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Chairman's chat

I am delighted that we have received Grant funding from EDDC, courtesy of Cllr David Packer, to cover the costs of the "Life on the Hill" Community Writing project (see below). This project, organised by Cilla Sparks with assistance from local writer, Tracey Baines, will collect and publish the reminiscences and everyday experiences of the folks who live on the Hill.

Life is a mosaic of individual experiences. Have you a story to tell? It doesn't have to be literary and it will all help us understand each other better.

Contributions to ccl.lifeonthehill@gmail.com please!
As an added bonus, as my daughter would say, you can add it to your CV!

John Gooch, Chairman.

Life on the Hill with Tracy Baines, 23rd June



Come along (on your way to vote) to see our plans for our local community writing project!

We now have funding to edit, print and publish the wonderful pieces of writing you have been submitting over the past year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. There is still time to send in your story, poem, limerick, memory etc. about our lives here in Colehill. 500 words or less, please...

For more information email ccl.lifeonthehill@gmail.com

Diary Date

A full list of the events planned for 2016 is available in the library and tickets are on sale at the desk.

May 18th Coach trip to Hampton Court Palace

Hampton Court Palace has been the home to so many outstanding historical figures, above all Cardinal Woolsey, Henry VIII, and Katherine of Aragon; providing momentous stories in the history of Britain.

So much of interest; The Great Hall, the Chapel Royal. And so many unmissable things to see and do at Hampton Court Palace; including the unique Chocolate Kitchen and the King's Kitchen Garden.

Coach leaves at **8.30 a.m.** from outside the Library. Tickets £35/£38, sold in the Library.

Nationwide Community Match from 3rd May

We have received the following communication from the Nationwide Building Society for which we are very grateful. You may want to vote for us.

"Nationwide customers have nominated Colehill Community Library to feature in the Community Match scheme, our in-branch local charity voting scheme. Each quarter, our branches feature three local charities/community organisations from customer nominations. Customers are then invited to vote for a winner. You will receive a £100 donation for being shortlisted. Should you receive the most votes at the end of the campaign you will receive an additional £500."

Dementia Awareness

Under the auspices of the *Colehill Dementia Friendly Group* we were able to spread the word about positive ways to help and be more aware of the problems of people with this condition. If you would like to attend one of these sessions or pick up some helpful leaflets please contact the library.

Housebound Reader Service

Just a reminder that if you are not able to visit the library on a permanent or temporary basis we are able to offer a home delivery service. Phone us on 01202 886676 and ask to speak to Linda Roberts.

Colehill Gardens Gadabout

You probably all know that another Colehill Gardens Gadabout is being organised for **Sunday, 26th June**. Fifteen gardens have been selected by the Hardy Plant Society and the gardeners are busy tidying, weeding and panicking, but we will need volunteers (i.e. you) to help on the day in various capacities. Our Community Library is responsible for (and will keep the profits from) the refreshments in the Memorial Hall, so we will need volunteers to help put up the bunting, set up and clear the Hall, prepare the Ploughman's lunches and the cream teas, and serve the teas and coffees.

We expect to attract hundreds of people and Colehill should be buzzing with visitors. It really will be fun! One of our members who has opened her garden for many years in her previous village said it was her favourite day of the year! We will also need helpers to sell the tickets, to man the garden gates, etc. etc.

There's a lot to do – please come and help us!

Email Barbara on bgooch@talktalk.net or sign the list in the Library.

A New Library System - Exciting times!

On 7th June 2016, the existing Libraries West Consortium of Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset, and South Gloucestershire public library services will be considerably enlarged when Dorset County and Borough of Poole Library service become members. Customers will be able to access libraries, "coast to coast" from the Bristol Channel to the south coast.

The consortium is introducing a new, shared Library Management computer System. This new computer system will be used to support the running of the library service such as loans, managing the stock and the catalogue.

Working together will bring a more flexible and user friendly service, providing value for money.

