

Colehill Clarion

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The Legion of Frontiersmen

Can you identify anyone in this photo?
It was taken at Longham in April 1941

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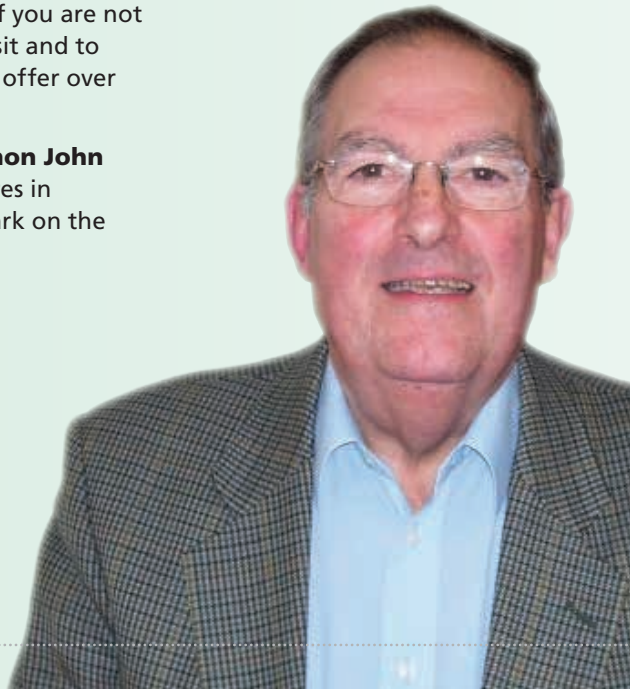
Chairman's Message

I have the pleasure of writing these notes being able to comment on what has been a thoroughly enjoyable summer in Colehill. It has also been a busy time in the Parish during which our main road, Middlehill Road has been entirely reconstructed. The period of traffic disruption was tolerable given the end result and our thanks go to the workforce for their helpful approach at times when access to various parts was difficult.

The Parish Council has been heavily engaged with the Examination in Public of the East Dorset District Council's Core Strategy. This newsletter contains an article on the subject but I would like to thank all those involved, including two Councillors from the Wimborne Town Council for the huge effort that enabled us to present a well informed and united approach at the hearings. We now have to wait for the Inspector's decision but I believe everyone understands what a great deal is at stake with the proposals. I would also like to add a personal tribute to **Mr. Vergusson** from Brookside Manor who put forward a most eloquent and sound argument on behalf of the residents of that part of Leigh Road and Parmiter.

We have seen an increase in the diversity of interests focussed around the library. It is particularly pleasing to note that the involvement of children has shown a marked increase reinforcing my belief that the Community Library can be a focal point for the Parish. If you are not already a user please take time to visit and to acquaint yourself with all that it can offer over and above just the loan of books.

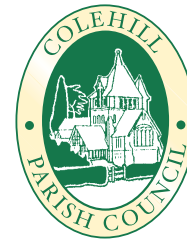
Sadly we have to bid farewell to **Canon John Goodall** from St. Michael's. He retires in October and has left an indelible mark on the Parish. His contribution to all things related to the community has been huge and that, plus his physical presence, will be much missed. We wish John and his wife a long and happy retirement and in due course will be happy to welcome his successor.



Frequently we hear from residents who have concerns about matters in Colehill or who have issues relating to where they live. Often the problems are not ones that the Parish Council can deal with itself but we can help and point you in the right direction or raise the issue on your behalf in the appropriate forum. If this should be the case please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk to the Council on **01202 887786** or email to her at the office at **clerk@colehill.gov.uk** and she will take steps on your behalf via the council.

As we approach the festive season, on behalf of the Parish Council I wish you a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

David Mitchell - Chairman



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Cllr Don Wallace retires from the Parish Council

Councillor Don Wallace has decided to retire from the parish council after 40 years.

Don, a longstanding resident of Colehill, was elected to the parish council in 1973. Over the years he has been a tremendous asset and a great servant to the people of Colehill. He was instrumental in getting Colehill Memorial Hall built and was Chairman of Colehill Parish Council from 1980 to 1982.

Don is a retired lecturer and one of his great interests was ballroom dancing with his late wife, Carol. His fellow councillors will miss his fair-minded comments and his extensive knowledge of the area and of council procedures.

