



## Wimborne in World War One 1914-1918

### Ideas for Short Story Writing Competition

**571** men from parish of Wimborne went to War. 164 never returned. Was one of these men your ancestor?

**School** children collected acorns and horse chestnuts to be sent to cordite factory at Holton Heath, Poole.

**Was** anyone in your family in the Cadet Training Corps, the Scouts or the Girl Guides? They might have pulled the 2 ½ ton German Howitzer Gun, 'a war trophy', from Wimborne station to Redcotts recreation ground on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1919 !

**Were** any relatives voluntary nurses or members of Red Cross at Beaucroft House, Wimborne, or at Wimborne Workhouse Infirmary on East Borough?

**Did** anyone in your family watch the parade of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment which was billeted in Wimborne for 19 weeks in the spring of 1915?

**Did** anyone work at the Victoria hospital or help bring the wounded from the ambulance trains?

**Who** was sent to the Wimborne St Giles Prisoner of War Camp and what work did they do? (OS ref: SU014005)

**What** order did King George ask the clergy to read out every Sunday in May 1917?

**The** Colehill postmaster got the news of the Armistice by telephone at 11.30 a.m 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. What did he do?

**The** 'Broncho Bill's circus' came to Wimborne on June 24<sup>th</sup> 1918. What an ideal way to spy on the defence of a town!

**What** war work was secretly carried out at the Eclipse Works (New Borough) under the ownership of J. W. Flower?

**How** did people cope when their horses had been taken for the army cavalry?