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Chairman's chat

You may have read Simon Jenkins' article in the Guardian (22nd December):

Our libraries are in trouble, but it's not about the books

"The library must discover its specialness. This strength lies not in books as such, but in its readers, in their desire to congregate, share with each other, hear writers and experience books in the context of their community. The local library needs to become that place of congregation. It should combine coffee shop, book exchange, playgroup, art gallery, museum and performance. It must be the therapist of the mind."

Food for thought has it really been two years since the Sieghart Report said much the same? Obviously the present premises are too small for all these activities and experiences and we need to look elsewhere Furzehill perhaps? (Dream on).

Meanwhile, in the real world we are celebrating our 4th **Birthday** as a Community Library. Happy anniversary to all the library volunteers and supporters.

Speaking of which – subscriptions are now due please! (Forms in library/website, if you're not already paying STO/BACS)

Our sincere thanks to **One Stop** for the generous donation of a Christmas Hamper.

John Gooch, Chairman.

Special Interest Groups

In the Library, 10am - noon. Please check the noticeboard or the website for changes to the schedule.

'Colour It' will continue on the **last Friday** of each month. Next meeting: 27th Jan. Coffee, biscuit and a choice of a picture to colour - 50p. Plus the chance to meet new friends.

Have you been listening to all the family stories this Christmas? Did Uncle Fred really disappear without trace and who was the mysterious Sarah? Then....

Find Your Ancestors!

The Family History Group can help you to get started on your own family research. Just pop in any time between 10–12 on the first Thursday of every month. Always happy to welcome new members! We just ask for a 50p donation to cover cost including a coffee.

You may discover facts about recent ancestors, find missing relatives, investigate military service or begin to trace your complete tree. The library has free access to the Ancestry website and the group has experienced researchers who can show how to use it, and advise on other websites that are available, many for free. *Dave.*

If you have a hobby which you might be interested in sharing with others in the locality please talk to us about the possibility of starting a regular group or just holding a "one off" meeting or coffee morning.

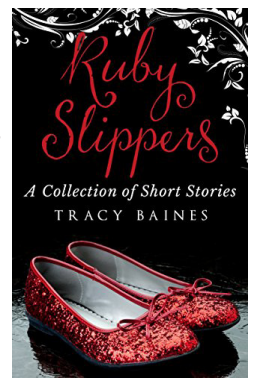
Short Stories by local authors

In addition to our own 'Life on the Hill' the following books by local authors are available on Amazon U.K. (see the links on the 'Books' page on our website), or at our 4th birthday celebration coffee morning on January 28th:

'Ruby Slippers' by Tracy Baines

Tracy Baines' first writing was about the life of her grandmother.

Now a successful short story writer, regularly published in several women's magazines, she helped us collect and publish our community anthology 'Life on the Hill'. 'Ruby Slippers' is a collection of her uplifting and heartwarming stories, where love and humour give us strength in what can often be complicated relationships of everyday life. >>>



To celebrate
Colehill Community Library's
4th Birthday

Coffee & Cake
Crafts & Book Sale



Saturday, 28th January

10 a.m. till 11.30 in the Memorial Hall

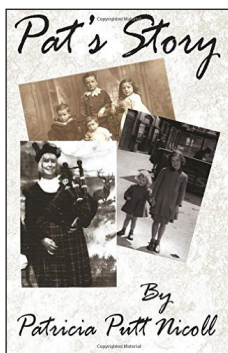
Come along and bring your friends

Fund-raising for Colehill Community Library (charity no. 1151552)

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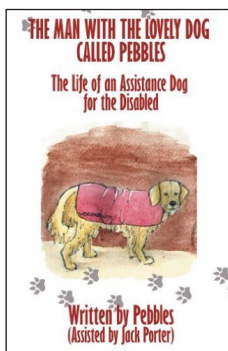
'Pat's Story' by Pat Putt Nicoll

Pat is a member of the Just Write group at Colehill Library. She wanted to capture the fascinating stories from her family history research, and preserve them for her family and grandchildren. Spanning continents and centuries this is a personal family saga, told through the eyes of ordinary people. Authentic and honest, those who know Pat will hear her voice on every page.



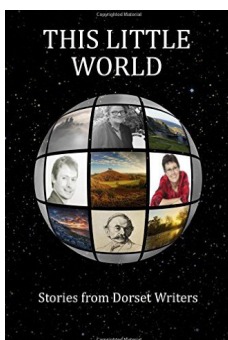
'The Man with the Lovely Dog Called Pebbles' by Pebbles

Pebbles also visits the Just Write group at Colehill Library with Roger, who he works for as a 'Woofability' assistance dog. Told from Pebbles' point of view, this is an inspiring story of how one cheeky golden retriever transforms the life of a man struggling with disability. And it is beautifully illustrated with full colour drawings.



'This Little World' edited by Sue Ashby

This lovely collection of short stories about our beautiful county of Dorset includes some authors from local Colehill writing groups. Writers as young as eleven, and with no upper age limit, were involved in creating this compilation, as were Tracy Baines and Helen Baggott who helped us publish 'Life on the Hill'.



Events

The Library's next event will be its **4th Birthday Coffee Morning** on Saturday, 28th January – as usual in the Memorial Hall from 10 to 11.30 a.m. Apart from coffee, tea and delicious cakes, there will be a few craft stalls, a raffle, and of course a sale of an enormous variety of books, some written by local authors, and others donated to the library. Come and join us and bring your friends!

Tickets will be on sale there for the popular **Fish & Chip Supper** on Friday 17th March at 7pm (£12).



We are thrilled that we have managed to book fabulous "Scarlet Swing", a vintage vocal harmony duo who perform songs from the forties. We'll be amazed if you manage to stay in your seat, so bring your dancing shoes if you wish. There'll also be a vintage quiz and a vintage raffle – you can see there's a theme developing here, so if you'd like to dress appropriately we'd be delighted.

Our first coach trip of the year will be to Winchester,

on Thursday February 23rd – tickets for that will be on sale – and we'll be announcing our proposed coach programme for 2017, and we hope that you will find a tour that is of interest to you. Our trip organiser, Kate Coney, will be on hand to answer any questions you may have regarding any of the excursions.

COLEHILL CONUNDRUMS ! (Part 10 - Dec.)

Kindly supplied by Jan Seal.

What was the original name of St Bride, goddess of Spring and Childbirth, when Iron Age people lived on Colehill?

- A. Bridlington
- B. Brigantia
- C. Brideley

When was the farthing minted and used in Wessex?

- A. 1280
- B. 1439
- C. 1900

What was Margaret Beaufort accused of in 1483?

- A. Adultery
- B. Heresy
- C. Sorcery

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

Nov (Part 9) answers:

- A. Batchelor's Droug
- B. Beside Leigh Road
- C. Brown

Colehill Community Writing Project's "Life on the Hill"

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in the
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