



# NEWS

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### Chairman's comments

After almost 3 years, the library stands at a moment of change. We've come to the end of our assured finance, but it seems fair to assume the Parish Council will continue to fund us, when we play such a vital role in the community.

Our next project is to replace the pavings at the front of the library, which have become uneven due to root movement. We would like to look at bigger improvements, like double glazing, which is beyond our modest budget. For that we would need longer-term grants or loans but we have little security to offer in return.

We rely on.... goodwill. And that seems appropriate with Christmas in the offing – the season of goodwill, after all. A time to reflect on what we have got – excellent people in good heart and a safe building.

Change is inevitable but we are ready. The clocks may have gone back, but we are looking forward. You too should look forward to the exciting events in our programme.

Best wishes to all our supporters. *John Gooch, Chairman.*

### Diary Dates

**4<sup>th</sup> November** – Linda Bunting will talk about the work of Dorset Wildlife Trust. No charge but donations welcome! Please sign up at the library if you plan to attend.

There will be **NO Knit and Natter** in December.

Next **June 26th** the fund-raisers are organising another **Colehill Gardens Gadabout**, with the support of the Hardy Plant Society. If you would like to join in and have a garden you are proud of, or can recommend a neighbour, please let the Editor know.

## The Launch of The History, Myths & Legends of Colehill

at Colehill Community  
Library

**on Saturday  
14th November**

11.00 a.m to 12.30 p.m.  
& 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

*Books will be  
available  
at £8.99*



### 'The History, Myths & Legends of Colehill'

For twenty-five years I have researched the Uddens Manor and the history of Wimborne and the surrounding area. The original card index system then became computer databases which rapidly expanded and often the area of Colehill was mentioned, but in passing as if it had little entity of its own. To put that right this volume collates every mention of the name however it is spelt !

It is a 'warts an' all' book giving details of mis-deeds, mis-haps and mis-takes. It would not be fair to relate such details about people who are still with us or whose kin would prefer not to be mentioned. The history stops just after the return of the many brave Colehill men from the trenches of WWI and honours those who did not come back. *Janet K L Seal.*

### One Stop

We are very grateful to **One Stop at Canford Bottom** for choosing our library to receive any income from their sale of plastic bags. A big THANK YOU.

### Colehill Bookworms Book Club

Colehill Bookworms is a friendly, lively group, meeting from 7.30 - 9pm on the third Wednesday of the month at Colehill Library. We currently have a couple of spaces for new members so if you are interested, please let the library know and one of the group will contact you.


### Spare wool for Knit and Natter Group

If anyone has oddments of wool they no longer want we'd be very happy to receive it. We meet on the **last Thursday of the month** (not Dec) 10 - 12. Just turn up – all welcome.

### Christmas Tree Festival

We will be participating in the Christmas Tree Festival at Colehill Methodist Church from the 12th December. There is no entrance fee but donations will be passed to the Amelia Grace Rainbow Fund [www.ameliasrainbow.org](http://www.ameliasrainbow.org)

### Christmas Opening Dates

Christmas Eve from 2.00 – 4.00 pm OPEN   
Fri 25th – Mon 28th December inclusive – CLOSED  
Tues 29th December 9.30 – 1.00, 2.00 – 5.00 OPEN  
Weds 30th December CLOSED  
Thurs 31st December 2.00 – 5.00 OPEN  
Fri 1st January 2016 CLOSED  
Sat 2nd January & onwards as usual

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



Life on the Hill is our Library community writing project, mentored by professional writer Tracy Baines, and started within the context of our regular Thursday Morning Special Interest groups. We are gathering stories, fact and fiction, poems and articles about our everyday life in Colehill. We have already received a steady stream of anecdotes and creative writing submitted to the Life on the Hill email, but we are looking for more.

Are you a member of a Colehill organisation, club, or activity group? Why not write a short account of what you do, and why you enjoy what you do?

What is your favourite thing about living in Colehill? Do you have a favourite walk, a favourite viewpoint? A favourite place, or time of year?

What about the animals of Colehill, wild and domestic? And of course our gardens and countryside? Do you have a favourite recipe, knitting or crafting idea? Share your knowledge and your expertise with us.

Do you even have a pet hate about Colehill? Traffic calming, a certain "hamburger" roundabout? Why not tell us about it, lighten it with some humour if you can!

We are also looking for ways to illustrate our anthology, are there any budding cartoonists out there?

The only "rules" are that all submissions must be in some way related to life in Colehill, past or present, and not more than 500 words. For more information, for full guidelines, or to submit a piece of writing email us at [ccl.lifeonthehill@gmail.com](mailto:ccl.lifeonthehill@gmail.com)

The next Life on the Hill meetings with Tracy Baines will be on **January 21st** 2016 when she will help us with editing what we've collected so far, and March 24th when we will inject some humour into the anthology with lighthearted and children's writing activities.

## The Record Breakers attempt

Received from Dorset Libraries -

"Following from Dorset Libraries involvement in the attempt to set a Guinness World Record..... although we were unsuccessful in setting the record, the attempt itself has made its way into the Guinness World Records 2016 edition and appears on the Editor's letter on page 8.

During 2015 Guinness World Records Editorial..... processed 39,740 applications, 4,281 of which were ratified as official Guinness World Record titles. To have featured in the editor's letter is a fantastic recognition of all the hard work put in by everyone involved."

## Summer Reading Challenge

This summer found many of Colehill's young people taking up the challenge to read six books during the summer. 193 signed up and a magnificent 134 completed, the Library frequently resounding to cheers and rounds of applause

as each medal was awarded and the tail of our bookworm grew steadily longer.

In the spirit of this year's Record Breakers theme we set out to issue at least 2000 books for young people during the period of the Challenge. Congratulations to all concerned WE DID IT. What is more, the statistics show that borrowing of children's books at Colehill between April – Sept 2015 was up by over 7% on the same period in 2014.

Remember that Colehill runs its own 100 Book Challenge for young people and is being taken up enthusiastically

Our Rhyme Time sessions for toddlers are held **every Tuesday during term time** between 10.00 - 10.30 am.

## Summer Reading Challenge Certificates

If you asked for your certificate to be sent to the library when you signed up to do the Summer Reading Challenge at Colehill this year it is now ready for collection. Just come in and ask at the desk. Don't forget you can sign up for Colehill's own 100 Book Challenge and earn another certificate.



## Colouring for Adults

This latest craze is coming to Colehill Library on **Friday 13th November** from 10.00 – 12.00. Come along and select from a picture of your choice, enjoy a coffee and a chat and start colouring. 50p donation towards coffee. *If enough people are interested it could become a regular activity. Sign up at the Library or just turn up on the day. All welcome.*

## COLEHILL CONUNDRUMS ! (Part 4)

Kindly supplied by Jan Seal.

Where was the house called The Priory?

- A. Adjacent to St Michaels
- B. Adjacent to Trotman's Tin Tabernacle
- C. On the corner of Middlehill Road and Lonnen Road

How did Onslow House get its name?

- A. Named after a TV character?
- B. To honour his wife's maiden name?
- C. Major-Gen Robert H Truell CB liked the sound of it?

Why did Mrs Luccombe of The Horse & Jockey pub on Leigh Road lose her licence in 1895?

- A. Bar room brawls?
- B. A house of ill repute?
- C. Traded on Sunday when she had no licence to trade on the Lord's Day?

What did Charles Habgood of Colehill do to be mentioned in the local papers 1870?

- A. Got married?
- B. Assaulted a policeman?
- C. Wrote a family history book?

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

**COPY DATE for next issue: 30th December**