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Lunch & Chat meets every week through the year (except for August), for homemade soup, and coffee and cake. All are welcome, and we just ask for a donation (suggested donation £5); all money raised is given to the Sudan Medical Link. Lunch & Chat started in 1996, and each week is run by a different team. It is a friendly social occasion. Do join us for on a Friday; we would love to see you!

The Sudan Medical Link provides medicines and medical supplies for people in South Sudan; for instance expectant mothers have no provision at all for the birth of their child, and £5 can provide a Birth Pack, which gives all the basic equipment.

If you are able to make soup or a cake, we would welcome your help; do get in touch with us any time. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the soup/cake makers for all you do and have done over the years, you are amazing!!

The Lunch & Chat Team (contact tel. 01202 886513)

(Photos: Beatrice Dopita)



**PLANET WIMBORNE
GREEN FESTIVAL**

The programme for this year's Green Festival is on p.16 of the magazine, and includes new talks and activities for everyone to join in!

The Wimborne in Bloom Duck Race raised almost £1,600 which will be used towards the cost of purchasing plants for the Autumn planting programme around Town. Our next event is the **Charities Fair**, Saturday 11th November in the Allendale Centre, 10.00am - 3.00pm. Any charity which would like a table at the event (£15.00 each) contact Anthony Oliver on 01202 888703.

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** **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **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*
2.00 pm *2nd Sunday* **Messy Church (Church House)**
2.00 pm *4th Sunday* **Sensory Church (Church House)**
6.30 pm **Choral Evensong**

Weekdays

- Holy Communion** **11.00 am, Wednesday** *(in the Minster)*
Morning Prayer **8.30 am, Monday to Saturday** *(on Zoom)*
Evening Prayer **5.00 pm, Monday to Saturday** *(on Zoom)*

Services at St Margaret's Chapel

- 11.00 am** *3rd Thursday,* **Holy Communion (BCP)**

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.

In September

1st	Funeral of Peter Douch	aged 75 years
	Funeral of Keith Allen	aged 47 years
2nd	Wedding of Jack Edwards and Natasha Miles	
6th	Celebration of the Life of Dela Woodcock	
		aged 91 years
8th	Funeral of Revd. Alan Davies	aged 88 years

Dates for your diary – October

Sunday 1st, Governors' Sunday

9.30am

Parish Eucharist: Revd.
Canon Kenneth Padley,
Canon Treasurer, Salisbury
Cathedral

Tuesday 3rd

10.30am – 12 noon

Forest Garden toddlers

Wednesday 4th	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.00pm	Cuthburga Lecture: “The Bankes at the Minster” (Minster)
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 5th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 6th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden for Home-schooling families
	12 noon – 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Sunday 8th	2.00pm	QE School Welcome Service
	3.00pm	Animal Blessing Service
Tuesday 10th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 11th	1.00pm	Memorial Service for Chris McKay [see p.11]
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 12th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	10.00am	Opening of Cards For Good Causes (St George’s Chapel, Minster)
Friday 13th	12 noon – 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 14th	10.00am – 3.00pm	Wimborne Green Festival (Minster Green, Minster and Church House)
Sunday 15th		
Tuesday 17th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 18th, St. Luke	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 19th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	2.15pm	Mothers’ Union meeting (Church House)
Friday 20th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden for Home-schooling families

	12 noon – 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Sunday 22nd	6.00pm	Bournemouth Symphony Chorus Concert. Evensong cancelled
Tuesday 24th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 25th	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 26th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 27th	12 noon – 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 28th	10.30am – 12.30pm	Choristers Taster Day
Sunday 29th, Bible Sunday		
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist: Martyn Whittock, preacher
	11.15am	Minster Praise: Martyn Whittock, speaker
Tuesday 31st	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 1st November, All Saints		

Visiting preachers

Revd. Canon Kenneth Padley (October 1st) became Canon Treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral last year. He traditionally has responsibility for maintaining the building, and recently celebrated the completion of the 38-year repair of the outside of the cathedral. His role now also includes sustainability, and in addition he is chair of the Cathedral's Visual Arts Committee, responsible for its high-profile exhibitions.

