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**WHY NOT COME AND HAVE A COFFEE OR TEA
AND CAKE WITH US?**



**THESE ARE SOCIAL OCCASIONS TO ENJOY SOME
COMPANY AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE
FROM 10.00 - NOON BI-MONTHLY ON:**



**14th March
9th May
11th July
12th September
14th November**



**IF YOU WISH, DO PLEASE BRING YOUR KNITTING OR ANY
CRAFT WORK THAT YOU ARE MAKING, OR JOIN IN PLAYING
SCRABBLE.**



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THE VICAR WRITES...

Dear Friends

We are approaching the end of January – not my favourite month. Christmas and New Year celebrations are long over, the days still seem short, and many of us are feeling the effects of the festive season, struggling perhaps to keep to New Year's resolutions about healthier eating and more regular exercise. At least as a dog owner I do get out regularly with Freddy (I am not the author of his column in this magazine by the way!). The last few days have been an absolute joy as the gloom and rain have lifted and we have enjoyed some rare days of frost and sunshine.

New Year is traditionally a time when we look back and look forward. Some people may have been glad to see the back of 2019; others are excited at the prospect of new plans, the birth of a child or a wedding to look forward to as 2020 gets underway. Some are anxious about items in the news; others are more sanguine and think 'this too shall pass'. I find myself feeling a bit more upbeat and hopeful as I am starting to notice that the days are in fact lengthening: snowdrops are pushing out of the ground and I even noticed a daffodil in bloom on my morning walk today. Signs of hope and the stirrings of new life.

Someone very special said to me shortly before Christmas that her watchword for her life was 'look for the joy', and this was despite living with a terminal illness. I have not stopped thinking about that phrase ever since. It is easy to allow the gloom of January, events in the news, or our personal challenges to weigh us down. But even in the dark days that we sometimes experience there are always signs of hope. My friend's phrase 'look for the joy' is something that I think I will endeavour to travel with as I journey through whatever this new year and new decade brings. Perhaps this conscious turning towards what brings life and hope will be more life-giving and lasting than all those New Year's resolutions that have been poorly kept and long forgotten.

As the church calendar moves from the Christmas season towards Lent, I think I will also make this my Lenten discipline: 'look for the joy'. I wonder what phrase springs to mind as you consider your own life and circumstances, is there a watchword for the year that brings you hope? And I wonder what new perspectives and potential might emerge if we are able to hold on to the things that give life and joy this year?

With my prayers
Suzanne



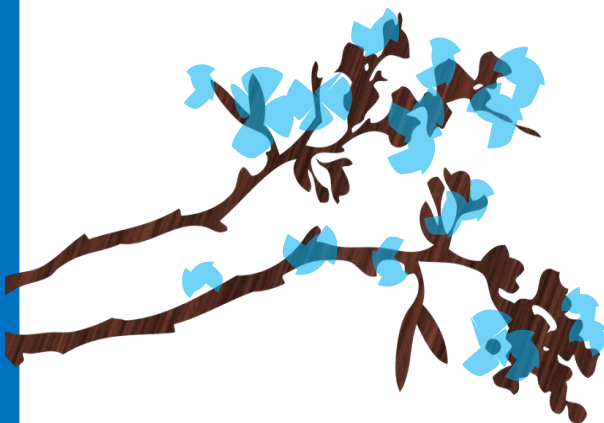
LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Well, the festivities are over, the decorations have been packed away, the children are back at school so what now? Time to get hold of the seed catalogues and dream of a beautiful garden full of flowers and fruit and veggies in Summer.

If you are not a gardener, maybe you'll be paging through the holiday brochures. But, will you think twice about flying?

Is there anything in particular you would like to see in this magazine? We would love to make this Crossroads appealing to as many people in our community as possible.

The Editors



JUST AS I AM CHURCH SERVICES

These services take place at St Michael's on Sunday afternoons at 3pm. The worship is informal with two or three familiar hymns, a short talk which might include an activity, and the old form of the Lord's Prayer. Services are dementia friendly, and are led by a team from different churches across Wimborne and Colehill. After the half - hour service, we all enjoy tea and cake in the Church Centre. Everyone is welcome to join us – the dates for 2020 are:

Sunday 16 th February	led by St Michael's
Sunday 26 th April	led by St Catherine's
Sunday 12 th July	led by Wimborne Methodist
Sunday 6 th September	led by Wimborne Minster
Sunday 18 th October	led by St Michael's and Colehill Methodist

ST. MICHAEL'S DIARY

February—March 2020

OUR REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAYS

- 8am: **Said Service** of Holy Communion
(2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays according to the Book of Common Prayer)
- 10am **First Sunday** of the month is an ***All Age Eucharist*** where everyone stays together in church.
- Second, Third and Fourth Sundays (and Fifth when it occurs) –
*Parish Eucharist***
- 10.30am **The Sunday Pause**— First Sunday of the month

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

- 8am: **Morning Prayer**

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

- 10.30am **Said Service** of Holy Communion, open to all.
- Why not come along to worship, stay for coffee and even extend the morning
and have an inexpensive lunch at Centre Rendezvous?*

