



# NEWS

## Colehill Community Library

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#### Chairman's Chat : Lighting Up

Suddenly the clocks have gone back and the lights come on in the dark evenings.

November 11th (7 pm) when a beacon of bonfires celebrates 100 years of the Armistice.

December 7th sees our visit to Longleat's Festival of Light.

I've been to the Leamington lights and the Blackpool illuminations but this, I'm told, will surpass both.

How lucky we are that Kate ferrets out these gems. Thank you for all the interesting excursions and events that you and the team put together for us. Portsmouth's Dickensian Christmas was delightful last year, and I hear that the trip to the House of Commons was very successful. Thanks also to our MP, Michael Tomlinson, for his help.

Don't forget to take something to read.

An illuminated manuscript perhaps? *John Gooch.*

#### Tickets are on sale in the Library NOW

*The fund-raising team has two more events in 2018:*

The first is a Powerpoint **Quiz** all about Dorset, with Eric Watson as Quiz Master. This is on **Friday 30th November**, starting at 7.30 pm, in Colehill Memorial Hall. There's a cash prize of £50 for the winner of the Quiz (or £50 to be shared between the winning table). We will have some fun Bingo in the interval also with cash prizes, and, as usual, it's a Bring Your Own drinks affair and the tickets are a mere £5 – obtainable at the Library.

The second is our last coach trip of the year and this is to Longleat for the **2018 Festival of Light – Friday, 7th December**, departing at 1 pm. It's a magical winter experience with hundreds of stunning Chinese lanterns (with 'A Fantastic Voyage' theme) positioned around the formal gardens and the main square. They will be lit at approximately 4 pm and it takes about an hour to see them all. There will also be a 50 ft performing Christmas tree which tells a magical story, alongside a light and music projection quite unlike anything you will have seen before. More details at [www.longleat.co.uk](http://www.longleat.co.uk).

Longleat's Elizabethan stately home will be dressed in traditional festive décor and open to wander through at leisure – another hour to do this. And there are several places to eat and drink, many of them outside. Tickets are just £40 (which includes entry, coach and driver's gratuity) from the Library. (This does not include the Safari Park).

#### Remembrance 2018 *Lest We Forget*

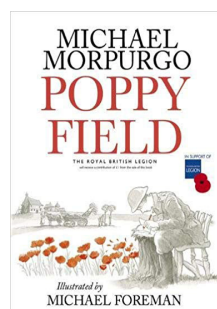
Just a reminder for those of you who might be considering responding to St Michael's Church suggestion that residents write about a relative or friend who experienced the Great War.

The Library has free access to **Ancestry** online which has a wonderful selection of military records. Some of the records give physical descriptions as well as battles fought, injuries received, medals won, previous occupation and next of kin.

Follow it up with Google search to find some of the historical background and what it would have been like for your family member to live through that time.

Our **Family History Group** meets on the first Thursday morning of the month from 10 am - noon, but you are able to use Ancestry during all library opening hours. Please ask for help if needed.

Pop in and check out some of the books both fact and fiction that will be on display. Were you entranced by the theatre production of "War Horse"? Borrow a copy of the book by Michael Morpurgo and maybe move on to "Private Peaceful" also by him. Both are accessible to young people and adults alike.



For a different approach, some of you may be fascinated by "TIG'S BOYS" edited by David Hilliam. It is a collection >

#### Christmas & New Year Opening Dates

Monday 24th December 2.00 - 4.00

Closed on Christmas & Boxing Day.

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th Dec. 2.00 - 4.00

Saturday 29th December 9.30 - 12.30

Monday 31st 2.00 - 4.00

Tuesday 1st & Wed 2nd, 2019 Closed

*Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings*



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of the letters which Old Boys of Bournemouth Grammar wrote to their old headmaster from the front. Copies are available on the Library catalogue and a personal copy will be available in the Library for the next few weeks.



You may also appreciate the wreaths of knitted poppies created by our **Knit and Natter Group** as their way of marking this 100th anniversary.

## Get the free library app and new electronic resources!

Go to [www.librarieswest.org.uk](http://www.librarieswest.org.uk)

LibrariesWest app is free – make the most of your library membership on the go.

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E resources : LibrariesWest customers can access a range of free online services, all available 24/7 from your own device. All you need is a library membership card!

Checkout E Books from **cloudLibrary** and E Audio Books from **BorrowBox**.



**'Let's talk libraries' – engagement programme about Dorset Library Service, 22 October – 2 December 2018:**

***Take the opportunity to have your say in the future of the library service:***

Dorset want to make sure that their services keep up-to-date with what people want and need. Fill in a survey online or collect and return a paper copy to the library. [www.dorsetforyou.com/talklibraries](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/talklibraries)

**e-magazine service:** RB Digital have created a new platform for the browser version of their e-magazine service to make it more in line with the App version. Go to <https://dorset.rbdigitalglobal.com/>

## Summer Reading Challenge 2018

Congratulations to all our young readers who completed this year's challenge and to Ava who was the winner of the Prize Draw for a copy of Beano Annual 2019.

If you enjoyed taking part please don't forget Colehill's own '100 Book Challenge', and receive your copy of The Pocket Oxford Dictionary on completion.

## Special Interest Groups – all welcome

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

November meetings as usual, but please note that **Knit & Natter, and Colouring Groups don't meet in December.**

Second Tuesday – Colehill Reading Group 1 – 2pm.

First Thursday – Family History 10am – noon.

Third Thursday – "Just Write" Writing Group 10am – noon.

Last Thursday (except Dec.) – Knit and Natter 10am.

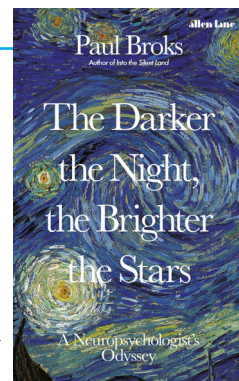
Last Friday - Colouring for Adults (except Dec.) 10am–noon.

## Book Review

The Darker the Night, the Brighter the Stars, A Neuropsychologist's Odyssey by Paul Broks

Some months ago I caught the tail end of a programme on Radio 4 reviewing a new book by the neuropsychologist, Paul Broks. It's clearly a popular book as it was on a waiting list on the library reservation service. I reserved it and waited. It came when I was just about to go on holiday, so I returned it immediately and tried again. The wait was worth it. I'm half way through and already realised it's a book I shall dip into for the rest of my life - one to buy and give precious shelf space to.

The text inside the book flap says "When celebrated neuropsychologist Paul Broks' wife died of cancer, he found himself plunged into the world of the bereaved. As he experienced the pain, alienation and suffering that make us human, his clinician-self seemed to watch on with keen interest. He embarked upon a voyage of experience: a journey through grief, philosophy, consciousness, humanity and magical thinking – seen through the prism of a lifetime's work in neuroscience. Fusing an account of living with and recovering from loss with thought-provoking meditations on the nature of the mind and the self, 'The Darker the Night, the Brighter the Stars' is an audacious and beautiful work by a writer of astonishing wisdom and compassion." If you find yourself thinking 'not another book on grief' then just pick on the word magical for a moment. Of the 21 chapters I've read so far (most are a couple of pages or so) there are headings of 'The wooden sword, 'Stardust' and 'Dolphins'. I'm reading about Greek gods one minute and free will the next. His writing style is wonderfully relaxed. It is another treat of a book which I can recommend to anyone, whether you are coping with grief or not. *Christine.*



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