

Colehill Clarion

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*Cllr Lucy Clark, Chairman of EDDC,
opens Bytheway*

Bytheway Park opens in Colehill

The newly landscaped leisure facility at Bytheway, off Leigh Road, has been officially opened by Lucy Clark, chairman of East Dorset District Council. The 37 acre field was redeveloped using money from the Heathland Mitigation Fund in respect of the housing development on the former Flight Refuelling site at Brook Road. The park has also been designated a Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG).

The park has pathways suitable for walkers, wheelchairs and pushchairs and a lake with a walkway across it, has been constructed to attract even more wildlife into the area. Benches have been installed and a play area will be constructed in the summer.

As this site matures, this beautiful addition to the amenities in Colehill and Wimborne should give immense pleasure to the many people who enjoy dog-walking, watching the herons on the lake or simply having a great time with family and friends.

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Parish Council facing important decisions about the future of Colehill

It is almost two years now since I was elected as the Chairman of Colehill Parish Council and in that time a great deal has happened. It is particularly pleasing to have witnessed the smooth transition of the running of Colehill Library to community volunteers and to be able to say that the process has, in my view, enhanced the experience of visiting the library. Long may that continue.

In recent days the public space at Bytheway has been formally opened and is already attracting users of all ages and abilities. For many it is also a delightful alternative for dog walking and I would take this opportunity to remind owners that for the benefit of everyone it is vital that all owners pick up behind their dogs and use the ample proper bins provided. It is of huge credit to Matt Reeks who has overseen the design and development of this site on behalf of EDDC, Colehill Parish Council and Wimborne Town Council, that it is such an enjoyable place to visit.

The other big issue of the moment is the potential development of sites within Colehill under the outline of the Core Strategy. Whilst the Core Strategy has been adopted by East Dorset District Council this is far from being the end of the process and the outline plans within that Strategy are by no means 'set in stone'.

The Parish Council has set up a working party with a view to making representation to the Examination in Public in the summer and then to produce a full Neighbourhood Plan. The final decision on future development will set the scene for the next 15 years at least so it is in everyone's interest to ensure as much as is possible that the final document represents equitable plans for the Parish and its residents.



David Mitchell
Chairman, Colehill Parish Council





Councillor Janet Dover about to cut the ribbon in front of the children and Head Teacher Pippa Gerrett (as Bob the Builder!)

New Library for Hayeswood School

Colehill's County, District and Parish Councillor Janet Dover was delighted to be asked by Head Teacher Pippa Gerrett to open the newly refurbished library at Hayeswood First School, Colehill on Thursday the 7th March.

The Hayeswood School pupils, all dressed in book character costumes, joined Janet to celebrate the launch of the new library which had been totally redecorated and designed as a woodland wonderland setting. Even Head Teacher Pippa Gerrett entered into the costume theme, as were other members of staff and Pippa was dressed as Bob the Builder.

Councillor Janet Dover thanked all those who had helped in making the new facility and especially Mrs Hodder, Mrs Watkins and Mrs Ayling for all their hard work in decorating the library with tree branches, woodland flowers and insects and woodland animals.

There is a very wide selection of books for the children to read and Janet was particularly taken with the large carved wooden reading chair which took pride of place in the library complete with an old-fashioned standard lamp.

Janet said *"this is a truly magical place for children to sit and read. My own children attended Hayeswood School many years ago and thrived here because, I believe, books are regarded at Hayeswood as the cornerstone of education"*.

Community Library is a Best Seller!



Official opening by film and television actor and director Michael Medway who lives in the village

Although it was only 8th January this year when the Community Volunteers took over our Library it is quite remarkable how well things have progressed. Quite apart from the efficient way in which the volunteers have taken over the day to day running of the library, it is now much brighter with plants and a soft seating area where you can meet up with friends or just sit back and read a newspaper.

