



# NEWS

## Colehill Community Library

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### Chairman's comments

At the AGM we had a lively discussion about the future options for the Library and Colehill too. Interesting times.

This year's accounts reflect the vital contribution made by the fund-raising team, led so ably by Val and Bill Seddon, who have raised over £5,000 for the community library. A tremendous achievement, and one that reflects a lot of commitment and planning behind the scenes as well as 'on the day' in providing fun and enjoyment for the punters as well as persuading us to part with the moolah.

Well done and a big thank you to all concerned and there's more to come - please come along.

**Our MP, Michael Tomlinson, will be holding a surgery** in the library on Friday, 18 September from 2 to 3.30 and the Parish Council will be meeting in the library on 10th Nov.

*John Gooch, Chairman.*

### Diary Dates

If you're going to **Bletchley Park** on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> Sept., please be at the library by 8 am so that the coach can leave promptly – it's a long way to Milton Keynes! We hope to arrive there by noon (plenty of eateries on site), leave at 5 pm and be back in Colehill by 8.30 pm at the latest (comfort stops planned in both directions).

*Other fund-raising events coming up are:*

**Friday Night is Music Night** in the Memorial Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> October, this time with a concert entirely from the very versatile Jubilate Singers. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. £6 tickets from the library.

**Hall & Hearty** - a 3 course dinner prepared by Tim Maddon, ex-River Cottage chef, on 20<sup>th</sup> November, in the Memorial Hall. Tickets £25, BYO drinks.

We're also planning occasional talks in the library itself, on Wednesday evenings, and the first one will be on **23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30 pm** when John Bunting will talk on the life and times of the **Honeybee**. John has kept bees in and around Colehill for over 25 years. The session will include the lifecycle and size of the honeybee colony, harvesting the honey, the difference between clear and set honey, hay fever and honey, what to do if you see a swarm of bees, what are 'killer bees', and more.... and there'll be time for questions.

Another talk is booked for **4<sup>th</sup> November** - Linda Bunting is a volunteer with the Dorset Wildlife Trust and will talk about its work. She is specifically involved with the Great Heath Team based at Beacon Hill, creating a corridor for wildlife that stretches between the Purbecks and the

New Forest to compensate for the dramatic loss of wildlife habitats in the last 70 years. The remnants of this landscape still make up an amazing wildlife resource, with significant areas of national and international importance. The area has been described by Natural England as one of the most important areas for wildlife in the country.

There is no charge for these talks, but wine, tea and coffee will be available and donations are always welcome! Please sign up at the library if you plan to attend.



At the end of July Tracy Baines joined about 20 of us in the Library to work on our community writing project. People shared ideas and some read poems, stories or memories which they had written. Others shared lists of memories which got everybody joining in with "I remember..."

We discussed a short list of guide lines to help any one who wants to send in a piece to be included in our anthology:

- must be about life in Colehill - past or present (or even future)
- no more than 500 words (and may include pictures)
- any genre - poem, story (fact or fiction), personal memory or account
- all pieces may be edited if necessary, and inclusion in the anthology is not guaranteed (we will aim to include at least one piece from everyone participating)
- please remember to ask permission to share memories or pictures which are not yours or include children.

The Life on the Hill project now has its own email address - **[ccl.lifeonthehill@gmail.com](mailto:ccl.lifeonthehill@gmail.com)** so please do send in pieces you have written, or contact us if you want more details and a full copy of the guidelines.

Tracy Baines will join us again on **Thursday, October 22nd** 10.00 till 12.00 at the library. In the meantime everyone is welcome to join us at any of the Thursday morning groups to research your family or Colehill history, develop your writing skills, or knit and natter your stories.

See you on Thursdays !

### IT One To One Sessions

Bookable help sessions continue to run on Tues mornings.

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

## Pat's story

Founder member of the Family History and Just Write groups at the Library, Pat Putt Nicoll has achieved her goal of publishing her story. After years of research, and many writing drafts Pat has produced a lovely, personal account of her own life experiences, and that of her ancestors. A wonderful record for her children and grandchildren. She shared her book with us at the Just Write group last week. Congratulations to Pat!



Have you had similar ideas of writing the story of your family? Come along to the Family History or Just Write groups and get some inspiration!

## The Pledge

Thank you all for taking part in this year's attempt to set a new world record for most pledges received for a reading campaign. Although there was a fantastic response to the record attempt we have been informed that nationally the target for a new world record was not quite reached. The Reading Agency has announced that almost 80,000 pledges were made between the 10 and 13 July at libraries up and down the country which was a fantastic effort by all. Sadly 100,000 pledges were required to set a record.

**The pledging events in Dorset exceeded their target of 1000 pledges, achieving a total of 1084 of which 111 were made at Colehill Community Library. Well done us!**

## The Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge got off to a splendid start on the 11<sup>th</sup> July with over 60 young people signing up to start. This number has now grown to 190 and at the time of writing over 80 medals have been awarded.

Remember everyone who signs up and completes the Challenge at Colehill Library will be entered in to a draw for a chance to win the **2016 edition of The Guinness Book of Records**. The draw will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.

There is still time to sign up and complete the Challenge. We set our own challenge at Colehill to see if we could issue at least 2,000 children's and teenage books during the period of the challenge. We are at over 1650 with several weeks to go! Keep borrowing and keep reading!

## Sting in the Tale

We were delighted to welcome Jill Barr to the Library on the 7th August to entertain us as part of the annual local festival of story telling. Forty adults and children were absorbed in her tales of Irish Giants and it is reported that there were more than a few mutterings of FE FI FO FUM around Colehill in the days that followed.

## Children and Young People's Promise in Public Libraries



*This Children's Promise sets out the experience children and young people should have through public library services. The Vision is:*

- **Every child and young person visiting a public library is inspired by an exciting accessible environment which makes reading for pleasure irresistible.**
- **They have the opportunity to engage with imaginative digital opportunities through public libraries, building their skills, knowledge and creativity.**
- **They will find a range of inclusive and diverse fiction and non-fiction books and other information resources to support growing confidence in literacy and formal and informal learning.**
- **They are able to take part in a wide range of literacy and cultural experiences including reading and book-based activities.**
- **They are actively involved in decisions about service developments and are offered opportunities to volunteer.**
- **They are supported through library services and activities to improve their health and wellbeing.**

## Zinio e-magazines service

This service was launched on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. This allows Dorset library members to log on and download a selection of magazines to their computer. Titles include New Scientist, Amateur Gardening, Good Housekeeping and Family History. Go to [www.rbdigital.com/dorset/service/zinio](http://www.rbdigital.com/dorset/service/zinio) An instruction leaflet is available in the library.

## Toddlers RhymeTime resumes Tu. 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.

10.00 – 10.30 am. Just turn up!

## Local Information files

Some of you may have noticed the brightly presented folders in the library foyer.

The library is constantly in receipt of posters and leaflets about local organisations and events and we do our best to display them prominently. However space is always at a premium, hence we have produced these folders to file information which may be of use to our residents. Categorising this is never straight forward so the same information may be placed in more than one folder.

If you would like to add to these folders please hand your literature, dated, to a volunteer with a note of in which folders it should be included. We would appreciate being informed if something is no longer current.

We will continue to display posters of specifically dated events as far as space permits.

## Conundrums!

*More conundrums will appear in future issues...*

*July (Part 3) Answers:*

*B North Leigh reputed to have 24 rooms*

*C Greathed     A Wimborne Rd behind Heatherlands*

*C Bonfire     B grapes and tomatoes*

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