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- Join our sponsored family walk in Dorchester on Saturday morning (details from Rosalind Jensen), and find out where the 3 photos at the bottom of this article come from;
- Join the cycling group setting out from the Minster early on Saturday;
- Simply walk across Wimborne to visit St Margaret's Chapel, which will be open all day;
- Support the DHCT by sponsoring or donating on the Justgiving page: the Minster's details come under the umbrella of the DHCT Ride and Stride

- Rosalind Jensen, Parish Coordinator

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Services at the Minster

Sundays

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) <i>with prayer for healing on the 4th Sunday of the month</i>
11.15 am	Minster Praise <i>with Communion on the last Sunday of the month</i>
6.30 pm	Choral Evensong

Weekdays

Holy Communion	11.00am, Wednesday <i>(in the Minster)</i>
Morning Prayer	8.30 am, Monday to Saturday <i>(on Zoom)</i>

Services at St Margaret's Chapel

3rd Thursday

11.00 am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

We continue to stream the 9.30 am services at the Minster. Look for the 'Wimborne Minster official' Youtube channel for live and recorded services.

Minster Praise offers all-age informal worship every Sunday from 11.15 until noon, and includes Kids in the Crypt for children.
 Come as you are, relax, and enjoy

In August

17th	Baptism of Beauden Ralph Hearn
24th	Baptism of William and Theodore Monk
2nd	Wedding of Brad Beedell and Zara Lawrence
22nd	Wedding of Lewis Ponsford and Tara Saxby
30th	Wedding of Liam Oliver and Samantha Pugh

Details of events in the Cuthburga Festival through September, both free and ticketed, can be found in the special booklet available in the Minster.

Dates for your diary - September

Monday 1st	10am – 5pm daily	Dorset Artists Guild exhibition begins in Church House – until Thursday 11th
Tuesday 2nd	10.30am– 12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group
Wednesday 3rd	1pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
Thursday 4th	9.30am – 11am 12.30pm	Toddler Church (Minster) Oasis lunch (Church House)
Friday 5th		No Lunch and Chat
Saturday 6th	9.30am -11.30am	Ladies Brunch (Church House upstairs)
	10.30am – 12noon 2.30pm 7.00pm	Muddy Church (Forest Garden) Wedding blessing First Cuthburga lecture, by Martyn Whittock (Minster)
Sunday 7th	12.30pm	Bring and Share Lunch (Church House Upstairs)
Tuesday 9th	10.30am– 12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group
Wednesday 10th	1pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
Thursday 11th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 12th	10.30am –12 noon	Home-schooling Group (Forest Garden)
	11am, 12.30pm, 2pm	Architectural Heritage Week Tours
	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 13th	all day	Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride
	10.30am – 12 noon 7.00pm Second	Messy Church (Minster) Second Cuthburga lecture, with the Minster Choir
Sunday 14th, Education Sunday	9.30am	Parish Eucharist: Preacher, Rev.Charles Burgess
Monday 15th	1.45pm	What do Christians believe about...?
	2pm – 4pm	Course (Church House) Architectural Heritage Week visits to the ringing chamber, West Tower

Tuesday 16th	10.30am– 12 noon 10am – 1pm	Forest Garden Toddler Group Charity Antiques Valuation Day (Church House)
Wednesday 17th	1pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	2pm	Architectural Heritage Week tours
Thursday 18th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	2.15pm 2pm	Mothers' Union meeting Architectural Heritage Week tours
	7.00pm	Third Cuthburga Lecture, by Peter Asprey (Minster)
Friday 19th	11am, 2pm	Architectural Heritage Week Tours
	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 20th	2pm 7.30pm	Wedding of Cameron Groat and Lara Ouvaroff Haywood Organ Recital, with John Challenger
Monday 22nd	1.45pm	What do Christians believe about...? Course (Church House)
Tuesday 23rd	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group
Wednesday 24th	1pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
Thursday 25th	9.30am – 11am 5pm	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs) Flower Festival preview (Minster)
Friday 26th	10am – 6pm 10.30am – 12 noon	Flower Festival (Minster) Home schooling Group (Forest Garden)
	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 27th	10am – 6pm 6pm	Flower Festival (Minster) Organ music at the Flower Festival (Minster)
Sunday 28th	9.30am	Parish Eucharist: Preacher Rt. Revd Karen Gorham, Bp of Sherbone

