



NEWS

Colehill Community Library

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Chairman's Update

As we move into Autumn it is time to reflect on the year to date and start planning for the rest of the year.

Many of you might know that Paul our Chair of Trustees for the last two years stood down at the AGM so he could pursue other volunteering opportunities. As there is no deputy, I have agreed to act as an interim chair until we can find a replacement. One of my first tasks is to start the recruitment process, if anybody is aware of somebody who would be interested in taking on the role, please let me know. This will be more widely advertised from the end of September. At the AGM two existing Trustee/ Directors Jennifer Holman and Barry Mortimer came up for re-election, both were elected unopposed.

Linda ably assisted by Barbara continue to successfully manage the library operationally and with the aid of all the library volunteers have just finished running the very popular summer reading challenge. The library should now be a little quieter and hopefully present fewer tripping hazards! A new self-service machine has been installed which apart from a significant changeover delay seems to be working well.

At the AGM, Mary presented the library accounts for 2025/26 and reviewed the financial statement. It was confirmed that the library's financial position remains very healthy, with the bank balance increasing over the year. The accounts were adopted as tabled. This strong position gives the library scope to continue to support junior reading activities and fund significant improvement projects.

As part of the library's green agenda, Barry is preparing a proposal to replace the current gas heating system. Advice has been sought from Low Carbon Dorset and a specialist contractor. Because of the library building's unusual nature, options are limited, but a cassette system meets the environmental requirements. Subject to a detailed proposal and confirmation of grant funding, the Trustees hope to approve the project by the end of the year.

Finally, to the unsung heroes, the gardening team. It has come to my attention that their numbers have reduced and for some gardening shifts the team comprises only one volunteer. If anybody knows somebody that is still able bodied and would like to volunteer let me know and I will pass on their details to Anne and Susan.

Wishing you all a healthy rest of the year, happy reading.

Ken Redman, Interim Chair of Trustees,

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Summer Reading Challenge

As the temperature soared and records were broken, we witnessed our own record at the library this summer. 220 young people of Colehill took up the Summer Reading Challenge and at the time of writing 165 have completed it by reading and sharing at least six books each. They have been delighted to receive their medal and a book token. Many thanks to Gullivers Bookshop for their generous contribution to this.

The Challenge is always a busy time at the library and this year every session has been positively buzzing. It has been really encouraging to welcome so many families accompanying their children and to see that Mums and Dads have been taking up their membership again. A huge thank you to our library volunteers for the extra hours they have given to make this work.

If anyone thinks they may enjoy sharing books with our children do come and talk to us. It is such a rewarding and enjoyable experience.



Colehill Library

Books+Jigsaws Sale

Non-fiction & childrens books

Felting Demonstration & Sale

★ Free daffodil bulbs ★
from Colehill Town Council

Saturday, 10th October

2pm-4pm in the LIBRARY

Tea & Cake - for a donation

to Colehill Community Library
(charity no. 1151552)

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



Dave Campbell

Dave Campbell is one of our original library volunteers, working with us since we became a Community Library in January 2013. It is with considerable sadness that we are saying goodbye to him as he moves away to be nearer his family.

Dave has worked for the library in so many ways over the years. Many of you will know him as a regular on the Saturday morning shift. He has been our Family History guru, leading us through the use of Ancestry on the Library public computers and helping many of us to push through those brick walls with his wide expertise.

He has raised hundreds of pounds for our funds by selling unusual and out of print books on Amazon Market Place and has always supported our library events and projects.

He will be greatly missed as a colleague and friend, and we thank him for all his support and offer him our very best wishes for the future.

Just a reminder – tell your friends....

Colehill Community Library is run by a team of volunteers. We offer....

- Access to the whole of LibrariesWest catalogue of books – children's, teens, large print, audio books and more
- Access to digital books and magazines through BorrowBox
- Rhyme Time for toddlers
- Summer Reading Challenge and all year round 100 book challenge for school children
- Free IT support appointments
- Free access to Ancestry and support for Family History research
- Printing, photocopying and laminating
- Extensive free jigsaw library
- School visits
- Free venue for appropriate meetings

*We are a friendly team, why not pay us a visit?
Sit a while and read a magazine or newspaper.
Or consider joining our dedicated team of volunteers*

Jigsaw Library

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over 200 items

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free to borrow

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no time limit



Pet Portraits by Lynette

Supporting library funds, I will be accepting commissions for felted pet portraits from October.



The portraits are felted in carded merino wool on linen. Each one takes a minimum of 8 hours to complete and will be unique. Prices start at £20 for a portrait in a hoop and £25 for a canvas board. POA for more complex requests. Examples are on display in the library by the self-serve machine. A donation from the sale of each portrait will be made to the library.

To order please collect a form from the desk in the library and provide a good quality colour photo. Headshots give the best results.

also – Pop-up Needle Felting Workshop

On Saturday 3rd October, 2-4 pm

Felt your own fungi picture for Autumn. Materials provided. Suggested donation of £5. Please sign up at the library desk. Six places available. I will also be demonstrating at the book sale.
Lynette



Peach comb binder PB200-09



Still available – this binder will bind up to 50 sheets of A4 with a plastic comb. Good condition, yours for a donation to the Library. Contact the Editor, g@gpmcs.co.uk or it will be available at the book sale if not rehomed prior.

Home Library Service

Reminder – 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.

Jennifer Holman, Local Home Library Service Coordinator