



# NEWS

## Colehill Community Library

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### Chairman's Chat : Christmas

How was *your* Christmas?

We had family pre-season, singing carols in the Cornmarket (Friday), inspecting the decorations at Kingston Lacy, then Son et Lumière at the Minster (Saturday), and after the family reunion some of us went to the packed Minster for the carol service (Sunday).

Monday they left so we took the 13 bus and saw the Bournemouth lights, which were fantastic.

So much to see within easy reach of our community.

Christmas Day I was in Poole A & E, but let's not go there.

The library tree has been sparkling splendidly throughout.

Looking forward to seeing you all again at the party on January 26th.

And congratulations to Mary Redman, who was awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year Honours.

*John Gooch.*

### Coming Events

We will celebrate our 6th birthday (can you believe it?!) on Saturday, 26th January – see right. Free coffee, scrumptious cakes, and a mega book sale. We have had a wonderful collection of books donated to the Library over the years and we'd like to sell those that are not eligible to add to the Libraries West system.

We are busy planning coach trips: to Bath for a wander round the sights, or shopping, or tea at Sally Lunn's; and to the Royal Hospital Chelsea, built by Sir Christopher Wren, for a tour with one of the Chelsea Pensioners. More trips are being considered for 2019, so do keep visiting the Library to find out what's going on.

### Oompah Band !



On Friday, 15th February, we will be entertained in the Memorial Hall by an Oompah Band! We're planning appropriate food for the event so watch out for posters giving more details, or ask at the Library.

### Members!

Subscriptions are now due. Renewal forms available in the library and on our website on the 'Supporters' page.

### The Tales of Colehill

New book from Janet Seal: 19 stories about Colehill from 3000BC–1919, for sale @£4.99, 20% of profits to the library.

### Technology and Computing One-to-One @ Colehill Library

Our one to one IT services will resume from Tuesday 15th January. Book early to avoid disappointment, as we have run over 180 sessions this year (plus had even more drop in 'quick questions') – pop along to our library on a Tuesday morning if you have any quick questions or queries :)

These sessions are 30-40 minutes of free one-to-one time with our resident Tech/Digital Specialist. Please drop in or call to arrange a date and time for a session.

We are hoping to further extend our IT help, by offering

**To celebrate**  
**Colehill Community Library's**  
**6th Birthday**  
**Coffee & Cakes**  
**Mega Book Sale**



**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January**

10 a.m. till 11.30 in the Memorial Hall

**Come along and bring your friends**

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

more guidance on reserving and renewing books online and signing up to Borrowbox and the online magazine service. We will also be able to introduce you to simple, free, on-line Learn My Way courses which you can work through in your own time. If you feel this might be of interest look out for further information or leave your contact details in the library and we will let you know what and when they will be available.

## Our Volunteers

As we start our sixth year it is worth commenting on the work of our volunteers. Many have been with us since the beginning, some have left us due to other demands and wonderfully some who have left come back to us when circumstances change.

A huge thank you to them all for their gardening, IT skills, book knowledge, tea making, fund raising, cleaning and anything else that gets thrown at them. It is all done with such goodwill and friendliness.

## Toddler Time

Weekly sessions restart on Tuesday 8th January.

## Wimborne Minster ~ Portrait of a Town



Alan R. Bennett launching his book at the library on 15th Dec.

Local well known author, Alan R. Bennett, has just published a comprehensive book about the people and life of Wimborne and the surrounding area, researched from the beginning of 2017 to date. We are delighted to have been included in this as part of the chapter on Colehill.

The book is beautifully produced and something to share with friends and family and to dip into whenever the mood takes.

It is currently on sale at Gullivers Bookshop, the TIC or the Minster Shop at £20, £2 of which is to be donated to Wimborne Dementia Friendly Community and Friends of Victoria Hospital.

Alan has also published Wimborne Minster 1992 Portrait of a Town, and Dorset Journey (2008). Both are available in the local history section of the Library.

## Special Interest Groups – all welcome

*In the Library. Please check the noticeboard or the website for changes to the schedule.*

Second Tuesday – Colehill Reading Group 1 – 2pm.

First Thursday – Family History 10am – noon.

Third Thursday – “Just Write” Writing Group 10am – noon.

Last Thursday – Knit and Natter 10am.

Last Friday – Colouring for Adults 10am–noon. (Feb TBA)

## Nature Note – Colehill’s Noisy Nocturnals

There are some advantages to a sleepless night, a common experience for many of us. With the window open the double-glazed silence changes to a quiet backdrop of murmurings, bumps and snuffs. In a light breeze our neighbour’s windchimes tinkle musically and the metal bird feeders lightly click against their poles. I almost hear the local badger snuffling around the lawn edge and imagine the silent fox leaving his musky scented calling card.

A borrowed trail camera has provided additional proof of these nocturnal visitors. At differing times of night, a large healthy fox and big adult badger regularly zip across a corner of our garden to make use of a hole in the fence. Bizarrely this traffic is all one way. On nights these visitors are elsewhere our neighbours’ cats patrol. There’s a squirrel who also suffers from sleepless nights and a nearby dog occasionally yaps from his kennel.



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These night visitors seem to roam on tip toe, as stealthily as they can but accidents happen. A neighbour’s cat, I assumed, missed the fence top one night and sent a metal waste bin clattering on the concrete slabs. Two cats took against each other for a bit until a mighty, rowdy fight sorted out who’s who. And recently, one more sleepless vigil later, a scrambling, snorting, tripping, rolling sort of sound bounced around the neighbourhood. No metal clangs this time but oddly soft thuds. Next morning’s hunt found our beautifully neat log pile pushed asunder, bits and pieces everywhere with the broken strands of boundary fence now fully visible. Whether it was fox or badger I will never know, reminding me of a conversation with Barbara a couple of years ago focused on the previously tidy log pile lovingly erected in the library gardens, a habitat good for beetles but can get in the way of nighttime food sorties.

Christine.

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