Monday 29th	2pm – 6pm	Flower Festival (Minster)
	10am – 6pm	Flower Festival (Minster)
	1.45pm	What do Christians believe about...?
		Course (Church House)
	7.00 for 7.30pm	Aspects of Spirituality (Minster)
Tuesday 30th	10am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group
	7.15pm	PCC (Minster)

HOUSE GROUP DAY

Last autumn there was a 'refresh' of our House Groups which resulted in 3 new groups in addition to the 5 existing ones. The new groups have settled down into their individual patterns.

On Saturday 20th September we are holding a 'sharing and training' day. This will give the opportunity to further develop our groups and our abilities as leaders.

The programme will include:

- The purposes of house groups
- What is leadership?
- How do you know where your group is going?
- What do we do and how do we do it?

The sessions will be interactive and there will be plenty of time for discussion and questions.

It will be held in the Methodist Church coffee lounge and start at 9.45 am. It will end with a time of worship and finish at 3.00 pm. Drinks will be provided but please bring your own packed lunch. You are very welcome to come – even if you are not currently in a house group! Is this something God is leading you to do?

It would help the organisers to know the numbers of people as there will be hand-outs provided. Please email Rev Derek Butler by 14th

September at derek-assistpriest@wimborneminster.org.uk, or let the Parish Office know.



Education Sunday, an ecumenical day of prayer and reflection that celebrates teaching and learning, is organised by Churches Together in England and falls on September 14th this year. The theme this year is **Lost and Found**, uses the parables of the lost sheep, and the lost coin.

The organisers say: 'In our schools, colleges and universities, there are many young people who feel lost, or appear to be lost. This can be because the

institutions are so big that they don't feel noticed, because they don't feel they fit with the expectations of the institution or their peers or because of the unseen struggles at home. Others appear to us to be lost because of the way they behave or fail to engage.

Praying for the Minster and the Northern Villages, Wimborne and the world

Prayer diary for September

1	Museum of East Dorset, Walford Mill and Model Town	14	The Friends of Wimborne Minster
2	Our vergers, Elton, Gerald and John	15	Church Mission Society
3	Lay Worship Leaders	16	The Anglican Community in all its diversity
4	Prayer groups	17	Twinning Associations
5	The Mission to Seafarers	18	Prison chaplains
6	Archdeacon Anthony	19	Local farmers
7	Wimborne Civic Society and Wimborne in Bloom	20	Allenbourn School
8	Local businesses, the Chamber of Trade, the BID	21	PCC Treasurers and Safe guarding representatives
9	FairTrade	22	Two By Two and Forest Garden Toddlers
10	GPs, nurses, carers, physiotherapists	23	The Minster bellringers
11	Our retired clergy	24	God's Acre Group
12	The Minster Choir, children and adults	25	Pramacare
13	The flower arrangers and silver polishers	26	Dioceses of Yambio and Nzara in South Sudan
		27	Vision Wimborne
		28	The financial sector
		29	The climate emergency
		30	Local Hospices

Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers. In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.

What do Christians think about..?

A light-hearted look at Christianity for those with lots of faith, none, and somewhere in between

Mondays 1.45pm – 2.45pm for 5 weeks from 15th September

Discussion and reflection on love and hate; choice and destiny; prayer and going to church; bread, wine and the Bible; baptism / christening and going to church

For more information contact claire@wimborneminster.org.uk



Back to School

to enable us to love all children of the world:



September is a time of adventure. A time of new beginnings. Each September my children loved preparing their new pencil cases and book bags. As we begin this new academic year, let us take time to pray for and think about our local teachers who work tirelessly to ensure that our children have the promise of learning and opportunity. We thank God for them all. We also think of all parents and carers who will be home educating and for our Wimborne Minster families work and the Home Ed group. Let us also remember that for so many millions of children and young people in our world, education remains unavailable. Due to war, ill health, disasters and displacement the most fundamental basics of learning provision is snatched away. Mark 12:31 asks us to love our neighbours, and Christian Aid, founded in 1945, has been working tirelessly for 80 years,

- After years of civil war, which has destroyed basic schooling provision in South Sudan, Christian Aid has been training teachers and setting up education supplies in temporary and long-term refugee camps.

