



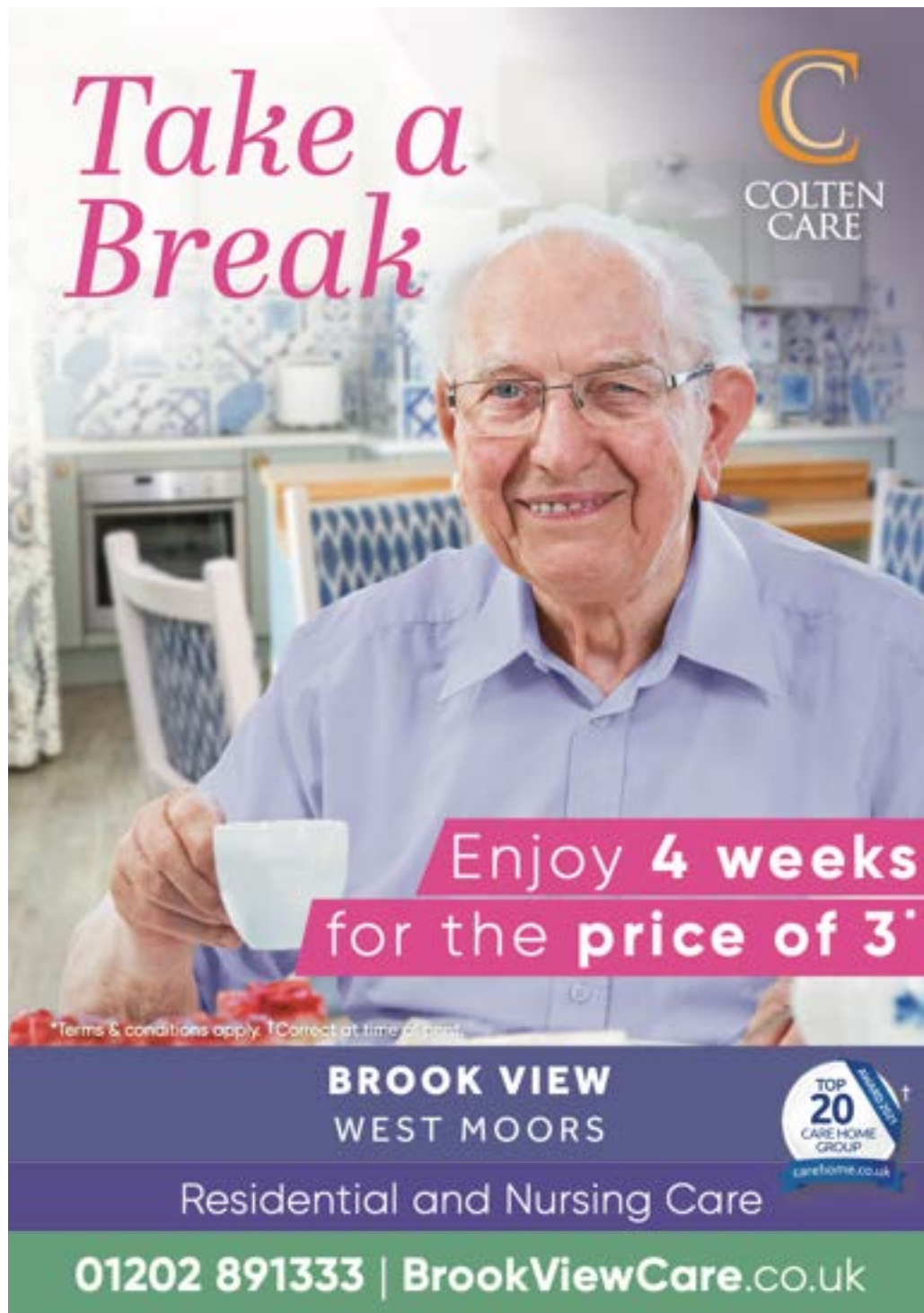
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On the 22nd August 2026 everyone is invited to help us celebrate our Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary. From 10.30am – 4pm there will be games, crafts and refreshments for families.

At 2.30pm tea will be served in the Minster.

Join us and join in. We will be delighted to see and talk to you.