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND RENEWAL OF VOWS

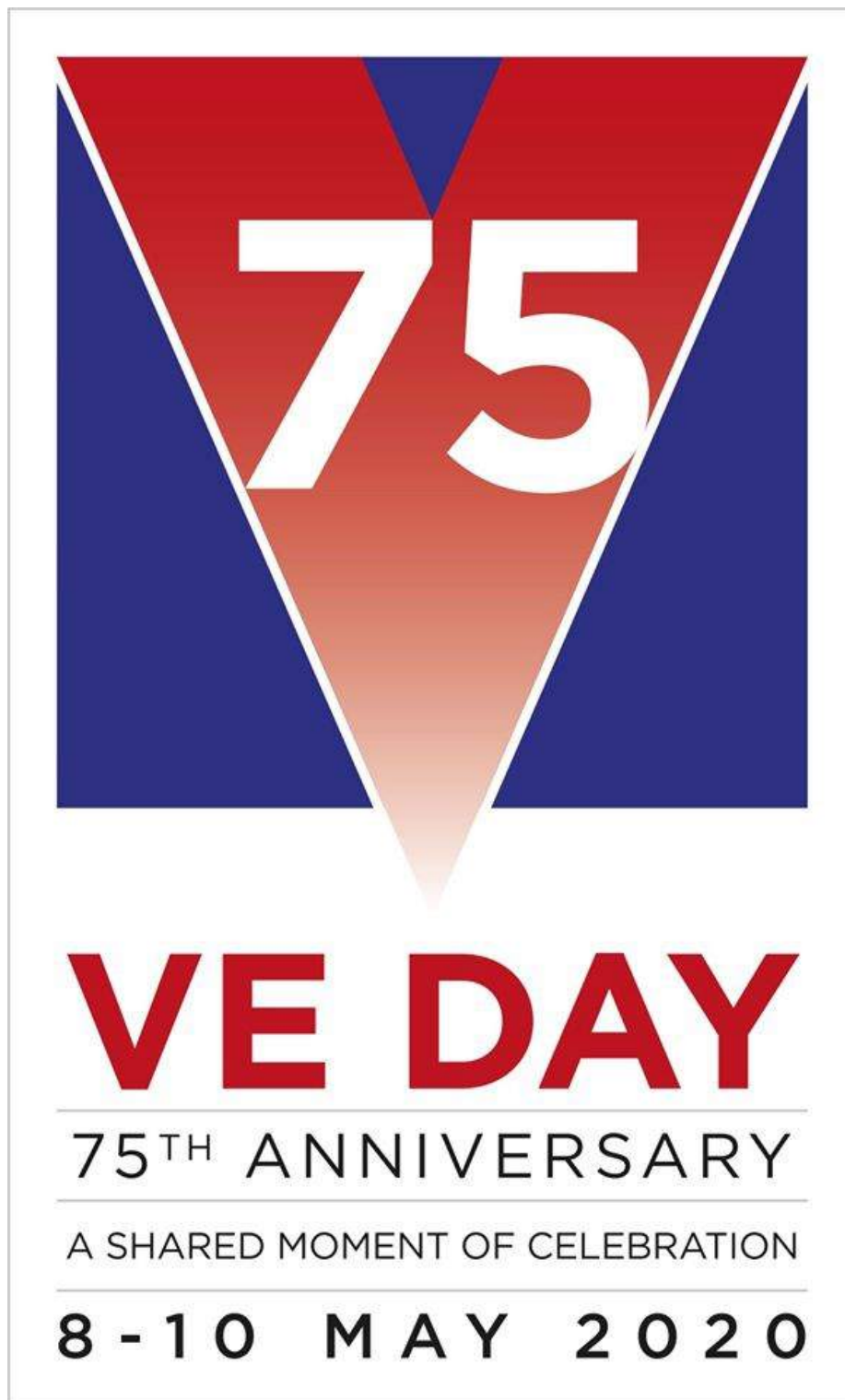
By arrangement with the Vicar: Revd Suzanne Pattle, who can be contacted on:
vicar.stmichaels.colehill@gmail.com, or 01202 883721.

Alternatively do call in to the Church Centre Office which is open Mondays-Fridays
between 10-12 noon.

The Church is open should you feel the need to come for personal reflection and prayer, or just to visit:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 - 12noon
Tuesday and Thursday 10 - 2.00pm

**A warm welcome is extended to all at any of our services. If you are new or visiting, do
make yourself known to us**



**Colehill will be celebrating this special VE Day.
Watch out for details of planned events
in the press, on Facebook and
on notice boards.**

COLEHILL METHODIST CHURCH DIARY

*Lonnen Road, Colehill BH21 7AT
Broomhill & Colehill Methodist Churches.*



FEBRUARY 2020

Saturday	01	10.00	COFFEE MORNING ~ All welcome
SUNDAY	02	15.00	Afternoon Service of Holy Communion with Revd PAULINE CRISPIN
Monday	03	11.00	Coffee, Bible Study & Prayer Hour
Thursday	06	14.00	KNIT and NATTER
Saturday	08	12.00	LUNCH at COLEHILL in aid of Future Pillars Zambia
SUNDAY	09	10.30	Morning Service ~ arranged by members
Monday	10	11.00	Coffee, Bible Study and Prayer Hour.
SUNDAY	16	10.30	Morning Service with Mrs JOYCE WILD
Monday	17	11.00	Coffee, Bible Study & Prayer Hour
Thursday	20	14.00	KNIT and NATTER
Saturday	22	08.30	Circuit Prayer Meeting (Note NEW DATE - every 4th Saturday)
SUNDAY	23	10.30	Morning Worship with Deacon GLENDA SIDDING
Monday	24	11.00	Coffee, Bible Study & Prayer hour.

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	01	15.00	Afternoon Service of Holy Communion with Revd PAULINE CRISPIN
Monday	02	11.00	Coffee, Bible Study & Prayer hour
Thursday	05	14.00	KNIT and NATTER
Saturday	07	10.00	COFFEE MORNING
SUNDAY	08	10.30	Morning Service
Monday	09	11.00	Coffee, Bible Study & Prayer Hour

SUNDAY	15	10.30	Morning Service
Monday	16	11.00	Coffee, Bible Study & Prayer Hour
Thursday	23	14.00	KNIT and NATTER
Saturday	25	08.30	CIRCUIT PRAYER MEETING (Note New day)
SUNDAY	26	10.30	Morning worship
Monday	27	11.00	Coffee, Bible Study & Prayer Hour

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING

March 28th 10 am – 12 noon

St Michaels Church Centre



***Coffee and cake
various stalls
raffle
children's craft activities***



Come and join us and let's make it a morning to remember.
Contributions for raffle and cakes gratefully received

Thanks, see you there.

Gunilla



PLEASE PRAY FOR

We pray for those who are in any kind of need – the sick in body, mind or spirit, the frail, the lonely and the housebound.

We pray for our Parish of Colehill, and for those living in:

During February: Colehill Lane, Marshfield, Merrifield, Smugglers Lane, Long Lane, Deans Grove, Dumpton School, St. Michael's School

During March: Canford Bottom, Fryers Copse, Willow Drive, Saddle Close, Spur Close, Stirrup Close, Halter Rise



We pray for all those preparing for marriage and those who have married. As they grow in love for one another may they grow in love for God.