- In Lebanon steep inflation has meant that insecurity in food provision is high, especially amongst Syrian refugees. This is a concern as many young people and children have subsequently dropped out of school. Since 2014, Christian Aid has been offering educational and psychosocial support to disadvantaged children.

- Whilst hurricanes and earthquakes frequently cause trauma to school children in Haiti, Christian Aid reaches out with therapy, enabling on-going engagement with education.

- In Ethiopia girls can feel barriers to attending school due to basic health concerns, Christian Aid ensures that feminine hygiene kits are provided.

- In Bangladesh, communities that flood

due to climate change, can become cut off and so Christian Aid brings education into isolated areas.



God made us and all his children with the gift of curiosity and the desire to learn. At Wimborne Minster, and all our village churches we are celebrating 80 years of Christian Aid. We give thanks for the work of this charity and for all teachers around the globe who have been called to the vocation of wanting to see children educated, flourishing, thriving and obtaining the future they so all desperately need. Let us all stand together and support and pray for children around our world today.

- Revd Marianne Mangham

Image: Children's workshop in Khan Younis
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-middle-east-humanitarian-appeal>

More than Bones & Stones - the new Heritage resources

The question was asked 'How could we enhance the Minster profile to the public?' In response I formed a small group, Gordon Edgar (guides) Mike and Jayne Twomey (Chained Library) and my wife Heather (children's education resource writer and author) and myself (TV/AV) to see how we could answer that question. We met regularly over the last year developing ideas.

The theme we settled



on was 'Explore and Discover' - More than Bones and Stones' and this was developed along a number of strands that now make up the full enhanced offering to our visitors.

Imagine you are walking down one of the streets around the Minster. What tells you we are open at that distance? What tells you there is anything here to see?

This was where our thinking started, and resulted in the flags you now see placed outside. These will be deployed Monday to Saturday throughout the main visitor season.

As you come through the main porch, a pull up banner in the same design adds the theme 'More than Bones and Stones' and highlights several key areas of interest. You come through the main door and an A1 framed poster tells you what is available on the resources table beside it and across the Minster. There you will find...

Exploring games: Heather has developed new games that not only entertain children but also inform them, games with a purpose featuring Margaret Beaufort and Isaac

Gulliver along with a new all-age trail to follow.

For adults: we have retained the single sheet guide and Gordon has added an A4 booklet to borrow and return. Shorter, themed guides are in development and will be available soon.

Our four TV screens are being used to show more: one has the weekly Minster news, one has slide presentations on history and the organ, on a third, a video sequence shows the Minster as a lively Christian community, and the fourth, has kept the Chained Library video.

Augmented Reality (AR), not to be confused with virtual reality (VR) that puts you in goggles into created worlds. AR places objects using your phone camera into the space you are standing in. When deciding to use AR we set the criteria; no handing out of tablets; no app to download; no IT support offered; no charge; no persistent software (the tech we use downloads to your phone browser and deletes when you close the browser). It will not work on all phones (but a list of those it does runs to about 30 pages!) and the phone does need a QR code scanner. Today

we have three examples working – the West Tower, the Astronomical Clock and the Triforium. Do come and try this out. Some thank you's: first to the team, Mike and Jayne Twomey, Gordon Edgar and Heather Butler, and then to those who offered other skills:

Steve Reckless (who made the AR for us), Harriet Jackson (graphic design), Martin Smith (help with the Minster layout, and design skills), Anthony Oliver (for supplying many photos for the Christian Community sequence) and Rector Andrew, the

Church Wardens and the PCC for trusting us to take this forward. Now it's over to you. We see this as a pilot project, so please help us assess these ideas and if you have any feedback, please use the Feedback Form.