Volunteers have started to improve the surrounding area with more flowers, a much cleaner woodland area and proper dog hooks for those out with their dogs able to drop in and leave their pets properly anchored outside: a cycle rack will also soon be in place. Already we are seeing more people dropping in to spend a little time and to get acquainted with the facilities that are available.

In response to requests a Jigsaw Library will be re-introduced over coming months. Offers of jigsaws to add to the collection have been made and we also have a willing volunteer to undertake the running of the scheme. Plans are underway to re-introduce activities for the under fives and liaison has started with some local youth groups. It is also hoped to extend the Good Neighbour scheme and anyone who thinks they may benefit from this should contact the library to see how it can help.

Another very interesting possibility is the introduction of an archive of Local History Memorabilia. There certainly is much material available and we do know that there is a good body of material in the form of documents and photographs out there. In trying to assess the potential for this venture we would be grateful to hear from anyone who has useful material, particularly photographs, plans or drawings relating to Colehill over the past 200 or so years.

If you feel you could contribute please leave a note at the library for Linda Roberts the volunteer's co-ordinator, or contact Dave Mitchell on dmitchell@colehill.gov.uk and either of us would be happy to get back to you and find out what might be available. Once we have an idea of the extent of information a decision can be made regarding the setting up of a proper archive if it appears viable.

John Gooch, chairman of the library committee, said he was delighted with the way the library has progressed and expressed his thanks for the generous support given by individuals, local businesses and trades. Special thanks go to Poole Hospital for their kind donation of library equipment and furnishings.

Library opening hours and telephone number - 01202 886676 - remain unchanged.



Bazaar raises funds for the library

The bazaar held recently in the Memorial Hall raised over £600 for Colehill Community Library



Support for local hospital

Colehill resident, Fay Clifford, is opening her beautiful garden on Sunday August 11th to raise funds for Wimborne Hospital. There will be vintage tractors on display, a plant stall and a tombola. Fay will also be serving a delicious Dorset cream tea which you can enjoy whilst being serenaded by the Colehill & Ferndown Community Choir.

Entry is just £2 and cream teas can be purchased for £3. Fay's lovely garden can be found at "Brackenwood", God's Blessing Green, Holt, Wimborne BH21 7DD: signposted from Stewarts Garden Centre at Holt, 500 yards away.
All proceeds will go to Wimborne Hospital.



Community Choir Hits the High Notes

Peter Coole with members of the Community Choir

Colehill & Ferndown Community Choir meets every Thursday evening in St Michael's Church, Colehill Lane. Choir practise starts at 7.30pm and finishes around 9pm when everyone gathers together for refreshments and a good natter where ideas on the choir's repertoire are exchanged (plus lots of other things totally unrelated!). Every second Thursday sight-reading classes are held for those who can't read music or for those who want to brush up their skills starting at 6.45pm until the start of the regular session.

The choir is run on a voluntary basis by local parish councillor and Colehill resident, Susan Davies and is led by professional choir master, Peter Coole, who is a retired music teacher and a member of the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus. Peter does all his work for the choir on a voluntary basis which not only involves conducting the choir but also writing and arranging music for the choir. The music is very varied with songs from the shows, popular songs, some choral pieces as well as everything in between. There are no auditions, you don't have to be able to read music: the choir is open to anyone who just enjoys singing irrespective of age or experience.

The cost is just £2.00 per week for adults and £1.00 for under 16's. This covers the cost of all music, a ring binder for your music and refreshments. At the end of each term a donation will be made to St Michael's Church in thanks for the FREE use of this wonderful Arts and Crafts building. It is hoped that as funds grow it will be possible to organise a couple of trips each year to see a concert or show. The Choir is planning a series of concerts in 2013, with the first one taking place in The Barrington Theatre in Ferndown on Friday 12th July. Proceeds of the concert will go to The Michael Ely Trust in support of local young musicians.

We are always looking for new members, particularly more men to join our tenor and bass sections. If you are interested, please call Susan Davies on 01202 842311 or email sdavies@colehill.gov.uk. Colehill & Ferndown Community Choir is still in its infancy, having started in September 2012 but it is rapidly maturing into a wonderful group of people making some fabulous music together.