We pray for those who have died and those who mourn remembering especially those recently bereaved and those who have anniversaries fall at this time.

Nedra Gilson
23rd January 2020



We pray for those who have been made members of the church through Baptism

Niall Ashley Buckingham
Hayden James Buckingham
19th January 2020

Arthur Albert George Millstead
26th January 2020

We pray for peace in our world remembering all those places where there is violence, unrest and oppression. Let hands raised in anger and ready to strike, become hands ready to offer peace.



On Wednesday January 15th the new Colehill Foodbank Hub was started. This is a satellite hub and part of Wimborne Foodbank. It is to make it easier for those living nearby to be able to access the Foodbank.

The Foodbank Hub in Colehill will be open every Wednesday in the Alec Moore room at St. Michael's Church Centre between 1.30 and 3pm.

Anyone in need of food will need a Wimborne Foodbank voucher and can request one from the usual sources. i.e Schools, Social Services, CAB, Housing Associations, Childrens Centre, Doctor, Health practitioners etc.

For those of you who are fortunate enough not to need to use a Foodbank we would be very grateful if you would spare a thought for those who are struggling at present. If you can buy an extra item next time you are shopping we would really appreciate your help.

Donations can be left at St. Michael's, at the Co-ops in Wimborne and in Waitrose. Any staple dry or tinned foods, toiletries and washing products. Thank you to all of you who help the Food Bank. We couldn't do it without the public's generosity.



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS COLEHILL

Electoral Roll 2020/2021

The Annual Parish Church Meeting is on Sunday March 29th this year.

If you are not on the Electoral Roll you are not eligible to vote at this meeting.

Have you moved into the parish or been attending St Michael's Church regularly in the last six months and are not on the Church Electoral Roll or are you on the Roll but have moved within the last year?

Now is the time for Roll to be revised to ensure that all your details are correct.

Please contact the Parish Office or Jill Beech if you would like to be included or if you have any other queries regarding the Electoral Roll. The last date for amendments will be Sat.March 14th

Thank you

Jill Beech

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

Children Blessed Despite the Missiles

There has been a risk of major military confrontation in recent days across Iraq, as you know. So we're glad to bring you this more positive story from December. Gifts given for Christmas at the Bardarash Refugee Camp brought some much-needed Christmas cheer to the children living there and their families.

The Bardarash Refugee Camp

Bardarash Refugee Camp is part of the UN response to the recent influx of refugees from Syria into Iraq. It is home, along with another smaller site, to over 12,000 displaced people. FRRME are supporting the children at the camp.

On 8th January a missile fired from Iran hit close to the camp.



Map showing the location of the Bardarash Refugee Camp, Northern Iraq



Volunteers packing the gifts for the children at the FRRME office in Erbil.

In December FRRME gave Christmas gifts to children in Bardarash Refugee Camp. With thanks from us all to Abdulrahman, our Iraq Programme Manager. We gave out presents at the camps with help from volunteers including Shirine from Sweden who kindly volunteered during her time in Northern Iraq.

Unlike many charities supporting refugees in Iraq, FRRME has an office from which to work on projects like this. The picture above shows the presents being prepared at the office. Abdulrahman is the often unseen coordinator on the ground of these vital projects.

Abdulrahman says: "Three Volunteers and I travelled from Erbil to the Bardarash Camp which is located in Dohuk Governorate."





"...the truck was full of dresses, coats, blouses, shoes, toys and medicines for us to distribute between refugee children and their families." The team of volunteers spent most of the day there, initially liaising with the camp staff, then distributing the various supplies.

The medical supplies were distributed via the medical staff on site. The coats and presents saw many children and their parents queuing for the right moment to get their gifts.



Signs of Love

The children's toys, coats and shoes proved extremely popular. There was a real rush towards the end, with so many wanting to get access to the last few gifts. It is easy to forget just how little many thousands of displaced people are living on in these stark camps.

With UN supplies mainly focussing on food, water and sanitation, all vital, gifts like ours are few and far between. We believe that it's important we continue to find ways to show small signs of compassion for people who have so little. They need to know they are valued as people and as families.

This of course, is just a very small part of our work in the region. The main focus of our response is now on our key development projects. Perhaps you have not yet heard of these 'Nineveh Seed' projects we are raising money for. You can find out all about Nineveh Seed or see last month's update on the recently completed Chicken Farm project online, <https://frme.org/>



Community Café: Centre Rendezvous

St Michael's Pop-Up Community Café, Est. 2011

Wednesdays

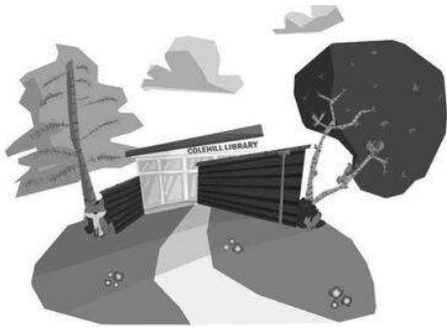
St. Michael's Church Centre

Coffee & Cake from 11.30am

Lunches: 12.00pm till 1.30pm

Pop Along to Our Pop-Up Cafe

We're open — looking forward to
seeing you and your friends again.



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Colehill Community Library

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From our Chair, Ms Susan Cowsill

Well, here it is, the 'New Decade' edition of the Community Library newsletter. On Christmas Eve, I was happy to return from a very snowy Boston, Massachusetts to lovely Colehill, even if it was a bit rainy. *There is no place like home!*

Taking a little look back, the coffee morning and mega book sale event was successful – look out for more to come this month! I think I am correct in saying that the coach trip to Portsmouth Victorian Market was memorable. A very special thank you to the fundraising team, and particularly Kate Coney for going the extra mile for volunteers.

I hope that those who attended the lovely Christmas get-together in the library for volunteers had an enjoyable time? It is a way to say thank you and a way for people to get to know each other a little bit better.



Thanks to Dan at One Stop for providing the hamper, won by Dave

With this in mind, and as I am conscious that I do not know all the volunteers (and I am certain that you do not all know me or the Trustees), I have arranged for the Trustees and Management Team to have name badges.

