



# NEWS

## Colehill Community Library

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### EDUCATION-R-US?

I always find it faintly risible that the Library's charity status is based on being a place of education, clashing with the reality that our largest book category is Crime. Are we a School for Scoundrels? Surely not.

It has not always been thus. The Chained Library, down the hill, is a remarkable collection of ecclesiastical works. Very select, and in its time, some seditious stuff. Kingston Lacy has its library. Collectors' items. Not for our eyes.

Then came Boots Booklovers Library, where gentle folk could browse the latest publications. How did this happen, what sort of people were they and why did it stop? Jackie Winter has researched those times. Her book "Lipsticks and Library Books" is a witty, informative story of this phenomenon.

Come to hear her illustrated talk at the Library (see below). It will be an education.

*John Gooch, Chairman.*

*STOP PRESS! The Library has been selected for Waitrose Community Matters collection in September or October.*

### ~~~ LIBRARY LECTURES - NEW SERIES ~~~

**LIPSTICK AND LIBRARY BOOKS**, Jackie Winter, on Wednesday, 27th September – 7.30 p.m. in the Library.

This is the story of Boots' libraries, set within the context of life in Britain during the first half of the twentieth century.

Post war years brought social and economic change, including better public libraries and affordable paperbacks. Defeated by falling membership, rising costs and an unfashionable image, the last library closed in 1966.

### THE BRUNELS, ENGINEERS EXTRAORDINARY

Dr Ian Dickins, Weds 25th Oct, 7.30 p.m. in the Library.

Marc and Isambard, father and son, what a combination! The fascinating story of two of the greatest engineers of the nineteenth century.

*If you'd like to come along to either talk, simply add your name to the list at the desk in the Library.*

**Advance Notice:** 'Carrying on Driving as we Age', 22nd Nov. *Up-to-date advice and tips on driving forever, by John Brown, local specialist Driving Instructor, and author of 'Driving is Challenging and Important for Older Drivers'.*

### Toddler Rhyme Time

**Toddler Rhyme Time** starts again on **Tuesday 12th Sept.** from 10.00 to 10.30 am. Come along and help us make some happy, tuneful noise.

### Special Interest Groups – all welcome

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

#### September 2017

Thursday September 7th – Family History

Thursday September 21st – Just Write

Thursday September 28th – Knit and Natter

Friday September **\*\*22nd\*\*** – Colour It – a week earlier than usual. It will be a watercolour workshop with the chance of trying out this medium in a relaxed and friendly way. All materials provided. Everyone welcome.

#### October 2017

Thursday October 5th – Family History

Thursday October 19th – Just Write

Thursday October 26th – Knit and Natter

Friday October 27th – Colour It.

### Come on a Coach Trip!

Saturday, 2nd December – Portsmouth Dockyard

Victorian Festival of Christmas – £27 adults / £24 children  
Tickets from the Library (must be booked in advance).

### To our Summer volunteers....

Thank you to the cohort of young people, including those returning from University for the summer, who have given up part of their holiday to volunteer with us. Their help is invaluable and we are always delighted to welcome back old friends.

### AN AUTUMNAL SELECTION

Tasting wines with expert Ted Orchard

with either chicken fillet or local butcher's ham or vegetarian quiche  
Friday 6th October, 7 for 7.30 pm in Colehill Memorial Hall

*Raising funds for Colehill Memorial Hall*

Tickets £20 available from Denise (01202 888348) or Barbara (01202 882590) or Colehill Community Library

### Friday Night is Music Night

with Martin & John, and No Direction

**Friday, 27th October – 7 for 7.30 p.m.**

*A light hearted evening of local singers and musicians...*

*Bring own nibbles & drinks & glasses to Colehill Memorial Hall*

Tickets £6 available in Colehill Community Library

For more information contact 01202 882808

## Defibrillator in Memorial Hall entrance

The Memorial Hall now has a Defibrillator. Some people from the Library are having training.