Don continues to be an active Member on the District Council.



Fun for the Under Fives



We are lucky in Colehill to have two friendly parent and toddler groups - **Colehill Under Fives** and **Cherubs**, which are welcome to all parents and carers during term time only.

The larger **Colehill Under Fives** group meets on Wednesday mornings between 9.45 and 11.45am at Colehill Memorial Hall. The smaller **Cherubs** meets on Friday mornings between 9:30am and 11:15am at St. Michael's Church Hall – the building is secure to avoid any little escape artists, so you need to ring the doorbell to be let in.

These groups provide a social and friendly environment for parents and carers to bring their children to have fun and get messy!

Activities include crafts and play-dough, ride-on toys, dolls houses, trains/cars, toy kitchens, farms, dressing up, and much more. Both groups have dedicated baby corners with lots of stimulating toys for the very young. Sessions finish with singing and instruments.

Each session at Colehill Under Fives costs £2 for one adult and one child and 50p for each additional child. Cherubs' sessions cost £1 per child and 50p for each additional child over the age of one. No booking necessary.

These groups are run by volunteer parents, but additional help is always welcome!



For more information:

Colehill Under Fives email: kirstyjasmith@yahoo.co.uk



Cherubs. St. Michael's Cherubs Mother & Toddler Group, Colehill



Age UK Bournemouth says 22% of older people need more help to enable them to live independently at home.

In a straw poll of 193 people over 65 in the South West, Age UK Bournemouth has found that 22% are finding it difficult to access information locally to help them to continue living independently in their own home.

Two thirds (64%) of over 65s nationally believe that they will need some sort of independence aid in the future. Yet worryingly more than one in five (16%) over 65s remain unsure of what's available or where to look for outlets that can provide information on independence aids for the home in their local area.

Peter Kendall, Trading Manager of Age UK Bournemouth said of the findings: *"Many people in later life want to live independently in their own home for as long as possible and therefore it is very concerning that many older people lack the knowledge of where to go to get information about independence aids. More must be done to raise awareness of independence aids and encourage discussions with families, doctors and local community services on how to improve choice, access and promote independent living."*

An Age UK **Personal Alarm** is one such service which can help those in later life remain in control and confident in their own home. Age UK has a range of aids, including **Stairlifts**, **Walk-in Baths**, and **Riser-recliner chairs**.

To find out more call us on **01202 530575** or pop into **Age UK Bournemouth, 700 Wimborne Road, Winton, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH9 2EG.**



How many swallows make a summer?

Three hungry young chicks nesting at Brambles Farm, Edmonsham.

Photo taken by KD Johnson on August 20th

Core Strategy Update

After a considerable consultation period, **East Dorset District Council** submitted its **Core Strategy** (CS) plans to the Department for Communities and Local Government in March of this year. The CS would now be subject to independent examination and **Mrs Sue Turner** was appointed by the Secretary of State, **Eric Pickles MP** to undertake this examination in public (EiP).

Colehill Parish Council, along with Wimborne Town Council and many other parish and town councils, was asked to submit its response to the proposals within EDDC's CS plans. This we did after local consultation as we wanted to reflect local opinion and views on the developments being proposed within the parish and also within Wimborne. Colehill Parish Council has always maintained the stance that there is a need for new homes in order to meet the housing requirements of local people. What most concerned the Parish Council was the number of houses being proposed within the CS (2,400 in Colehill and Wimborne alone) and the extensive development planned on protected green belt land. It was obvious from our own research that this opinion was shared by the vast majority of local residents with overwhelming opposition to the New Neighbourhood planned for Burts Hill and the Cranbone Road.

A working party was formed made up of 3 members of Colehill PC, 2 members of Wimborne TC and 1 independent resident. An extensive study of EDDC's CS was undertaken and appropriate responses made to the Government Inspector. We undertook research in sustainable town planning and development; justification in building on the green belt; traffic and transportation; flood risk, pollution and the protection of habitats; environmental issues; infrastructure including schools provision; hierarchy and heritage. Our findings were then sent as written submissions to the Inspector prior to the start of the EiP on 10th September.

