



NEWS

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Some comings and goings....

Derek Henderson has left the committee, following his move to Ferndown. Derek's protests against talk of library closures led to the formation of the Friends and finally, the Community Library. We owe him a tremendous debt for raising awareness and supporting the Library in those troubled times.

Hazel Owen, one of our original volunteers, has resigned from the Thursday roster after 5 years service. Thank you, Hazel. I will miss your ready smile.

Christine Storey has joined the committee. She writes the interesting Nature Notes for our newsletters. Christine's work was in staff management, which is a timely reminder that fundamentally we are all about people.

500 years since Martin Luther allegedly nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Colehill Community Library is about to formally adopt 8 policies at the behest of the Charity Commission. More another time.

Do you like the new £1 coin? Personally, I hate change.

Ave atque valete ! John Gooch, Chairman.

Life on the Hill - for Christmas?

Remember this? Our own book written by the people of Colehill and published just a year ago. So many locals contributed to it and have enjoyed reading it, as well as many who now live further away.

It is still available to buy as a book, or ebook, and makes a great gift. Library stocks have sold out, but it is still available to buy from Amazon - use the link near the bottom of the Events page on our website (www.amazon.co.uk/Life-Hill-Colehill-Community-Writing/dp/1539190633). All profits to Library funds.



Christmas & New Year Opening Dates

Saturday 23rd December 9.30 - 12.30

The library will be closed from Sunday 24th to Wednesday 27th inclusive for the Christmas break.

Thursday 28th & Friday 29th Dec. 2.00 - **5.00**

Saturday 30th December 9.30 - 12.30

Sunday 31st / Monday 1st Closed

Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings

There will be a small selection of cards and "stocking fillers" available for sale in the weeks before Christmas. Proceeds to the library.



~~~ LIBRARY LECTURES ~~~

The new series continues with :

'Carrying on Driving as we Age'

Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm

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'.

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

Fund-Raisers Appeal

We now have eight Fund Raisers but would like at least two more willing volunteers.

If you would like to come to a monthly, cheerful, social meeting with chat, coffee and biscuits then do think of joining our little band.

It is a very informal get-together in which we pool ideas for future fund-raising activities. My late husband, Bill aptly named it the Fun-Raising team and that's just what it is.

Many popular events for 2018 have now become regulars in our social calendars: the Birthday Party on Jan 27th, the Fish and Chip Supper on 23rd Feb (again with The Scarlet Swing) and the Fashion Show on 16th March. There will be some interesting coach trips: a repeat trip to Bletchley Park, plus others which are in the pipeline.

So come and join us - you will enjoy exchanging ideas, being part of our team, and know the money raised is going to help sustain our community spirit and our Community Library.

Contact Val (01202 884079) or Barbara (01202 882590).

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Adam and Rebecca, winners of the prize draw for those who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Colehill this year.

Coach Trip

Portsmouth Dockyard

Victorian Festival of Christmas

Saturday, 2nd December

£27 adults / £24 children

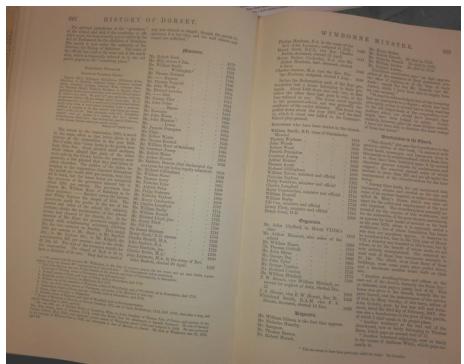
A magical day out - be transported back to a bygone era of Dickensian snowy streets at the Victorian Festival of Christmas. Visit the Mary Rose Museum, HMS Victory or even a Harbour tour. What a day!

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

Hutchin's History of Dorset

A reminder about our ever growing collection of local history books. They are mostly shelved to the right of the self service machine and helpfully have a green spot on the spine.

Colehill Community Library have just acquired a facsimile set of the 3rd Edition of Hutchin's History of Dorset originally published in 1861. The four volumes each weigh several pounds and for this reason will be on the bottom shelf of the bookcase behind the desk.



Reverend Hutchin wrote this Magnum Opus almost a century before the publication date but there are references to every town, village, and hamlet, nearly every church of any significance and most of the major families. There are detailed family trees which must have been a typesetters' nightmare, and many monuments and houses are represented by beautiful etchings.

Wimborne and the Hundred of Badbury are in Volume 3, the town starting on page 179 and ending on page 284.

The Index to all four volumes is in Volume IV, Places and People. Please ask if you would like to look at a volume.

We also have a translation of the Dorset Domesday 1086 AD.

Special Interest Groups – all welcome

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

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Thursday November 2nd – Family History

Thursday November 16th – Just Write

Friday November 24th – Colour It

Thursday November 30th – Knit and Natter (here are some of us modelling winter scarves and hats which we have made and given to the residents at Streets Meadow Home).



December 2017

Thursday December 7th – Family History

Thursday December **14th** (2ND Thurs) – Just Write

Colour It, and Knit and Natter – No meeting

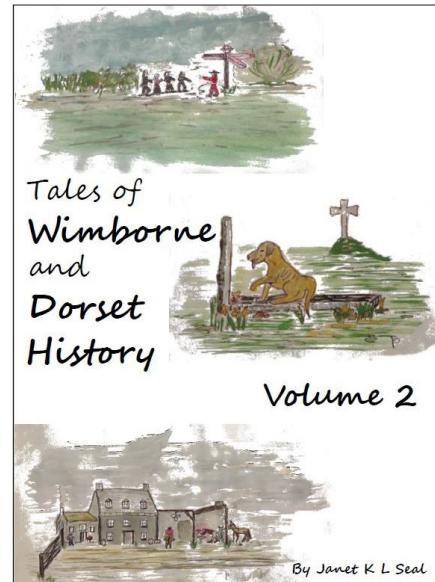
Toddler Time

The first session in 2018 will be on Tuesday 9th January.

Tales of Wimborne & Dorset History Volume II

Jan Seal's latest book was launched on 21st October and is available in the Library @ £6.99.

A few copies of the first volume 'Tales of Wimborne & Dorset' are still available from Jan – leave a message for her in the Library.



Volume 2

By Janet K L Seal

Nature Notes – Unexpected fame for Colehill via a Cyclamen plant

Looking for a spot of colour in the library grounds the other day I spotted that a kind gardener had planted a Cyclamen which was now in full flower. There are other small clumps of Cyclamen tucked away in a few wild corners in Colehill as well the myriad of plants at St. Michael and All Angels Church. Over a morning coffee I browsed through our copy of 'The Flora of Dorset' to see how common it is to find Cyclamen in the wild here.

To my surprise the word 'Colehill' jumped out of the page not just once but twice! It is given as a notable location for two of the three species of Cyclamen found in the wild in Dorset. The first entry was under *Cyclamen coum*, Eastern Sowbread, and the second under *Cyclamen repandum*, Spring Sowbread. Both reference the community of plants at Colehill Church which I assume must mean St Michael's. Cyclamen are native to the Mediterranean and Middle East but at least three species thrive in gardens and wilder habitats here and it looks to me as if the one planted in the library grounds is the third, *Cyclamen hederifolia*, the most widespread of the three.



For a small community we seem to punch above our weight when it comes to Cyclamen. Christine.