



AGM

Saturday 17 January

2:30

St. Michaels Church Hall

Followed by a talk by

David Daniels on

“An Organ for the Amazonian Indians”

This coming Saturday, 17 January, we have our 8th AGM in St Michael's Church Centre. We hope to see many of you there, attracted not just for the AGM itself, but also for the intriguing talk by David Daniels describing the adventures involved transporting an organ from Milton Abbas to a tribe of Amazonian Indians.

Whilst these last eight years have been an unsettling time it is with considerable relief that this year opens on a brighter prospect. The changes to the library layout occasioned by the introduction of the self-service system have given an appearance of greater 'openness', which has certainly benefited attendance for our Coffee Talks. However, whilst the implementation of the system is taking some time, which is not surprising considering the extent of the change, it is clear that quite a number of readers, particularly the more 'mature' amongst us, still find it difficult to adjust to the new environment and the resultant effect on interaction with library staff.

One of the side-effects of the new system is the way in which payments are made and already you should take note of the new hire charges for the loan of DVD's, videos and CD's: now daily and retrospectively. Look out for the notice in the library.

This is part of the changes to 'Friends' concessions I mentioned in the last newsletter which I will explain in more detail at the AGM.

Our thanks to Angela and Kathryn for their support throughout the year, and most recently, for decorating the library for Christmas and organizing the children's Christmas competition, for which we were pleased to provide book token prizes. In particular you should see that they have now provided the 'Friends' with a dedicated area on the Notice Board, on the right-hand wall as you enter the library

I hope you have all had a good time during the recent festivities. Whilst the continuing cold weather restricts some outdoor activities, it does provide a good opportunity to catch up with and enjoy some good reading. I hope you will not allow the present road works to interfere with your use of the library.

With very best wishes for a happy, healthy and fulfilling New Year.

Derek Henderson

Future Events

“A Quick Look Around Europe”
Monday February 23 at 10:30
Coffee talk by Peter Allanson at the Library.

Look out for the 2009 Programme.

Reading Group

The Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.00 - 2.00 p.m. in the library. New members are welcome.

February: *Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan

March: *Oscar and Lucinda* by Peter Carey

Valerie

Library Activities

Can we say how much we have appreciated the way in which all our regular readers have adapted to the new technology that arrived at Colehill Library in October. It does take a bit of getting used to but now as we turn the corner into a New Year we hope that everyone will have used the self-service unit a few times now and are familiar with the system. Please do not be afraid to ask if you get stuck – we are always willing to answer any queries.

The Christmas decorations are down and our competition for some of our younger readers resulted in three lucky winners who all received Book Tokens to be spent in Gulliver's Bookshop in Wimborne. The standard of entries for the best picture of Santa's Reindeer was very hard and it was hard to choose. All thanks go to the Friends of Colehill Library and to Janet Dover for presenting the prizes to Ellie, Hannah and to Sophie. Where were all the boys?

Angie & Kathy

News

From January 4th DVD's are rented by the day at 40p/day paid on return.

Reservation charges on books will come off in April.

Membership

Membership fees are now due for 2009.

The fees are unchanged at £5.00 per person, or £8.00 per family

Friends have played a significant part in retaining our library. Thank you for your continued support.

Have you seen the friends notice board?