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Our Chairman says:

On Saturday, 21 January, we had our 7th AGM at which I was able to review the developments over the year and their effects on the Service. Unfortunately, the greatest of these, the self-service system, has yet to prove itself as many library users are still not comfortable with the way it works. Many of the elderly readers particularly also miss the personal touch which over the years has been widely acknowledged as one of the strengths of all libraries. Hopefully, in time, users will feel more comfortable with it; our librarians are still around to help.

After the formal proceedings we enjoyed a well illustrated and interesting talk by David Daniels in which he described the adventurous events surrounding the transportation of an organ from Milton Abbas to a tribe of Amazonian Indians deep in the jungle. If you missed the AGM, you also missed an excellent talk.

At the end David kindly asked that his fee be donated towards the purchase of bulbs, particularly snowdrops, to brighten the ground around the library.

There was good attendance (21) for the February Coffee Talk and I hope this augurs well for those to come. Clearly the small charge of 50p, made to defray the cost of the coffee and biscuits, was not a deterrent. From the programme you will have seen that we have now arranged several talks for a Thursday morning to try and make some available to members who are always occupied on a Monday. We have a full schedule for 2009 and are planning for 2010.

I hope you will have had the opportunity to explore the new Colehill website; <http://www.colehill.gov.uk>, which now provides a window to the library; this newsletter can be seen there together with this year's programme. Look out for more library related items as the site develops.

My thanks to Peter Merchant, who just before Christmas, volunteered to take over production of the newsletter. If you have any comments, suggestions or items for inclusion, please address them to him at 887662 or at focolnews@googlemail.com

Best wishes to you all
Derek Henderson



Events

Monday March 23 at 10:30. Mr. Peter Aston, 'Musical Memoirs and Milestones'

Monday April 27 at 10:30 Keith Eldred 'A young person growing up in Wimborne in the 1900's'

Friday May 29 7:30 PM Grace Armfield "Shakespeare's Globe: Reborn" at St Michael's Church Centre

Reading Group

The Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.00 - 2.00 p.m. in the library. New Members are welcome.

April 7: *Nella Last's War* by Nella Last

May 5: *Mr Pip* by Lloyd Jones

Valerie

Easter Opening Times

The Library will be closed Good Friday, Saturday, and Easter Monday. That is 10-13 April.

The committee would like to know whether you prefer the AGM to remain on a Saturday afternoon, or would you prefer another time, such as a Thursday evening. Please let Derek know your preferences on 880429.

We are pleased to say that one of our members, Bill Seddon, has volunteered to organize and coordinate a planting programme, which this year, in addition to bulbs, will also include a few suitable flowering shrubs. If you are able to offer help and/or mature plants please contact him at 884079

Hints for better use of your library:

Sign up for email alerts to avoid fines, and also renew, find, and reserve books and DVD's online. <http://libcat.dorsetforyou.com/>

DVD's are now charged at £0.40/day, but for a minimum of 2 days.

Requests for books will be free from April.

Membership

A small number still have not renewed for this year. We will be contacting you again shortly. Thank you to all of you who have renewed.

Valerie Merchant - Membership Secretary