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Graffiti on Newport Minster!

Right now... if you walk past our Minster, you can spot unmistakable signs of graffiti sprayed onto the hoarding... but with our blessing! Local artist Tony Trowbridge, better known as NOT DEAD YET, has created a chaotic carnival of animals nearly forty feet long.

Tony said "I love a challenge and the theme of Noah's Ark seemed obvious as it meant I could use my love of animals too. I have painted a few interesting spaces, but graffiti on a church is a first!"

An artistic triumph, they are trooping into the building and creating a colourful splash, which we hope everyone will enjoy as we launch the free family trails to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Pick up the trail in our coffee shop during Whitsun Week, see what you can find and even win a small, sweet treat!



Rev Emma Cooksey and Rev Steve Sutcliffe getting stuck in!

BUT... Where did *that* come from?



The experts working on our church have decades of experience in building conservation and none more so than John Bailey, the Project Architect from Thomas Ford Partners. However, even he was shocked by what happened when we started to remove the roof tiles, because as each piece of Welsh slate was lifted, so too was more than a 100 years of soot and industrial detritus, which was dislodged and fell to the floor of the Minster. As he said,

"Dappled sunlight is beautiful... but not when it shows all the ancient soot that has just come away from the rafters!"

"We would expect a little dust, but this was on a different scale and probably as a result of using kerosene heaters in the church decades ago. The sooner the Minster can raise the money to complete its underfloor heating the better."

Meanwhile **local firm Stonehams Construction** is working hard to get new Welsh slate back on the roof, as well as recycling those that still remain good a century on.



Meet The Experts Or Perhaps Become One?

As part of our Lottery Funding, we are offering talks on different aspects of this project. For us it is a way of sharing what we have learnt, but also we hope to inspire the craftspeople and conservators of the future. Our Spring and Summer series will start with Richard Smount offering a unique chance to

study the archive material in two sessions in April about how to scrutinise the sources and become a researcher.

We need volunteers interested in investigating the lives of important people and events, associated with the Minster and its history here in Newport. Working with project partners the Isle of Wight Heritage Service, free workshops will show how to use historical records, as well as offering tips on managing and interpreting evidence.

Richard is Service Manager for the County Record Office and a member of the PCC, so knows a great deal about the Minster. As an archivist he is expert in handling original records and sharing what they can teach us.

Anyone, including students interested in studying history or looking for experience for a career in conservation, is encouraged to come along.

The sessions are on 7th (7-9pm) and 12th (2-4pm) April and run for two hours. They will be held at Isle of Wight County Record Office, 26 Hillside, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 2EB. There is council parking on the Quay.

Attendance is free, but numbers are limited to 10 people per session, so tickets must be booked in advance:

campaign@newportminster.org or tel: 01983 559257

Meet the Experts Summer Talks will continue with lectures on the stained glass, the architecture, the cleaning of the monuments and even a session with the stonemasons and a chance to have a go yourself. So why not get in touch to support this wonderful community endeavour. To find out more contact us:

Please get in touch if you wish to support or simply know a bit more about the campaign: Telephone (01983) 559257 or email campaign@newportminster.org



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If you would like to support this project by volunteering time, expertise or even money, the Minster would love to hear from you.



Thank you for your interest in the campaign for Newport Minster

Happy Easter from the Campaign Team

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