

## Churches feature in book for young adults

PORTSMOUTH Cathedral and several other local churches are featured in a new novel for young adults.

*The Road to Apple Dumpling Bridge* by KL Knowles has been launched by local publisher Chaplin Books, and is set in Gosport and Portsmouth in 1939, on the brink of war.

It is set in a world in which humans have died out and woodland creatures have evolved to take their place - farming their fields, running their industries and worshipping in their churches. War breaks out when Admiral Gizor, the evil grey squirrel that rules Portsmouth, invades Gosport to exterminate its red squirrels.

KL Knowles draws the reader into a world where the

landscape is familiar - from Portsmouth Dockyard and HMS Victory to Portchester Castle - but it is not the world we know.

"I describe my book as *Watership Down* meets *The Da Vinci Code*," she said. "Although the book's characters are all animals, I wanted it to be an adventure story that included some dark elements too."

Among the churches referenced are St Mary the Virgin, Rowner, St Mary's, Portchester, and the Garrison Church in Portsmouth. Our



KL Knowles

cathedral plays a pivotal role.

The author, KL Knowles, is a social worker for Hampshire County Council, and Chaplin Books are themselves based in Gosport. The 338-page paperback is priced at £9.99.

For more details, see: [www.appledumplingbridge.co.uk](http://www.appledumplingbridge.co.uk).



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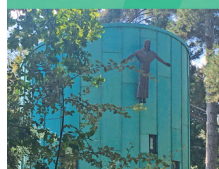
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