



NEWS

Colehill Community Library

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Chairman's Update

Another new year begins and hopefully another prosperous and active one for our community library. As I mentioned in my last piece, I am astonished and heartened by the enthusiasm for the library by the many (over fifty in number) volunteers who offer their own time and efforts to keep this valuable community asset going.

Now that I have managed to get over a couple of early administrative hurdles – the break-in and subsequent insurance claim and renewal – I look forward to concentrating on ideas to take the library forward. With so many competing interests around these days for both young and old(er) it is key that we continually look to the future and keep the institution relevant and interesting for our members and visitors.

I, and the committee, have a number of ideas that we will be discussing at our next Trustees meeting, but I would be very interested to hear any thoughts anyone might have for new activities/developments that they might think useful. Please do not worry about proposing ideas that seem “off the wall” as that can quite often lead to unexpected benefits. If you have anything to put forward, please mention them to Linda in the library (or myself if I happen to be there) or email them to me at paul.colehilllibrary@gmail.com.

In the meantime, may I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Paul Gunovsky, Chair of Trustees, paul.colehilllibrary@gmail.com

Penny Austin

It is with great sadness that we have learnt of the loss of our colleague and friend, Penny Austin. Penny was one of our original team of volunteers when we became a Community Library. As most of you will know that was twelve years ago and Penny has stayed the course despite some interludes of ill health. She was always anxious to be included on the team and worked with many of us in the library.

Besides her regular duties she undertook to take control of the many publications, posters and leaflets with which we were becoming overwhelmed. This is not a job for the faint-hearted, but Penny rescued us and produced a very organised filing system which could be accessed by both borrowers and volunteers and then kept it updated.

The library is grateful for all the hours she has given. She was widely read and always able to recommend a worthwhile book for us to try.

Save the date: (ticket details in the next newsletter, & website)

Dorset Police Male Voice Choir. Concert for the library at St Michael's and All Angels, Colehill on Sat 10th May, 7.30pm

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Colehill Library

12th Birthday

Hardback Sale

Raffle ∞ Art and craft stall ∞ Music

Saturday, 8th February

2pm-4pm in the LIBRARY

*Tea/Coffee/Cake - for a donation
to Colehill Community Library (charity no. 1151552)*

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



Everyone who has learnt of the news has been greatly saddened and all have said what a special person and great colleague she has been. We all feel we have lost a friend. Penny's funeral will take place at Poole Crematorium on Friday 7th February at 11.00 am.

Jackie Richardson

We have also just received more sad news at the loss of Jackie Richardson in early January. Jackie joined our gardening team in the last year and her work has been much appreciated in that time. We offer our sincere condolences to her family.

Library Management System

We are relieved to report that there has been a noticeable improvement to the Library Management System and access to online accounts through Libraries West since the start of the New Year. **Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or problems you may be experiencing.**

Long Winter Days

A reminder that the fantastic access to reading material available through the library system is augmented by the online service **BorrowBox** - www.librarieswest.org.uk/BorrowBox

Looking to follow up your Family Tree? Then try the **Ancestry Library Edition**, free to use on public network computers in Colehill and other Dorset Libraries. If you would like help with your research our volunteer/family history research guru, Dave Campbell, is willing to help. Give us your contact details and Dave will get in touch.

... and don't forget the free extensive **jigsaw library** at Colehill – no time limit on borrowing.

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

Co.MaD
Colehill Music and Drama

Presents

Tales from the Woods

Proceeds towards: **Julia's House**
Dorset & Wiltshire Children's Hospices

COLEHILL VILLAGE HALL BH21 2LR

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14TH 7.30

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH 2.30 & 7.30

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH 2.30

TICKETS: ADULTS - £7 CHILD - £5

FROM:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/comad

Co.MaD (Colehill Music and Drama) is a not-for-profit amateur dramatic society



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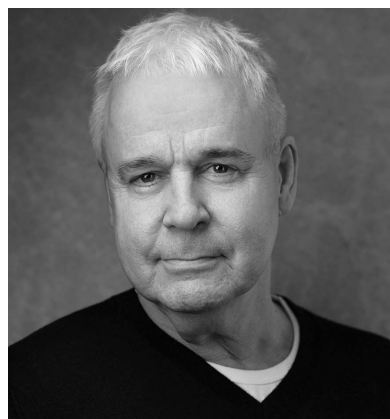
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Online talk with bestselling author Tim Sullivan author of the DS George Cross series

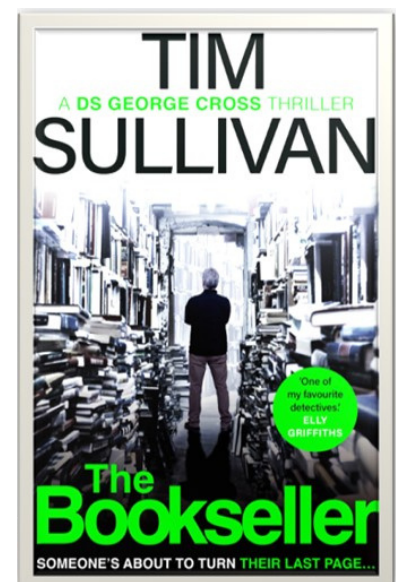
Screenwriter, director and bestselling crime fiction writer Tim Sullivan will be talking to us online about his latest DS George Cross thriller 'The Bookseller' on

Thursday 6 March 7pm to 8pm

Book your place for the event on Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-author-event-with-tim-sullivan-author-of-the-ds-george-cross-series-tickets-1151286341439



- The DS Cross series
- 1 The Dentist (2020)
 - 2 The Cyclist (2020)
 - 3 The Patient (2022)
 - 4 The Politician (2022)
 - 5 The Monk (2023)



- 6 The Teacher (2023)
- 7 The Bookseller (2025)



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