There has been a lot of illness about recently which has affected many of our volunteers. I know that people have been visiting each other and spreading some kindness about Colehill which is lovely.

It only remains for me to say that I wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. I hope that 2020 will be a good year for us all.

Susan Cowsill, Chair of the Library Trustees.

Toddler Time

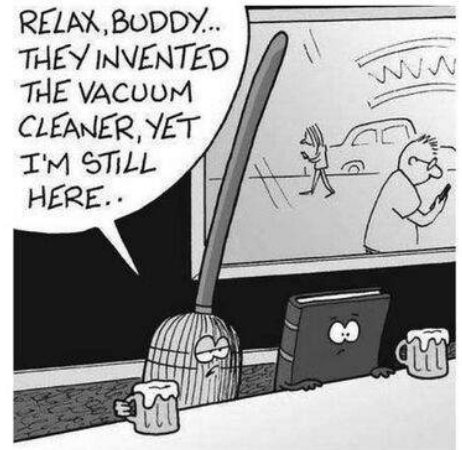
Stories and Rhymes at Colehill Community Library – runs weekly (except school holidays and half terms).

Restarted on **Tuesday 7th January**, 10 to 10.30 am – FREE sessions for parents and children 0 to 5 years.

New Year Resolution

If you only make and keep one resolution in 2020 – let it be borrowing an extra book from your Community Library!

Happy New Year Everyone!



Jigsaw Library

We have many generous donations to our free to use Jigsaw Library. We are well stocked at present except for some extra large 100, 200 or 300 pieces, preferably suitable for adults. If anyone would be willing to donate this type, we would be most grateful. Many thanks.

December 2019

Top 20 Fiction

List courtesy of 'Askews and Holts'

Dorset Libraries welcome donations of any of the titles listed. If you would like to donate a copy, please speak to a member of staff.

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Lee Child | Blue Moon |
| 2 Heather Morris | Cilka's Journey |
| 3 Margaret Atwood | The Testaments |
| 4 Ian Rankin | Westwind |
| 5 Martina Cole | No Mercy |
| 6 James Patterson | Criss Cross |
| 7 John Grisham | The Gardians |
| 8 Sophie Kinsella | Christmas Shopaholic |
| 9 Jojo Moyes | The Giver of Stars |
| 10 John Le Carre | Agent running in the field |
| 11 Michael Connelly | The Night Fire |
| 12 Bernard Cornwell | Sword of Kings |
| 13 David Baldacci | A Minute to Midnight |
| 14 Stephen King | The Institute |
| 15 Simon Scarrow | Traitors of Rome |
| 16 Robert Harris | The Second Sleep |
| 17 Clive Cussler | Final Option |
| 18 Bernardine Evaristo | Girl, woman, other |
| 19 James Patterson | 19th Christmas |
| 20 Erin Morgenstern | The Starless Sea |

COPY DATE for next issue: 24th February

TO KAMPALA & SOUTH SUDAN

Sheila Soper

After much fund raising & many generous donations, I was all set to return to Yambio to meet many of the lovely people I had met in my previous 4 visits to South Sudan, and to deliver workshops to Mothers' Union members in the 2 diocese of Yambio & Nzara.

All travel arrangements went according to plan and I arrived in Uganda to be greeted by a friend & taken to her house where I stayed for 3 nights. I caught up with the displaced people & Mothers' Union ladies from Yambio in Kampala, listening to their plans to support some of the 1 million refugees from South Sudan. I met with Mama Margret, the widow of the late Bp Peter Munde of Yambio, with her 15 orphans and rescued children with urgent requests for financial help. They had not eaten the day I visited & she was upset that she could not offer me any refreshment.

Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) flew me into Yambio with 3 very full cases where I was met by Archbishop Samuel Peni & his wife Mama Aide. We began the first workshop in Yambio cathedral with a communion service to start the first one off. There were 120+ ladies, all in their MU uniforms who had come from the deaneries & parishes across the diocese. Most had walked or cycled the many miles from their homes into Yambio & they slept for the 2 or 3 nights on the floor of the cathedral and meeting hall. Money raised in UK was used to feed them & provide those who could write with pen & notebook. Several ladies had come with their babies but there was not one toy between them.

The workshops went down well once they had got used to working in groups & listening to each other. I delivered in English & it was interpreted into Zande by Mama Aide, Mama Saba & Mama Nyemusa who also kept the groups on task! They had a new experience of role play which were great fun & there was lots of laughter! They particularly enjoyed the story of Mary Sumner, the founder of Mothers' Union. I encouraged them to take these ways of learning to their home parishes. These Mothers' Union groups meet every Tuesday afternoon to pray & decide how to support those in need. At the end I was given lovely gifts of 3 shakers, a gourd scoop, some embroidered linen & some yam. It was a really moving & spiritually invigorating 2 days for me. The next day I visited the Diocesan Primary school & saw the new building under construction. The other classrooms were the same as before – broken & with no resources. Anything in the buildings can be stolen including the school stamp which had been taken the previous night. There is one unpaid qualified teacher and 2 helpers with 600+ children, some who come in the morning, others in the afternoon & then some adults who come after that. I had taken letters & gifts from some pupils at St Michael's Middle School & when I asked the older children to write replies, they were very willing, but they had no paper to write on! We found paper for them & I took them to St Michael's School on my return. With money generously donated by the Minster Governors, Bishop Samuel will employ 5 qualified teachers who will ensure that the children get quality education. As with all things, this money needs to be ongoing.

I then visited the medical clinic & gave some donated items here.

We went on to Bp Jeremiah Bible College where we were greeted by the students who are supported by the Salisbury Education Committee. Students live in their tukuls on site & have to grow crops to feed themselves as they study. They are helped with gifts of soap & salt which is also what the pastors there receive in lieu of stipend. Even the Archbishop does not receive money but relies on what his flock give him throughout the year. There is no internet for anyone there. It is available but is very expensive.

The following day I visited the Christchurch parish in Bethlehem Deanery – a very bumpy ride but welcomed as always with garlands & many speeches. A very tidy & organised village. But tea was simply powdered milk, sugar & hot water, they had no tea.