*Other children's and family activities at the Minster in August
The theme of our activities this year is Explorers*

Up until 24th August regular weekly events are as follows:

Tuesdays, 10.30am - 12pm Muddy Church in the Forest Garden
Thursdays, 10.30am - 12pm Messy Church in the Minster
Thursdays, 1.30pm - 3pm Minster Cream Teas in the Minster
There is also a Ladies Social 'Paint and Sip', on Monday 17th August, 7pm - 9pm, and a Choristers' Social at the newly opened Sophie's Ceramics on Friday 21st August, 10am - 11am



Following the suggestion of Churchwarden Andrew and the approval of the PCC, the Minster will have a supply of Gospels for interested visitors to take away. More details on this will appear in the Weekly News and the September magazine.

Donating to the Minster

If you would like to support the work of the Minster, you can scan this QR code, which will take you to our giving portal. You can also make donations in the Minster, using the Gift Aid envelopes or as a contactless payment on the terminal by the porch door. Thank you.



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Services at the Minster

Sundays

8.00 am

9.30 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion (Common Worship)

*with prayer for healing on the 4th Sunday
of the month*

11.15 am

Minster Praise *with Communion on
the last Sunday of the month*

6.30 pm

Choral Evensong

Weekdays

Holy Communion

11.00am, Wednesday *(in the Minster)*

Morning Prayer

8.30 am, Monday to Saturday *(on Zoom)*

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 July

4th Wedding of Ella Ofei-Kwatia and Chris Shelly

18th Wedding of Tracey Nicholls and Nick Clark

25th Wedding of Kirsten Holland and Daniel Charman

9th Funeral of Christopher Dennis Young aged 84 years

17th Funeral of Elizabeth Anne Tame aged 100 years

21st Funeral of Rosemary Jane Foster aged 91 years

22nd Funeral of Rodney Rideout aged 84 years

Dates for your diary - August

Saturday 1st

10.00am – 5.00pm

Dorset 2020 Art Exhibition
(Church House Lounge)

12 noon

**Wedding of Rebecca Love
and Jamie Thompson**

Saturday 1st	2.00pm Wedding of Dannie Rietiker and William Whitworth	
Sunday 2nd Service	3.00pm	Roma Holocaust Memorial
Monday 3rd	10.00am – 4.00pm	Margaret Hasted Art Exhibition, to 8th August (Church House Lounge)
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital
Tuesday 4th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Muddy Church
Wednesday 5th	1pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
Thursday 6th	10.30am – 12 noon	Minster Messy Church
	12.30am	OASIS lunch (Church House Upstairs)
	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Cream Teas (Minster, rear nave)
Friday 7th	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 8th	1.00pm	Wedding of Olivia Ashman and Alasdair Ager
Monday 10th	12.30pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital
Tuesday 11th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Muddy Church
Wednesday 12th	1pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
Thursday	13th	10.30am – 12 noon Minster Messy Church
Friday 14th	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 15th	4pm	Evensong with Laudemus
Monday 17th	12.30pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital
Tuesday 18th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Muddy Church
Wednesday 19th	1pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
Thursday 20th	10.30am – 12 noon	Minster Messy Church
	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Cream Teas (Minster, rear nave)
Friday 21st	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 22nd	10.30am – 4pm	MU Anniversary family celebration (Minster Green, Minster)
Monday 24th	12.30pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital
Wednesday 26th	1pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
Friday 24th (House)	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 29th	12.30am – 1.30pm	Song recital by Caroline Henderson and Sam Hanson (Minster)
Monday 31st	12.30pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital

