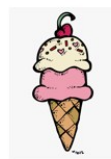
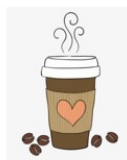
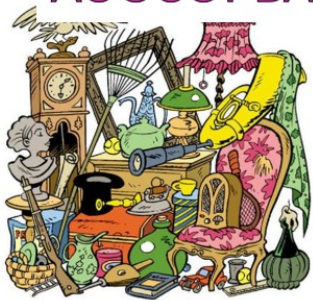


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AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 2026



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August 2026

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The Bit at the Beginning

If you have kids and are looking for something to occupy them during the (long) 6 weeks, then there are plenty of ideas in this months LVN. Particularly the Buckland Newton Rural Family Hub based in Buckland Newton Village Hall, which have a great range of activities at very reasonable prices (See page 6). Something a little different too so please take advantage of these opportunities.

If you hadn't noticed!! It is the Buckland Newton Village Fete at the end of the month. For this event to continue we definitely need more help – particularly on the day, but also to join the Fete Committee which is currently just a handful of people. We only meet a 'handful' of times during the year for an hour at a time, so it's not a big commitment. There is no pressure to do anything other than offer some of your time and ideas. If you want to do more – marvellous! If you would like to pop along to a meeting to see if it's something you might like to get involved with then contact either Simon at info@gaggleofgeese.co.uk or Amanda at amandamckenna62@gmail.com. Our next meeting is on 2nd August at 6.30 pm at the Pub.

Whatever you do in August – enjoy! It definitely won't be gardening at this rate.

Amanda

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WHAT'S ON - AUGUST 2026

Wednesday 5th August 8 pm

OPEN MIC NIGHT – THE GAGGLE OF GEESE (See page 7)

Thursday 6th and 20th August - 2 - 4 pm



Our sessions for August will be on Thursdays - 6th and 20th. From 2-4pm at the Gaggle of Geese. Come along and join us with whatever craft you like to do. At half-time there will be cake.

We are working on a joint project at the moment, as well as our separate creations. Teddies are still appearing from time to time too, which is fabulous.

Everyone very welcome.

Lyn Cox 01300 345739

Jane Willis 01300 345477



Friday 14th August – 2.30 pm

2ND FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB



Our chosen venue for lunch this July was The Swan Inn in Sturminster Newton, and very good it was too. The majority chose the Sea Bass served with roasted vegetables (which made a change from chips). A whole delicious fish was served to each of us with a light lemon and parsley dressing. A few folks had Beef Lasagne and that was given a positive report too. For dessert there was a choice of yummy offerings such as panna cotta, chocolate torte, ice cream, or Crunchie sundae.

Everyone agreed without exception that The Swan was a winner, as summed up by Ann: 'Thumbs up to this one!'. No doubt we shall return.

Next month we will have our afternoon tea in the Village Hall. It's reliably spectacular!

Contact Cathy Shippey 01300 345339 or text 07391 195754



Monday and Friday

POST OFFICE 9am-12 noon Buckland Newton Village Hall

Saturday 15th August 10.30 am – 12.30 pm
COFFEE MORNING – THE HALSEY ARMS (See page 6)

Sunday 23rd August 7.30 pm
ARTSREACH – ‘RACHEL MCSHANE & THE CARTOGRAPHERS’ – BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE HALL (See page 12)

Monday 31st August 12 – 4 PM
BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE FETE - THE GAGGLE OF GEESE (See pages 6, 16 and 17)



Wednesday 9th September 7 pm for 7.30 pm
LYDDEN VALE GARDEN CLUB - ‘USING PLANTS FROM THE GARDEN OR HEDGEROW FOR MEDICINE’ BY KIM CRESSWELL OF GOLDBERRY HERBS (See page 8)



Friday 25th September 10.30 - 12 pm
BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE CAFÉ



There will not be a Village Cafe in August, as we will all be busy with Fete preparations.
The next one will be on **Friday 25th September** - see you then
Lyn Cox 01300 345739 Liza Hill 01300 345230

2nd FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB'S AFTERNOON TEA

The 14th of August would be an excellent day to become a member of the Second Friday Lunch Club. There will be a varied and delicious selection of delicacies to choose from, and the tables will be beautifully decorated with China tea services and cake stands etc. Who needs The Ritz? We kick off at 2.30pm and look forward to seeing all of our members there.

