



NEWS

Colehill Community Library

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A word from the Chair of Trustees

Well, it **has** been a long time since we produced a newsletter for library friends and volunteers! I think it is fair to say that this last 15 months has been one of the strangest periods in my life! The COVID pandemic has affected every one of us and has created havoc with people's daily life, disrupted routines, and has meant that "normal" activities such as meeting each other for coffee has not been allowed. Early in 2020, who could have imagined that?

Even our beloved library has been affected. Our opening, and that of other libraries, has been determined by Government rules which have changed over time according to infection levels. Our wonderful Library Manager and volunteers have managed to keep things ticking over, throughout all the changes, and I am utterly amazed and so thankful that they have brought us through.

Outside, the plants in Barbara's Garden are growing well and are looking lovely, and the trees have had their annual inspection - some had a haircut. Barney, our Border Terrier, really enjoys our daily wander round the library grounds and sometimes he even meets doggy friends (and Library volunteers - you know who you are!) Little does he know that his walk helps us to keep an eye on anything that is happening to the library and grounds!

We are making plans for returning to normality, depending upon the final lockdown measures being lifted - including holding a belated Library birthday party (see right). Kate Coney and the fundraising team are busy planning - watch this space!

Another way that we can raise funds for the library is by shopping! You might have heard of Amazon Smile? Whenever you shop on Amazon, go to smile.amazon.co.uk and log into your Amazon account. Choose your charity (for example, Colehill Community Library!) and Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of the sale price (ex VAT) to your chosen charity when you check out. Do make sure that the product says "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on the product detail page; and even though 0.5% does not sound much, if lots of us do it, the library will benefit! As they say, "every penny counts".

I hope the summer weather is now set fair so that we can go outside and meet people, and I look forward to seeing more of our Library volunteers and users in the months to come.

Very best wishes, Susan Cowsill,
Colehill Community Library Director and Chair of Trustees.

Opening Hours

Good news! We are no longer required to quarantine books and we are looking forward in the hope that social distancing will soon be eased.

Meanwhile we are gradually opening for more hours:-

Monday	2.00 – 5.00
Thursday	2.00 – 5.00
Friday	2.00 – 5.00
Saturday	10.00 – 12.00

Please note that social distancing is still in operation, masks must still be worn, track and trace information is still required and hands must be sanitised.

Volunteering

Looking for something new to do as lockdown is lifted? We have a few opportunities for gardeners, cleaners and library assistants and fundraisers. Contact Linda at ccl.colehill@gmail.com for further information.



**A (very delayed!)
8th Birthday
Coffee Morning
& Book Sale**

*will be held in
August or September*
**Check our website later
this month for news**

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Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD Heroes

Some of our newer members may have not yet heard about the **FUN**, **FREE** and **EXCITING** challenge that comes to libraries each summer but we are sure that our regular participants will agree that nowhere is it undertaken more **enthusiastically than at Colehill**.

This is a nature themed Challenge which will inspire young readers to stand up for the planet. It is directed towards young people from 4 – 11 yrs of age but we always welcome children of all ages. Some of our youngest borrowers received their first medal before they had learned to read but were happily sharing books with their older siblings. They have gone on to take part year after year and have a collection of medals and certificates to be proud of.

The aim is to read (or listen to) six books of your own choice during the summer and tell our librarians about them. Each time you read a book you will receive a special sticker. When you have completed all six you will receive a medal and a certificate will be presented to you in the library or at school, whichever you prefer.

What you need to do:

- Join the library if you are not already a member
- Sign up for the Challenge from the 3rd July
- Choose your books – either all six or one or two at a time
- Enjoy reading or sharing your book
- Come to the library and briefly tell one of our librarians about your book
- Receive a sticker
- Add your name to our progress chart
- Receive your medal when you have all six stickers
- Allow your name to be entered in to our special prize draw to win a book

Tell your friends and ask them to enjoy the Challenge!
See also [youtube.com/watch?v=XCw6LJjj2tM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCw6LJjj2tM)

Home Library Service

For those of you unable to visit your local library because of illness, disability, self-isolation, or because you are a carer, volunteers from the Royal Voluntary Service can deliver books or audiobooks to your home every three weeks. A recent Dorset Council survey of current clients showed a 99% Good rating.

If you are interested in using this service or know of someone who might be eligible to use it, please contact Wimborne Library on 01202 882770 and ask for the Home Library Service.

Jennifer Holman, Colehill Community Library Trustee and Local Home Library Service Coordinator.

Ancestry and Family History Help

There is still free online access from home until the end of September 2021. Just go to **LibrariesWest.org.uk**, select the “Family History” box and follow the instruction to log in to Ancestry. You will need your library membership details.

While you are on LibrariesWest site take a look at all the other services that might interest you.

We are pleased that **Dave Campbell**, our Family History guru, will usually be in the library during opening hours on a Saturday morning. He will be able to advise you on starting your own family history or even breaking down one of those frustrating brick walls.

You may also contact him by email ccl.colehill@gmail.com putting ‘**Family History f.a.o. Dave**’ in the subject line.

Public Network Computers

It is now permissible for **one person** to use **one Public Network computer at a time** in the library. This will be for 30 minutes unless no one else is waiting. We have provided Perspex screening and users will be required to use hand sanitizer and wear a mask. Please ask a volunteer for permission before signing in.

IT One to One

We hope to offer this service again very soon.

Reading Well

Dorset Libraries are shortly providing us with a new collection of books under the heading “**Reading Well**”. Titles will include “*Feeling Angry*”, “*Bullying*”, “*Michael Rosen’s Sad Book*”, “*All Birds Have Anxiety*”, “*Self Esteem and Mental Health*”, “*Something Bad Happened*”. There are both fiction and non-fiction books for all ages and the topics are concerned with mental health. There are already many books on these issues in the system and they may be requested and borrowed.

Information on the Dorset Libraries website under the heading ‘Books for Health’ may also be of interest.

Jigsaws

A reminder that our free Jigsaw Library is available. Just browse the catalogues on the shelves near the Self Service Machine. Make your choices and ask one of our volunteers to find it for you. Take as long as you need to complete it before returning it.

Newspapers

The Bournemouth Echo and the “i” will be available to read in the Library as soon as Covid guidance permits.

New Book from Jan Seal

‘Behind the Workhouse Door, Tales of Wimborne Workhouse’ will be available at the coffee morning.

**Keep an eye on our website,
Facebook page and notice boards
for future updates to our services**