## Ding Dong!

Should anyone need help with our rather heavy door we have installed a bell which you can use to summon assistance. Thank you to a regular user for the suggestion.

## Access to 2.5 million items to choose from...

Browsing along a bookshelf or enjoying a conversation with a local resident are just two of the joys of visiting Colehill Library but for me there's a big added attraction. Using my computer from home I can select from a massive library catalogue of around 2.5 million items, including books, DVDs, spoken word, music CDs, printed music, maps and language materials. My library card allows me to reserve my choices, set my default pickup library to be Colehill and hey presto, when the item is delivered I get an email telling me it's available for me to pick up. I like to support the library financially when I can so I am happy to pay the suggested reservation fee of £1 when I collect my item. Now that I'm retired I have more time for reading but want to spend less on books - this reservation service is the perfect answer. Thank you Colehill Library.

A happy Christine :-)

## Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge at Colehill has continued to be the annual delight we have come to expect. Over 170 young people have enrolled so far and many have already been presented with their medal. There is still plenty of time to sign up and to tell us about the six books you have been enjoying through the holidays. The enthusiasm and pleasure for reading buzzing through the Library continues to prove that our determination to stay open is vindicated.

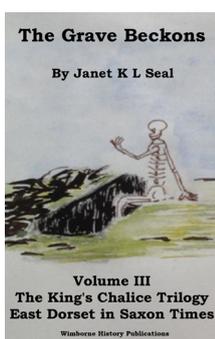
Remember everyone who has completed the Challenge will be entered into a draw to win some books!

Well done Alfie... Alfie reached the top of the chart when he completed his sixth book on the Summer Reading Challenge at Colehill Library. He got his medal and his final stickers, and filled in his footprints for the snake trail. There are over 20 sets of footprints on the trail now. How many more can we get....

Keep reading everybody!

## The King's Chalice trilogy

Jan Seal advises that all three parts of The King's Chalice trilogy (The King's Chalice, The Curse of Kings, The Grave Beckons) are now available as ebooks on Amazon.



## Nature Notes - Blushes in the library garden

It's the time of year when wandering around the library garden can produce a few blushes. It's not that embarrassing rush of blood to the head I mean here but a chemical change that is so noticeable that the English name, 'Blusher' is used around the world. As I write, late August, the fungal fruiting body of Amanita rubescens has been and gone on the lawn by the library door but it may show again. When fresh, a damaged cap edge or chunk from the stem flushes red within seconds then fades a little to give the damaged fungus a blushed hue. They fruit, on and off, over a long autumn and come up most years in the garden.



This is one of the many fungi that has a touching relationship with the trees nearby. Its millions of fine mycorrhizal strands (think rootlets) selectively join up with tree roots to make a two-way transfer system gaining food from the tree at the same time providing to the tree water and a wide variety of nutrients from the soil including hard-to-extract trace elements. The pines nearby could be having a helpful boost to healthy growth from our fungus and we get a visual treat as the fungus pops its head above ground to spread its spores.

The film director James Cameron knows about this association that many fungi have with the living organisms around them. It inspired him to push the idea further, imagining a forest moon where all the organisms are connected. If you watch the 2009 film Avatar, ponder on the humble Blusher's underground world. *Christine.*

## Chairman's AGM Report

The library has achieved a significant milestone.

The service agreement with Dorset Library Service provided a break point in January 2017, when DLS could have given notice to terminate. This hasn't happened and now we look forward to at least another 4 years of service from our partner, Dorset Library Service.

Colehill Parish Council has committed to funding until 2018/19, which means excellent financial support.

Last, but by no means least, we have a diligent band of volunteers who clean, cherish, garden, greet, fund-raise and make the library a good place to be. Let's make sure they know that we really appreciate what they do.

*John Gooch, Chairman.*

*(This was the AGM of our Limited Company and as such only shareholders of CCL Ltd. were entitled to attend. For shareholder details see the Notes on the 'Supporters' page of the website - Ed.)*

**COPY DATE for next issue: 28th October**