Martyn Whittock (October 29th) gave the Cuthburga Lecture last year. As a history commentator and columnist, he is particularly interested in the impact of faith on history, culture and politics.

The Friends of the Minster invite you to

Annual Cuthburga Lecture: 'The Bankes at the Minster' *given by Andrew Williams*

7.00pm, Wednesday 4th October, in the Minster.

Tickets £5 (with refreshments) on the door; please sign up on the list in the Parish Office or in the Minster.

*Praying for the Minster & the Wimborne Villages,
Wimborne and the world
Prayer diary for October*

1	Our Rector	18	The police, PCSOs, the Probation Service
2	Those in training for ministry	19	The Sudan Medical Link
3	The OASIS group; the widowed	20	Ambulance services, paramedics and firefighters
4	The Lunch and Chat team	21	Churchwardens
5	The Society of St Francis at Hilfield	22	Young people in the Wimborne area
6	Wimborne Deanery; the Rural Dean	23	PCC members
7	Wimborne Town Council	24	The Chained Library: custodians, volunteers
8	Dorset County Council	25	The MARS Trust
9	Christian Aid	26	Diocesan links with Evreux and Latvia
10	Victoria Hospital; Streets Meadow and Stoneleigh homes	27	The Citizens' Advice Bureau
11	Our Associate Clergy	28	New housing developments
12	Parish Office staff	29	Wimborne Dementia Action Alliance
13	The Mothers' Union	30	Wimborne First School
14	Housegroups: prayer and study	31	A cause dear to your heart, not listed elsewhere
15	The Bible Society		
16	Staff of the Diocesan offices		
17	East Dorset Heritage Trust		

*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.*



sponsorship envelopes at the entrance of the church.

Do you remember the sponsored Easter eggs the Minster provided to the two Wimborne food banks at Easter? The Meaningful Chocolate company is now making chocolate angels for Christmas. Each angel comes with an explanation of the Christmas story and costs £5. The Minster is organising a programme where members of our congregation can sponsor a Christmas angel for those in need. Look out for special



What have you been up to this summer?



Whilst the weather may not have been that good this summer, it has been a special time for Zahra and me. From 20th June to 20th August, I was granted Sabbatical Leave. Thank you! It is offered to incumbent clergy every seven years or so – but it has to be arranged to mesh with the local church and in my case with Rev'd Nick Wells as he completed his curacy here at Wimborne Minster.

The Church of England now terms this 'rest period' as EMDL, meaning Extended Ministry Development Leave. Ah ha, so there's still some work involved! Application has to be made to the Area Bishop – in my case Bishop Karen.

She had to be informed as to my intentions,

discuss, approve and be reassured that reasonable ministerial cover was in place during my absence. There is a wonderfully supportive and able Ministry Team. My sincere thanks are extended to all. No-one is irreplaceable and the Minster still stands. Praise God! (We watched most of the services on YouTube)

Getting to the question at hand, what did I do?

Some holidays with family and friends, and some quality time together. Visits to far flung family – including a cousin I hadn't met for twenty years. A 'boy's outing' to North Wales to visit all the preserved railways, staying in the bunk-house at the Ffestiniog, Minffordd. Also, a jaunt to Islay to visit golden beaches, unspoiled countryside, wildlife, oh and several renowned distilleries. Lots of gardening and some garden visits including to Wisley and the newly restored Secret Garden at Wareham. Times of 'quietness'.

About half of the 'working hours' was given over to the writing of another book – which I hope to publish by Christmas. Oh, what about I hear you eagerly ask? Something as exciting as Thomas the Tank Engine (Revd Wilbert Awdry)? Something as learned as Tom Wright (Bishop) perhaps. Well, no – *the book what I wrote* (paraphrasing Mr Earnest Wise) is called Christian Concepts – Articles of Faith. It comprises forty-seven wide ranging, bite-sized articles in 180 pages on theology. From covenant to wrath, predestination to grace, salvation, heaven, hell, artificial intelligence, creation, blessing, poverty, vocation, Messiah, Healing, Fasting, Eschatology (what?) and much, much more. It is the kind of book you can dip into, to whet the appetite.

