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Chairman's chat: Loose connections....

In Salisbury last year, I purchased a "little book of Brunel", idly curious to see what mention was made of my putative relative, Sir Daniel Gooch, who was Isambard Brunel's chief engineer and who, I learnt, became a director of the Great Western Railway and left a fortune (but no children).

In the book there is a chapter 'The Thames Tunnel - the eighth wonder of the world' relating how Marc Brunel (father of Isambard) created the world's first tunnel under a river by excavating via an innovative tunnelling shield what has become the Rotherhithe tunnel. It took 18 years, opening in 1843.

In 1869 work began on the Tower Subway using the cylindrical boring shield created by James Henry Greathead. The name seemed familiar from Parish Council days, so I checked the internet, and indeed he did have a daughter, Mary. Was this our local benefactress, Mary Greathed?

So, it got me up to London to find the Brunel Museum, and incidentally visit my granddaughter, catch up with old friends, revisit the National Gallery and even check out the site of the controversial Garden Bridge over the Thames.

All thanks to a little book. Where could *your* reading take you?
John Gooch, Chairman.

Special Interest Groups

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

Colour It - last Friday of the month

Family History - March 2nd and April 6th

Just Write - March 16th and April 20th

Knit and Natter - March 30th and April 27th

Colehill Reading Group meets on the first Tuesday, 1-2pm - *we are seeking new members so do come and join us.*

~~~ Colehill Bookworms ~~~

invite you to come along to our friendly and informal group which meets on the third Wednesday in the evening, contact Jacky on jackybodell5@gmail.com or 842571(eves).

### Life on the Hill

"Well I didn't know that!", "I remember that too" and "Are you planning volume two?" Just some of the comments we've received from those who have enjoyed reading 'Life on the Hill'. Pre - Christmas sales were brisk and, with more sold at the Birthday coffee morning, supplies have had to be replenished more than once. We have copies still available for sale at the Library. So if you haven't read it yet, or want an interesting gift for someone, pop in and buy one soon. All profits go to Library funds.

### Come on a Coach Trip!

Thursday, 23rd March - Trip to Exeter - £16

Wednesday, 19th April - Dorchester and Weymouth - £10

Wednesday, 31st May - Trip to Poole, boat to Wareham and return, with Fish & Chip lunch on board - £28

Wednesday, 5th July :

A visit to Kensington Palace to the new 'Diana: Her Fashion Story' exhibition.

Plus see the Sunken Garden which will be planted with flowers and foliage inspired by memories of the Princess's life image and style.

And if this not enough you can also visit the 'Enlightened Princesses' exhibition.

This will be a full day excursion - hope you can join us.  
Tickets will be around £40.

Saturday, 2nd December - Portsmouth Dockyard

Victorian Festival of Christmas - £27 adults / £24 children

*Tickets from the Library (must be booked in advance).*

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

**Fish & Chip Supper, plus  
the fabulous vintage vocal harmony duo**

**'Scarlet  
Swing'**



**Friday**

**17<sup>th</sup> March**

**@ 7 pm**

**St Michael's Church  
Centre, Colehill Lane**

**Tickets £12**

**Bring your own drinks and glasses**

Tickets on sale in the Library, must be pre-booked  
For further information contact 01202 884079



## Easter closing

In common with all Dorset Libraries, we are closing from Good Friday 14th Apr to Easter Monday 17th Apr inclusive.

## The Scarlet Swing?

Who and what is The Scarlet Swing? A question I keep being asked and this is how they describe themselves on Facebook: "We are a vintage inspired vocal harmony duo. We love the light harmonies from this era and also enjoy performing electro - swing".

They sound good and look good and I guarantee you will enjoy a trip down memory lane and itch to dance when you hear them. *Come and join us on March 17th - see the ad on the front page. Val.*

## Library Subs are due!

In case you didn't spot it last time, subs are due please! (Forms in library/website, if you're not already paying STO/BACS)

## The Legacy by Katherine Webb

This is the second Katherine Webb novel that I have read, the first being 'A Half Remembered Song'. I wanted to read that one because it was set in Dorset and it did have a good sense of Dorset.

I found this 'The Legacy' to be a very frustrating read. She writes well and is easy to read and you root for the characters, but then it all gets too silly and you lose your sympathy. It piles improbability onto improbability, not only in the modern day bits but in the flashbacks as well, so that in the end you just don't care. Caroline is obviously supposed to be unsympathetic but you have to believe in her actions and I didn't, particularly the abandoning of the baby. And how come no-one discovered any of this, both the escape from New York then the whole baby thing?

The travellers come out of this well with their enthusiasm in taking in stray children but I found the whole Harry/Henry plot deeply morally dubious. I also guessed it quite early on but again stretching improbability and coincidences far too far and seemingly approving of letting things lie - what about his parents!! They have a right to know!! If anyone is a fan of Anne of Green Gables as I am then they will have seen a similar plot done much much better in Anne's 'House of Dreams'.

So all in all an easy read and I wanted to get to the end to find out what happened but left feeling vaguely unsatisfied with the whole thing.

*Colehill Reading Group*

## Nature Notes

There's a game my botanically orientated friends play. It's highly competitive and, for serious players burns a lot of shoe rubber. Malcolm and I play a shorter version where we count the number of plants in flower on our usual walk to the Co-op. On January 1st we counted 25, but we break the rules with only 2 being outside the garden walls. Today, February 19th I strolled in the library grounds and counted

a very respectable 8. If I had useful horticultural knowledge of varieties of croci or daffodils no doubt the true total would have rivalled some serious players' scores.



However, even our lovely library garden has a way to go before it beats this year's reported best on New Year's Day in West Cornwall of 106!. There's no prizes in this game but who needs prizes when we have the little jewels of colour lighting up the damp woodland floor. Thank you Colehill Library Gardeners.

More details about the national 'New Year Plant Hunt' can be found at <http://bsbi.org/new-year-plant-hunt> *Christine.*

## COLEHILL CONUNDRUMS! (Part 11 - March)

*Kindly supplied by Jan Seal.*

George Smith is described as a higgler in 1886. What is that?

- A. A misprint -
- B. An itinerant pedlar
- C. Someone who can walk on stilts!

How did Wimborne Council try to annexe Colehill in 1921?

- A. Announced it in the press
- B. Disrupted parish council meetings
- C. Broke into storage facility where Colehill records were kept

How many children did Stephen Burden aged 93 have when he died in 1925?

- A. 19
- B. 11
- C. 21

When did the Colehill cricket club win the Bournemouth & District League?

- A. 1950
- B. 1938
- C. 1980

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

*Dec/Jan/Feb (Part 10) answers:*

- B. Brigantia
- A. 1280
- C. Sorcery

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