After a 3 week period, when all submissions were subjected to rigorous scrutiny at daily hearings, the EiP finally drew to a close on 26th September. The Government Inspector will now review all submissions, together with additional information she gathered during the hearings, and will report her findings early in the New Year.

It is impossible to predict the outcome of the Examination in Public but we certainly hope that the responses from Colehill Parish Council will influence the shape of any development planned to take place over the next 15 years. We will update residents as soon as we receive information from the Inspector and will keep residents informed about any planning applications that may be received as a result of the CS. Parish Council meetings are open to the public and we welcome comments from residents. If you would like to attend a meeting please contact the Clerk, particularly if you would like to contribute to matters on the agenda.

Details of Parish Council meetings can be found on the website at **www.colehill.gov.uk** or telephone the Clerk on **01202 887786**.



Partnership Projects

For nearly three years the East Dorset District Council and Christchurch Borough Council have been working together to save money and still maintain services. A formal Partnership has been created with one cadre of officers.

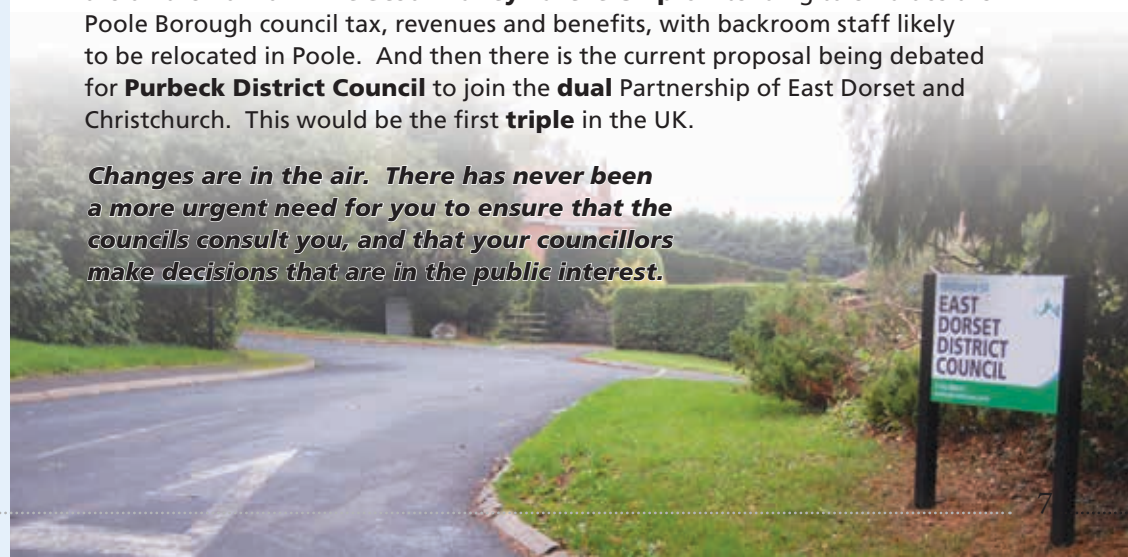
Further partnerships have been formed. For example: the Dorset Waste Partnership for refuse collection and recycling; the Stour Valley Partnership for council tax, revenues and benefits. Millions of pounds are being saved annually by these co-operative initiatives.

A lot of the saving comes from 'working smarter' with fewer staff, and inevitably raises the question whether all of the existing accommodation is required. Hence the Accommodation Project, which considered four options initially but quickly focussed on just one. This is still at the business case stage, but in essence foresees the disposal of the Furzehill (EDDC) offices and concentration of the backroom staff in the Christchurch (CBC) offices. The analysis is influenced by the marketability of the two sites. In the Core Strategy, being evaluated by the government inspector, the Furzehill village envelope has been extended to include the Council Offices. There are strict provisions in Policy RA2 how the site may be re-used, including support for traffic calming in the village.

The creation of a **Wimborne Centre** is envisaged as part of the Project. This would include the construction of a new Allendale Community Centre, with Civic Offices and a **one-stop-shop for all council services**, and possibly services from County, the Police and the NHS. Properly executed the Centre could be of substantial benefit for the people who live in the larger area around Wimborne.