Praying for the Wimborne benefice, the town of Wimborne and the world

Prayer diary for August

1	Our Associate and Assistant Priests	15	Wimborne Town of Culture
2	Lay Pastoral Assistants	16	Archbishops Sarah Mullally and Stephen Cottrell
3	Families and children at the Minster	17	East Borough Housing Association
4	Claire, our families outreach worker	18	Social workers
5	The Children's Society	19	Dorset Wildlife Trust
6	Bishops Stephen, Karen and Andrew	20	Queen Elizabeth's School
7	Wimborne Library: staff, volunteers and users	21	PCC secretaries
8	Local MPs	22	Minster guides and welcomers
9	Amnesty International	23	The Minster Governors
10	Bournemouth & Poole Hospital Chaplaincies	24	The Minster Environment Group
11	Beaucroft School and College	25	Mission Aviation Fellowship
12	Our Organist and Director of the Choirs	26	Our neighbouring churches
13	The servers	27	The Tivoli Theatre and Allendale centre: volunteers
14	The Minster Green Fair: organisers and helpers	28	Refugees and migrants
		29	The Armed Forces
		30	The Reef, Streetlight
		31	A cause dear to your heart, not listed elsewhere



Two of the Minster's young ringers, Ben Avery and Esther Davey attended this annual event in Nottingham, as part of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers team. Young ringers compete in their teams at different levels, including beginners. They also have the chance to experience a range of bell-towers as they move around the town. Not least, the participants meet their peers from across the country. This year, St Mary's Church in Nottingham, welcomed 450 under-19 ringers.



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Finding God in the Heat

As another spell of exceptionally hot weather has settled over the country, many of us have found ourselves longing for

cooler days, refreshing rain, and the welcome shade of a tree. Heat has a way of slowing us down, reminding us that we are not as self-sufficient as we sometimes imagine.

The Bible often uses images of heat, thirst, and water to speak about our relationship with God. Through the prophet Isaiah, God offers this invitation: *"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters"* (Isaiah 55:1). Jesus echoes this promise when He says, *"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst"* (John 4:14). In the hottest days of summer, these words carry a renewed significance.

The recent heatwaves have also reminded us how precious God's creation is. Gardens need

tending, wildlife needs protecting, and neighbours may need an extra helping hand. Small acts of kindness - checking on an elderly neighbour, offering a glass of water, or taking time to appreciate the beauty around us - become simple

ways of living out Christ's command to love one another.

It seems particularly fitting that this month's magazine celebrates both the Children's Society's inspiring young people's garden at the Chelsea Flower Show (photo) and the anniversary of our Mothers' Union branch. A flourishing garden does not appear by accident; it grows through patience, care, and hope. In much the same way, the Mothers' Union has spent generations nurturing families, supporting communities, and sowing seeds of faith that continue to bear fruit today.

Summer invites us outdoors, where creation speaks of God's goodness. Even when the ground is dry and the sun relentless, we remember the words of the Psalmist: *"The Lord is my shepherd... He leads me beside still waters; he refreshes my soul"* (Psalm 23).



May these summer days encourage us not only to seek relief from the heat, but also to seek the living water that Christ offers, allowing our faith to grow and flourish whatever the season.

Rev. Steve Atkins

Modernising the Minster - Update

It is over four years since we began developing our vision for a Welcome Zone, toilets, improved storage, central dais, Chapel of Remembrance and Reflection, Music Library and Choir School.

We now have both consents required for Phase 1 (Welcome Zone and toilets): Building Regulation Consent granted by Dorset Council and the Faculty granted by the Diocese. Despite the complex work proposed in our Grade 1 Listed Building, the Faculty was granted with only two conditions - supervision by our Architects (B2 Architects of Wedmore) and adequate insurance. That reflects the degree and length of engagement with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, English Heritage, and other such bodies, as well as the time, thought, and prayer that gone into the project, and the input of the Minster family through the two rounds of consultation. But that's just the paperwork. Now we have to get down to the reality of finance and construction! The Architects have finalised and sent out the Tender package, seeking tenders by 21st August. We will then know how much Phase 1 is actually going to cost. In parallel, the Standing Committee (Rector, Churchwardens and Hon. Treasurer) are identifying a potential funding package, primarily from Minster funds, including the £16,000 raised by the Flower Festival for the steps and ramp, and Minster-associated bodies and trusts,

supplemented by outside funding from grant-giving bodies such as the Talbot Village and Erskine Muton Trusts.

Subject to funding, and how long the contractors tell us they need to be on site, we think the Welcome Zone would be implemented between Christmas and Easter, when loss of that area would have the lowest impact, and the toilets after Easter, as they can be installed with limited impact on other Minster activities. The main porch, shop, much of the north aisle, and eastern half of Trinity Chapel will need to be fully screened off while the contractors are working there, and for a time also part of the South Transept.