- Revd Derek Butler

How the Christian Church invented the 'English'

**First Cuthburga Lecture, Saturday 6th September,
by Martyn Whittock**

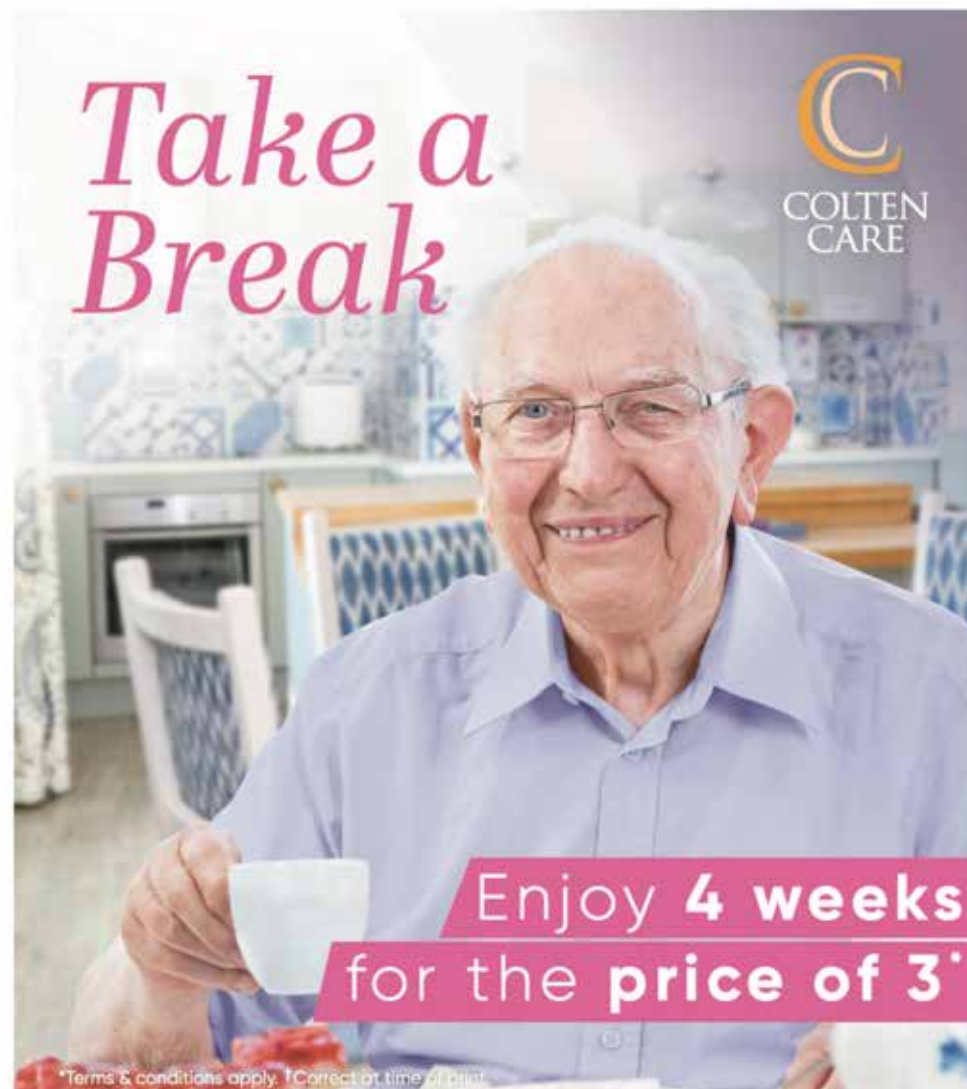
We often take for granted the existence of a place called 'England' and a community of those living there to be 'English'. In the middle of the tenth century these concepts were new, even revolutionary, as rulers of Wessex sought to forge one political community from several newly brought under their rule. However, the concept of the 'English' was already over 250 years old and was the invention of the church, as it sought to convert disparate warring kingdoms. In this year's First Cuthburga Lecture, Martyn Whittock first explores how the invention of the 'English' accompanied Christian conversion and had huge implications. After the break for refreshments, he will further explore how – following conversion – 'holy learning' and mission were a core strategy in embedding Christianity in local culture and communities, and

in the evangelisation of still-pagan communities in north-western Europe, in which the religious women of Wimborne played a major part.