But no sooner are these plans beginning to gel than further potential changes are on the horizon. **The Stour Valley Partnership** is intending to embrace the Poole Borough council tax, revenues and benefits, with backroom staff likely to be relocated in Poole. And then there is the current proposal being debated for **Purbeck District Council** to join the **dual** Partnership of East Dorset and Christchurch. This would be the first **triple** in the UK.

Changes are in the air. There has never been a more urgent need for you to ensure that the councils consult you, and that your councillors make decisions that are in the public interest.



Community Library is thriving

Colehill Library has been run by the Community for almost a year now and is going great guns! It is still part of the Dorset Library Service so users will notice very little change. The volunteers, led by Linda Roberts, ensure it runs as smoothly as ever and there's always a welcome and a good atmosphere. If you cannot find what you want on the shelves, they are happy to order it for you.



Enjoying tea at the Colehill's Hidden Gardens event which raised £500 for the library.

There's a **Reading Group** and a **Toddlers' Group** and plans for **Family History** and **Computer groups** are in the pipeline. There is also a **Jigsaw** borrowing scheme. The **Summer Reading Challenge** was a huge success with 180 children signing up and agreeing to read and discuss six books during the school holidays. Those who finished the challenge - and most of them did, with great enthusiasm - were awarded a medal and a certificate. One delighted mother said that her son now cannot stop reading, even though it had been a struggle to get him to read previously!

Some urgent building work had to be undertaken - the removal of a tree threatening the roof, the outside of the building re-painted and rotten wood replaced. The whole of the front of the Library will soon be replaced with UPVC, with a wider door for easier access for pushchairs and wheelchairs. The support of the Parish Council and grants from the Digby Trust and Dorset County Council has enabled this work to be carried out. The library became a registered charity in April.

The Friends of Colehill Library raise funds too and have organised some great events in this first year and plans for next year are well in hand - check the Library website to make sure you don't miss out. And if you haven't been to the library for a while, please pay us a visit!

If you would like to offer a few hours, please pop into the library for a chat or to fill in a Volunteer form.



What's Cooking?

***White Pepper Cookery School** at Bere Farm is located in an accessible and easy to find destination nestled in the countryside just outside Lytchett Minster.*

It has one of the most comprehensive portfolios of cookery courses and food experiences in the UK - offering a huge choice of inspirational courses including quick cook sessions, recreational courses, weekend cookery breaks, as well as courses for the beginner, intermediate and professional. In fact, the school has most bases covered with their Kids Cookery School, bespoke cookery for groups, and White Pepper Corporate working with companies of all sizes looking for a thoroughly hands-on team build.

The spacious kitchen premises was originally a bakery, and although the contemporary refurbishment sees White Pepper complete with demonstration theatre and the latest Rangemaster ovens, the commercial bread oven is still used today. This all stands in a converted barn at Bere Farm, providing an exceptional environment in which to learn new culinary skills in a relaxed but productive way, with a guaranteed 75% hands-on experience across all courses. The school works hard to maintain a dynamic style of teaching across its various expert tutors, who are both qualified and experienced professionals.

There is a keen emphasis on fostering an understanding of where our food comes from, hence a very strong affiliation with local producers, alongside schools, youth groups and charities. The cookery school also hosts the semi-finals of Dorset's 'Yes Chef' competition and helps judge the finals.

Forthcoming courses include: Japanese, Christmas Baking and Craft, Christmas Open Days, Butchery, and Game. To book a course, purchase a gift voucher, or arrange a bespoke or corporate group event log onto www.white-pepper.co.uk/contact email info@white-pepper.co.uk or call **01202 280050**

Action for Businesses

Do you run a business from premises or your home, or do you run your own business but live in Colehill? If so, local business woman, Liz Guilmant-Cush would love to hear from you.

Rural businesses contribute over 20% to the national economy and in our area rural businesses tend to be small with little input to local councils. The Economic Generation team at Christchurch & East Dorset District Council are keen find out more about how best to support our rural economy.

Whether you run a farm, garage or a building company; offer hair, beauty or financial services; make cakes or are a crafts person; run a multi-million pound online business or a successful service business, you are welcome to participate.

What are the benefits to running a business from Colehill and what holds you back or prevents you from growing? According to surveys that Liz has conducted locally, internet speed is the top of the list and she believes that many problems faced by local businesses could be solved by working together.

