



# NEWS

## Colehill Community Library

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### Chairman's chat

*What's in a name?* A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. But call it rosa damascene and it sounds different, implying something of the exotic east. Still a rose, though.

So it is with Colehill Community Library Ltd.

*Should we take away the Ltd and become a CIO?*

*Pardon? Oh, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.*

*Sounds good. What's the difference? Hard to tell.*

*It's still the library... our library, that's the part we care about.*

**Come to our AGM on Saturday August 20th  
at 2 p.m. in the Library, and find out more.**

Tea and refreshments – Free!

What more could you ask?

John Gooch, Chairman.

### Special Interest Groups

*Please check the noticeboard or the website for changes to the summer schedule.*

### Last call for submissions for the 'Life on the Hill' anthology



'Life on the Hill' now has a new logo and a timetable for publication. The Colehill Community Writing Project, launched last year, is reaching the editing phase ready for publication in the autumn. Any pieces of writing in the pipeline need to be submitted within the next couple of weeks. All contributors need to provide a 2-3 sentence mini biography telling us about yourself. If you haven't already done so please email it to [ccl.lifeonthehill@gmail.com](mailto:ccl.lifeonthehill@gmail.com)

The project now has a Facebook page of its own. Please visit and "like" us. You will find the guidelines for writing there, and instructions about the mini biographies.

[www.facebook.com/ccl.lifeonthehill](http://www.facebook.com/ccl.lifeonthehill)

Thank you to everyone who has contributed such an amazing, interesting and diverse collection of writing. We are looking forward to launching the book in November; it will make fascinating reading! *Watch this space.*

For more information email [ccl.lifeonthehill@gmail.com](mailto:ccl.lifeonthehill@gmail.com)

### Changes to the Library System

As promised, or should it be forewarned, in the previous Newsletter, significant changes have been taking place to the library's computer management system and consequently to some of the service conditions.

Most of the volunteers are still smiling through this "interesting" period and are generally of the opinion that the new system is good. We thank all our users for their patience as we get to grips with the new system and put up with the inevitable anomalies as the bibliographic and borrowers records of seven library authorities are amalgamated.

Many of you will now be aware and be in the possession of a PIN which is now required when using the self service machine in the library. This number will also be required to access your library account online.

We will be able to provide you with your PIN (which you can change) in the library or you may obtain it online.

The new system gives us access to the library stock of seven counties and it will now be possible to borrow up to twenty books at one time. There have been some changes to >



## Highclere Castle

**on Wednesday, 31 August 2016**

**Pick-up from the library at 9.00**

**Return at approx. 17.45**



Highclere Castle is now well known globally by virtue of the phenomenal success of the Downton Abbey series.

Early written records show the site as an Iron Age Hill Fort.

And later records reveal a medieval palace built during the twelfth and thirteenth century, succeeded by a much admired red brick Tudor house. The present castle is the result of major rebuilding works carried out in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

**Tickets available from the library ...**

**£35 for Volunteers & Friends**

**£38 all others**

(Includes entrance fee)



For latest information: [www.colehill.gov.uk/colehill-community-library](http://www.colehill.gov.uk/colehill-community-library) or [facebook.com/colehillcommunitylibrary](http://facebook.com/colehillcommunitylibrary)

charges, and full information is on the websites and displayed in the library. **Customers should be aware that rental items are now charged for a week's loan and not on a daily basis.**

It should be noted that e-mails may now be coming from **Libraries West, sirsidynix.net.uk and Dorset Libraries and hence may initially go into your spam box.**

## Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge 2016 is with us again! It runs from **2<sup>nd</sup> July until the 10<sup>th</sup> of September**. This year the theme is **"The Big Friendly Read"** and will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roald Dahl's birth.

Our volunteers do much to make this event a happy and fun experience for the participants and this year will be no exception. Come along **on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July between 10.00 and 1.00** for some related activities and sign up or talk to us about books already read. There will be a chart to show everyone's progress and **once six books have been read or shared, medals and certificates will be awarded.**

*All those who complete the Challenge in Dorset will be entered in to a prize draw to win a bag of "goodies" and all those completing the Challenge at Colehill will be eligible for a draw to win the new Roald Dahl Dictionary.*

The 2015 Challenge saw us **issuing over 2000 books** to the young people of Colehill! Can we do even better this year?

## Sting in the Tale

We are delighted, thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council, that we will be hosting a Sting in the Tale storytelling session on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30 – 11.30.

Jill Barr will be presenting "Animal Tales of the Unexpected". We believe that elephants and rabbits may feature strongly and, although the stories will be aimed at the 5 - 8 yrs age range, all are welcome. The event is free and non-ticketed but it would be helpful if names and contact numbers could be given in advance to the library.

## Colehill Gardens Gadabout

*It is never easy to anticipate weather and numbers on these occasions but happily both exceeded expectations on the day.*

The Memorial Hall with café style decor, colourful checked tablecloths, cheerful bunting and the smiling attention of the our library team of helpers, plus coffee and cakes elevenses proved irresistible to many early morning ticket purchasers. As the day progressed and the weather stayed fine, tired visitors made their way back to the hall for a late lunch of filled rolls, salad and more cake. On several occasions the hall was filled to capacity and extra seating had to be found.

The buzz of satisfied garden lovers meeting their friends and comparing notes on the gardens so far visited was a very pleasing sight, reminding us all once again what an important and growing role the library is playing in the social fabric of our community.

The provision of refreshments was a feat of organisation by Joan Rumball and Kate Coney together with the able assistance of our team of loyal Library Volunteers.

A sincere thank you to them all.

## The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

Thanks to all who visited our stall at the Queen's Birthday Celebrations at St. Michael's Church Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## Nature Note – Purple Statues

Strolling past the library last week I couldn't help but notice the Foxglove. In full flower these stately biennials stand as if guarding the land whilst offering passing insects a vital stock of nectar and shelter from the rain. This plant has been kindly donated and, if allowed to set seed, should



hopefully produce future generations of statuesque purple under the library's pines.

Our wildflowers often have a number of vernacular names and the Foxglove is no exception being also known as Fairy Bells, Floppy Dock, Tod-Tails and perhaps most charmingly, Fairy Gloves. I've recently learnt that during the Second World War many Women's

Institutes across the country were involved in gathering foxglove leaves. These were dried and sent to the County Herb Committees to be processed into drugs for treating heart failure. Some claim that it was the investigation of the foxglove's wide spread use in folk-medicine that was the turning point in the development of modern pharmacology. Perhaps that's why this lovely plant of our woodlands stands tall, as if full of pride. *Christine.*

## COLEHILL CONUNDRUMS ! (Part 7 - July)

*Kindly supplied by Jan Seal.*

Where can you see a set of antlers displayed in Colehill?

- A. Quarry Close
- B. On a garage at Richmond Villas, Wimborne Road
- C. Beaucroft Road

What was the old name of Horton Inn?

- A. The White House
- B. The Cap of Maintenance
- C. Cranborne Gap

How many people have been buried at St. Michael's Church?

- A. None
- B. Twenty
- C. One hundred and twenty

What animals are part of the Christmas festivities at Stewarts Garden Centre?

- A. Meerkats
- B. Reindeer
- C. Puppies

*Answers will be provided on the website from the end of July if you can't wait for the next issue!*

*(There were no conundrums in the previous issue).*

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