If you have heard Martyn speak, in the Minster or elsewhere, you will remember how erudite, compelling and entertaining a speaker he is. He taught secondary-school history for over 35 years, and is the author of 58 books. He is particularly interested in the 'deep stories' that form part of modern identities. Recent books include: 'Trump and the Puritans' (2020), 'American Vikings' (2023) and 'Vikings in the East: From Vladimir the Great to Vladimir Putin' (2025). Martyn is a Licensed Lay Minister in Salisbury diocese and is a member of the leadership team at St Thomas' in Trowbridge.

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The Flower Festival: The Delights of Dorset

A final fundraiser for the Festival: Charity Antiques Valuation Day

Tuesday 16th September 10.00am -1.00pm in Church House, with Max Beaumont, Fine Art & Consultancy

The perfect opportunity to discover the value and history of your heirlooms! For a £5 per item cash donation, you can bring along antiques, collectables, ceramics, jewellery, paintings, and other cherished items to receive a professional valuation. Larger pieces, such as furniture, can be assessed using clear photographs. Proceeds from the event will go to support the Flower Festival.

For further information please call Max on 01202 283220 or email: enquiries@maxbeaumont.co.uk

A tantalising glimpse...

Accessories and models to be used by the flower arrangers include Dinosaur Demelza together with her baby Dino, the Shrine of St. Wite, Mary Anning, Isaac Gulliver, Corfe Castle, an urban fox and a hundred sheep! Many will be carried from Park Lane through Willow Walk to the Minster on the morning of Saturday 20th September (just before the Food Festival begins).



Time to get your tickets!

Readers need no reminding that the Festival runs from Friday 26th to Monday 29th, 10am to 6pm (2pm - 6pm on Sunday).

A limited number of Preview tickets (for the evening of September 25th) are available from Anthony Oliver, witsend@familyoliver.org.uk.

Advance tickets cost £7.50, from Carnival Flowers, Poole Road, or the Parish Office, Church House (open weekday mornings except Wednesday), and tickets will be sold on the door.

For the special evening with musical accompaniment, on Saturday 27th, please get your tickets at Square Records or on the door. During the rest of the Festival, there will also be incidental music played by local musicians.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Minster for anyone who would like to volunteer to steward during the Festival.

September Music Notes

Our Patronal Festival on August 31st is the start of the month-long Cuthburga Festival, with a series of events of different kinds.

The Second Cuthburga Lecture (13th September) is a choral recital by the Minster Choir, directed by Colin Davey. Churchwarden Peter Cook will guide us through performances of music from the history of the Minster, and show how different composers treated the text for Holy Communion (the Mass) and other biblical and Prayer Book texts.

The following week (20th September), the Minster Makes Music charity presents the Haywood Organ Recital with John Challenger, Assistant Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral. John was a chorister at Hereford Cathedral, and Organ Scholar at St George's Chapel, Windsor and St John's College, Cambridge, coming to Salisbury in 2012. John has recorded three solo CDs since 2015, and in 2017, was acting Director of Music at St John's College, Cambridge for three months.

During the Flower Festival there will be a short evening recital with organ music written and played by Minster Organists, past and present.



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Children's Society Coffee Morning

The Annual Children's Society's Box Collection and Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 4th October in Church House Lounge from 10:30 to 12:30. Please could you bring your box along on that day, and collect your new one. If you can't make it that day, please leave your box in the Parish Office.

Young people are being exploited online and offline. Children as young as 10, are being groomed or coerced into, for example, being sexually exploited, forced to launder criminal money, transporting drugs, and stealing. The Children's Society's Look Closer campaign, and through information on its website, helps us spot signs of exploitation – children travelling alone, those seeming anxious, frightened, those in possession of more than one phone, carrying lots of cash, or being controlled by individuals who are older than them are some of the signs that they are being exploited.

