



# NEWS

## Colehill Community Library

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### Chairman's comments

If you were fortunate enough to attend Jan Seal's interesting talk on the history of Uddens, you will know what a transformation there has been to the Library.

When we used to go to the Friends' coffee talks, we were fitted amongst the bookcases, some with restricted views and any numbers over 18 were difficult to find seats. This time 37 (I can scarcely believe it) attended. The moveable shelving has made so much space available for meetings and other communal activities.

The icing on the cake is that it has mostly been financed through grants, from East Dorset (thanks to Colehill Councillors Janet Dover, David Packer and Brian Roberts) and Synergy. With the grounds looking good too, I'd like to say a big thank you to the whole army of volunteers who make our library so pleasant and interesting to visit.

Enjoy the summer. *John Gooch, Chairman.*



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Life on the Hill

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Community Writing Project

Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 - 12.00

### "Telling the stories"

workshop with Tracy Baines

Bring a memory, a photo, an object,  
or a special moment.

Bring an idea, bring your imagination.

Bring a story about every day life in Colehill,  
past or present.

- Make a start on telling your story, or someone else's, writing or speaking.
- There will be help with writing, on paper or computer, how to make a start, what to include.
- There will be opportunities to record your story, or tell it to someone else.
- And of course a chance to chat over a cup of coffee

**Come and join us!**

### Summer Reading Challenge

*The Summer Reading Challenge is here again and we are working to make it our best year yet.*



For anyone new to the idea, the Summer Reading Challenge is a nationwide event which encourages children to visit their local libraries and keep reading through the school holidays. This year in Dorset, the Challenge runs between the 11th July and 12th September. A little wriggle room is allowed at the end date!

Participants are challenged to read or share six books on any theme or subject and in any format e.g. print, e-book or recorded. When they sign up at the library they will be given a poster on which they can record the books they have read. For each completed book they will be awarded a sticker, culminating in a medal once the sixth has been achieved. This will also result in a personalised certificate later in the year. At Colehill we like to record everyone's marvellous progress on a chart displayed in the library (but only if that young person agrees of course!)

Every time a medal is achieved we will add a body segment to our Colehill Bookworm. Will we be able to make it extend all round the Library? We will also be attempting to chart the number of children and teen books that are borrowed between the Challenge dates. Will we be able to top 2000...? Please help us try.

Most people love a challenge and this year's theme is "**Record Breakers**" set around the perennially popular *Guinness Book of Records*. To start the challenge off with an extra special event everyone is invited to take part in **An Official Guinness World Records Attempt**. The Reading Agency is looking to earn the title for "**Greatest number of people making a pledge or promise related to reading**".

The great thing is that adults, teenagers and children can join together for this.

Come to Colehill Community Library on Saturday morning the 11<sup>th</sup> July between 9.30 and 12.30 and make your pledge.

#### The types of pledge are:

- For children: "to visit the library and read over the summer"
- For adults: "to encourage people I know to read with children in the summer"

The residents of Colehill have strongly supported the cause of libraries over the past few years as we have succeeded in keeping a lively and active library in the village.

Why not re-enforce this by making your pledge on the 11<sup>th</sup> and showing how much Colehill continues its commitment to supporting reading and libraries for the next generation.

Use the opportunity for your young people to sign up to the

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Reading Challenge or come into the **library at any time until the 12<sup>th</sup> September to sign up.**

However we will also be open on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm especially for signing up.** Pop in and enjoy some games and crafts – all for **free.**

Remember you can carry on your reading challenge by signing up to Colehill's very own **100 Book Challenge.**

## **Sting in the Tale Storytelling – 7th August**

The **Sting in the Tale Storytelling Festival** will be holding an event at our library on **Friday 7th August** 10.30am - noon: The Summer Reading Challenge Stories... **Irish Giants** with Jill Barr of Heads and Tales Storytelling.

