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Chairman's comments

Another birthday celebration, another great occasion. People commented to me on how good it was to see such community engagement, and everyone enjoyed it tremendously.

The fund-raisers have a splendid list of forthcoming events and I do urge you to give them your full support. Their vital role is emphasised by my failure to persuade the parish council to increase our core funding in line with inflation since 2012. Fortunately we seem to have hit the jackpot this year with grants from East Dorset in addition to Synergy. These are a huge help in our plans to make the library more comfortable and user-friendly. We are grateful for all contributions and you may have noticed recently the bird feeders, made by Paul Edwards.

The daffodils surrounding the Library are (just about) in flower - these have been planted in memory of Dorothy Cook, a volunteer who died last year.

I look forward to another library year and thank you all for your help in making the library such a success story.

John Gooch, Chairman

Easter activities – Monday 30th March

Drop into the library on between 10.00 am – 1.00 pm and enjoy some Easter activities – a treasure hunt, crafts, refreshments. Free to come along but donations to the library gratefully received. There will be an Easter themed “decorate a wooden spoon” competition which will be judged during the morning. Fantastic prizes of Family Passes to some of Dorset’s best attractions for the winners. Entry to the competition including wooden spoon available for £1 from the library.

The Library celebrates 2nd Birthday

Saturday 31st January found the people of Colehill out in force at the Memorial Hall to celebrate our second birthday.

The Community thronged the Hall to browse the book, toy and craft stalls, take part in the raffle and to learn more about the ever increasing activities at the Library. They were entertained by local choir, Jubilate, and chatted over coffee and cake with friends and supporters.

Local Councillor, Janet Dover presented certificates to Megan Webb and Tobias Blundell who are the first of the library’s young users to have completed the 100 Book Challenge. She also presented a cheque for £1189 from funding at her disposal from the EDDC, to be used for new seating, flexible shelving and display units. More pictures on Event Reports on the website. With thanks to Lorna-Rose for the photos – www.lornarosephotography.co.uk

News and Information Screen

We are looking into fitting a Digital News and Information Screen in the Library Foyer and for this we require a 24” or larger Flat TV screen that will take PC input. If any one has upgraded their TV recently and has an old screen that they would like to donate to the Library for us to take this idea forward, the Library would very grateful. The screen will be used to display advertisements for local events, trips, and local news.

Please contact David Holder, 01202 880775 if you can help.

Creative space in the Library

Colehill Community Library is making space! Thanks to the introduction of new movable shelving, the Community Library can now create the room to host a variety of events with plenty of seating and space to move around.

One such special event in February was a visit from widely published short story writer Tracy Baines. The “Life Stories” morning was hosted by the four “special interest” groups which meet regularly on Thursday mornings in the library. Our interests in family history, local history, writing and crafting, all came together as we thought about the many stories generated by our lives past and present.



Tracy Baines (seated left), who writes for a wide range of magazines under her pseudonym Francine Lee, helped us explore ways of capturing moments and these stories from our lives in writing, pictures, and by being creative with photographs, artefacts and memorabilia. The morning sparked many ideas, both for us as individuals and as a community. >>

Easter Closing 3rd - 6th April

The Library will be closed from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive.



For latest information: www.colehill.gov.uk/colehill-community-library or [facebook.com/colehillcommunitylibrary](https://www.facebook.com/colehillcommunitylibrary)

So if you want to dig deeper into your family history, or begin to present and preserve your discoveries, do join us at the library on Thursday mornings. If you are curious about how Colehill came to be like it is, or have a bank of memories of how it was when you were younger, we need you. If you enjoy being creative, in writing, knitting or nattering, or any other way, you will find a friendly welcome here.

Check out the monthly calendar of group meetings in the newsletter or at the library. *Cilla Sparks*

Fund-Raising Events

Two coach trips have been organised for this year, both on Wednesdays ~ **6th May** to the BBC, and **16th September** to Bletchley Park. Tickets from the library.

The Curse of Kings

The eagerly awaited second volume of The King's Chalice Trilogy, "The Curse of Kings" by Janet K L Seal is now available.

Jan leads us back to the Wimborne of Saxon times and sets a vivid and enlightening physical and domestic scene as the backdrop to the frequently violent history of the times.

Published by Bretwalda Books at £12.99 and available to borrow from Colehill Community Library.

All are welcome at the book launch at the Priest's House Tea Room in Wimborne on **Saturday 28th March** between 2.00 – 4.00 pm.



COLEHILL CONUNDRUMS !

Part 1 of a new feature, kindly supplied by Jan Seal.

The name Ginny Down or Jenny Down behind St Michael's school is derived from:

- A. People used to drink there
- B. Donkeys grazed there
- C. Duck down/feathers were collected there

In 1642 a ring of trees at the back of Colehill Vicarage was called the Soldiers Ring.

- A. Is this a fairy ring
- B. Is it a Civil War burial pit
- C. Did the army exercise there

Elliot's Grave is on the border between Hanham and Lacy ground. Who was buried there in 1684 with a stake through his heart?

- A. Mr Elliot
- B. Mr Grave
- C. John Short

Why are parts of Beaucroft Lane 25ft below the surrounding ground?

- A. There was a gravel pit
- B. It was an old packhorse track
- C. The owners took earth to raise their building plots

Where was the race course in Colehill in 1756?

- A. Along Middlehill Rd
- B. Along Wimborne Rd
- C. On Cannon Hill

What was the old name of Rowlands Hill?

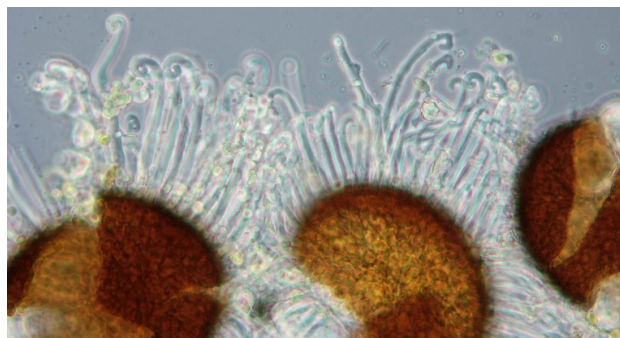
- A. Steep Rd
- B. Bullpits Lane
- C. Wimborne Hill

Answers will be provided on the website from the end of March if you can't wait for the next issue! – Ed.

Nature Note

Keen eyed visitors to the library garden may have noticed what looked like a bird dropping bonanza on the leaves of Norway Maple saplings last summer. The white spotted leaves almost glowed in the shadows along the path skirting the Memorial Hall. These spots were a fungus, *Sawadaea tulasnei*; one of the powdery mildews which, like so many living things, gets more and more amazing the closer you look.

The pictures show an infected leaf, a close up of the dark spheres in which the spores develop and finally a microscope photo of squashed spheres showing halos of hooked hairs.



Christine & Malcolm Storey

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