



# NEWS

## Colehill Community Library

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#### Chairman's Chat

I am pleased that Susan Cowsill, volunteer and former Chair of Colehill Parish Council, has joined the Trustees.

So what are the special qualities expected in a Trustee? Really it's no more than being honest and putting the best interests of the library before personal gain. I would have expected most people to have those qualities but surprisingly it seems not many feel they want the responsibility. There is even nonsense talked about "putting one's house at risk". We have insurance which protects officers and trustees. So if you feel you can contribute to the management of the Library, please come forward.

We are very pleased that the Library has received £10,000 ex gratia payment arising from the development gain at Wimborne Chase. We thank David Mitchell for his part in the negotiations. We can now press forward with planned repairs and maintenance such as improving the rear side and replacing the roof membrane. *John Gooch.*

#### On sale in the Library NOW are tickets for:

**Friday Night is Music Night** – 5th October (*see right*).

Our regular and popular October event – a light-hearted evening of local singers and musicians – enjoy good company and music from folk to 60's and popular sing-along songs.

**A screening of Paddington 2** – Saturday, 13th October:

On our new wide screen and with marmalade cake to follow, this film will make you laugh and lift your spirits - it's certainly not just for children (*see overleaf*).

*Not yet on sale, but coming soon:*

**The Dorset Quiz** – Friday, 30th November at 7.30 pm

Test your knowledge about Dorset – a Powerpoint quiz set by Eric Watson who has covered every inch of Dorset on his bike! Bring your own bottle and glasses. We will be having a game of Housey-housey in the interval. Tickets £5. All the events above are in Colehill Memorial Hall.

#### Coach Trips

The coach trip to Malverleys Garden and Longstock Café and Nursery was very well supported and very enjoyable. The Head Gardener at Malverleys (the soon to be famous Mat Reese!) led us on a journey of the last eight years. Gone the football pitch, the putting green, the roads. Now a softer, more relaxed ten acres, full of delights. Mat was most generous, sharing his plans for future plantings and changes to the gardens as they mature, and answering

any questions with explanations we could all understand. Longstock Nursery was the perfect place for lunch, the whole area has been revamped and so, in addition to National Collections of buddleja and clematis, there is a farm shop and a delightful café. Food stocked at Waitrose is grown here and some of us came away with trays of mushrooms, only £3!

*The trip to the Houses of Parliament is already full. The final trip of the year: 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Longleat Festival of Light.*

#### Library Facebook page

m.facebook.com/colehillcommunitylibrary/

We have 297 followers now, and need readers to "like", "follow" and "share" the page to boost our following and pass the 300 mark. The Facebook page provides publicity to the whole community, especially younger generations and users of social media. So please consider writing a review of the fantastic resource we have in Colehill Library on our Facebook page. Thanks, Cilla.

## Friday Night is Music Night

*Appearing in Colehill  
for one night only*

*A light hearted evening  
of local singers and musicians*

## Folklaw Revisited / Kevin Thomas



Friday,  
5<sup>th</sup> October

£5 pp

Bring own drinks & glasses  
& nibbles  
to Colehill Memorial Hall

7 for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets available in Colehill Community Library

For more information contact 01202 882808

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



STOP PRESS... Borrow free eAudiobooks online or with our library app. Starting 1st Sept. More information in the Library.

## Thank You

Yet again we offer much thanks to the Colehill Community for the generous support they give their Library! We have received a wonderful selection of Lego, a large quantity of “as new” children’s books, many other quality books and a beautiful limited edition of the Complete Works of William Shakespeare. These have helped to enhance our stock and enabled us to raise funds. Thank you very much.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Dennis the Menace has been encouraging our young borrowers to take up this year’s Challenge. At the time of writing 172 have started and 30 have already received their medal. We have even had young people staying with their grandparents from Japan, France and Abu Dhabi who will be taking home Reading Challenges medals! The Library has been buzzing with excitement as children and volunteers alike have discovered and shared new books and stories. According to our somewhat unscientific method over 1000 children’s books have been issued since mid July and we are still counting. Thanks to everyone for their support and to those who sometimes find the “buzz” a trifle overwhelming. Colehill is proving that books are still a very important part of our children’s lives and will continue to complement the computer in this digital age. It is living proof that our efforts to keep a library at the heart of our community are worthwhile.

*It is never too late to complete the Challenge so keep coming in and collecting stickers as books are read and shared.*

## The 100 Book Challenge

Many of our young borrowers have gone on to complete Colehill’s very own **100 Book Challenge** (some more than once!) In recognition of this, one of our volunteers, who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated copies of ‘The Pocket Oxford Dictionary’ to be awarded, on going and retrospectively, to our Colehill Book Centurions together with their certificates. Presentation is shortly to be arranged and we thank our benefactor most sincerely.

Come on, you know you can’t resist it! A lovely way to spend an evening.

Film starts at  
7.30 pm in  
Colehill  
Memorial Hall  
Cannon Hill Rd  
BH21 2LS



Saturday, 13th October

Tea and marmalade cake

Tickets £5 from Colehill Community Library

More details from 01202 882590

Raising funds for Colehill Memorial Hall

## Toddlers Rhyme Time & Summer Storytime

Our FREE weekly rhyme time for our youngest borrowers starts again on Tuesday 11th September from 10.00 - 10.30. No booking is required.

We have been enjoying story time sessions every Tuesday during the summer break from Rhyme Time and were very pleased to welcome Jon Sweet from the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Brigade to tell us about a dragon’s first visit to the seaside and how he needed to be safe near the water. This session ended with some dressing up fun.!

## Book Review – Martin Luther: Catholic dissident by Peter Stanford

If you enjoy reading about what makes people tick then you are probably already a fan of biographies. This one about Martin Luther, the man who launched the Protestant Reformation in 1517, I found so interesting that I have since purchased copies for family and friends.

Peter Stanford’s relaxed writing style belies the thoughtfully interpreted historical detail in such easy to read chapters that it’s a real page turner of a book - the sort you don’t want to end. I borrowed my hardback copy via Libraries West. Its 450 pages made it somewhat heavy, especially for reading in bed. The paperback is lighter. *Christine.*

## It’s Autumn for a Robin

August is the start of the autumn season for birding enthusiasts. Seems a shame as most of us humans are hoping for a few more weeks of summer sun. It’s difficult to ignore the birder’s autumn as the Robin, after a quiet spell whilst changing his coat, whispers his autumn song; a more doleful, down beat tune compared to the peppy song yelled out at full throttle in the spring.



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Both sexes sing but the spring song is more powerful in the males as they use it to defend territory and to attract a mate. Fancifully, I imagine the two sexes are commiserating with each other in their autumnal melancholy.

I read on the RSPB website that “Robins are adapted to life in poor light and are often active in half-light when few other birds are about. They tend to be among the earliest birds to start the dawn chorus and one of the last to stop in the evening. Street lights and floodlights can trigger singing in the middle of the night, and if roosting robins are disturbed, they can burst into song even in complete darkness.” So, perhaps it really was a robin singing in Berkeley Square. *Christine.*

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