



NEWS

Colehill Community Library

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Chairman's Chat

I have finally received our book issues for the calendar year 2018 and am pleased to see that at 19,051 we were 91% of the level of issues in 2015 (the intervening years are known to be incorrect).

That means Colehill is by far the largest Community Managed Library in Dorset, the next being, surprisingly, Wool. Colehill had more issues than Lyme Regis and Beaminster. Well done everyone who has helped to achieve this excellent result.

New volunteers are always welcome, of course, gardeners too. Thank you for your continuing support. *John Gooch.*

Please note: As usual the library will be **closed** on Bank Holiday Mondays, the 6th and 27th May.

Also: There will be some renovation work being carried out in the library office during the last two weeks of May.

The library will be open as usual, but our apologies if there are any unexpected disruptions to service.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Join in the Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' for a 'Coffee, Cake & Toastie Day' at 14, Pilford Heath Road, THIS SATURDAY, 4th May, from 10am – 3pm.

Midsummer Market

The fundraising team is preparing a brand new venture: a Midsummer Market in Colehill Memorial Hall – see below. Come and enjoy free tea or coffee and there'll be a selection of cakes to enjoy. There'll be a mega book sale, a cake stall from the W.I., jams and chutneys, an artisan baker, free-range eggs, honey, loads of plants and fresh vegetables – all locally grown or made. We do hope you will support us and bring along your friends and neighbours.

There will also be a £1 Bazaar and we ask that if you have any items you don't want that have a value of over £1 and which other people may wish to buy, you would hand them in to the Library during May. This would be a great help. Thank you.

Wednesday, 29th May 2019 COACH TRIP TO BATH

Arriving first at Claverton Manor to visit the



The American Museum takes you on a journey through the history of America. With its remarkable collection of folk and decorative arts, the Museum shows the diverse and complex nature of American traditions.

It includes a special exhibition of 20 new Kaffe Fassett and Brandon Mably designed quilts, as well as 18 historic quilts from the Museum's collection.

And then the afternoon at leisure in Bath



Tickets £30

Includes coach travel, entrance to Museum and driver's gratuity
Leaves Colehill at 08.30 and leaves Bath at approx 16.30

Tickets available in Colehill Community Library
For more information contact 01202 840620

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



*Coffee & cake, and Giant Book Sale
Artisan Bread Jams & Chutneys
Plants – Perennials and Annuals
Home-made Cakes Fresh vegetables
Free Range Eggs Honey £1 Bazaar*

We'd love to see you on

Saturday, 15th June 2019, 9.30-12.30

Colehill Memorial Hall, Cannon Hill Road, Colehill BH21 2LR

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Coach trips planned

Later in the year we are organising an outing to the Ottery St Mary Garden Centre, a family-run business which covers over 100 acres including their growing fields. Then on to Burrow Farm Gardens just outside Axminster, East Devon's secret garden, 13 acres of sweeping lawns and colour themed borders – and a lovely tea shop.

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 (but there may be a change of date for May).

Last Thursday – Knit and Natter 10am (May - No meeting).
Colouring for Adults is not meeting at present.

A squirrely tail(!)

Last week I found a grey squirrel in my water butt. I tipped it out whereupon it lay apparently lifeless on the concrete. Donning a pair of thick gardening gloves I picked it up and held it head down. Water dribbled out so I gently gave it CPR, squeezing the tiny rib cage very gently. I did however, draw the line at giving it the kiss of life! After a few minutes it coughed, dribbled more bubbly water, sneezed and then slowly raised its head. Having assured myself that it had a heartbeat I gently placed it on a fence post, where it shook itself and then wobbled away into the walnut tree. My good deed for the day! *Jan Seal.*

Note. ‘The History, Myths & Legends of Colehill’ book has sold out. It is now only available on Amazon as an e-book, or may be found occasionally on ebay.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

On 3rd June 1969, Eric Carle's most famous children's book was published for the first time. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of this much-loved classic, the library is re-telling the caterpillar story ... with a twist.

Come to the library, commencing half term week, to see if you can spot the caterpillar hiding amongst the books and shelves. There will be a quiz for you to complete and caterpillar colouring to do as well. We'd love you to bring in drawing for our display board as well.

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

The theme is **SPACE CHASE**, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children taking part will join our super space family, ‘The Rockets’, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

SPACE CHASE will feature bespoke artwork from top children's illustrator, Adam Stower, and will celebrate adventure, exploration, reading and fun!

The Challenge will launch in libraries in England and Wales on Saturday 13 July. Colehill is preparing for our young people to join the Challenge as enthusiastically as in previous years. We will be visiting our local schools to remind everyone what will be happening.

It is so simple to take part. Come to the Library, become a member if you are not already, sign up for the Challenge, receive your own chart to record what you read, and then tell us at the library about the six books you have enjoyed (if they are really long books one book might count as two). You will receive stickers for each book you tell us about, and when you have collected six you will be presented with a medal. You will also receive a certificate which you may choose to receive at school or from the library.

REMEMBER it is **FUN** and **FREE** and it's **LOCAL**

Each year we challenge our own readers to see if we are able to improve on the number of books borrowed. Make sure you borrow plenty of books. There are SO many to choose from among your favourite authors to books on all sorts of subjects. The Reading Agency does not set an official end date for the Challenge so you can carry on telling us about your books until you have read all six. *Grandparents (& aunts, uncles etc.) are very welcome to enrol their visiting small people!*

So what were you reading 50 yrs ago?

(Our apologies to those of you who were not around then!)

As the Summer Reading Challenge takes its theme of 50 years since the moon landing and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* celebrates its 50th birthday, is it time for some of us to go down memory lane? Which book did you put down to watch the moon landing on television? Looking back at some of the titles published in 1969, several of those titles have stood the test of time and are still available on the Libraries West catalogue.

Most people will be familiar with Mario Puzo's *The Godfather*, if only through the film version.

Did reading Daphne Du Maurier's *The House on the Strand* keep you reading her extensive catalogue? Was *Travels with My Aunt* your first taste of Graham Greene? *Flashman* and his many exploits written by George MacDonald Fraser still seems to be a popular anti-hero.

Now a classic, *The French Lieutenant's Woman* by John Fowles, set in Lyme Regis, is still widely read and enjoyed.

Not surprisingly the sci-fi genre was much in vogue. Michael Crichton's *Andromeda Strain* is sure to be in the public eye again at the end of this year, as a sequel *The Andromeda Evolution* is due for publication on 11th Dec. Ray Bradbury's *I Sing the Body Electric* is unfortunately no longer on the Libraries West catalogue.

Slaughterhouse-five by Kurt Vonnegut in which the protagonist, Billy Pilgrim, time travels back and forth through his life has more to offer than a typical space adventure.

A non-fiction work which will be familiar to many is Maya Angelou's *I know Why the Caged Birds Sing*, exploring racism in America's deep south during the 1930s & 1940s.

However despite all these books that have stood the test of time still being available from the library, don't be fooled into thinking there is nothing new. As so many of you know all the latest best sellers, hot off the press, are added to the system and fly off the shelves.

Any predictions about which of those we will be fondly treasuring ten, twenty or fifty years from now?

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