Come along for a FREE taster session any Thursday evening , you'll love it!

No longer a “Rubbish” Recycler

I don't know how everyone else is finding the new recycling and refuse collection service, but it is working for me.

Before the new service I neither had the time, energy or space to store the recyclable items that needed to be taken to one of the recycling banks. Now, the only item that I can't put in the green wheelie bin is tin foil. Everything else goes in and I just love recycling all of the packaging that manufacturers insist on wrapping everything in.

Even the yucky food bin is proving okay to deal with. I never did throw out too much food waste, but not having a pig or the need for a compost heap I did have to throw out vegetable peelings and banana skins, now it all goes in the lockable food bin. I don't use the kitchen caddy though, I'm too squeamish for that, I take the food waste straight outside.

Even with all of my efforts with recycling I still seem to have quite a lot of refuse and I do have to spend a bit of time squashing the rubbish into the slim black bin to make room. I also have to keep a beady eye on husband and teenagers to make sure recyclables don't sneak into the kitchen bin.

The only downside is that sometimes the recycling crew turns up earlier than we are used to*. It is always a giggle when you and your neighbours hear the crew coming and rush out in various stages of dress in an attempt to get it all out in time. The crew must see some strange sights and hair dos!

I also feel very guilty when my green box contains quite a few wine bottles, only to feel better when I drive up the road and see double the amount in someone else's box! Then I wish I knew them because they probably have great parties. Ed: Submitted by a Colehill resident who wishes to remain anonymous but I am sure we can all relate to this. I want an invitation to all those parties!



****EDDC instructs everyone to get their bins out by 7.00am.***


**Dorset
Waste
Partnership**
Councils working together

Fund-Raising for The Reef just got serious (but fun, as well)!

Currently, there is little or no youth provision in the Colehill and Wimborne area which includes many of the out-lying villages up to 12 miles away. The Reef is an eyesore in Colehill, is totally inadequate to meet the needs of young people in the 21st century and surely our young people deserve better. The rebuilding of The Reef will benefit the whole community as it will provide much needed meeting space during the days for groups such as the U3A and will enable the wonderful work done at The Rendezvous club to expand. Organisations such as POPPs and the Citizen Advice will be able to hold drop-in sessions within our own community and local schools will be able to use the building for off-campus educational opportunities.



The local community has been very supportive of the project to rebuild The Reef and many may be asking “when are we going to see the new building?” This is understandable considering the number of years that the committee has been trying to raise funds to build the Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre (The Reef).

There have been many setbacks along the way but also lots of triumphs, not least of which is the way the young people themselves have got involved in various money-raising events. There are a number of bids and applications out to organisations who support non-commercial community projects

and the chairman of the fund-raising committee, David Tarring, is hopeful that a further £300,000 will come through this year to enable the build to finally start. The project has been “adopted” by The Wooden Spoon, the Children’s Charity of rugby whose patron is HRH The Princess Royal. The Wooden Spoon’s policy is that any money raised in a region is spent in that region. The link forged with Wooden Spoon Dorset will give the committee access to administrative help, suppliers and potential sponsors for events. The Wooden Spoon has already donated the funds to provide a disabled lift for the new centre.

Two big fund-raising events are planned for 2013, alongside the many smaller events such as fairs, table-top sales and coffee mornings.

The first event is the very popular Bike Ride but organisers are being a lot more ambitious this year and aim to attract at least 500 cyclists. The Bike Ride will take place on Sunday 14th July and will start and end at The Allendale Centre in



Wimborne. Families are encouraged to take part and the 10 mile route, suitable for children and less experienced riders, will still be running. The 25 mile route will be great for those more experienced but new for this year will be a challenging 50 mile route which should really appeal to the club or regular road cyclist.