Sunday was my visit to Karika deanery down by the DRC border, the link with St Michael's, Colehill. An indescribable road!! We went by car (4WD), picking up a man with digging tools to get us unstuck, plus Richard on his motor bike to take me if they couldn't get the car through! St Michael's had raised a lot of money for me to take & I was due to preach, so I had to get there! Thanks to great driving skills & God's guiding hand, we made it. Shouts & whoops along with garlands & drums greeted me & I was not quite sure if I was the Queen or Jesus as they had laid a pathway of branches for me to walk on! Wherever I went, I was always made so welcome and given many gifts despite them having so little. Here I was given multiple gifts which included money. Unfortunately, I was unable to bring home the 2 live chickens I was given, but Bp Samuel enjoyed those along with the long sticks of sugar cane. I enjoyed the oranges & one of the chickens for my supper that night. So generous.

The next morning, we took the very bumpy road to Nzara, where I led the second 2-day workshop (once the introductory speeches had been completed!) Again, much appreciated – they are so eager to learn. While in Nzara, I visited the primary school, St Timothy's, which is thriving due to continued support by a parish in Salisbury Diocese.

A new delivery from the Salisbury/Sudan Medical link had just arrived at the clinic so I popped in there & saw a well organised system & the foundations of the maternity unit they are building. My wonderful host in Kampala came to meet me on my return at the MAF airstrip, took me to her home, & then delivered me to the airport at Entebbe at midnight. A long flight home but as it was my birthday, the crew opened a bottle of bubbly which I shared with 2 other passengers who also had their birthday that day.

As always there is time. I have come to learn to enjoy African time - no internet so time to pray, read and prepare.

I will be sharing my journey with many people in the coming months but would like to thank you and all the many, many people who gave me support particularly with huge amounts of prayer.



Always a warm welcome



Arriving at Karika



This is all the children have to play with



Toy cars given by Alfie in UK



Primary school pupils



100 MU ladies queuing for lunch

WIMBORNE MUSIC SOCIETY

Dear Friends,

There has been a church in the village of Holt, nr. Wimborne since the 13th/14th century. The present St. James Church was built between 1834 and 1835 and in recent years there have been a number of musical events in what is without doubt the finest acoustic of any small church in the surrounding areas.

Sadly , for a number of reasons but particularly the severe deterioration of the fabric, St. James' Church will be closing very soon and Wimborne Music Society felt that there ought to be some commemoration of its passing and a celebration of the part it has played in the community for so long.

We have fixed a date, 22nd March, and a provisional starting time of 6 p.m. The event will include a performance of Fauré "Requiem" by a small ad hoc choir and small orchestra, but it has yet to be decided as to whether this should be simply a concert performance or if it should be part of a Service. Holt PCC will be discussing this at their meeting in February after which I will be able to give you fuller details but in the meantime I would like to hear from anyone who would like to be part of the choir.

Here are the arrangements as they stand at the moment:

Sunday 22nd March 2020

Event to mark the closing of St.James' Church, Holt.

2.00 - Registration of singers.

2.30 to 5.00 - Choir rehearsal, joined at some stage by the orchestra.

5.00 - Tea (details tba)

6.00 - Performance

There will be no charge to take part and there will be a Retiring Collection for Cancer Research.

I would be grateful if all those of you who are interested in singing with us could e-mail me at christopher@joyofmusic.co.uk giving me your name, voice part and e-mail address - music will be available but it would help if you could tell me if you are able to bring your own copy. Since the church is not large there will be a limit to the number of singers we can accommodate so you are advised to apply earlier rather than later.

I hope to be able to give you full details towards the end of February but please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours ever,
Christopher Dowie
Wimborne Music Society

christopher@joyofmusic.co.uk

07850 015651

HISTORY OF ST JAMES, HOLT

The story begins in the 13th Century when Wimborne and the adjoining Manor of Kingston were part of the Royal Estates extending north of the river Stour, eastwards to Holt Heath; northwards nearly to Horton, including the ancient forest of Holt and westwards to Badbury Rings.

In 1284 Henry de Lacey obtained a licence from Edward 1 to grant land at Holt for a chapel for two Chaplains to celebrate Divine Service. The date of the building of the chapel isn't known, but records show that in 1368 the chapel of St. James was established with two chaplains provided by Christchurch Priory.

In 1465 it appears that John Shoton was appointed Chaplain for his lifetime and perhaps can be regarded as the first known predecessor of the Vicar of Holt. A Grant by Henry V11 in 1493 states that "the hamlet of Holt is separated from the Parish Church of Wimborne by obstacles and the road between is long and remote and in the winter is so noxious and muddy that the inhabitants are unable to get to the church without grave and tedious labour"!

After the Dissolution of the Monasteries the priest at Holt, one John Reynolds, turned out of his dissolved Chantry, received a pension of £4.16s per annum from the crown.

Around 1563 the connection appears to have commenced with the Minster. Holt apparently being within the parish of Wimborne and one of the three priests would celebrate Divine Service at Holt.

In 1650 The Governors of Wimborne Minster chose Master Phillip Taylor to serve the Chapel of Holt at £20 per Annum.

During the subsequent years much repair was necessary to the Chapel and in 1691 there was a major overhaul costing £12.13 7d.

In 1704 a bell was bought for the Chapel costing £7.7s.6d with an extra 2shillings "paid for expenses in beer when we carried the bell to Holt"!

More maintenance costing £33.10s was carried out in 1725 and further repairs in 1819.

However a General Vestry and special meeting of the Select Vestry on 17 February 1834 resolved that; "The Chapel of Holt is in such a dilapidated state as to render it expedient forthwith to take it down and to rebuild the same..."

The new church was duly built in 1834/35.

Between 1875-85 the new Chancel and Vestry and extensive alterations were made and the beautiful Jacobean pulpit from the Minster was installed. The present bell came from the Minster where it had been used to warn the inhabitants of fire. When it was remounted in 1961 Taylors of Loughborough gave an opinion that it was pre Reformation.

We now come up to date, the church still stands and we have a thriving community and congregation.



I don't know when the above Wikipedia account was written but I can't help wishing that the last paragraph was still true in 2020!