We will need to decide on a number of important details, such as the future of the Trinity Chapel Communion handrail and its memorial plaques, preserving the ornamental hinges from the existing Main Doors for re-use in Phase 2, and sale of the North Aisle pews to be removed for the ramp. We will also need to work out logistics for services, particularly Minster Praise, while work is in progress on the Welcome Zone. 'Kids in the Crypt' uses Trinity for older children and that will need to change. But these are all growing pains, and we can praise the Lord that He is giving us the growth!

Andrew Patrick,
Church Warden and Lay Worship Leader



In July, we shared Mary Sumner's dream and how it developed. But.... what about Mothers' Union here at the Minster? Mary's dream started as parochial mothers' meetings. These were gatherings for working-class women to receive practical advice and religious instruction. The first mention of these was in the August 1884 Minster Parish Magazine On 23rd July 1884, *"the 'Mothers' invited a few friends to inspect some work they had taken great pleasure in making during the past year". Their friends bought this 'work' and £1 9s 3d was donated to the Nassau (Bahamas) Clergy Sustentation Fund."*

This type of activity continued and in January 1897, 51 members made

£4 13s 8d from the sale of work and collection of their halfpenny subscriptions. The funds were split between mission work and funding the Mothers' Meetings. It is not clear what the mothers made but there is evidence that they were allowed to purchase the materials at a reduced price. The records also imply that they were read the scriptures while they worked. In the late 1890s it

seems they are reading the scriptures for themselves. Did their middle-class leader teach them to read or was it the result of the Elementary Education Act of 1880? We shall never know! In 1891 the Rector's wife started an annual jumble sale specifically for the mothers. This became an annual event until the early 1900s.

The frequency of meetings varied, often on a weekly basis. For a while, like us in 2026, they met on the third Thursday of each month in the church room (the forerunner

of Church House Lounge).

In November 1888 the Women's Union began and this appeared to be more like Mothers' Union as

we now know it. This ran alongside the Mothers' Meetings. At that stage Mary Sumner's dream of women from all walks of life being united together hadn't taken off in Wimborne. The Women's Union was definitely for the middle and upper classes who met in drawing rooms and had intellectual talks. They had summer teas on the lawns of the landed gentry. One such afternoon was spent at



Stone Park admiring the Towers of the Minster. The Mothers' Meetings in contrast were enjoying summer trips to Yarmouth, Swanage and Southbourne. The Union was active across the whole of the Wimborne Deanery. Members of Mothers'



Meetings could go to the Women's Union meetings, but Women's Union members were under no obligation to go to Mothers' Meetings. I suspect

there was very little mixing. World War I changed everything. There was occasional mention of the two groups in the Parish Magazine. However, it is clear that they were all working together for the war effort under Queen Mary's 'Work for Women' scheme. They were making socks, bandages etc. The term Mothers' Union started to appear more regularly and by March 1919 Mothers' Union is firmly established at the Minster and there is no mention of the Mothers' Meetings. After this date the

archive trail goes cold up until some documents we hold from the 1970s, the 1990s and our living memories. If you would like to know more about us and what we do now come and join us and join in our celebratory day on 22nd August. From 10.30am – 4pm there will be games, crafts and refreshments for families. At 2.30pm tea will be served in the Minster. We will be delighted to see and talk to you.

- JoyCraddock

Editor's note: The first photo (previous page) shows some of the Mothers' Union branch banners on display, during the service at Salisbury Cathedral celebrating the MU's anniversary in June.

Photo of banners: Salisbury Journal, CAB von Roretz

Music Notes for August

August sees the return of our Monday lunchtime organ recitals.



We welcome (left to right) John Radford (Cranborne) on the 3rd, then on the 10th Jonathan Melling (for 30 years Organist at All Hallows by the Tower, London, and a former assistant organist at the Minster), and on the 17th Sean Tucker (former Minster Organist). We finish the month with recitals on the 24th by Martyn Williams (Eastbourne) and on the Bank Holiday Monday by Christopher Sparkhall (former Director of Music at Canford, now chief examiner for the RSCM).