The Society urges us to report it if we notice anything suggesting a child or young person is being exploited. The NSPCC, Police, or Transport Police are among the organisations we can contact if we are worried.

The Children's Society's work is growing, especially with increased child poverty and exploitation, but we can all help – through the collection boxes, donations, and also through volunteering, vigilance and prayer. (Find

information and advice, written by young people and staff, at Please come along and support us on 20th September, to help the Society's work, and keep your eyes open for any signs of child exploitation. The Children's Society believes that no child needing help should be alone, and that building hope in the future is an essential step in helping young people to live fulfilling lives.

Anne King (01202 881019,
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Find more information and advice about helping children and young people at:
<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk>



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Monday evenings in the Minster

7pm for 7.30 start

September 29th Praying With the Bible - Amy Boucher-Pye

October 6th Praying With the Liturgy - Dr John Leech

October 13th Contemplative Prayer - Brother John

October 20th Creative Prayer - Marie Calvert

7pm for light refreshments

Our speaker followed by guided space for reflection

Suggested £5 donation

Anyone is welcome



Christain aid Poster Display in the Minster

Christian Aid celebrates a special "birthyear" in 2025; it was founded in 1945 by British and Irish Churches to help refugees following the Second World War. For 80 years, it has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people's rights.

at Gleneagles. There were also appeals to help those affected by "natural disasters" such as drought, earthquakes and floods and, more recently, calls to tackle climate change, now recognised as one of the root causes of droughts and floods. The current Restore campaign highlights the combination of climate crisis and the debt crisis that many African



To celebrate, they have created this display of some iconic posters with a decade-by-decade history, and we have managed to book it for the Minster in the first half of October. The photo shows the display at Newcastle Cathedral. Key campaigns that I remember were **Jubilee 2000**, calling for cancellation of "Third World debt" by the year 2000, and **Make Poverty History**, linking to the 2005 G8 summit

countries are suffering from. You will probably remember other campaigns and appeals and I hope you will be able to come and re-live these. Please make a note of the date - there will be more details in the weekly news sheets nearer the time.

- Mike Lunt

Top image: Poster from 1968; Christian Aid archive, <https://www.soas.ac.uk/soaslibrary/special-collections>



Save
Our
Swifts



Swifts spend almost the whole of their lives high in the sky, catching wind-drifted insects by day and going into sleep-mode at night. The only time that they touch a solid surface is when they lay their eggs and rear their young. They arrive in Europe at the beginning of May and spend the months of May, June and the first half of July in Britain before leaving for Africa in late summer.

Until the 1980s, flocks of swifts that could be seen in the streets of any English town, speeding in flocks of ten or twenty at roof-top level as they displayed to each other and took up residence in their nest holes. Sadly, this is a rare sight today; one by one the little gaps in buildings have been filled in, and the insects on which the birds feed have been heavily reduced by agricultural pesticides and nocturnal light pollution.

Swifts have been in the news recently, as conservationists have urged the government to bring in a legal requirement for new buildings to include 'swift

bricks' in the cavity walls. So far this law has not been passed, and it has been left to volunteers to take action. Recently Swift Groups have been set up in towns over the country, including Poole, Christchurch, Swanage, and Wimborne.

The Wimborne Swift group has been making a survey of swift nests in the town, and these have been logged

on the RSPB's Swiftmapper system. We found swifts still nest in the St John's area and around West Street and Chapel Lane. If you see someone walking up and down your road with a clipboard around sunset and looking at the rooflines of houses, please feel free to come and talk to them. They aren't soffit salesmen! Our other major task has been to install nest boxes. Many of these were made by the 2nd Wimborne Scouts, using wood donated by Churchview Joinery in Wimborne, and additional boxes have been made by volunteer Brent Jones. The trickiest job of all for any Swift Group is finding an insured person willing to go up the ladder to fix a box under the eaves at

first-floor level, and we are especially grateful to Bill Townsend of Townsend Carpentry in Poole and his father Pete for carrying out this difficult task on a voluntary basis. The project also

received a big boost in June this year when Wimborne Town Council agreed to install four of our nest boxes on the Town Hall. Boxes in Wimborne now number about 23, and we eagerly await the first swift occupants. We are also grateful to the Lion Hotel in West Street for letting us use part of their bar room for our meetings. If you would like to find out more about swift conservation,

