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Colehill Community Library

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Chairman's Update

I cannot believe we are already halfway through 2025 – where does the time go? At the library Linda and her team of fantastic volunteers continue to provide an excellent service to our customers despite the seemingly never-ending problems with the (not so) new IT system.

This year we had a stall at the Wimborne Minster Folk Festival and, despite the unfortunate inclement weather on the Saturday, managed to collect a tidy sum towards the Library coffers. Many thanks to those who turned out to help staff the stall and, in particular, to Lynette whose themed finger puppets were very popular. I should also mention Jenny, Jan and Maureen who provided extra input to the offerings on show.

We continue to investigate ways of integrating more with the community to raise the profile of the library and to engage with age groups across the spectrum. Hopefully we will have more definitive news of plans by the next edition.

The Summer Reading Challenge is on the horizon, and we are optimistic that it will continue to be a major success story as has been the case over recent years. Please keep an eye out for our coffee and music mornings and support these events when you can. The next session is on July 16th and additionally features poetry as part of the entertainment. I hope to see you there.

In the meantime, I wish you all a happy, prosperous and warm summer.

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



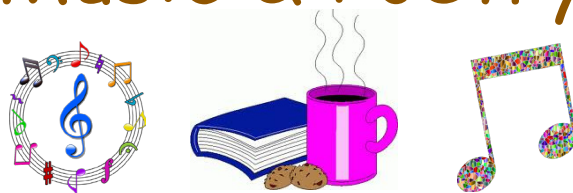
The school holidays will soon be with us and with them the exciting prospect of the **Summer Reading Challenge 2025**.

Most of you will know that Colehill Library wholeheartedly supports this free activity to encourage our young people to read six books during the summer. >

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**Fundraising Morning
at the Library**

**Coffee Morning
with
Music & Poetry**



Wednesday, 16th July

in the Library: Coffee & cake from 10a.m.

Music & poetry from 10.45 a.m. (30/40 mins)

Come along and bring your friends

Donations welcomed!

Fundraising for Colehill Community Library (charity no. 1151552)

The Challenge opens on Saturday 5th July and carries on through into September. This year's theme is "The Story Garden" and encourages children to take an interest in the outdoors. When signing up at the library the young person will receive a sticker booklet and will be awarded a sticker for each of the six books they tell the library volunteers about. Six books achieved will result in the presentation of a medal and a certificate.

We are delighted to say that for a second year Colehill will be offering extra goodies to those who sign up and complete the Challenge with us:

Sign up at Colehill and receive an i-SPY book

Read and tell us about your third book and select a craft reward

Complete all 6 books and receive a £10 Gullivers Book Token

We are really looking forward to talking to our young borrowers about the books they are enjoying and hopefully signing up some new members (and their families). >

Remember this is a free, fun, local activity for the summer. Visiting Colehill Library offers free parking or maybe a pleasant walk via Cannon Hill Woods.

A friendly welcome and the chance to select from a large selection of books and a Jigsaw Library.

A picture quiz, colouring materials, puzzles and soft toys to cuddle.

If you enjoyed the Summer Reading Challenge you will have the chance to join Colehill Library's very own 100 Book Challenge.

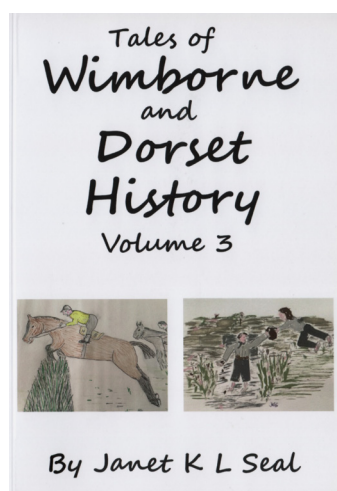
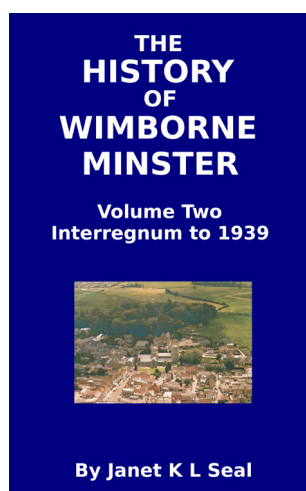
Reading cushions

The Library has a lovely selection of reading cushions for sale, made by one of our talented volunteers. All proceeds will go to the library. A lovely way to snuggle up with your small person.



The package contains a cushion with a pocket in the cushion cover containing a children's book and a small soft toy related to the book. There is the opportunity to select a further three children's books for free on a first come first served basis.

New books by Jan Seal



Volume 2 (of 2) of 'The History of Wimborne Minster' covering the period up to 1939, and Volume 3 of 'Tales of Wimborne and Dorset History', which is dedicated to Colehill Library volunteers, are available for purchase in the library at £20 and £7 respectively.

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

Fighting Back Against Scam Mail

In an age where internet scams dominate headlines, it's easy to forget that traditional postal scams still pose a serious threat, especially to people more reliant on letters through the post. That's why the return of the SCAMnesty campaign by the Friends Against Scams, and National Trading Standards Scams Teams, is both timely and vital.

SCAMnesty invites people across the UK to send in any unwanted scam or nuisance mail, completely free of charge, to help investigators disrupt fraud. The process is simple: just drop the mail into an envelope and send it to NTSST, FREEPOST, MAIL MARSHALS. No stamp is required.

This campaign will be running throughout the Summer, but you can send post to the Freepost address at any time.

Postal scams come in many forms: fake lotteries, bogus health cures, clairvoyant promises, and investment traps. They often use official-looking seals, urgent deadlines, and personal touches to manipulate recipients. The goal? To extract money through deception, often targeting older or isolated people.

What's most alarming is that only 5% of these crimes are reported. Victims often feel ashamed or unsure of where to turn. But the truth is, these fraudsters are professionals. Falling victim to their tactics is not a sign of weakness, it's a reflection of how sophisticated these scams have become.

By participating in SCAMnesty, you're not just clearing out your junk mail, you're contributing to a national effort to protect others. Every piece of scam mail sent in helps the National Trading Standards Scams Team build cases, shut down operations, and prevent future harm.

If you are affected by scam mail, perhaps you have lost money to a scam and would like advice on what to do, then visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or phone the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133. Trusted advice will be provided. Citizens Advice will also identify people who may require more support, and a referral will be made to Dorset Council Trading Standards.

Ferndown Watch Community Office

The office in The Barrington has now closed, after 20 years offering security products and crime prevention advice.