



NEWS

Colehill Community Library

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From our Chair, Ms Susan Cowsill

Summer is well and truly over, and the trees are losing their leaves. The weather is more unsettled, too. Our library office was flooded a short while ago, but some much needed changes to the drainage system mean that this will not happen again. I would guess that Library Manager Linda and our fantastic volunteers will be relieved! No more paddling!

When we experience unusual events like this, we have to look for extra money to pay for them. I am looking for grant funding, and we also need to carry on with our valued fundraising efforts. The recent successful event "Call My Bluff" contributed some very welcome pounds. We have a very exciting garden project planned for next Spring; Barbara Gooch and Diana Guy will collaborate to oversee the work as it progresses.

Books are always a favourite as Christmas gifts. I have always bought my children books, and more than 30 years later, they still have some of them! You never know – you might just spark a lifelong love of books in your child or grandchild. Where better to pursue this hobby than in our lovely Community Library?

Best wishes, Susan, Chair of the Library Trustees.

Forthcoming Events

Back by popular demand is the Christmas trip to Portsmouth Dockyard. This year, they're welcoming the wonderful world of circus to the dockyard, in between all your favourite additions including classic characters, market stalls, fabulous sideshows and incredible entertainment. All the usual attractions are included: the National Museum of the Royal Navy, HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, HMS M33, and the remains of the Mary Rose, a warship of the Tudor navy, which sank in 1545. More details below.

The Library is selling tickets for the next Colehill Community Cinema in aid of the Memorial Hall – a screening of the original 1961 **West Side Story**, winner of 10 Academy Awards. "A triumph on every level, this magnificent achievement set a standard for modern movie musicals that remains unsurpassed to this day." On Friday, 22nd November, doors open at 7pm. Tickets £5. *Barbara.*

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the four winners of the Summer Reading Challenge Space Chase prize draw. All those who completed their challenge at Colehill (over 120) were eligible for entry.

Coach Trip to Portsmouth Dockyard



Friday, 29th November

A magical day out – be transported back to a bygone era of snowy streets at the Victorian Festival of Christmas – 120 fabulous stalls – one of the most talked about events on the south coast in the run up to Christmas (3 days only). Visit the Mary Rose Museum, HMS Victory or even a Harbour tour. What a day!

Tickets £30

Leaves Colehill 8.30 a.m. – leaves Portsmouth 4 p.m.

Tickets are on sale in the Library

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

Coffee Morning & Book Sale

Saturday, 30th November, 9.30 to noon
in the Memorial Hall

*Please come along and bring your neighbours
and friends. The coffee is free!*

Christmas & New Year Opening Dates

The library will be open as follows:-

Tuesday 24th 9.30 – 1.00 (Closed 2.00 – 5.00)

Christmas & Boxing Day – Closed

Friday 27th 2.00 – 4.00

Saturday 28th 9.30 – 12.30

Monday 30th 2.00 – 5.00

Tuesday 31st 9.30 – 1.00,
2.00 – 4.00

New Years Day – Closed

Thursday 2nd January 2.00 – 5.00



Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings!

Your Library Account On-Line:

Book Requests and Reservations explained

Being part of the LibrariesWest system has massively extended the choice and quantity of items which are available for request and many of us take advantage of this by accessing this service online or asking our friendly volunteers to do it for you.

However have you ever requested a book online and despite there appearing to be copies "on shelf" the item has taken some time to become available for collection at Colehill? This may be confusing and indeed frustrating if you need it quickly. It would be reasonable to expect that, even allowing for the intricacies of delivery across several Counties, it might be available for collection within a week or just over. So why doesn't this always happen?

The system has been designed to stop items being transported many miles if there is a chance it can be provided from the next town. Initially local libraries will be circulated to satisfy the request and will only be spread further afield after fifteen days if the item has not been sent on its way. A local library is defined as within that Library Authority i.e. for Colehill borrowers it will be Dorset Council.

The catalogue may show an item being available in for example one of the Poole libraries but despite Poole being physically near, it is part of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole local authority. Hence the book in Poole may not be the first one to be requested.

Sometimes, however many copies and however local the locations, a book is required urgently. Please ask our Library if there is anything we can do to speed up the process. We are always ready to help if there is a genuine reason but of course we can't jump queues if there are other borrowers waiting.

You may notice when placing a request online that you will see a message that says that charges may apply. If a book is collected from a Dorset Library no charges will be incurred. However a voluntary donation is always appreciated.

N.B. Other format e.g. DVDs and CDs will incur a rental charge.

All notifications that you receive about the availability of your requests (and your overdue reminders) will now come from **LibrariesWest** (noreply@lwc.sirsidyndix.net.uk). If you do not think you are receiving messages you may wish to check your spam box, but please contact us if there is still a problem. If anyone would like a demonstration of how to use the online system with your library account please don't hesitate to ask.

You can now pay your library charges online

Charges on your account can now be paid using PayPal. Click on 'My Account', log on with your library membership number & PIN and go to the 'Charges' tab. If you have a PayPal account you can use this but if you don't have one you can pay as a guest with your debit or credit card. There is a minimum payment of £2.

Have you moved house recently? Or changed your email address or phone number?

You can now let us know online by logging on to your library account and updating your personal information. If you provide us with an email address we will send you reminders 3 days before your loans are due for return, to help avoid fines.

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Carnegie Libraries

*"A **Library** outranks any other one thing a **community** can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert"*
– Andrew Carnegie.

Industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie was born on November 25, 1835, in Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland. Although he had little formal education, Carnegie grew up in a family that believed in the importance of books and learning. The son of a handloom weaver, Carnegie grew up to become one of the wealthiest businessmen in America.

He funded over 2000 libraries, world wide, between 1883 and 1929. There are four local Carnegie Libraries:- Winton Branch Library opened on 26 October 1907 and was Grade II listed in 1976. March 27th 1909 saw Springbourne Branch Library built with £2,000 from the Carnegie fund. Boscombe Library opened on 22 June 1910 and relocated to new buildings in 1965. Westbourne Branch Library was opened in May 1916 and became Grade II listed in 1976.

Birthday, Greetings and Christmas Cards

Cards available shortly to buy at the Library, made by a group from St. Michael's Church. All proceeds go to the people of Yambio in South Sudan, with whom the church is linked. Recycling old cards into fresh new ones. On Sale from 4th Nov at **50p for Greetings Cards** and **£1.50 per pack of 5 Christmas Cards**. Look out for a display next time you are in the Library!



Help with Technology One-to-One

with Jeff Webb on Tuesday Mornings

Do you need help with your smartphone, tablet, laptop, PC or other piece of technology? Why not book one of our FREE 30 minute one-to-one sessions.

These are available at the following times:

9.55 – 10.25am	10.30 – 11.00am	11.05 – 11.35am
11.40 – 12.10pm	12.15 – 12.45pm	

Please note that these sessions book up VERY quickly, so please call us on 01202 886676 or ask one of our volunteers.

Whilst these are free sessions, a donation to Colehill Community Library is always gratefully received.