• email Wimborne Swifts at wimbourneswifts@gmail.com

• visit the Wimborne Swifts website <https://planetwimborne.org/wimborne-swifts>

Logo image: <https://www.ebws.org.uk/helpswifts>



Year 4 Leavers' Service in the Minster

On Friday 11 July over 300 Year 4 pupils from 9 schools in Wimborne Deanery gathered in Wimborne Minster with invited guests for their Leavers' Service.

The theme of the service was 'Keep on Growing', with a worship band leading the joyous singing of action songs. Each school had ears of corn templates on which pupils wrote about who or what had helped them to flourish. These were made into posters and brought forward for display during the service. St Michael's Middle School brought the Parable of the Sower to life in dramatic reading and mime with actions for everyone to join in. Bishop Tim Thornton gave a lively



interactive talk. Pupils from Verwood First School wrote prayers thanking God for their education so far and Year 5 pupils from Emmanuel Middle School prayed for the Year 4s as they move to new schools. Everyone who attended the service

received a bookmark which had been specially designed. The display of the ears of corn and the prayers can be seen in Wimborne Minster throughout the summer until Education Sunday on 14th September.

- Revd Heather Waldsax

Families in the Minster and the Forest Garden have been telling stories, enjoying crafts, and using the new leaflets to discover the hidden treasures around the building.



Wimborne Model Town and Gardens Calling all Railway enthusiasts!



Are you passionate about model railways? Wimborne Model Town & Gardens is looking for dedicated volunteers to help maintain and develop our much-loved model railway. We're currently seeking two tiers of railway volunteers to join our team.

Tier One volunteers should have a keen interest in model

trains and a basic understanding of railway operations (or be willing to learn). Tasks include cleaning locomotive wheels and track, replacing non-working engines and keeping accurate notes in our maintenance log.

Tier Two volunteers will have more advanced knowledge, including experience with repairs and identifying spare parts needed. Skills in electronics, mechanics or electrical work would be an advantage, especially for occasional tasks like servicing our model cable car. We're ideally looking for 2 to 3 volunteers with a good spread of skills who can reliably attend

two to three days per week. While most of our current team fall into Tier One, their availability is limited (due to other commitments) and we're keen to strengthen our group with extra reliable and skilled help. If you enjoy hands-on work, problem-solving and being part of a friendly and welcoming environment, we'd love to hear from you! Email info@wimborne-modeltown.com to find out more.



Tapas and some nature art from the Ladies Tapas Night



What happens to the IT kit you donate?

The Minster Environment Group (MEG) has been working with BlackmoreIT and DonatIT for over 10 years and we thought it was about time we took a visit and see what happens to all the old IT kit we have collected in that time. On August 5th a group from MEG and Planet Wimborne went to the BlackmoreIT premises in Warminster. Simon Barfoot the CEO of BlackmoreIT and director of DonatIT welcomed us and we had a presentation on the processes and accreditations that underpin the outstanding service BlackmoreIT provide to their high-profile clients. They are held to the highest standards for data management and removal and can be inspected with no advanced warning. It was clear that the care and ethical approach was a theme across the organisation and it was not surprising that they have a high retention of both clients and staff. We then toured the factory starting with the security of delivered



kit which then is automatically inspected and wiped. Any kit that cannot be refurbished is then stripped into its component parts and metals are sent for reclaiming; any gold is sent to the Royal Mint. Other materials are shredded ready for recycling. Kit that is reusable is refurbished. BlackmoreIT (<https://www.blackmoreit.com>) has an online and ebay shop where orders are satisfied from the refurbished kit. DonatIT (<https://donatit.co.uk>) is a separate operation sponsored by BlackmoreIT. Whilst our personal kit does not require the very high level of security that industry needs, DonatIT is still robust at data wiping. Using volunteers to carry