The second major event is the Celebrity Gala Dinner on Friday 1st November at Canford School. This black tie dinner will be a superb event with a guest speaker from the international world of rugby football. The evening will start with a drinks reception in the Long Gallery followed by a 3 course dinner in the Great Hall. There will be musical entertainment during the evening and a superb auction of various lots to appeal to both the rugby fan as well as those who like a bit of luxury. This will be a fantastic opportunity for businesses to entertain clients, for companies to “buy a table” and for friends to get together to support a great local cause, the rebuilding of The Colehill & Wimborne

Youth and Community Centre (The Reef) registered charity 1120361.

The Reef really needs your help. You can raise money for this much-needed project and have a great time whilst doing it. We are still seeking a sponsor for both the bike ride and for the dinner. If you are interested in linking your business or organisation with this local charity with the well-being of young people at its core, please contact David Tarring on 01202 888291. Information on both events can be found at www.reef4youthdorset.co.uk or by telephoning Susan Davies on **01202 842311**.



Colehill - past, present and future

With the impact of the proposals contained in the Core Strategy very much in people's minds at present it is perhaps worth taking note of the fact that virtually all of Colehill as we know it today has been developed in rather less than 150 years. It is also true that the layout and design of the Parish has been enlarging and modernising continuously. The most recent major development being that contained within the area of Bridle Way in the latter part of the 1980s.



Colonel Leopold Paget came to the area in 1865 and settled in a house built for him in the area known as Park Homer where at that time there would appear to have been probably no more than three other houses. His name continues of course in the name of Paget Close. He is said to have described the few residents that existed across Colehill as 'a rather wild and lawless population scattered over the local heathland'. It is certain today that the residents would not be described as wild and lawless but they certainly are considerably more in number than the two to three hundred within the Parish in 1865. Latest estimates of the Parish population are in the region of seven to eight thousand.

It is also notable that Colonel Paget referred to the area as heathland and so it was, apart from farm development. That is until the Second World War at the end of which tree plantations grew up, including Cannon Hill, Uddens and Whitesheet specifically in anticipation of development of homes in the area after the war. The trees would have been intended for telegraph poles, housing timber, mine pit props and general timber, most of the trees being non indigenous pine.

Following the Second World War the development was rapid. Some



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private housing had developed along Rowlands Hill and Middlehill Road between the wars but following the war council homes were built in the area of Marshfield and New Merrifield and already developers had plans for large parts of the areas of Pilford Heath, that known as Cutlers Place and The Vineries as well as the extensive Hayes development.

It is noticeable that the building of homes in the Pilford Heath area and those of The Vineries all took place at the beginning of the 1960s, followed swiftly by Cutlers Place, Hayes Lane and adjacent roads through the 60s and into the 70s. As already mentioned these significant developments culminated in the last major development, that of the Bridle Way area.

And the point of all this is that we must accept and expect that further development will take place in coming years and that the Core Strategy is intended to be a blueprint for the foreseeable future. What we have to do as a Parish Council is to ensure as much as is possible that we influence the way in which plans are developed to reflect the desires of residents. For that we will

need to have input from residents when the individual plans come forward. With the important need for affordable homes in Colehill as well as catering for a natural increase in population, to do nothing and to take the 'Nimby' approach is not an option.

The Public Examination of the Core Strategy will most probably take place in June. The Parish Council will keep all residents appraised as matters unfold. If considered desirable public meetings will be held but be assured that just leaving things as they are will not be possible and we must endeavour to participate in shaping the future of Colehill.



The Core Strategy for Development



Much has been said about the Core Strategy for Development, and impressions have ranged from “it’s a done deal, so why bother!” to “it’s gone away, hasn’t it?”. Neither is true: nor is it the “Death of Democracy” as some protestors would claim.

Let us start from the very simple premise that without proper planning our built and natural environment would be absolutely chaotic, which would please nobody. We take it as granted that we want to safeguard our surroundings, to improve the character of our towns and villages, and to provide amenities, employment and transport. Closer to home, literally, we want houses that are affordable and suitable for our needs. And we want a say in how this will be achieved.