If you would like to register your interest in a future networking and discussion meeting with East Dorset and other local businesses please email Liz Guilmant-Cush at officetimesavers@gmail.com or phone on: **07842 133359**



AGE UK Bournemouth Warns Of Home Insurance/ Mortgage Trap

Loyal customers aren't always offered the best deal on home insurance by their mortgage providers, according to research from Age UK Enterprises.

In January 2013 Watermelon Research found that 37% of people who have home insurance with their mortgage provider have never considered changing. Furthermore 36% of them have had their home insurance with their mortgage provider for over 20 years.

Commenting on the findings, Peter Kendall Trading Manager of Age UK Bournemouth, said: *"People may have taken out their home insurance with their mortgage provider many years ago. Research clearly shows a number of people are staying with their mortgage provider for a considerable number of years without shopping around for a better deal."*

"It is vital that people have a home insurance policy which meets their individual needs and budget, rather than just sticking with what they know. We urge everybody to shop around to achieve both good value and suitable cover for their needs." To find out more contact: Age UK BOURNEMOUTH, by calling 01202 530575, or visit them at 700 Wimborne Road. Winton, Bournemouth, BH9 2EG between 10am-4pm Monday to Friday.



My New Hair transforming the lives of people suffering medical hair loss



The impact of losing your hair can be devastating. Often people don't like to consider wearing a wig because they feel everyone will notice and they may not want to make their illness public. But to see the difference a professional cut makes to a wig transforms it from looking 'wiggy' or hat like into your new hair!

In July 2009 award winning and top British hairdresser, **Trevor Sorbie** MBE, founded My New Hair. His vision was to help support people suffering from medical hair loss by using his hairdressing skills. My New Hair is now a national independent charity working with a group of professionals from medical advisors, specialists in aftercare, wig industry experts and independent hairdressers to provide a network of support for people suffering from hair loss. This unbiased information, support and advice resource has been developed in partnership with the Department of Health, Macmillan and is endorsed by the Institute of Trichologists.

Local hairdresser, **Helen Wood**, has recently completed the My New Hair training programme to an advanced level and can now offer a wig cutting & styling service to people who have experienced the trauma of medical hair loss. Clients will soon be able to purchase wigs from Helen, who can also offer advice when hair begins to grow back. The service Helen offers is very discreet, on a one to one basis in the tranquil setting of her studio at home, saving clients the trauma of having to go to a busy high street salon.



Trevor Sorbie MBE with Helen Wood at the L'Oreal Academy London.

For more information or a free consultation please contact Helen Wood Hairdressing on **01425 478766** or email helenwood748@hotmail.com

You can find out more about Trevor Sorbie & The My New Hair charity by visiting www.mynewhair.org

The Parish says a fond farewell to Canon John

October saw the end of **Canon John Godall's 25 years as Parish Priest for St. Michael's and All Angels**, a period in which there has been great social change not only within the wider community but within the church itself. John Goodall has been at the heart of Colehill community and his leadership has cemented the relationship between the church family and the residents of the 'village'.



John was born in Sheffield and moved to Bournemouth as a ten year old. His conviction to become a priest was formed at an early age and at just eighteen he knew this was the path he wanted to follow. He became a curate in the parish of Loughborough, Leicestershire for three years and then became vicar of Bevensfield in Oxfordshire where he also had responsibility for the nearby village of Draten-St-Leonard. He then moved to Salisbury where he was on the staff of the Theological College where both men and women who were to be ordained, were trained. In 1988, John, his wife Jo and their four children, moved to Colehill.

The original plan was that John would stay for ten years but that was extended by another ten and now, twenty five years later, he has decided to finally hang up his dog-collar and retire to his rural idyll in Blandford.

John has been a governor of St. Michael's School for all of his time in Colehill and has been very involved in the community as well as overseeing many projects involving the church itself. In partnership with the District Council and St. Michael's, he has seen the building of a new church centre which opened in

1999 and our intrepid vicar even climbed the scaffolding to bless two galvanised crosses made by a local man which had been fixed to the apex of the roof!