Christopher Dowie 18.01.20

UNIVERSITY SQUASH

I arrived back at Birmingham University in 1962 to begin a recently invented one year science course originally designed for students who had taken Arts A Levels and then, rather mystifyingly and suggestive of a spectacular degree of indecisiveness, poor judgement and even poorer advice, decided they would like to study Medicine or Dentistry. Needless to say, it was equally spectacularly unsuccessful and very soon became the back-door entry to these disciplines for those who had failed to get the Grades required in the Sciences to be able to stride in, head erect and chest out through, the main gate. I was unique in that I was overqualified in Physics, Maths and Chemistry and entirely ignorant of all things in Biology and Botany. So, I felt some considerable surprise and pique when I was told by the Dental School that I would have to attend lectures in Physics and Chemistry as well as B & B and pass the end-of-year exams in all three. But, having already been amazingly fortunate to be readmitted on an Army Dental Scholarship whilst fulfilling very few of the required criteria, I wasn't about to rock any boats and turned up for the first lecture, which happened to be Physics. Here I discovered, to the surprise of both of us, that the lecturer was a colleague with whom I had been very friendly during my time in the Physics Department. We chatted about old times and then he said that, whilst it was good to meet up again, he was about to give a lecture and really ought to get on. I told him I was there as one of his students and went to sit down. "I'm not lecturing you," he said and we then had quite a brisk exchange on the matter which ended when he insisted that I leave and he would then square things at a higher level. This he did and I then received a message excusing me Physics. I was hoping the Chemistry Department, the first year of which I had passed in 1959, would feel similarly slighted but no such luck.

So I spent an academic year renewing my acquaintance with Chemistry and trying to master Biology and Botany. Not that there are any particularly tricky aspects to either of them once you've got hold of the basic premise that both are based on the structure of the cell. But the unfortunate part was that whilst the Botany lecturer was an old-school provider of the facts of plant life, the Biology Professor was as mad as a hatter whose lectures, instead of concentrating on the similarities and differences between the two subjects and seeking a common thread, consisted more of wild personal opinions on the "meaning of life" and the possibility of life elsewhere in the Universe. I later discovered that he was a great friend of the Science Fiction writer Isaac Asimov with whom he collaborated on several books. Occasionally he would remember that there was a syllabus to cover and we would be confronted with a live toad or a cockroach to slaughter and dissect but these moments were mercifully rare. I tackled him several times on what exactly would his end-of-course exam questions cover, since his facts were so few and far between. He guaranteed all would be well and then, treacherously, come that moment, gave us a large worm to kill and dissect!

Gradually I found that my syllabus would allow me time to resume playing squash and I began looking for someone to play. There were three courts with a booking system that consisted of a hook for each forty minute slot on which one would place one's personal counter. Two counters on a hook constituted a confirmed booking, but mastery of the system still didn't give me an opponent. Eventually I discovered that for two hours on each Monday evening two courts were reserved for "team practice" and I went along to see what the standard was like. I very soon found out that the University first team were the current University Athletics Union champions and had been for several seasons. The number one played for Staffordshire and the number two for Warwickshire and in a class of their own; the number three was also very good, and the number four never turned up. But the number five was mostly a retriever, like myself, so I set my sights on him.

The first thing I discovered was that calling Monday evenings a "team practice" event was a serious misnomer. One court was permanently reserved for the number one to play the number two and then they both went home. They had absolutely no interest in encouraging anyone, like myself, who turned up in the hope of improvement. The same went for the numbers four and five, but, eventually, I managed to get on court with the latter, John Scarborough, and we had a good

game. From then on I was a regular attender at these curious events and gradually wormed my way in to this strangely elite society. It turned out that they had been together for several years and were content with what they were. I persisted in my attempts to break in by regular games with John until I was beating him rather more than he was beating me. But my requests to Jeremy, the captain, to replace him in the team fell on the deafest of ears.

Then, to my surprise, I discovered there was a second team and asked Jeremy who ran it. "I sort of do," he replied. So, wondering slightly why he hadn't mentioned this before, I found myself playing intermittently for them and soon discovered Jeremy's organisational interest in our welfare and fixture list was minimal. So, in the absence of anyone else, and in the hope of sparing myself the embarrassment of letting down our opponents, I found myself taking more and more responsibility for the few remaining matches of the season.

The first squash match proper I ever played was for this ad hoc team and was at a very old, mahoganied, "Rackets Club" in a wealthy area of the Midlands. We had been warned that jackets and ties were obligatory outside of the changing rooms yet two of our team still had to be loaned the latter items by their opponents. I parked my battered Renault 4L next to the Bentleys and Volvos and we disembarked feeling slightly overawed. The opposition were all successful middle-aged professionals and a really hospitable bunch. I was introduced to John, a middle-aged, one-eyed (he lost the eye playing squash!) Dentist, and he suggested we got changed and played. So, I put on the usual kit, did up the laces on my pumps and picked up my racket. I turned to find John was dressed in a large overcoat, scarf, woolly hat and wellies. "It's a bit of a walk," he said. Since there was a foot of snow outside, for me, used to the centrally heated conditions at University and therefore having brought neither track suit nor pullover, this was bad news indeed. So, off we went picking our way some fifty yards through the snow along an uncleared path to a completely unheated, solitary court exposed to the elements on all sides. Inside it was absolutely freezing and trying to get the ball bouncy enough for play in the warm up was hard work indeed, particularly as John seemed content with its current consistency. Eventually we agreed to start and John served. The University courts were in a centrally heated building and backed onto the showers in the changing rooms. They were as hot as Hell and, whatever ball you used, it bounced like a thing possessed. Ending rallies was a challenge. Not so here.

John's serve hit the front wall with a gentle plip and then landed in front of me with an even gentler plop. And lay there, not a bounce in sight. John repeated this twenty-seven more times and the game was over, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0. I'd only served twice! So much for my hopes of a bright start to a successful squash career.

After that, however, I discovered there were distinct advantages to be gained from the encounter, as John, buoyed up by his emphatic victory, was in a distinctly generous frame of mind and I was treated to one of the best meals I'd had for a long time in the club restaurant, with drinks. The rest of the team fared similarly, both in result and hospitality and I drove home with a terrible defeat and an excellent meal beneath my belt.