Good for insomniacs? Or, for someone you feel might be stimulated into further study. A present for someone who has everything, *look what my vicar wrote*. End of plug. It will be in the bookshop someday.

At the time of writing, I have been back four Sundays and I'm just starting to catch up! No more Sabbaticals for me. Rev'd Nick is now Vicar at St Mark's, Talbot Village, full of verve and vigour. It's a busy and absorbing life in ministry and I know he will all too soon be counting down the years to his first EMDL!

Every Blessing,

Rev. Andrew Rowland

Aspects of Spirituality
Exploring Spirituality through the Arts
Wednesdays in November

This year, *Aspects of Spirituality* will look at the role Arts and Crafts play in enabling us to express and engage with the spiritual aspects of our lives. We have a very interesting range of speakers, all with significant experience of the arts, as practitioners and consumers.

There will be refreshments available from 7.00pm Each talk will start at 7.30 p.m., and last about 45 minutes with time for discussion afterwards.

1st November – *Gravity's Edge*

Victoria Cresswell, a Dance and Alexander Technique teacher who has worked in UK, Europe and the USA, will explore dance as a practice for strengthening qualities that aid spiritual practice: trust, surrender, awareness and attention.

8th November – *If Music be the Food of Love*

Carol Bruton will offer samples of music through which people experience different types of spirituality. She will share examples that have shaped her own spiritual life through performing and listening to music.

15th November – *Air and Angels*

De Ashton will talk about poetry and spirituality in her talk. De has a lifetime of experience as a teacher and poet.

22nd November – *The Veins of Spirituality*

Beatrice Dopita will be talking about painting, photography, sculpture, and Minna Harvey will give the artist's view, focusing on her triptychs.

29th November – *How do we play spirituality?*

Carol Lehmann will tell us about playful art and crafts as a means to help children and young people to an understanding of spirituality.

Chris McKay



Many readers of this magazine will already know of the death of Chris McKay, aged 74. Chris was a world expert on turret clocks, and the diocesan clock advisor. The Minster was incredibly lucky to have him living nearby, in Hinton Martell, and for him to be willing to look after the Minster clock; he was a generous friend to the Minster.

As a young man, Chris was an electronics engineer, designing automatic testing equipment.

He later taught design and technology in a number of Dorset schools.

However, his fame was as an expert consultant on clocks. He is the author of numerous books, including a standard handbook on turret clocks and a history, *Big Ben*, published by Oxford University Press in 2010.

This year he was writing another book, about the Minster clock, which was unfinished at his death. I was helping him with it in



various ways. The playful photo with the face of our clock is from the first chapter of the book. The photo with headlamp (above) is one I took in Feb 2016, on the scaffolding in front of the disassembled astronomical clock. He is wearing his 'take the photo and let me get back to work' face.

A memorial service for Chris McKay will be held in the Minster on Oct 11 at 1pm and all are welcome.

- Bruce Jensen



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Saturday 9th September



On one of the hottest days of the year, five cyclists and a walker set off at 8.00am for a morning's Ride+Stride around local churches. The cyclists (the Rector, Alison Francis, Bruce Jensen, Dinah Ingle-Finch and Peter Cook), reached Tarrant Crawford, and as they looped back, met up with Rosalind Jensen (walking), and other cyclists, at Sturminster Marshall (below). St Mary's was full of flowers, since the parish had

just welcomed their new vicar. At Shapwick, Rosalind was happy to see the church's beautiful new kitchen and toilet facilities, the encouraging first step in a long-term plan for improvements. Shapwick churchyard is a lovely place to sit and cool off!



Meanwhile, Sue Robinson and (later) Dinah kept St Margaret's open for visitors, and Sarah Morris and Ruth Edgar again welcomed sponsored Riders and



Striders at the Minster. Among our visitors was a group that walked from Parley to the Minster on Sunday. Although we had no choristers striding and singing this year, we will have a new plan next year to raise funds

for Dorset Historic Churches Trust. At the time of writing we have raised over £600. Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's efforts!