He has always been a great advocate of the ordination of women and has built up a team of lay ministers and our female parish priest, Lorraine McGregor. John was made a Canon in 2007 in recognition of service to the diocese as well as his parish. In 2010 he joined the sponsored pilgrimage from St. Michael's to Salisbury Cathedral. His commitment to his community is manifested in the many social activities in and around the church and John has hosted and catered many parish meals. He has been a great supporter of the setting up of the Rendezvous Centre and can often be seen making soup and serving the patrons. He has been a constant source of ideas to help raise funds for essential maintenance and restoration of the church buildings including new roof, boilers, restoration of the stained glass east window and many, many more.

The church community has planned a two tier reception at St. Michael's to mark Canon Goodall's retirement. We wish him and Jo every happiness as they embark on their new adventure.

The Legion Of Frontiersmen

The Legion of Frontiersmen dates back to 1905 and was originally formed by one Geoffrey Peacock, a former junior officer in the Royal North West Mounted Police.



Its objective was as a paramilitary force to assist in the protection of what was then the British Empire and although first set up in Canada where it had some 10,000 followers it also took root in Britain, particularly in the South of England and in Wales where Legion groups were set up, all of them volunteers. At the peak of its popularity there were some 75,000 members throughout the British Empire.

With the onset of the First World War the Legion became an integral part of the regular forces and also began what later became the British Secret Service. The 25th Royal Fusiliers Regiment in 1915 was made up almost entirely of Frontiersmen and undercover work was carried out in Europe by members in various guises. During the First World War some 9,000 Frontiersmen lost their lives in the fields of conflict.

Between the two World Wars the membership dwindled but it remained in existence and had many notable and distinguished members gracing

its ranks, including MPs, Generals and Professionals. With the looming Second World War fresh recruitment took place. This was enhanced by the membership of Lord Louis Mountbatten and the active support and promotion by Lady Mountbatten who saw the potential for members of the Legion to support home forces when invasion looked all but inevitable.

The new membership consisted largely of those too old for active service, particularly if they had served in the First World War, and some with minor disabilities that would otherwise rule them out for active service. In addition men served as Air Raid Wardens (ARP) and as members of the LDV (later to become the Home Guard).

The Legion in Britain was supplied with equipment and uniforms by the North West Mounted Police in Canada and all gave their time, training and skills on a voluntary basis often whilst holding down full time jobs.

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In Hampshire and Dorset there were several units and one of their main tasks was to patrol the New Forest, the heathlands and open common ground where normal military patrols would be unlikely to be able to operate but where an airborne attack might easily be made.

Locally there were two units and the nearest operated from the Longham/Parley area consisting of about twenty officers and men. Of that unit all but three were members of the Home Guard in addition to their Legion duties. The remaining three were Air Raid Wardens operating from a base near the Longham Bridge.

The attached photograph is of 12 members of that unit. It will be noticed that one member, wearing medals, is without a horse. He was the Captain of the unit and this picture was taken at Longham just prior to their participation in a Sunday Parade. The other member without a horse (to the left of the picture) was the farrier.

I am able to identify two of the members, one of them being my father who was also a Captain in the Home Guard, but I would invite anyone who is able to recognise any other members from the picture, or who has any other information regarding the local unit to contact me with a view to trying to recover more history of the Legion and of this fascinating but little known piece of local history.

I do incidentally know that all those in the picture came from Colehill, Wimborne, Parley or Ferndown and the date would have been in April of 1941.

I can be contacted on:
dmitcheil@colehill.gov.uk

Don't park on the pavement!

It is an offence and you could be liable to a fine or more. Selfish and anti-social parking puts people's lives in danger.



The pavements are for pedestrians, not for motorists, and offenders will be reported to the appropriate authorities. The Parish Council is receiving more and more complaints about parking on the pavements.

If you experience a problem, you can report the incident to the police by calling **101**, the non-emergency number.

FIRE & SAFETY HEALTH CHECK

Dorset Fire & Rescue Service offers a **FREE** home safety check when they will give you bespoke advice designed around you and your home.

This is also an important time of year to have chimneys and flues swept, reducing the risk of chimney fires. If you have a smoke alarm, check the batteries and replace old ones.

Dorset Fire & Rescue Service will install **FREE** smoke alarms if required when you have a safety check

Information is on the website at **www.dorsetfire.gov.uk** or telephone 01305 252600. Don't delay, an hour out of your day could save your life!