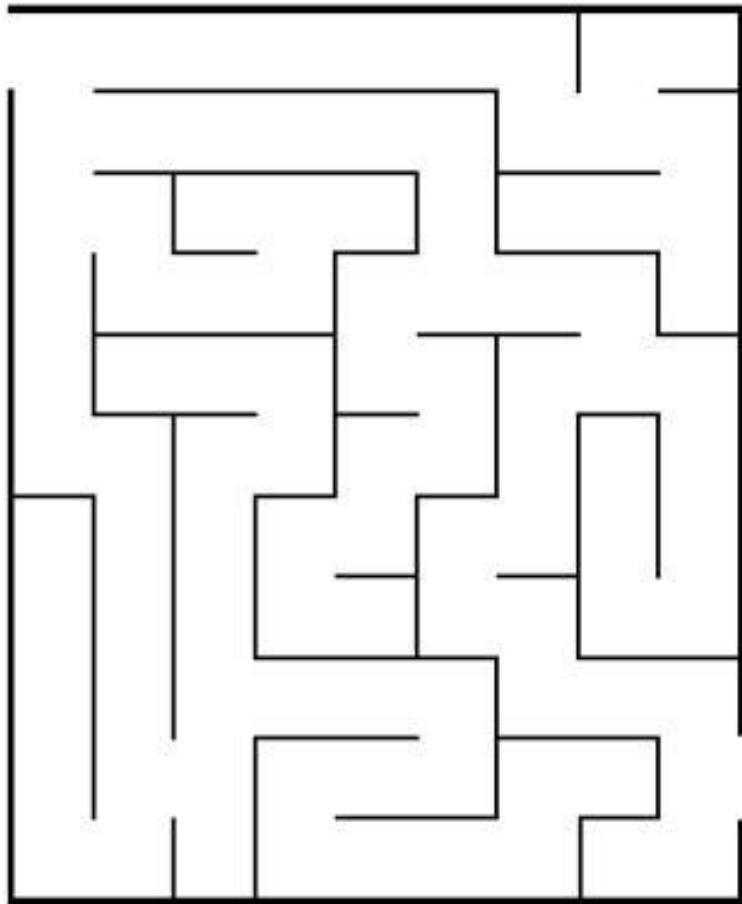
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CHILDREN'S PAGES

Palm Sunday Maze

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Join Jesus on the road to Jerusalem.



When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Luke 19:37-38 (NIV)

Palm Sunday Jumble



Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
Mark 11:9 (NIV)

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Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

Mark 11:8 (NIV)

Road mount shout need palm 'hosanna'

ANSWERS

MEMORIES OF GEORGINA WESTON

A longstanding member of St Michael's, who has now moved to live elsewhere

For over thirty years Georgina has been a member of our congregation at St. Michael's, taking many an active and interested part in our Church life. Recently, however, the time came when she wanted and needed to be closer to her family and the grandchildren. Just before Christmas her family took her up to the Midlands, a few days before a big family wedding, to be in a home quite close to them all.

Georgina has lived a very interesting life, much of it associated with the Royal Air Force. She met her beloved RAF husband during WW2 when she was also in service, and often spoke about their years together in the RAF after the war. It is amazing to think that she tested the gauges on WW2 fighter planes and lit the fire beacons for Spitfire pilots returning from their missions. She was a widow when she came to live here in Colehill, but has always remained fiercely proud of her connections with the RAF, and has for years been an active member of the local branch of the RAFA. We at St. Michael's will remember her in uniform laying a wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sundays, only relinquishing that role two years ago, and she is well into her 90s.

Church meant a lot to Georgina, and as already said she took an active part in our Church life, this in various roles. Some of us will remember her lovely hospitality, such as when at one stage we met as a sub-committee to consider and decide upon our charitable giving. She was always present at our various activities, running a stall when appropriate, such as at our summer fetes, and as an avid collector she offered for sale on her stall part of her own collection.

When it came to our Centenary in 1995, Georgina organised the procuring of St. Michaels tea towels for sale, which carried a picture of the church and other Colehill buildings such as the Barley Mow. Some of the towels are still to be seen! Added to this, she also organised our sale of St. Michaels mugs, some in china and some in pottery, also carrying a picture of the church. One of her greatest labours of love among us was her flower arranging, in which she had consummate skill. There was always a telling "neatness" in Georgina's arrangements. Again, she only stopped taking part in this a few years ago.

We shall certainly miss Georgina's infectious sense of fun and her zest for life, when she was among us well and strong. We wish her well in this move. Some of us remain in touch with her family, so we shall have news of her, and we have her new address if you would like to write to her.



FREDDY'S SUNDAY PAWS.... THE MUSINGS OF THE VICARAGE PUP.

Freddy bears a Grudge

I really enjoy my daily patrols (Daddy calls them walkies) around Colehill. I check the pavements for morsels of food, sniff at regular intervals to get the doggie gossip, peer down driveways in search of squirrels, and above all, keep a watch out for doggies that have pee'd me off in the past.

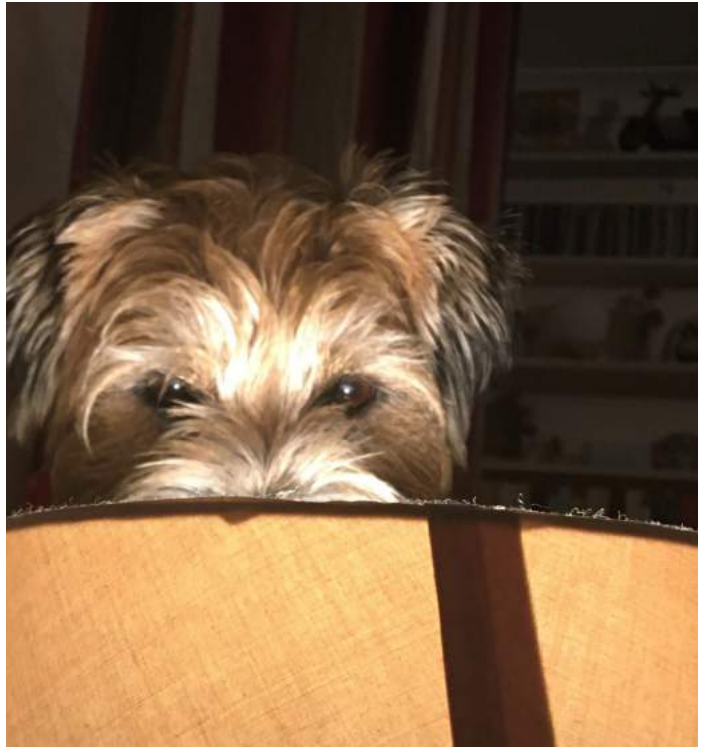
If there is one thing that really annoys me, it is another dog who has a pop at me. It is so unjust, unfair, and uncalled for. There I am, minding my own business, when up comes this dog and barely have I greeted him or her with a sniff when, "woof woof woof" and "snarl snarl snarl".

