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Data day

Last week I took part in crowd-funding for my granddaughter's project. It ought to be straightforward but although I thought I'd done it before (the other granddaughter, strangely enough), it's become more sophisticated/complicated. The website seemed to be resistant to my entries and when I was asked for my security numbers, it was my turn to be resistant. In the end I accepted the padlock icon as showing this was a secure site. I know I succeeded because I have had a further invite.

The internet is incredibly useful but sometimes it has unforeseen consequences. That's why we are careful to limit the library's communications to you. It suits us as it's quick and cheap and non-invasive and perhaps sometime you might want to communicate with us.

Sort of "keeping it in the family". *John Gooch, Chairman.*

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 – 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.



The Just Write group has been meeting at the Library for over four years now. We have fun writing together from a variety of prompts and sharing our scribbles to encourage our creativity. Many different ideas emerge as we write together, and we always take a break for coffee and chocolate biscuits!

Recently different members of the group have shared experiences of publishing their family history, screen writing techniques, creating character outlines, and using writing conferences and magazines to develop their writing. More planned topics include developing dialogue, and writing poetry.

New members are always welcome, no experience necessary. Why not give it a try?

Cilla Sparks

Goodbye Mike!

As we frequently mention, we would not still be here if it were not for our volunteers. Hence a particular mention and, regrettably goodbye, to one of the longest serving.

Mike Middleton has been with us from our beginnings nearly five and a half years ago. Many of you will know him as one of our Tuesday morning team. Always offering a friendly and warm welcome and often serenaded by our lovely toddlers during Rhyme Time. His unflappable presence has frequently kept our co-ordinator sane and his many talents have been brought to play, including the production of the photos for our volunteers' "Rogues Gallery". He will be much missed but we all offer very best wishes to both Mike and Hilary as they head for pastures new. THANKS MIKE.

Fundraising Events, see website/Facebook

Wednesday 9th May - £25 and £40:

Two coach trips but both on the same coach! The coach will drop some people off to sight-see in Oxford and then carry on to Blenheim Palace.

Thursday 10th May (eve) - £7.30 Adults and £3 under 16s:

The Colehill Community Choir and St Michael's School Orchestra perform a concert called 'The Joy of Music' at Queen Elizabeth's School. Funds raised will be shared between the Library and St Michael's School. >>

"The Swinging 60s"



Friday, 18th May 2018

7.30 pm

starring popular singer Tony Averne

Plus Vintage Quiz, Housey-housey and Raffle
Bring your own drinks and glasses

Tickets only £5, on sale in the Library
Colehill Memorial Hall, Cannon Hill Rd, BH21 2LR
Or call Jenny for more info 01202 880926

~~~ The Library will be closed on both Bank Holiday Mondays ~~~

**Sunday, 1st July, all day:**

### **Summer Party / Mini Colehill Gardens Gadabout**

All day refreshments available in the Memorial Hall; plant stall; gigantic tombola; craft tables; etc. etc. Six gardens within 200 yards of the Hall (garden tickets £5).

### **What about the stock?**

The support available to community libraries varies enormously across the country. Thanks to the hard work and cooperation on all sides the 8 in Dorset have a good relationship with the Dorset Library Service. The stock at Colehill is refreshed throughout the year with new and stock books from the Dorset Library Service plus donated items. There are over 2.5 million books and other materials currently available via the request service and you can have them delivered to Colehill library. However, Dorset Library Service will be spending significantly less on new books and other items in 2018/19 to help balance its budget. This is being done as an interim step whilst work is undertaken on developing the future library service offer. This will mean fewer new books and reduced range of magazines and papers supplied by the council's library service.

### **Open - but sometimes closed**

Just a reminder that our opening times are the usual six sessions a week as below. The building is also used for group meetings, usually on a Thursday or Friday morning, when the library services are not available. There will be a notice on the front door advertising the sessions, to which all are welcome.

The opening times are to the right of the door and are:

Monday, 2-5; Tuesday, 9.30-1 and 2-5; Weds, CLOSED; Thursday, 2-5; Friday, 2-6.30; Saturday, 9.30-12.30. We are closed on Bank Holidays (Mondays 7 & 28 May).

### **We look after any personal information you share with us**

In late May, the new data Protection Act (GDPR) will come into force, with new regulations on how organisations can process your personal data. These changes are to protect your personal data from being used in any way other than for the reason that you supplied your data to us.

We may collect personal data from you when you enquire about becoming a Colehill Community Library supporter, a member of Colehill Community Library Ltd (this is not the same as joining Dorset Library Service (Libraries South West)), or a volunteer or when you purchase tickets for a library event.

If you would like to be reminded about what information you have shared with us, or if you wish us to remove your personal data from our records, send an e-mail to [ccl.colehill@gmail.com](mailto:ccl.colehill@gmail.com), subject: DATA PROTECTION ENQUIRY; or write to DATA PROTECTION REQUEST, Colehill Community Library, Middlehill Road, Colehill, BH21 2HL.

We also protect data supplied by you when you become a member of Dorset Library service.

### **Short Story Writing Competition**

#### **Wimborne in World War One 1914-1918**

*Open to everyone at school, at work, or who lives in BH21. Entry details on the events page at [colehill.gov.uk/colehill-community-library](http://colehill.gov.uk/colehill-community-library).*

*Ideas for the competition:*

571 men from parish of Wimborne went to War. 164 never returned. Was one of these men your ancestor?

School children collected acorns and horse chestnuts to be sent to the cordite factory at Holton Heath, Poole.

Was anyone in your family in the Cadet Training Corps, the Scouts or the Girl Guides? They might have pulled the 2½ ton German Howitzer Gun, 'a war trophy', from Wimborne station to Redcotts recreation ground on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1919!

Were any relatives voluntary nurses or members of Red Cross at Beaucroft House, Wimborne, or at Wimborne Workhouse Infirmary on East Borough?

Did anyone in your family watch the parade of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment which was billeted in Wimborne for 19 weeks in the spring of 1915?

Did anyone work at the Victoria hospital or help bring the wounded from the ambulance trains?

Who was sent to the Wimborne St Giles Prisoner of War Camp and what work did they do? (OS ref: SU014005)

What order did King George ask the clergy to read out every Sunday in May 1917?

The Colehill postmaster got the news of the Armistice by telephone at 11.30 a.m 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. What did he do?

The 'Broncho Bill's circus' came to Wimborne on June 24<sup>th</sup> 1918. What an ideal way to spy on the defence of a town!

What war work was secretly carried out at the Eclipse Works (New Borough) under the ownership of J. W. Flower?

How did people cope when their horses had been taken for the army cavalry? (*with thanks to Jan Seal for these suggestions - Ed*).

### **Nature Notes – Tumbling black towers**

At dusk a couple of weeks ago I walked into a fierce battle. It was brutal and long lasting. The combatants so focused that my presence was ignored. I could have touched them, they were that close.

The two males formed a tumbling tower of black that rose and fell to the ground as each grabbed at a back, neck or wing left unguarded by his rival. Somehow one managed to keep hold of a thin twig that he clasped in his beak with such determination it could have been a prized jousting pole, though presumably chosen for nest construction. They bashed their wings against the path so hard it made alarming whip-crack sounds. I stepped even nearer and verbally admonished the pair.

That did it. They separated, shouted the familiar Blackbird alarm calls and flew off, narrowly avoiding the library notice board. I suspect that board is not only a good place to catch up on library and event matters but, for this year at least, also serves as a Blackbird territory marker.

*Christine.*



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