



NEWS

Colehill Community Library

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Hello everyone!

It's mid-October, temperatures are unseasonably high, and the trees are still hanging onto their leaves. We haven't got as many of the golden colours as we normally do, and for that to happen, it will need to be colder, perhaps even frosty! Are we ready for that? I think that any opportunity to curl up with a good book should be welcomed. Unfortunately, our Border Terrier objects to his staff taking time off and we resort to tiring him out just so we have reading time!

Our brilliant library knitters are currently conjuring up Halloween masterpieces and poppies for Remembrance Day. We trimmed the tree at the front of the library so that it can more easily be decorated with poppies this year. I'm looking forward to seeing it!

In the library grounds, we are going to be planting some new bluebell bulbs, so hopefully in the spring we should have a lovely "mini bluebell wood". Please walk carefully when you see them coming up! Recently I was pleased to

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see new growth on a sapling that I had replanted, but then last weekend I found that it had been deliberately snapped. This was vandalism, and it is so sad that whoever had done this not only deprived us of the years of seeing a tree grow but also deprived the whole community of the valuable contribution to the environment and wildlife that it would have made.

We continue to fundraise and our next event on 19th Oct. is a musical coffee morning. We are also collaborating with Colehill Parish Council to hold a joint book sale/tree giveaway on Saturday 25th November at the Reef – see the ad below.

If, like me, you have recently been jabbed for Covid and for flu, you are probably aware that Covid-19 is still around and is infecting people. As winter approaches and we are all indoors more, we must remember to be careful and help to protect our more vulnerable residents – and our more mature volunteers, too. Please stay safe and well!

Susan Cowsill, Chair of Trustees, librarytrusteesjc@gmail.com

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**Fundraising Morning
at the Library**

Coffee & Cake
with
Live Classical Music

Andrew Bellis, viola, and Sara Cronin, flute



Thursday, 19th October

Coffee from 10 a.m., Recital 11 a.m.
till noon in the Library

Come along and bring your friends

Donations welcomed!

Fundraising for Colehill Community Library (charity no. 1151552)

Joint Event with Colehill Parish Council

**Tea, Coffee,
Tree Giveaway
& Book Sale**



Saturday, 25th November
1.30 - 4pm in THE REEF, Colehill Lane

Tea ~ coffee ~ cake for a donation

jointly for Colehill Community Library (charity no. 1151552) &
Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre (no. 1120361)

Tree Giveaway

*Come along and
bring your friends -
we'd love to see you!*



The Library will be closed on Bank Holidays at Christmas and New Year, otherwise open as normal

Summer Reading Challenge



Well, Colehill *got Ready, got Set and Read!* We are so happy with the response to the Summer Reading Challenge at Colehill this year. It has been a delight to talk with so many young people about the books they have enjoyed and gives us encouragement to keep our Community Library thriving into the future. We were even able to sign up toddlers who have been sharing stories with their parents and siblings. Seeing their excitement at receiving their stickers and certificate to recognise their early involvement with books has illustrated how no one is too young to enjoy “reading”.

This year 144 children started the Challenge, and so far 102 have completed it. We are still happy to talk to anyone who would like to finish. Just pop in and tell us about the remainder of the books you have read, and we will provide the certificate and medal.

Whether or not you have taken part in the Challenge please continue to borrow books from us.

Volunteering at the Library

A reminder that if you think Colehill Community Library is worth supporting, please pop in for a chat, or email Linda at ccl.colehill@gmail.com about ways you might be able to help.

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 3 weeks.

If you are interested in using this service or know of someone who might be eligible to use it, please pick up a leaflet from Colehill Library, or contact Wimborne Library on 01202 882770. An RVS volunteer will then contact you to discuss your reading interests, and organise deliveries. There is no charge for this service.

Jennifer Holman, Local Home Library Service Coordinator.

Local traders approved by Trading Standards

Finding reliable trades people can often be a gamble. However, Dorset Council Trading Standards can help you identify businesses with a good trading history and

excellent customer satisfaction. Many businesses across Dorset have signed up to the national ‘Buy with Confidence’ scheme, giving local people a wide choice of established traders committed to fair trading and good customer service. This helps protect you and it helps support reputable local businesses. Our members have been visited in person and audited by Trading Standards Officers to make sure they comply with consumer protection laws.

We take customer references and we make sure complaint procedures are in place if needed. Also, criminal record checks are undertaken for staff who work in or around your home. Once a business joins ‘Buy with Confidence’ they are monitored by Trading Standards through customer feedback, complaint monitoring and re-audits.

We would always encourage you to choose a Dorset based trader. However, as the ‘Buy with Confidence’ scheme is also run by neighbouring local authorities, the pool of approved traders is greater than just those who are based in the Dorset. Other trader approval schemes are available, but only ‘Buy with Confidence’ has this level of Trading Standards approval, alongside access to the CAB database of consumer complaints, which allows us to truly vet a business.

Search the national ‘Buy with Confidence’ website at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk using your postcode.

Come and see our spooky books for Halloween



Calling all knitters and those who crochet and craft....

Would you like to join us in brightening up the library with a seasonal display of all things pumpkin?

Knitting and crochet patterns are available in the library, or please use any patterns that you may have already.

This is intended to be an indoor library community display. Contributions from all ages are very welcome. Please drop off any pumpkins at the desk or add to the display by Friday 27th October.