The recitals are at 12.30 on Mondays; they are free and all are welcome. A full programme of the series is available, price £1. Proceeds and donations go to the Minster Musical Heritage Trust.

The Laudemus Choir begins its annual tour on August 11th; they sing Choral Evensong in Dorset churches. This year they visit Broadstone, Lyme Regis, Trent and Blandford, and end their week, as usual, at the Minster, on Saturday 15th. This service will include the world premiere of a new set of responses by Sarah Dacey. Find full details of the tour online at <https://www.laudemus.org.uk> or on flyers in the Minster. Evensong is always at 6 pm and you are very welcome at any of the services.

We are also looking forward to an



additional lunchtime concert on Saturday 29th August at 12.30. This song recital will be given by Caroline Henderson, accompanied by Sam Hanson. Caroline joined the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus in 2017 and subsequently began training her voice further, and joined the Minster Choir sopranos. The concert will feature music that she is preparing for her forthcoming LRSM examination; this is a high-level diploma in performance. Please do come along and support Caroline. **- Peter Cook**



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**“What must the Church do to make Christianity
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with Bijan Omrani, author of *God is an Englishman*
in the Minster
on Thursday 3rd September at 7:00 pm

This talk follows the theme of Martyn Whittock's lecture last year on how the founding of the Wimborne dual monastery 1300 years ago by St Cuthburga of Wessex formed the character and influenced the history of the town of Wimborne Minster. Telegraph Book of the Year author Bijan Omrani has taken the challenge to the modern church further in his award winning book. He believes that we shouldn't shrug our shoulders and accept the decline of our congregations as inevitable and even healthy, but argues that something important is being lost. He shows how a religion that has been part of our national story was instrumental in the creation and development of the English nation, its codes of law and morality, and its structures of government and kingship. He demonstrates its profound cultural impact, in areas ranging from architecture and literature to our very landscape and the structure of our everyday life and language. Its influence, he contends, has been enormous, largely benign, and shouldn't be lightly abandoned. He passionately believes that our faith,



rightly understood, is a way of dealing with both the eternal questions of the human condition as well as the malaises of modernity, and in his lecture will point us to the action we should consider to respond to this challenge.

Bijan Omrani is an award-winning British historian and writer with a particular focus on Central Asia, Afghanistan, and the classics. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and the Royal Asiatic Society, and has published and lectured widely. Bijan is also a Warden of his church of St Michael's in the village of Shute, near Axminster. You will be able to meet him, and buy his book, after the talk. Tickets (£10, including a drink after the talk) are available from David Allen david-churchwarden@wimborneminster.org.uk, or from the Vergers' Desk during Minster opening hours.



Take the Challenges on Saturday September 12th!

- *Cycle, walk, or ride, around Dorset's lovely churches*
- *Raise sponsorship money for Dorset Historic Churches Trust*
- *Help our churches remain open and in good repair*

It's easy! Cycle/walk on your own or in a group, on a route you choose, around as many (or as few) churches as you want. Discover churches that are usually closed; enjoy a warm welcome and plenty of cake! You can create a Justgiving page under the DHCT umbrella, to make donations as easy as possible.

Ask friends to join you, and set a record for Minster fundraising!

Speak to Rosalind Jensen for more details, including setting up your Justgiving page and choosing a route: rjensen@btinternet.com



**ARMONICO
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*Friday 11th September
6pm in the Minster*

Some of the Armonico Consort singers and instrumentalists will be cycling from Exeter to Wimborne on this day, to raise money for their educational activities with young people. After stopping to sing briefly at several venues, they will end the day with a performance of parts of Handel's *Messiah* and *Zadok the Priest*, in the Minster.

Tickets £14.50 from
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Golden Garden

Members from the local branch of The Children's Society were lucky enough to receive complimentary tickets to visit this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show, where the Society won a Gold Medal for its garden. The garden centred on the experiences of young people. Young creative partners worked alongside designer Patrick Clarke to shape a space where teenagers can feel seen, safe and connected, reflecting the emotional support The Children's Society provides to young people across the country.