In August 2009 the district council firmly rejected the Regional Development Agency proposals to build over 5,000 new houses in East Dorset. With a new government and pressures to overcome the acute housing shortage it became obvious that developers would try to build here, there and everywhere if there were no formal plans. In 2010 EDDC launched a 3-stage consultation process. First, Options for Consideration; then a Pre-submission

Draft Core Strategy and recently the Draft Core Strategy. At every stage the public was invited to send comment, all of which will be submitted to the Government Inspector who will hold an Examination in Public (EiP) this summer. Of course the devil (the problem) lies in the detail, and there have been strong objections for valid reasons to the proposals for 600 homes along the Cranborne Road and 350 new homes south of Leigh Road.

It’s not all over yet! Not by a long way. As previously mentioned there will be an EiP at which residents can speak direct to the Inspector. Already groups are preparing their contributions and, importantly, a representative group has started on a Neighbourhood Plan – under the Localism Act – seeking alternative sites that they consider would be more suitable and would meet the criteria for sustainable thriving communities. They intend to present their ideas at the EiP. Watch this space!

AGE UK ENTERPRISES: Insurance for the over 50's

Age UK and its predecessors have been offering commercial products and services for over 30 years. So with this in mind it's fair to say we have a wealth of experience in this field but what many people want to know is why do we exist and how do we help older people?



Age UK the charity, exists to help those in later life with various things from benefits and social care to health and well-being. Age UK Enterprises exists to provide older people with a choice of quality products and services that offer value for money and are tailored for the over 50's. A lot of older people have specific requirements that are not catered for by many financial services providers and Age UK Enterprises aims to help where others have failed. The next question often asked is how do we know all this? How do we know older people are being failed by financial services providers? Well, we started providing insurance and other services simply because older people were telling us they couldn't get it elsewhere. Our customers want to understand what they are getting for their money, so they're not caught out by hidden extras or small print. We do not claim to always be the cheapest but we do want to best meet the needs of our customers at the best possible price. So, how do we deliver all this? By working in partnership with our product providers we try to fill this gap in the market for older people. Through our

national network of Age UK's (your local one is AGE UK BOURNEMOUTH) we offer face-to-face advice where we help older people have access to services such as Energy, Funeral plans and Personal alarms to Travel, Home and Car insurance. We also assist with Equity release and Annuities.

Several people also want to know what are the benefits of Age UK Enterprises, why should they consider us over the likes of power-houses such as Aviva or Saga? Apart from providing an offering which addresses the needs of those in later life, Age UK Enterprises is also a social enterprise - this means that profits raised are gift aided back to the charity. In the last financial year we were able to give a fantastic £23 million which was used directly to fund the charity's work. So in conclusion Age UK Enterprises exists because it is needed. It is needed at the request of older people, it is needed to help where other providers fail and it is needed because it provides vital funding for the important work the Age UK charity does. Both employees and customers alike can take great pride in that knowledge.

To find out more please call **Peter Kendall, Age UK Bournemouth Trading Manager** on **01202 530575**, or visit **700 Wimborne Rd. Bournemouth BH9 2EG** (10am - 4pm Mon-Fri).



Clinical Commissioning Groups - *How will the changes affect you?*

From April 2013 national changes mean GPs are responsible for planning and funding a number of local health services. Across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole, this organisation is called NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). We are made up of all 100 GP practices in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole - making us one of the largest CCGs in England – split into 13 localities which are groups of GPs surgeries (of which East Dorset is one) and six Clinical Commissioning Programmes. These are: *Mental health and learning disabilities; Maternity, sexual and family health; Musculo-skeletal and trauma; General medical; Cardio-vascular disease, stroke and diabetes; Cancer and end of life.*

We employ support staff so our clinical staff can concentrate on bigger, strategic issues, and still have time to see patients. Our governing body has other medical people on it, lay people and managers from NHS Dorset CCG. It is our governing body that takes all the key decisions.