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Gaggle Events



Open Mic Night - Wednesday 5th August & 2nd September – pop down from 8pm to 10pm to support local musicians...be brave and step up...

Knit & Natter - Thursday 6th, 20th August - the fortnightly crafting social group. Free to attend. Bring a project and perhaps some cake! 2 til 4pm

Wood-Fired Saturdays - we are planning on offering our popular wood-fired pizzas and menu Saturday evenings across August. Eat-in or takeaway

Artsreach – Wednesday 12th August – we have teamed up with Dorset Artsreach to bring poetry and storytelling to the Gaggle. Funded by Inncrowd, **tickets are free!** But you must book them.... via the pub or www.ticketsource.com/gaggle ... Tickets available now

Laser Tag – Saturday 15th August - with so much space in the gardens, we are introducing Laser Tag at the Gaggle! We also have a giant inflatable tag arena! Perfect for parties and group bookings. New page on our website or have a chat with us for more details. And come along from 4pm on Saturday 15th for laser tag games in the garden.

Axe Throwing & Archery! - bookable sessions in the Gaggle gardens across the week are now available through www.dorsetmedievalarchery.co.uk 'Have a go' axe throwing in the Gaggle gardens Saturdays from 4pm; pop along and try to win the best score of the day!

Bank Holiday Weekend, Live Music and the Village Fete – 28th – 30th August – a busy weekend at the Gaggle! Booking recommended across the days.

Saturday 29th - wood-fired menu on Saturday evening. And join us in the gardens for a boogie with live music from the popular Aphrodite Duo.

Sunday 30th – booking likely required for a Gaggle Roast in the gardens!

Village Fete – Monday 31st August – the annual village fete hosted in the Gaggle gardens; raising money for village groups and causes. We need your help! So get in touch if you can volunteer some time on the day or would like to run a stall. Gates open midday!

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Lydden Vale Garden Club

July Visit

On another of the hottest days 30 members visited The Blooming Wild Nursery at Horsington, run by Lindsay and Stephen Lister. They specialise in Wildflower plants, perennials which encourage pollinators, along with ornamental grasses. The recent run of heatwaves has caused problems for the ordinary gardener but for those for whom it is their livelihood it must be a nightmare! And yet Lindsay and Stephen had just returned from the RHS Summer show at Badminton with a Gold award for their small 'pocket' garden.



Several of us had gone, determined not to buy with the ground so dry or rock hard, but came away with a rare or unusual plant to be nursed. Or more sensibly decided to return in the Autumn.

Our next event in August is the Summer Social for members only and is by kind invitation of Nick and Jenny Needham. Details will be sent by email. Should you be a member but have yet to receive the particulars, please let me know. And if yet to renew or thinking of joining it's not too late as we are only halfway through the year's programme!

Photo - Demo Pocket Garden

HELP!

BUCKLAND NEWTON FETE PLANT STALL on August Bank Holiday Monday 31st Aug.

...whether a member or not, we welcome your surplus produce and good quality plants, to be dropped off on the morning from 9.30am.

September meeting

Wed 9th Sept at Buckland Newton Village Hall, doors open from 7pm for 7.30pm.

'Using Plants from the Garden or Hedgerow for Medicine' by Kim Cresswell of Goldberry Herbs.

Non-members welcome.

AND

SAVE THE DATE! WED 14th OCTOBER

CELEBRITY TALK by BBC GARDENERS WORLD Presenter NICK BAILEY

'Confessions of a TV Gardener!'

This will be an all-ticketed event, more details next month and tickets on sale from September.

PS We are still without a secretary...if you feel you could help by taking the minutes at the odd committee meeting and help with some of the correspondence needed, please let me know. We only meet as a committee two or at the most three times a year.

Jan Burnett Tel 348627 or on greystonejan@gmail.com

Buckland Newton Youth Club

Buckland Newton Youth Club held its Parents vs Young People Rounders Match, BBQ and this year, Tug of War.
It was good to see some soon to be Yr 6s join us too and we look forward to welcoming them in September.

