library may have noticed some fungi in the grounds in the last few weeks. One species was only obvious if you were peering hard at the recently dug ground around the solitary path light. The fruiting bodies of this fungus, an Earthstar, were practically the same colour as the dry, leaf littered soil; only their odd shapes gave them any visibility. With a bit of careful hunting we found both young, unextended specimens looking just like small, dirty onions nestled in the pine needles and two older fruitbodies that had opened up to around 6cm diameter. As the 'onion' matures it splits at the top and peels back forming triangular legs that eventually bend back enough to lift the whole fruitbody off the ground. Rain drops falling on the sack puff the spores into the air.

We are not sure which species we saw this year, but it is different from those we spotted last autumn.

There are 15 species of Earthstar in the UK. The picture is of one of the common species, the Collared Earthstar. The library grounds are a good place to spot wildlife.

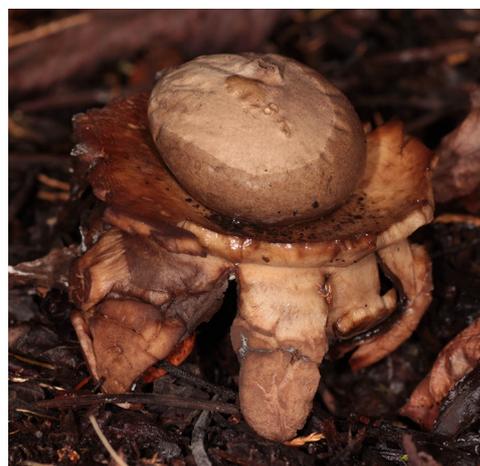


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