When I was younger, I wasn't sure what was happening and backed off. But now I give as good as I get, which annoys my Mummy and Daddy! And most of all, I remember. A couple of months ago, a Basset Hound had a pop at me. I rattled off a few barks back (I think my Mummy would blush if she could speak

Border). Ever since then, whenever I see him in the distance, I think "I'm ready for, you loopy-eared sausage dog" and as we approach, I get my bark in first. The other day, a Westie had a pop when I greeted his owner. He's on my list now and it's getting longer by the walk. No more Mr Nice Pup.

Mummy says I must hold a grudge. She says that a grudge is when someone holds onto a wrong, real or imagined, and won't let go of it. She says we always have a choice as to whether we hold onto the grudge, or let go and move on. Mummy says my Daddy holds onto grudges, just because she eats his Maltesers. Grudges can be like tics which cling onto me when I walk through fields. They suck away and make me miserable until Mummy pulls it off with some special tweezers.

Trouble is, I'm not sure my doggie brain is big enough to make the choice to let go - sometime I wish I could be more like a human, then I could be free from keeping my list of doggies who have wronged me; doggies who forever more shall be on the receiving end of my best bark. But then sometimes my Mummy says that humans can be like doggies when they won't let go of their grudges. If I see one, they'll be going on my list.



Woof

ST. MICHAEL'S READING GROUP

Our book for December was ***The Outrun*** by Amy Liptrot (Canongate Books 2016). This is her account of addiction and the slow and painful road to recovery which she takes when she returns home to the Orkneys. Her descriptions of the Orkney landscapes and lifestyle are beautifully written and filled us all with a desire to travel to the islands. We did feel that some of the descriptions of alcoholism were repetitive but in the main the frank and raw accounts that she gives are eye-opening and central to the story of her recovery. An interesting and thoughtful read.

Our book for January was ***My Animals and Other Family*** by Clare Balding (Viking 2012). This is Clare's autobiography of growing up in a rather eccentric, horse mad family. Her father was a racehorse trainer and mixed with all sorts of people in the course of his work. The story is told with a different dog or horse as the title of each chapter and we did find some of the horses merged together and the book is somewhat episodic in nature. But overall, a light, interesting read with funny stories and larger than life characters.

Book for December: ***The Salt Path*** by Raynor Winn (Penguin 2019)

Book for January: ***I Am Heathcliff*** by Ed:Kate Mosse (Harper Collins 2018)





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MU PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

We wish you all a belated happy New Year.

The date for our December meeting saw the Church Centre in use for the General Election, so instead of our usual Christmas party we enjoyed a change of venue and had a meal at The Stocks.



In January we had a change of programme and Val and Hilary led the meeting focusing on Epiphany and New Year with prayers and readings.

Other dates for your diary –

Wednesday 5 th February	10.30am	Corporate Communion in Church
Thursday 13 th February	2.30pm	Prayer and Fellowship led by Margaret
Wednesday 4 th March	10.30am	Corporate Communion in Church
Friday 6 th March	10.30am	World Day of Prayer service at Wimborne Methodist Church
Thursday 12 th March	2.30pm	Prayer and Fellowship led by James and Sheila Westgate

With our love, Di and Margaret



COLEHILL FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLUB

Monday 17th February

Demonstration by Allison Finch -
Toy Stories

Monday 16th March

Demonstration by Martina Coleman
- **Anything Goes**

Visitors are always very welcome at our meetings. Meetings are held
at the Memorial Hall, Canon Hill Road,
off Middlehill Road at 7.30 pm
on the 3rd Monday of the month. Enquiries to (01202) 982552

Do come along and give us a try.



Our first meeting of the new decade was a really good evening. We started with the amusing Colin Stone with his Memories of Old Poole. A very interesting speaker. He illustrated his talk with photos of areas of Poole in recent times and times gone by. The aerial photos helped you place everything easily.

After a shorter social time than usual we had an indoor Kurling competition. I don't think many of us had improved much since the last time we played, but it involved a lot of laughter and quick avoidances from our two judges!

Our next evening meeting will be on **Wednesday 12 February at 7.30pm** at Colehill Memorial Hall. Our speaker will be **Janice Clarke** who will be talking about the work of the **Sexual Assault Referral Centre**.

Visitors are always made welcome and it was good to see that many of our visitors from 2019 joined us as full members at our January meeting. We must be doing something right!

If you would like to contact us beforehand then please email at colehillwi@aol.com

Yvonne Warner

Why not come along and see for yourself. We are a friendly group. Or telephone Maggie Jennings on 01202 885512.



HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

Sat 22nd February 2pm **AGM**
2.30pm **'Montana and Beyond—Clematis and all their joys'**
by Helen Picton

Sat 28th March **The National Hardy Plant Society AGM**
Keith Wiley and Mat Reese
Ticketed event — tickets obtainable from the National Society

All are welcome - group members are free and visitors cost £3.50, unless they join at the meeting, where the cost of their entrance is refunded

Colehill Memorial Hall, Cannon Hill Road, Colehill, BH21 2LR

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

10th February 2pm **'Spring Flowers of the Mediterranean'** by Mr Watson

9th March 2pm **'Why do Foxgloves have a smell?'** by Mr Edmonson

Meetings are held in the Main Hall of the Allendale Community Centre. We meet on the 2nd MONDAY of the month.

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