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Turn Again

What a marvellous start to another year, with the Birthday Party coffee morning. So good to see again so many of the faces familiar from our early days. My only regret is that I didn't manage to meet everyone, especially Anita Ellins, who has made such a splendid recovery from injury.

We also said thank you to David Holder, who has given us such valuable support supervising a whole range of building projects including complete replacement of the façade and internal and external redecoration as well as sourcing equipment. We are very fortunate that David's successor, Ken Redman, comes with a background of considerable experience in building management.

We've just had a sell-out fish & chips evening with Scarlet Swing. Try our coach outings, details below. Much to look forward to, thanks to your Social Committee.

Hope to meet you again soon. *John Gooch, Chairman.*

Coach trip to BLETCHLEY PARK, Tues 27th March

Seats still available @ £40 – Booking forms in the library
& on the website, to be returned to the library
by 5pm on Monday 12th March please.



DO YOU NEED A FEW NEW SEPARATES TO LIVEN UP YOUR WARDROBE?
WOULD YOU LIKE THEM AT BARGAIN PRICES? LOOK NO FURTHER!!
COME ALONG TO THIS EVENT AND
ENJOY AN EVENING OF FASHION AND FUN HOSTED BY

TRAVELLING TRENDS

TRY ON AND BUY THIS SEASON'S HIGH STREET FASHIONS
AT PRICES TO SUIT EVERYBODY



Friday, 16th March

7.30 p.m. in Colehill Memorial Hall

Tickets £5

in advance please, on sale in the Library
or from Val on 01202 884079

Bar and Raffle

Coach trip to Oxford or Blenheim – a combined trip on Wednesday 9th May – choose:

Coach trip to Oxford City of Dreaming Spires



There are 38 colleges in the city's medieval centre - University College and Magdalen College are off the High Street, which runs from Carfax Tower (with city views) to the Botanic Garden on the River Cherwell.

Wednesday 9th May

Leaving Colehill at 08.30

Tickets £25

Includes coach travel and driver's gratuity

Coach trip to Blenheim Palace UNESCO World Heritage Site and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill



Plus two thousand acres of formal gardens
and parkland created by 'Capability' Brown

Wednesday 9th May

Leaving Colehill at 08.30

Tickets £40

Includes Palace entry, coach travel and driver's gratuity

Booking forms available in the Library & website, please return by 23 April. For more information contact 01202 840620

~~~ The Library's Easter closing days will be Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive ~~~

## Subs are due please!

About 30 members have yet to renew (Forms in the library and on the website, if you're not already paying by STO/BACS).

## Events

The evening with Scarlet Swing was a sell-out and was hugely enjoyable. We hope there will just as much support for our next event on March 16th (see ad on front page). This will be the third time we have organised a Travelling Trends Fashion Show and they are always popular. They have a vast collection of clothes of well-known makes from the most popular high street stores, at much reduced prices. Local women model the clothes on the catwalk and there's an excellent range of sizes available.

## Special Interest Groups – all welcome

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

SECOND Tuesday (from now on) – Colehill Reading Group 1 – 2pm.

First Thursday – Family History 10am – noon.

Third Thursday – “Just Write” Writing Group 10am – noon.

Last Thursday – Knit and Natter 10am.

Last Friday – Colouring for Adults 10am – noon.

## AskNED



Do you have issues with parking? Noisy neighbours? Concerned with an animal's welfare? Not sure who to contact... then AskNED – the non-emergency directory.

Dorset Police has launched a new online knowledgebase designed to help the public find answers to common enquiries and guide them to the right agencies.

AskNED offers help and advice around a whole host of topics such as civil matters including landlord and tenant disputes, as well as criminal matters including burglary and assault. AskNED provides advice and information about what you should do and who can help.

The online service is quick and easy to use. It is an alphabetical list of topics the police commonly receive enquiries about, along with details of the agencies who can help you.

Head of Contact Management for Dorset

Police, Superintendent Steve Lyne said: “Ask NED is a useful resource for the public, providing information on topics we are most commonly asked about. Ultimately, I hope that AskNED will assist the public with questions they may have and divert people away from the 101 non-emergency number.”

To access the AskNED knowledgebase visit : [www.dorset.police.uk/askNED](http://www.dorset.police.uk/askNED)

## Nature Notes – A colourful gift

Today, despite being the tail end of winter, within just a few strides from the library's front door are a bounty of coloured jewels. Bulbs of gold, ruby, cerise, scarlet, primrose creams and the mottled purples of shy hellebores vie with the pure whites of snowdrops and apple-greens of tiny new leaves.

The snowdrops are expected. They've been in flower for a few weeks already. However, tucked away around the corner, there is another flower, equally white. I am embarrassed to say that from the distance of the pavement and without my glasses it looks like a rather tall windflower, *Anemone nemorosa* but in the wrong habitat. Taking a closer look requires carefully stepping between the yellows, creams and reds of the crocuses and daffodils but is worth the effort, revealing what I assume is a white periwinkle; a feast of shiny whites and greens in shade of the building. I hope I'm right otherwise it's been a doubly embarrassing trip out!

However, none of this is what today's walk will be remembered by. Nestled in the centre of a cut pine stump I found a smooth, flat hand-painted pebble. A blue butterfly on a white background is surrounded by blooms and hearts and stars in summer hues. The design welcomes spring into the garden. What marks today is not just the white periwinkle and flowering garden bulbs but a colourful gift of a very different item; a stone.

*Christine.*



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