Customers will benefit from being able to:

- Use over 150 libraries in the consortium
- Keep and use the same library card
- Borrow, renew and return items at any of the libraries in the consortium
- Borrow and reserve items from any library in the consortium without paying additional interlibrary loan charges
- Use the Libraries West website and App to search the catalogue, reserve and renew items 24/7

A further change for Dorset customers will be the introduction of PINS. These are required to make our system compliant with data protection legislation and all the other authorities in the consortium already use them. PINS will be needed to use the Self Service and on-line catalogue.

As you can see the new library system will offer us all improvements to the library service which we currently enjoy. However the work of amalgamating so many systems is complicated and in the time leading up to the 7th June and a period after it there will be, of necessity, some restrictions on the services provided. The alternative was to completely suspend the library service for several weeks.

Your volunteers will be doing their very best to keep you informed and help everyone adjust to the new system.

Our borrowers have been very tolerant as we have gradually learnt to operate the current system over the last three years and we would ask for your patience again as our volunteers get to grips with all the new systems. Thank you.

Special Interest Groups

At Colehill Community Library, 10 till 12 – all welcome.
A full list is on the website.

Thursday May 5th – Family History

Fridays 13th & 27th May – Colour It

Thursday May 19th – Just Write

Thursday May 26th – Knit and Natter

Thursday June 2nd – Family History TBC

Thursday June 16th – *No "Just Write" this month*

Thursday June 23rd – Life on the Hill *with* Tracy Baines

Thursday June 30th – Knit and Natter

COPY DATE for next issue: 27th June

"Colour It" Group

The "Colour It" group have been branching out into card making as well as colouring. If you fancy a friendly chat and the chance to try something different, the group is meeting on the second and fourth Friday monthly, 10 - 12. Check the notice board, website or phone to confirm dates.

Colehill Library Knit and Natter Group

WANTED: The knit and Natter group are busy again knitting for various charities, premature baby clothes and muffs for Dementia patients. We are always in need of wool 4 ply, double knitting, chunky and other yarns. Also buttons, beads, buckles, small zips, toggles etc. If you have anything to pass on we would be grateful. Please leave in the Library office. Thank you, *Muriel*.

Recycling Printer Cartridges

The Air Ambulance is no longer accepting printer cartridges for recycling. We are currently investigating another suitable recipient. Suggestions most welcome.

Young Volunteers

We are very lucky to have a number of young people working in the library. Most of them have chosen to volunteer with us as one of their Duke of Edinburgh Award challenges. It is good to find that our local youngsters see the library as a worthwhile project, and we are delighted with the energy and enthusiasm they bring to the variety of tasks they are undertaking.

'What They Left Behind'

Wimborne Community Theatre's forthcoming production, 'What They Left Behind', takes place in several town centre locations and focuses on the impact of the Great War on people living in Wimborne. Performance Dates: **May 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28 at 8 pm**. Tickets are available from Allendale House on 01202 888992 and Wimborne TIC on 01202 886116. www.wimbornecommunitytheatre.co.uk

Nature Note – Catkins and Kitten tails

If you play scrabble, 'catkin' is a useful word. It's not too long a word and offers an opportunity to make use of a tricky but 5 point bearing 'K'. I've recently discovered that the word catkin is derived from the old Dutch katten, meaning "kitten", on account of the resemblance to a kitten's tail. A delightful word. Earlier this year the hazel shrubs in the library grounds waggled their kitten tails in the spring breeze but by the end of April these are gone. What can be seen now, with a bit of careful study is green catkins under the young oak leaves. The vivid green of the new oak leaf bunches catch your attention but if you look twice you may see the shy male flowers tassels underneath, ready to be shaken by the spring winds to send their pollen adrift in the air.

The library grounds are developing a greener hue now, a welcome portent of warmer days to come. *Christine*.

COLEHILL CONUNDRUMS - Part 6 Answers

C Green Bottom. C Above North Leigh House.

B Granny Parfitt. B Part of Leigh Lane.