*-Rosalind Jensen
 (Ride+Stride Parish Organiser)*



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Education Sunday and Saint Cuthburga

On Sunday September 17th we remembered our patron saint and founder of the Minster, St. Cuthburga, but also celebrated Education Sunday. This is a



day to remember and pray for both staff and pupils at all schools. The (coincidental) link with St Cuthburga could be made quite easily; her nuns and monks must have studied as well as prayed and worked. The nuns that Cuthburga's successor sent out as missionaries in Germany could read and write.

As preacher at the 9.30am Eucharist, we welcomed Bishop Tim Thornton, now

Honorary Assistant Bishop in the diocese. Two representatives of the Initio Learning Trust (formerly Wimborne Academy Trust) read the lessons, Liz West, CEO, and Debbie Fleming OBE, Trustee. Two of the choristers read a dialogue, and pupils from two of our local First Schools, both Church of England schools, had written prayers that were used during the service. ('The Foxes' is the name of a class in the school.) Thank you to everyone who took part.

Prayer from The Foxes, Witchampton CE First School

Dear Father God,

We are thankful we are able to learn, from learning about Egyptians to learning our times tables all in exciting ways.

We are thankful we have a safe place to learn and have fun.

Thank you for the awesome teachers who help us learn.

Please help world leaders to know all children have a right to education and help this to be possible for all children in the world.

Amen

At Minster Praise, Nick Ellis, Chief Executive of the MARS Trust spoke about the work of the Trust. MARS (Modelling Active Relationship Skills) is a Christian charity that runs workshops in schools to help students gain an understanding of relationship skills. Students taking part are normally around aged 13-16 years. The workshops include audio-visual presentations and exercises that the students undertake in pairs, or in small groups, to help develop an understanding of what is involved in building good relationships with others – family, friends, sports teams, and romantic. The Trust is keen to recruit more volunteer facilitators, so that it can expand its coverage of schools in the Dorset area and beyond. For more details, please contact Anne King, purpleleopard1442@gmail.com (tel.01202 881019) or suewaters@themarstrust.co.uk, or come along to the next MARS Information Event on Wednesday 11th October, 10-12am at CJ's, Lytchett Minster Church.

Dela Woodcock, 1931 - 2023



On September 6th we celebrated the life of the late Dela Woodcock. She was a lady of deep and quiet faith. During the service, a selection of the kneelers that she designed over the years, and created together with the Minster Broderers, were on display (see photos).

Dela came from a military family, with a strong ethos of service, and lived through the Blitz in

London. At boarding school in Abingdon, she was determined to go to university, and chose to study at Manchester for a career in medical social work. She met Lionel in Cornwall, while he was studying at Camborne School of Mines; they were engaged within weeks, and married in 1957. His first job took them to southern Africa for three years before they returned for Cornwall.

In the 1960s the Woodcock family lived in Dorset, worshipping at the Minster, and Dela worked at Poole Hospital and was active singing in several choirs. Work took them

away again, but at retirement they moved back to live in Wimborne.

In retirement, Dela was occupied both with her extended family and with



using her creative skills. She decorated elaborate cakes for birthdays, and constructed a large miniature Georgian house (far more than a 'doll's house'), complete with a back-story for the people who lived there. She designed and created several series of kneelers for

the Minster over the years, with the Minster Broderers, and kneelers for other churches including one that is in the Lady Chapel of Westminster Abbey.

Dela and Lionel celebrated their Diamond Anniversary in 2017, and moved to a care home near Bath quite recently, after Lionel's stroke. It was lovely to hear Lionel's tribute to Dela at the memorial service.