Our responsibility is to fund services in hospitals and in the community but not services from dentists, pharmacists, opticians or member GPs. There are also a number of specialist health services that are not funded as these are funded on a wider basis as they need specific support. We are also part of the Health and Wellbeing Boards run by local authorities to develop and monitor health and wellbeing priorities for the area.

There are a number of key areas for service development that the CCG will be focussing on in 2013/14 which are outlined in more detail in the Annual Delivery Plan.

The initial delivery priorities that have been agreed for 2013/14 are:

- improving dementia diagnosis and services;
- reducing avoidable emergency admissions;
- reducing preventable deaths.

To view the strategy and annual plan visit www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk

In the short term, patients should not see any differences to the services available and the way they are accessed.

It is our vision that care will be provided as close to home as it is clinically safe to do so, and that care will focus on prevention - keeping people healthier for longer.

Having clinicians involved at this level allows us to better represent our patients and their experiences; empowering us to put this feedback and that of other partners and stakeholders at the centre of all commissioning decisions. Over the next five years we hope the public will recognise and support us as a fair and open organisation and one in which it can place great trust.

East Dorset locality contacts

Locality Chair: Dr Colin Davidson
Locality Deputy Chairs: Dr Lawrence Lear and Mrs Sue Richards
Locality Manager: Sharon Ford-Beauchamp

Out of Hours Service

The NHS 111 service has gone live in Dorset and that is the number to call when advice and assistance is needed but it is not a life threatening situation. In all cases of real emergency, call 999 or visit the nearest A&E. A “choose well” leaflet will be going out to all households. Further information is available at www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/news/get_the_right_treatment.htm



Keith Williams
Head of Communications,

Dates for your Diary

May

12 **Great Wimborne Bake & Craft Sale, Allendale Centre**

June

7-9 **Wimborne Folk Festival**

8 **Minster Green Summer Fair**

23 **Wimborne in Bloom, Open Gardens Day** Tel: 01202 888703

July

12 **Concert including performance by Colehill & Ferndown Community Choir**
7.30pm at the Barrington Theatre, raising funds for The Michael Ely Trust supporting local young musicians.

14 **The Big Bike Ride** in aid of The Reef – see advert on back page

26 **Wines for Summer Drinking, Colehill Memorial Hall.** Tel: 01202 882590
A wine expert will lead you through the tasting of 7 wines, accompanied by selection of chilled summer foods.

August

11 **Open Garden** in aid of Wimborne Hospital – see page 6 for details

October

5 **Colehill Memorial Hall Fund Raising - New Age Kurling, 7.30pm**
New Age Kurling is a form of the original curling game, but adapted so that it can be played indoors on any smooth, flat surface, such as a sports hall, rather than on ice. Ploughman's supper but please bring your own drinks and glasses. £7.50, Tickets in advance only (numbers are limited)
Please contact Katie Richards: Tel 01202 841 073

November

1 **Celebrity Gala Dinner**
Canford School in aid of The Reef and Wooden Spoon Dorset
Guest speaker from the International world of Rugby, charity auction.
A superb event for corporate entertaining, friends and family.
Tel: 01202 842311 or email dinner@reef4youthdorset.co.uk

Coming up, dates to be announced

Visit to The Houses of Parliament, courtesy of Annette Brooke MP

Dorset Charity Cycle Ride



Entry Fee: £10 Adults,
£5.00 under 16's

The Big Dorset Bike Ride in aid of The Reef Youth Centre, Colehill, Supported by Wooden Spoon, the children's charity of rugby.

14th July 2013

3 great routes 10 miles, 25 miles or 50 miles taking you through some spectacular Dorset countryside. All routes will be well signed with marshals at strategic points, refreshment stops, emergency back-up. The day is about having fun with family and friends whilst supporting a great local project as well as physically, mentally and socially disadvantage children throughout Dorset.

Wooden Spoon Dorset Charity Bike Ride raising funds for the Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre (The Reef)
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Information and application form can be found at:
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www.woodenspoon.com