The description of the garden on the RHS website is powerful in its symbolism:

Discarded materials are reclaimed and transformed into beautiful, purposeful features. Overhead, a canopy of recycled steel rafters, inlaid with handcrafted glass, filters soft, dappled light – a symbol of resilience and the quiet strength found in moments of pause and support. The planting scheme echoes this story of renewal, with vibrant spring greens, buttery yellows, and rich purples chosen for their ability to thrive in challenging conditions. Together, these elements create a welcoming, restorative environment where teenagers can find safety, feel seen, supported and inspired.'

The garden shone a spotlight



on the growing crisis in teenage wellbeing across the UK, celebrating the resilience and potential of young people while highlighting the importance of early support.

Created as a nurturing reflective space, the garden offered a moment

of calm in the heart of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Carefully chosen layouts created places for pause, reflection and quiet connection.

"The garden highlights the growing crisis in young people's mental health and wellbeing. Nothing

short of a happiness recession is facing teenagers and their wellbeing must now be a national priority".

(Mark Russell Chief Executive of The Children's Society, in

the leaflet given to visitors)"

The garden will be moved from Chelsea to provide a lasting legacy in its new location at the Central Bedfordshire Council's Leighton

The Children's Society



Buzzard Youth Centre where the Children's Society Youth Club is based, creating our first outdoor wellbeing space for young people. The work of the Society is increasingly needed as children's wellbeing diminishes and help can be difficult to access. We can all help the young people in our own families and communities by listening to them to understand the problems they face, noticing changes in their behaviour which may indicate problems, praying for them and helping them access support. Problems such as grooming, exploitation, modern slavery,

drugs, poor mental health, difficult environments, etc. can impact our young people.

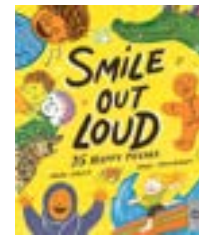
The Children's Society website gives us an insight from young people themselves about their experiences.

The Society offers support and help to help young people to recover and get to a place where they can build a happier, fulfilling life.

The Children's Society annual Box Opening and Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 26th September at Church House. We look forward to seeing you then.

- Anne King

Share the Joy This Summer



The National Year of Reading has encouraged us to read for pleasure, and to deepen our understanding of things we love (football, tractors, outer space...) by reading about them as well. Sharing the joy also brings us together. Poet Joseph Coelho has written a series of large format paperback books of poetry for the whole family, to read aloud and act out together. The latest is Smile Out Loud:

25 Happy Poems, and all are fully and playfully illustrated by Daniel Gray-Barnett (Wide Eyed Press, Quarto, 2026). My favourites in this book include the poems about silly walks (get up and try them out!), and the dialogue between a small boy and his grandad – just why does 'Dada' keep telling him to keep out

of the garden shed? I have also enjoyed exploring the first of these books, Poems Aloud, with 9-10 year olds. The series of short poems describing what different emotions feel like, and the animal poems (croak and hop like a frog!) stand out in my memory.

Joseph Coelho was Children's Laureate 2022-24, and you can easily find him reading his poems online, if you need inspiration!

- Rosalind Jensen



Book Review

The Things We never Say, by Elizabeth Strout (Penguin Viking 2026)

Elizabeth Strout lives in Maine, USA. Aged 70 years, this is her eleventh novel and it may well be the first great work of fiction about Donald Trump's second presidency. She has a new protagonist, leaving to one side her abrasive Olive Kitteridge and novelist Lucy Barton, who have brought her international plaudits. Her new hero, Artie Dam, is a 57-year-old history teacher in high school. After humble beginnings, he rose to receive a Teacher of the Year award to the delight of his students and colleagues. He's a liberal and becomes increasingly concerned about the growing narrowness and restrictions in the US, especially when there are attempts to influence the content and manner of his teaching. His wife, Evie, works as a counsellor for adults with difficulties. They have one son, Rob, married to Francesca, a concert pianist, whom he



leaves for another woman. Rob is then faced with the dilemma of whose son he really is. Artie becomes very concerned about the question of free will; the basic loneliness of being human and the personal difficulty he has with pre-cognition when he nearly drowns in the beautiful waters of Massachusetts Bay.