Age suitability: Children all ages. Tickets: Free event - book your space with the library. *All welcome.*

## **Diary Dates**

**30th October** – we are once again holding a Friday Night is Music Night event: this time it will be a concert by the wonderful Jubilate Singers. Tickets are £6 (on sale in the library) and as usual you can bring your own drinks and nibbles. This will be the third year that Maureen and Paul Edwards have organised this popular event in the Memorial Hall.

**20th November** – a new departure! Hall & Hearty is ex-River Cottage Chef Tim Maddams' latest venture. Tim said "I wanted a way to bring locally-sourced, seasonal, and above all, tasty, food to people across the South West that would be truly ethically sound". So he introduced supper clubs in village halls; a different approach to sharing food. We booked immediately and now Colehill has a chance to enjoy a delicious three-course meal prepared by a well-known chef, locally in the Memorial Hall. Tickets are £25 (on sale in the library) and you bring your own drinks.

**Look out for the Library stand at St. Michael's Church Summer Fete on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 4.00 – 7.00 pm**

## **Clear Your Attic – Table-Top Sale**

The tables were a sell-out with several would-be sellers on our 'cancellation list'.

On the day, all the sellers were very complimentary and said how much they had enjoyed the event. One seller wrote to say, "I had a lovely time – got rid of a load of stuff, paid for the table and enjoyed the socializing. Great fun!"

Fund raising can be hard work but it is also a great pleasure to see our community come together in ways unimaginable before the library came under community ownership. Do continue to support us (keep watch on the Library Notice Board).

Finally, grateful thanks must go to our band of willing helpers - our task force - for the smooth running of these events. Chatty, cheerful, friendly and efficient, they add so much to the success of all our events. *Val Seddon.*

## **Ink Cartridges**

Thank you on behalf of the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance for all the used ink cartridges that people

recycle via the library. We are collecting quite a few and have already delivered them to DSAA twice this year.

The Air Ambulance will also benefit if we buy our cartridges from their recycler. Prices are available on request at [www.keytec-industries.co.uk/buy\\_cartridges](http://www.keytec-industries.co.uk/buy_cartridges)

## **Nature Note**

As the light drained from the sky we set off for a short walk on Holt Heath, the National Nature Reserve owned by the National Trust just a little to the north of Colehill. It wasn't safe to walk the smaller paths in the glooming as the rough terrain reaches out to trip you up but the roadside and wider paths were manageable at a slow stroll. Our goal was an audio rather than visual experience and we didn't have to wait for long. As the moonlight took over a far-away sound like a vintage, 2-stroke motorbike radiated out from a distant clump of pines. As we focused on the sound another churring started up behind us. These long phrases of mechanical sounding calls got louder as night fell. Unlikely as it seemed, the sound is the voice of a bird, a Nightjar. They were awaking up and preparing to feast on the night flying insects and plump bodied moths.

This bird, seldom seen by day but unmistakable when heard at dusk or dawn, is yet another summer visitor to the UK, staying mainly on the southern heathlands to breed before heading back to Africa to winter in the sun. Nightjars have been heard in Cannon Hill Plantation too. We have even heard the churring from our home in Colehill, a few yards from the library.

*Christine & Malcolm Storey*

## **COLEHILL CONUNDRUMS ! (Part 3)**

*Kindly supplied by Jan Seal.*

How many rooms were in the newly built Northleigh House?

A. 16 B. 24 C. 25

Which famous family founded the village school in Colehill?

A. Paget B. Glyn C. Greathed

Where in Colehill can Redwood trees be seen?

A. Heatherlands, Wimborne Rd  
B. Olivers Way  
C. Pilford Heath Road

In 1887, the Jubilee celebrations of Queen Victoria were celebrated in Colehill. What was organised?

A. Firework display B. Pageant C. Bonfire

What was grown in the Vineries?

A. Brussel sprouts  
B. Grapes and Tomatoes  
C. Cultivated blackberries

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

*May Answers:*

A *Marshfield* B *look out for smugglers*  
C *Cowpats* C *killed by broomsticks*  
B *shoe maker* B *Park Homer*

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