out the process it provides funds and refurbished kit for those in need. Simon presented us with a laptop for Wimborne Food Bank. This had been requested so the staff at the food bank can work with their clients to create their own accounts, CVs and job applications. Over the years MEG has collected tons of IT kit and received laptops, tablets and phones that have gone to those that needed them in the Wimborne area. The last collection in April took 134 items making 251kgs of old kit. Our next collection will be as part of the **Planet Wimborne Green Festival** on October 11th, 12 noon till 2pm in the Minster. Please hunt out your old IT kit and bring it along so we can help more people to have access to the IT they need. Up until now MEG has just run one off session a few times a year but we are looking to set up permanent collection site in Wimborne, with secure storage so watch this space for news.

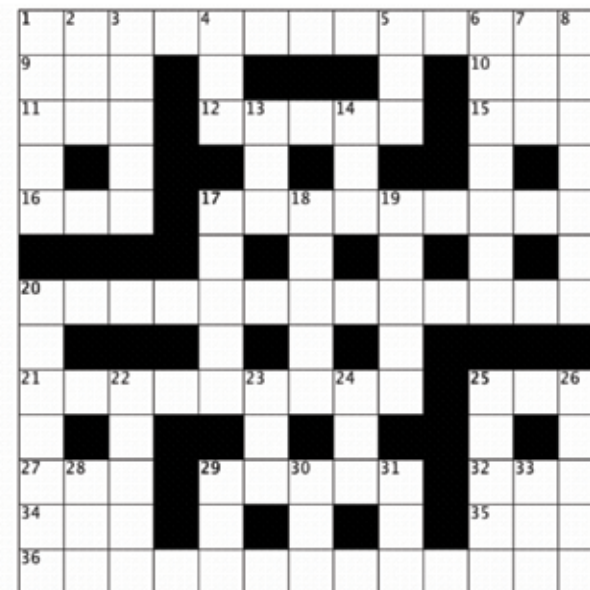
September Crossword set by Bruce Jensen

ACROSS

1. Document signed by King John on 15 June 1215 (3,5,5)
9. Circular edge of a cup or a crater (3)
10. Longer than an age (3)
11. Consumed (3)
12. Stick carried by a walker or a wizard (5)
15. Extinct giant NZ bird (3)
16. Cathedral city near Cambridge (3)
17. Cathedral city near Wimborne, w/a copy of 1-across (9)
20. HQ of King John (& his descendents) (7,6)
21. Water meadow near 20-across, where 1-across was signed (9)
25. You put them on at bedtime (abbr) (3)
27. Every one (3)
29. To grow less intense, e.g. a storm (5)
32. What to dip in to test the water (3)
34. Spanish uncle (3)
35. Made a dash (3)
36. Son of King John who reissued 1-across (5,3,5)

DOWN

1. 'She disappeared without a _' (5)
2. A successful play, record or film (3)
3. Gritty substance on your nail file (5)
4. Annoying interruptions to TV programmes (3)
5. Brand cleaning liquid, sometimes lemon-scented (3)
6. Get back on the horse (7)
7. Also (3)
8. Examine in detail (7)
13. A popular hot drink (3)
14. It follows THU (3)
17. She's very timid: She's _ she wouldn't say boo to a goose.' (2,3)
18. 'Do you want a small, medium, or _?' (5)
19. A snake's flake (5)
20. The road to confrontation: 'Your sister is on the _' (7)
22. Synthetic which can replace silk (5)
23. 'The crowd was becoming an angry _' (3)
24. A full stop (3)
25. _ dish: a shallow glass container to grow bacteria (5)
26. Go the shop & get rid of money (5)
28. Tell an untruth (3)
29. Whichever (3)
30. What remains from the fire (3)
31. Consume (3)
33. What to row with (3)



Solution to August crossword

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 HEXAGON WAG I
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 ETE LLAMA E
 ARI R THUMB
 DENIM THEE O
 SPANISHARMADA
 ELATE R SET
 ME T REDTAPE
 O RIP O DIRK
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