PLANET WIMBORNE GREEN FESTIVAL

Across the Festival

Wimborne Green Trail

Wimborne Festival Poster Competition

Wimborne Library Events

Dacombe Green Days: 14th & 21st
October

Walford Mill Plant Swap 14th & 15th
October

Saturday 14th October

**Wimborne Green Festival Opening &
Wimborne Community Theatre** – Minster
Green: 10.30am

Minster Green Fair – Minster & Green:
10am–3pm

Apple Pressing – Minster Green: 10am–
3pm

Children's Crafts 'Listen to the trees'
Walford Mill: 10am–1pm

Win on Waste – Methodist Church Hall:
10.30am–12 noon

Sunday 15th October

Handmade Wimborne – Allendale
Centre: 10am–4pm

Wimborne War on Waste Litter Pick –
Fair Ground: 11am–1pm

Wimborne Community Garden: 2pm–
4.30pm

You, Me & Nature with Megan McCubbin
– QE School: 4pm

Monday 16th October

Green Week Catwalk Fashion Show –
Allendale Centre: 7pm

Tuesday 17th October

Teachers & BID networking lunch

Methodist Church Hall: 12 noon–2pm

Craft and Fabric Sale

Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall: 2pm–
4pm

Oly Rush, Project Planet – St John's
Church: 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th October

Will Palmer, Donatell

Methodist Church Hall: 6.30pm IT
donations; 7.30pm talk

Thursday 19th October

Kingston Lacy – looking differently at Nature Conservation

with Ellie Egan– Methodist Church Hall:
7.30pm

Friday 20th October

Craftivism with Makers & Shakers

Positive Postcards for the Planet
Lib Dem Centre: 7.30pm

Saturday 21st October

Free Family Activity – MED: 10am–3pm

Repair Café – Methodist Church Hall: 12
noon–2pm

Wilding Wimborne Tree Planting –

Dogdean SANG: 1pm–3pm

Tickets for Planet Wimborne events
must be booked online at Eventbrite
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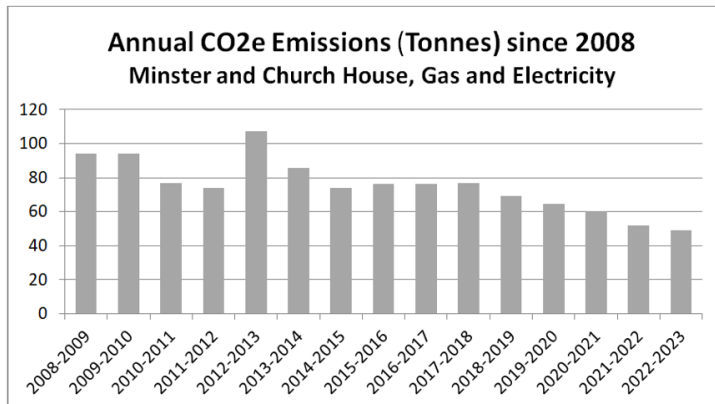
CMS news from Phil and Sylvie Good



Through the CMS, the Minster has been supporting Phil and Sylvie Good for the last five years in their work with new Christians in the Lebanon, a period with many ups and downs for them. They are now returning finally to England and the CMS supports them for another 6 months in the readjustment this needs. They report that a family they were close to, and which helped them visit families in Beirut and the Bekaa valley, has now moved to the USA. A youth team from SOMA (Sharing of Ministries Abroad) visited a school for refugee children in north Lebanon in the summer, 'a life-changing experience for everyone'. We would like to arrange a visit from Phil and Sylvie once they are settled back here.

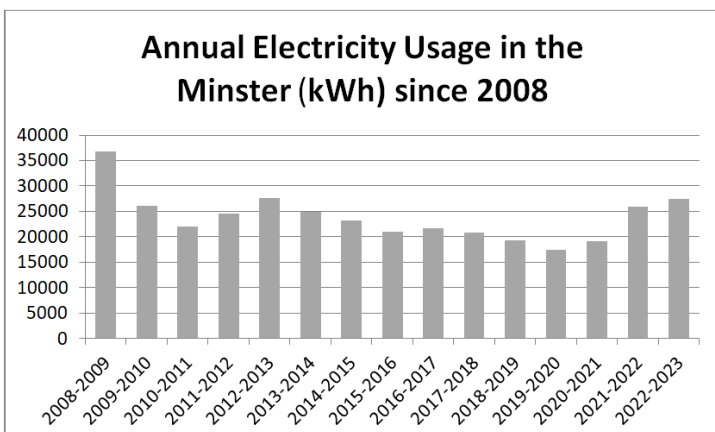
Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the past year (2022-23)

We have been measuring the annual greenhouse gas emissions from the Minster and Church House each year since 2008 and the good news is that emissions for the past year were only 49 tonnes, the lowest since our measurements began in 2008-09 (see firstgraph below).



