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Colehill Community Library

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Chairman's Update

As the glorious long hot summer has drawn to a close and the nights (sadly) start to draw in, we can look back on a busy few months for the library.

The *Summer Reading Challenge* was, as usual, a huge success thanks to Linda and her volunteers introducing another generation to what we hope will become a lifetime love of being immersed in books and reading. One of my favourite initiatives regarding encouraging people to literature in the past few years was a national campaign with the by-line 'live other lives'. I always think that, with fiction in particular, it is always the sign of a good book when you feel totally involved in another world with characters who you can relate to and who you miss once the story is told.

We are already planning activities for the Christmas period. Andrew will be issuing details in the coming weeks and we hope many in our community will participate and enjoy those events. >

It was our pleasure to host the *Dorset Community Libraries* meeting in September, which was well attended, and it was nice to put faces to some of the names I only normally see on emails. Four days prior to that meeting we held the CCL Ltd AGM which, again, had a healthy attendance. Mary Redman and Andrew Foot were re-elected to their Trustee roles. Mary Redman presented the financial statement which was of its usual high quality. The library is still in relatively healthy financial state, but we must continue to work hard to ensure that this continues into the future.

Finally, one of my objectives when taking up the chair was to ensure that we have support and succession planning in place for key roles should anything untoward (although hopefully not) happen to any of our key personnel. To that end I am delighted that Barbara Buffton has begun working with Linda Roberts to assist with library management and in the near future Dave Steadman is to begin a similar role with Mary Redman on the financial side. Many thanks to both of them for stepping up, it is very much appreciated.

Keep reading!

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

Summer Reading Challenge



We have been delighted by the kind feedback and the number of children signing up and accepting the 2025 Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge.

At the time of writing, **191** had signed up and **165** have completed and received their medal and their **Gullivers** Book Token. If anyone would still like to complete their Challenge it is not too late! Just come in and tell us about your books.

We would like to extend huge thanks to **Gullivers Book Shop** for their generous support and hope that our participants are enjoying a visit there to choose a special book to remind them of their achievement. >>



Colehill Library

Books + Jigsaws Sale

Jan Seal will be promoting her books and Robert Plummer will have his new book of poetry on offer

Saturday, 18th October
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!





100 Book Challenge

If some children would like to continue to accept a reading challenge, Colehill Library offers their very own '100 Book Challenge'. There is no time limit, just sign up, enjoy reading books and pop in and talk about them to our volunteers. You will receive a 'reading passport' and be given the opportunity to stamp it each time you have read a book. To get you started you may include the six books you completed in the Summer Challenge. When you have completed your 100 books, you will receive a certificate and the choice of an Oxford Pocket Dictionary or £10 book token. *Linda Roberts.*



Watch out for counterfeit pet medicine

A cat named Smokey nearly lost his life after being treated with a counterfeit flea product bought online. The counterfeit product was a copy of a genuine and widely used 'Frontline' tick and flea treatment. The packaging itself looked legitimate but inside was a toxic insecticide that led to emergency surgery. Fortunately, Smokey survived.

Pet owners, beware: counterfeit pet medicines are being sold online and they could make your pet seriously ill. These products are untested, unregulated, and potentially lethal. One pet owner described a fake treatment that smelled like white spirit. Others have reported spelling errors and poor-quality packaging. Both reports can be clear red flags that something isn't right.

So, in general terms, how can you protect your pet?

- * Buy only from trusted sources – such as licensed vets, pharmacies, or reputable pet retailers.
- * Check the packaging – look for spelling mistakes, poor print quality, or unusual smells.
- * Be wary of large price discounts – if the price seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- * Report suspicious products – contact Trading Standards if you suspect a fake.

To report something to Trading Standards that doesn't look right, visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or, phone the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

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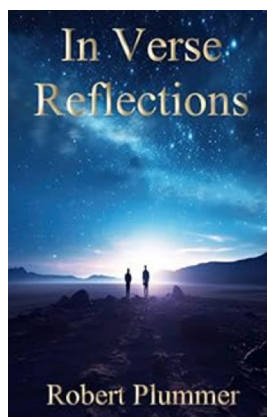
A bedside read...

A traveling companion...

The fifty-three poems in this slim volume do not fit any particular genre, type or style; the collection has been written over a number of years and is delightfully diverse.

My verse may amuse, stimulate and even possibly challenge you. At times whimsical, at others philosophical, even theological and in one section reflects my time in the military.

Robert Plummer



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