MOOT POINT... Tourist Information Office set to close

Despite enormous public opposition to the closure of Wimborne's Tourist Information Centre (TIC), East Dorset District Council is pressing ahead with its plans to close the TIC at the end of November. Over 5000 residents signed a petition in support of keeping the TIC open and local councillors fought hard to prevent the council's resources committee from making what they considered to be a premature and ill-conceived decision in favour of closure.



East Dorset District Council made this decision based on their opinion that the vast majority of visitors to Wimborne source their information on-line. Many do but a huge proportion of visitors to Wimborne and the surrounding area rely on the vital link that the TIC provides with the many tourist attractions and their local knowledge.

Tourism is a vital part of our local and regional economy and anything that could undermine the experience of visitors to the town will be seriously detrimental to an area so dependent on

the number of people that come here to enjoy our hospitality and beautiful countryside. It is disappointing that yet another of our valuable services is viewed as being expendable with the expectation being that the "voluntary sector" will pick up the reins and provide a facility that really should be the responsibility of the local authority.

The TIC in Wimborne is so much more than just a service for visitors. It provides the community with a wide range of information on local events, theatre tickets, bus services, coach tickets and enables local clubs and societies to promote their activities which otherwise would struggle to receive any publicity.

I believe we should still lobby against the closure of the TIC and encourage you to contact your local councillor and MP to voice your opposition to the closure of a service that plays such an important part in our day to day lives and the economic health of our communities.

Susan Davies - Editor

Dates for your Diary

November

- 2 **Inspire Exhibition** - Individual hand-crafted gifts.
Walford Mill Crafts to 31st December.
- 9 **Charities Fair** - Allendale Centre, 10am - 3pm.
- 10 **Remembrance Day Parade** - 10.30am, War Memorial.
- 16 **The Blueberry Story** by Jennifer Trehane -
St Michael's Church Centre 2.30pm.
Tickets £3 from Square Records or tel: 01202 880177
Proceeds to Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre (reg.charity 1120361)
- 16 Film Night - **The Italian Job**, The original classic film, an iconic quintessentially British comedy crime caper starring Michael Caine.
Colehill Memorial Hall 7.30pm, £8 includes Italian wine and nibbles.
Tickets available from Colehill Library.
- 23 **Christmas Bazaar** - Colehill Memorial Hall 10am - 2pm.
- 28 **Late Night Shopping** - 5.30pm - 8pm, Walford Mill Crafts.
Meet the mill makers, 10% of all purchases.
- 30 **Christmas Tree, Lights and carols** - St Michael's Church, Colehill 5pm,
followed by Christmas Market.
Christmas Market - Church House, Wimborne 10am - 4pm.
'A little piece of Japan' talk by Andrew Haynes,
Head Gardener at Edmonsham Hardy Plant Society.
Colehill Memorial Hall, 2.30pm Visitors £3.50 on the door.

December

- 14 **Christmas Parade** - Wimborne 2pm In aid of Save the Children.
Pudding Stir - Priest's House Museum 10.30am - 4pm.
- 19 **Christmas Concert** - Ferndown Middle School.
Colehill & Ferndown Community Choir and local, young musicians.
Tickets £5 Adults, £2 Under 16's. Tel: 01202 868793/01202 842311
All proceeds to go to local charities.
- 20 **Aladdin** - Tivoli Theatre to 4th January.

January 2014

- 25 **Autumn, the Forgotten Season** - Talk by Don Everitt, teacher of horticulture & rural studies.
Hardy Plant Society, Colehill Memorial Hall, 2.30pm Visitors £3.50 on the door.

February

- 7 **Cinderella** - Pantomime by CoMad to 9 February
7.30m Matinees Sat/Sun 2.30pm Tickets £7 Adults, £5 children (up to 16 years).
Tel. 01202 886303.
- 26 **Chris Beardshaw '100 Plants that (almost) changed the world' - Allendale Centre, 7.30pm.**
Tickets £7 Hardy Plant Society Members, £10 visitors from Allendale Centre or tel: 01202 882590.

March

- 29 **'Camelias from around the world'** - Talk by Jennifer Trehane world authority on camellia cultivation.
Hardy Plant Society, Colehill Memorial Hall, 2.30pm visitors £3.50 on the door.