The 49 tonnes is the combined total from the four main sources of emissions - gas and electricity in the Minster and Church House. The largest reduction this year, over 30%, was from gas in Church House, made possible by the installation of the Hive control system in November.

There is, however, one cause for concern. The electricity used in the Minster since September 2021 has increased by more than 25% compared with the previous 2 years (see second graph) and this goes against our commitment under the EcoChurch scheme to *"set sufficient targets for reducing the carbon footprint of our church premises and achieving year-on-year improvements in energy efficiency."*



We have identified some possible reasons for the increase including

a) coming out of lockdown, b) installing a dehumidifier in the Chained Library and c) changes to the lighting. We will be looking at the effect of each and are hoping the usage in 2023-24 can be reduced to close to the 2019-21 value.

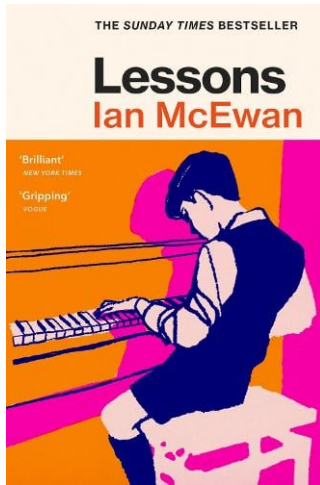
Michael Lunt, for Minster Environmental Group

Congratulations (and a small prize) to John Radford, who identified the monument pictured on p.12 of September's Parish Magazine. It is in Fifehead



Magdalen church, and is a memorial to Sir Richard Newman, his wife, son (Sir Samwell Newman) and three daughters. This magnificent marble monument was created after 1747 by a famous Westminster sculptor, so it's quite startling to see it in a small parish church!

What is your favourite monument in the Minster? The irascible Mr Ettrick? The splendid Hanham memorial in the shop area? The plaque to long-serving Mr Yeatman by the porch door? Let us know!



Book review: *Lessons*, by Ian McEwan
(ISBN 978-1787-333-9701, hardback)

This is this highly gifted and skilled writer's eighteenth novel, the latest in a long series of success including the 1998 Book winner *Amsterdam*.

The novel opens with Roland, aged 11, the main character, recently arrived at an English boarding school from Libya where his father, accompanied by his mother, serves in the British Army. Roland is receiving a piano lesson from his beautiful female teacher. His

relationship with this teacher is to resonate throughout his life.

Two pages on, twenty-five years later, Roland awakes one morning to find that his German wife has mysteriously disappeared, leaving him with their months-old son. Despite the fact she communicates with him from her parents' home in Germany, he is seriously suspected of murder.

Over the ensuing years he proves to be a devoted father, an ardent pursuer of women and the Fine Arts, but ineffectual in the world of work. He has the ability to become a writer but ends up composing captions for advertisements. He has the ability to become a concert pianist but ends up playing background music at afternoon tea at a London hotel.

Moving back and forth in time from 1959 to 2021 the book portrays Ronald's relationships with his father, mother, son, sister, two brothers – one of whom is a complete unknown, his piano teacher and his two wives, his second marriage ending in tragedy. All of these are beautifully portrayed. There is a difficulty empathizing with Roland himself since he is passive, much given to introspection and regret.

The background to the novel is a period of time which many of us have experienced partly or in totality, and McEwan portrays extraordinarily well the atmosphere and repercussions of several outstanding events: the spread of radiation from Chernobyl, the Cuban missile crisis, the fall of the Berlin Wall and, finally, living through Covid.

At 500 pages, *Lessons* is long for a modern novel. One has the feeling McEwan is letting his material and inventive mind run away with him.

