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Chairman's comments

We have our **AGM** on **August 30th** (2.30 at the Library). In the year to 31 March 2014 we concentrated on bringing the exterior up to standard and I hope you agree that the new frontage, with the new notice board and extended paving have made a difference. We spent a lot of money last year, but kept £5000 in reserve in case we need to replace some, or even all, of the roof at short notice.

The next stage is to catch up with the interior redecoration, and there will be reorganisation to improve space usage and efficiency. I was delighted that **Colehill W.I.** gave me a cheque for £150 as their nominated charity for 2013. Together with the accumulated funds from the Friends and the Parish Council grant we are in good financial shape, and I thank all our volunteers and supporters for their support for the Community Library.

At the AGM I will be retiring under the terms of our Articles. While I expect to stand for re-election for 3 years, we must plan for succession. Membership of the committee is open to anyone who feels they can help with managing the Community Library. It is not onerous and it is very rewarding being part of such a successful community facility. Please have a word with me or any committee member if you are interested in joining the team.

Finally **the Spudlarks evening** on 16th May was a great success; I look forward to next time!

John Gooch, Chairman

Events

Summer Reading Challenge

It hardly seems possible that the Summer Reading Challenge is with us once again. Last year saw the volunteers embark upon this event with some trepidation, aware that the Challenge would be to our inexperience as much as to the reading of the local children! We were delighted with the achievements of Colehill's young readers and the enjoyment we had received in working with them.

We were given a target of signing up 120 young readers in the hope that a reasonable percentage would be able to read or share six books during the summer. We are proud to say that 180 children began the challenge at our Library and 140 received their medal and certificate at the end.

This year the theme is "**The Mythical Maze**" and features characters such as the Yeti and the Loch Ness Monster. The Challenge runs from 5th July - 6th September. Our young readers, between the age of 4 and 12 years will be encouraged to read or share six stories during this period. They will receive a poster and stickers to record their

progress. This year our under 4s will be encouraged to take part with a simpler process but also sharing six stories.

We will be holding a Reading Challenge day on Wednesday 23rd July from 10.00 – 4.00 which will offer the chance to sign up, listen to or share stories and make some mythical creatures. Do come and join us if you can.

Are we up to the Challenge this year? Wouldn't it be marvellous to sign up at least 200 children in 2014?

Sting in the Tale – Saturday August 23rd

We are pleased to announce that we are one of this year's venues for the highly popular Sting in the Tale festival of Storytelling. Please leave your name with the Library if you hope to attend:

Graham Rogers with 'Raven and the Eye Juggler'

Graham has woven together a collection of North American myths, legends and tales that tell how the world began, how it will end and a few of the exciting, strange and funny things that happened in between.

Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm. Free event. Age: 5+.

For further details please contact Colehill Library.



Thank you to a member of our Saturday Club for the poster!

Latest information on Activities & Events is always available on our website: www.colehill.gov.uk/about-colehill

Chocolate Muffins in the Library

The morning of May 15th found members and visitors to our "Just Write" group tucking into homemade chocolate muffins whilst enjoying an extremely entertaining talk from Jennie Ann Rake about the pleasures and pains of writing her first novel, "Deception, Lies and Chocolate Muffins". This was followed by a very helpful question and answer session which was clearly encouraging to several aspiring writers. We look forward to a return visit on the publication of Jennie's second novel.

"The curtains are twitching in Witchert Close, but Hattie and Nick will soon be leaving it all behind for their dream cottage in the country. They deserve it; they work hard and only have eyes for each other, but in the months leading up to their relocation, the local gossips are given more than enough fuel for their scandal-mongering fires. Only the long process of selling their house stands between them and their idyllic escape, but the arrival of a handsome, Italian estate agent forces Hattie to reopen wounds from her past. Leo Marcello is a man that she has been trying not to think about for more than twenty years, ever since he left her standing at Victoria Station before disappearing from her life. Now she wants answers and chocolate muffins! She wants the chapter closed so that she can live out her days in tranquillity with her husband, but every time she plans to meet Leo to clear things up, the eyes of the village are never far away. All she wants is the truth, but with speculation and gossip driving a wedge between her and Nick, could it be that Leo has more to offer than facts?"

Wildlife Corner

A fascinating moth was found waiting at the front door of the Library recently. The volunteers immediately found the appropriate book and identified it as a lime tree moth. Let us know if you spot any interesting wildlife in the library grounds.

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi has finally arrived at Colehill Library. Users will be able to use their laptops and tablets to access the Internet in the Library but should be aware that they will be unable to send items to print on the Library printer.

Good news for family historians - it will be possible to sign into the Library subscription to Ancestry via your laptops whilst in the Library.

Updated computers and printers are expected shortly!!

Toddler questionnaire

If you are caring for pre-school children we would be very pleased to know your views on how we provide Rhyme Time sessions at the Library. A questionnaire is available in the Library or online. Many thanks.

Ask Dorset

You may collect and return survey forms to the Library until the 31st August.

Facebook is here!

Take a look at [facebook.com/colehillcommunitylibrary](https://www.facebook.com/colehillcommunitylibrary)

Thank you to everyone who donates their old ink cartridges to the library. I have just made the second trip this year to give them to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance for recycling. Peter.

Evening Reading Group

An evening Reading Group, The Colehill Bookworms, are hoping to hold their first meeting on Wednesday 17th September, venue and time to be announced. They are open to interest from both men and women and would be please to hear from prospective members by the end of August. The Library will be happy to pass on contact details of anyone interested.

Dorset Library Charges

From the 30th June some of the charges for services set by Dorset Library Services have increased. You should be particularly aware that the daily hire charge for feature film DVDs and videos is now £1.00 and children's DVDs and videos are 50p per day. A full list of charges is available in the Library and at www.dorsetforyou.com/librarycharges

Please remember that all Dorset Library items may be returned to any Dorset Library and may be put through our letter box after hours. If an item will not fit through the letter box please bring it to the desk and explain when you next visit us.

Coffee Morning & Book Sale



Saturday, 12th July

10 a.m. till noon in the Memorial Hall

Teas, coffees & cakes and second-hand books to browse - come along and bring your friends

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

A few tickets still available!

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Coach Trip to Brighton

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