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Chairman's chat: Dog days out....

It's hard to get anything done when there's a puppy, Louie, who is lovely and great fun but he does command your attention, while destroying plants and eating snail shells and other canine delicacies.

It came as a special pleasure then to receive Dorset Wildlife Trust's invitation to explore Powerstock Common Reserve.

The first surprise is in finding the Reserve. You'll need OS map 194 (SY547974) and a navigator (mine was back in the dog-house). Nerves of steel help too as you whiz down narrow country lanes.

I am on time (just); others not.

We set off on the old railway track to Bridport (one of the Beeching closures) and soon the cameras/phones are out.

"Look - an orchid - and another - but those are better over there!" Badbury Rings? No contest!

I make my contribution to the flow of expertise.

"Isn't that...." I begin, pointing at a vaguely familiar flower.

"Look everyone, this gentleman's found a zig-zag clover".

Were they pulling my leg? (No!).

More treasures - butterflies as well. Great help that the lens of my binoculars acts as a magnifying glass. Next time, in addition to OS map, lens, water, boots (it can be muddy in places), I must remember -

Take a book *

John Gooch, Chairman

* The Observer's book of Wild Flowers or "The Wild Flower Key" by Francis Rose. Others available on www.librarieswest.org.uk

Colehill Summer Party

Saturday 8th July, 2-5pm

in and around the Memorial Hall

Cream teas, home-made cakes, tombola, raffle, stalls, music, plants

Featuring 'Bubble Boogie' and extras for children

Profits to our Library - come and support us!

Further information available at Colehill Library or Kate Coney 01202-840620 or Barbara -882590

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge for 2017 is underway!! Don't delay!!

We will be delighted if you choose to sign up at Colehill Community Library. We have lots of activities for you to drop in and try throughout the summer, and an SRC-only morning on **Wednesday 26th July** from 10.00-12.30.

Of course, best of all, we have an even better and larger selection of wonderful books for you to borrow and enjoy. Come and help us better our target of books borrowed during the Challenge..... and don't forget if you think six books are not enough, there is always the 100 Book Challenge awaiting you!



(Banners were acquired thanks to a Councillor Grant from Janet Dover)

Colehill Community Library

Wednesday July 26th 10 till 12.30

sign up for the challenge

*puzzles things to make codes
crafts quizzes*



**Summer Reading
Challenge**

Activity Morning

come and join the fun!

Notification by e-mail, letter etc

Many of you will now be aware that the Dorset Library Service is operating a fully automated service for the notification of overdue reminders and courtesy advice when reservations are available for collection at the library.

Borrowers are able to choose to receive this information by **e-mail, SMS (text), or second class post.**

Those borrowers who have been accustomed to receiving phone calls from Colehill about their book requests may like to talk to us about their future preferred method of contact. We will be very happy to help and to ensure that all your contact details are up to date.

Fee changes

There have been some changes to fees from the 1st July 2017. A full list is available in the library. A reminder of the main charges are:

Overdue charges: books

Borrowed on an adult card	20p per day
Maximum overdue charge	£9.00
For children	No charge

Hire periods

DVDs - 1 week hire period, **talking books** - 3 weeks hire period, **music CDs** - 1 week hire period

Charges are made per hire period and are as follows:

Adult talking books - £2.20, **Music CDs** - £1.10, **Premium DVDs** (New titles) - £3.00, **Standard DVDs** - £2.50, **Information DVDs and other children's** - £1.00, **Language courses** - £2.20

All Audio visual material may be requested/collected from Colehill.

Information Online

We will always be pleased to help access information from the Internet. There is a list of particularly useful websites beside the Public Network machines.

Housebound Reader Service

Further to the information in the last issue, also note that large print books may be supplied, and Colehill Library has a good selection of jigsaws which may be borrowed without charge or time limit. If you are interested in finding out more about this service, please phone the library on 01202 886676 or e-mail Linda at ccl.colehill@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups – all welcome

In the Library, 10am - noon unless stated. Please check the noticeboard or the website for changes to the schedule.

July 2017

Thursday	July 6th	- Family History
Thursday	July 20th	- Just Write
Thursday	July 27th	- Knit and Natter
Friday	July 28th	- Colour It

August 2017

No Family History meeting in August

Thursday	August 17th	- Just Write
Friday	August 25th	- Colour It
Thursday	August 31st	- Knit and Natter

Come on a Coach Trip!

Saturday, 2nd December – Portsmouth Dockyard
Victorian Festival of Christmas – £27 adults / £24 children
Tickets from the Library (must be booked in advance).

Nature Notes – It's the little things ...

What caught my eye today, late June, whilst walking on the library path was a little thing. Not the sky-blue of the nearby Forget-me-not, nor the vivid Orange Hawkweed but a delicate, creamy white sputnik on a thin green stem bouncing about in the breeze. There were a few of them in the lawn, all about a foot tall with near neighbours of a drab, papery brown. Their lance-shaped leaves confirmed my suspicion.



These inoffensive toughies are Ribwort plantain, known by others across the country as Short bobs, Hard heads, Fire-leaf, Lamb's Tongue (my own childhood memories from the Hampshire downs) and, for the warmongers amongst us, Carl doddies or Soldiers and sailors.

As a soldier, pluck a stem with a good-sized head, wind the stem once round itself like a noose just below the head, and pull. The head flies off like a catapulted stone giving a soft thump to its target. In the game of Carl doddies these weapons are swung like conkers. I read in Richard Mabey's *Flora Britannica* that 'Carl and Doddie are diminutives of Charles and George, and the name of the game is an obvious memory of the '45 Jacobite Rebellion, with Bonnie Prince Charlie and King George III trying to knock each other's heads off'.

Walk to the library but watch out – there be weapons dotted about! *Christine.*

COLEHILL CONUNDRUMS ! (Part 12 - ans)

Kindly supplied by Jan Seal.

- B. To detect gas when it would change colour
- B. Thought to be the Germans trying to destroy England's
- C. Marshfield \ crops

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