However, the command of language, ideas and plotting is excellent. Not one of his best, but then he has set himself a very high standard. It is a good, enjoyable and challenging read.

- Beryl Balinas

Do you have a book to recommend to other readers? Have you rediscovered a forgotten classic? The editors would love to hear from you!

October Crossword

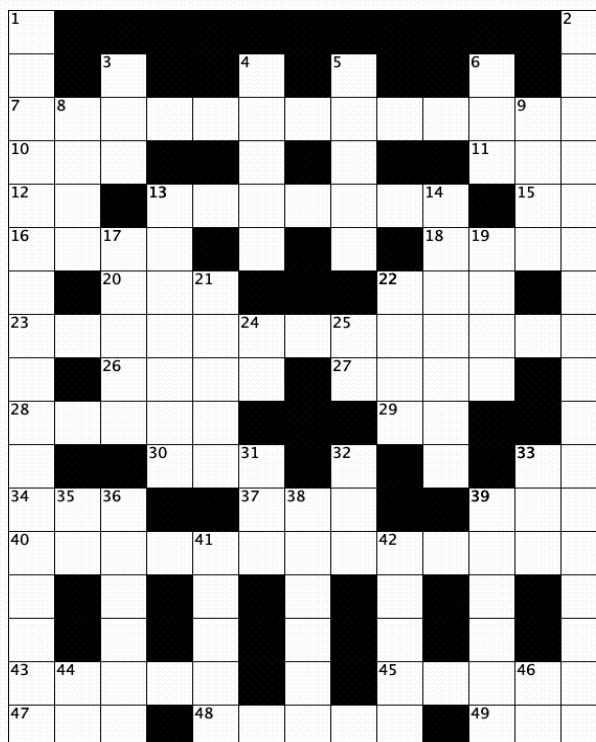
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16. A bit of writing on a bit of paper (4)
18. Excessively trendy small Austin car of the 60s and later (4)
20. The hearing organ (3)
22. The 4th month (abbr.) (3)
23. What misc stands for (13)
26. Short for Theodore, but not Ted (4)
27. Mend a hole in a sock (4)
28. Surveyed, scoped out. "The burglar _ the joint." (5)
29. Turin's river (2)
30. A type of bread or whiskey (3)
33. Husband of Mrs (2)
34. Short for laboratory or labrador (3)
37. Maiden name (literally Fr. 'born') (3)
39. A small unit of time: "Hold on one _." (abbr) (3)
40. A timespan for rent, per _ _ (8,5)
43. First name of the man remembered, p.11 (5)
45. What Eve gave Adam (5)
47. It opens a door or winds a clock (3)
48. "Is an 8am meeting too _ for you?" (5)
49. A positive response (3)

DOWN

1. A timepiece that shows the movement of the heavens (12,5)
2. The bongs heard just before the hour on the 6 o'clock news (11,6)



3. Who's hungry? "We _!" (3)
4. The noise some make while sleeping (5)
5. Employing, making use of (5)
6. A historical span: "The Elizabethan _" (3)
8. A toy: it climbs back up the string into your hand (4)
9. "Once _ a time ..." (4)
13. The one at the chalkboard (7)
14. One step up from a king (7)
17. Exams, sometimes given by 13-down (5)
19. To make smooth, dewrinkle (4)
21. Like a high thin voice, or the sound of an oboe (5)
22. "You look bushed: why don't you take _ _." (1,3)
24. Word before '-cal', sometimes seen in the supermarket (2)
25. Advert or Anno Domini (2)
31. Termination (3)
32. "She owns it: give it back to _" (3)
33. "I _ a man with 7 wives..." (3)
35. A middling size battery (2)
36. Not clear, fuzzy (6)
38. Resurrection Day, often celebrated with chocolate eggs (6)
39. Nosy, or the name of Charlie Brown's dog (6)
41. Din, racket. (5)
42. Last name of the man remembered, p.11 (5)
44. "Remember the doctor could be a she as well as a _" (2)
46. The (Fr) (2)

Crossword solution
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