Elizabeth Strout, as usual, deals with the lives of ordinary everyday East Coast Americans but raises major issues. Her prose writing is exquisite. She has sound insight into the minds of ordinary folk. The jacket 'blurb', quite rightly, says 'One of our most acclaimed observers of the human heart.' If you are a Strout fan you might feel this is one of her best – if not the best – novels. If you are new to her you are in for a real treat.

- Beryl Balinas

The 26th Annual Duck Race in aid of Wimborne in Bloom takes place on the River Allen on Saturday 29th August 2026 at 3pm. The 'Ducks' will be launched into the river beside the Riverside Mews Café, by kind permission of the Slocock Trust, and cross the finishing line beside the garden behind the Rising Sun in East Street.

Tickets (Ducks) at £1 each will be sold outside the Co-Op, Crown Mead, on Saturday 22nd, and Thursday 27th- Saturday 29th August.

The winner of the first Ducks home will receive £50 (1st place), 2nd £25, 3rd £10 and 4th, 5th & 6th £5 each. Wimborne in Bloom is very grateful to

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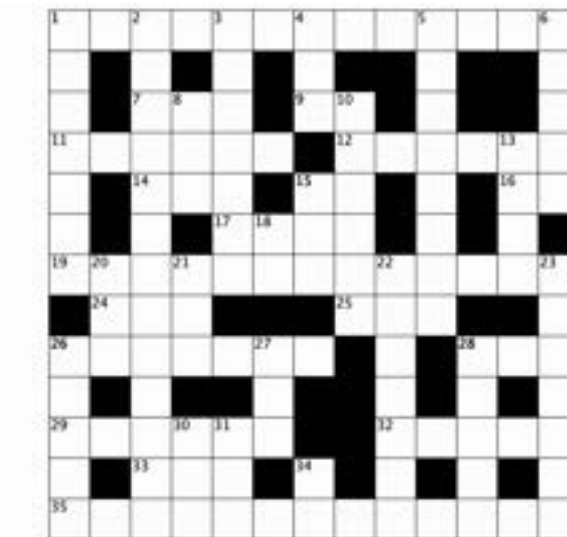
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ACROSS

1. She gave King Arthur his sword (4,2,3,4)
7. '... me' (ominous words on a school paper) (3)
9. 'Are you ready to ...?' (2)
11. Get lost! Scram! (2,4)
12. Wine store purchase (6)
14. The 'p' of mph (3)
15. 'Don't put on airs; just ... yourself' (2)
16. Hospital department, once on TV (2)
17. Alternative to he or she (4)
19. They lived in the house visited by Goldilocks (3,5,5)
24. A small battery (3)
25. Father, familiarly (3)
26. Where the planes land (7)
28. Biomolecular messenger (3)
29. 'We just met - you don't even know ...' (2, 4)
32. Officially, it's an 'Academy Award' (5)
33. Spy org. of the USA (3)
35. Victorian horror story with the theme 'Be careful what you wish for' (3,7,3)

DOWN

1. June 21 is the ... day of the year (7)
2. Vanishing: 'A man was being questioned in connection with her ...' (13)



3. 'I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man ...' (2,5)
4. Label, often with a price (3)
5. Gave an educational talk (8)
6. Go in (5)
8. She may have a little lamb (3)
10. 'She who must be ...' (AKA Mrs. Rumpole) (6)
13. Ogle (4)
15. Busy buzzy insect (3)
18. That dept. that used to be called Personnel (abbr, 2)
20. 'Yes' in Japan (3)
21. Provider of water in the sink & beer in the pub (3)
22. Where Juliet has her most famous scene (7)
23. Urban songbird that uses cigarette butts as nesting material (7)
26. Let in (5)
27. Fish eggs (3)
28. It's short for 'recapitulation' (5)
30. 'Ready, ... fire!' (3)
31. Chairman of China, 1949-1976
34. Alright (2)

End Note

Congratulations and many thanks to Anthony Oliver, who is marking **40 years** as Minster Press Officer this year! He has constantly kept local and national publications, and local radio, updated with Minster news. Through his contacts, freelance photographers have come to Minster events and taken photos which were published in national newspapers. If you are interested in supporting this vital outreach for the Minster, please talk to Anthony and see how you can help.

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