Wednesday 5th August – BNYC Day Trip to Brownsea Island – 0830 – 1730

Saturday 22nd August – 10 + BNYC Cycle The North Dorset Trailway – 1000 - 1700



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In the Buckland Newton Book Corner

Ok, I'm aware that a couple of my recommendations recently have been quick reads, of which I am a fan, but this one – **Address Unknown** by **Katherine Kressman Taylor** – is a super quick read! I came across it just last week in a Canadian bookstore (we are currently on the other side of the pond visiting our daughter and her Canadian husband for the summer). As it was originally intended for story magazine, it is under 100 pages in length, and I read it in a morning.

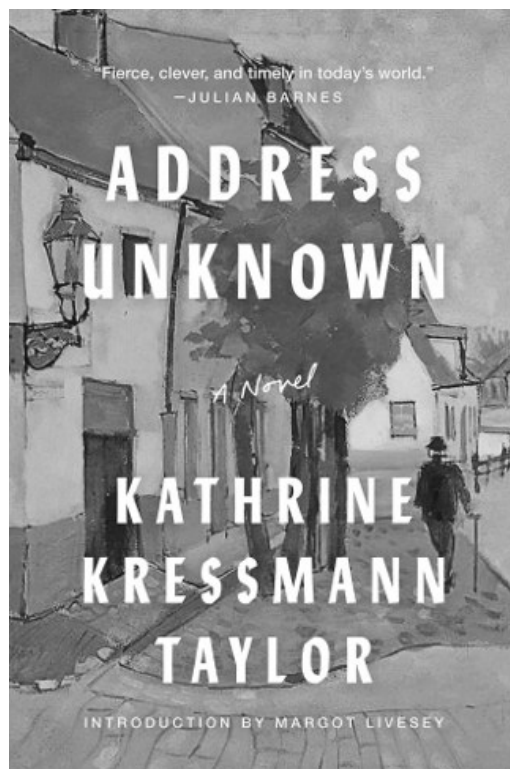
Now, I can imagine you thinking, "Is it really worth buying a book that I will finish in less than a day?" It is a thought that crossed my mind too. But I was beguiled by the shelf edge recommendation and decided it might be worth it..... and it really was. Of course, you may prefer to get a cheaper e-book download or a free library copy. It's hard to discuss **Address Unknown** without including spoiler information, but I'm going to try because I would urge you to take a short time out of your day to read this in one sitting and let the experience overwhelm you.

It tells the story, over a short 16 months of letter exchanges of the changing relationship between two friends and business associates in the years 1932 – 34. Max Eisenstein and Martin Schulse are both art dealers who jointly own a gallery in San Francisco, but Martin has recently returned with his young family to Germany, his homeland, leaving Max to oversee the gallery business. The correspondence between them begins with a few business matters and the warm exchanges of friendship, including the deepest understanding of each others' perspectives on family members and themselves. However, as the new regime led by Hitler rises, the correspondence changes to awkwardly ingenious and, suffice to say, bitterness indeed builds up with the increasingly corrosive and destructive words that betray Martin's embrace of the newly politicized Aryan culture. The men's friendship deteriorates. Someone dies. Eventually, a malicious strategy unfolds. Everything unspools through the letters.

What I find most amazing about this epistolary short novel is, in 2026, most readers with a basic grasp of history will perceive the potential stakes fairly quickly. A friendship (and business partnership) between a Jew and a non-Jewish German in the 1930s? Cue the foreboding. Writing such a story now, this hindsight would most certainly inform the author of historical fiction. But imagine yourself in September 1938, when the story was published—and even earlier, when the author was writing it. The task is infinitely more complicated when the subject is contemporary politics, or current events.

Whilst originally published in 1938, **Address Unknown** remains strikingly relevant to today. This slender volume will touch your heart and raise questions that are well worth thinking about.

Karen Whiter



FBNS Summer Spectacular - update

It was a scorching day... hotter than last years. But not quite hot enough to fry the amazing evening we had. The event started with country dancing, Ukulele playing and singing and then continued with the stalls, refreshments and fund raising.

We raised just over £1000 so a massive thank you to all that helped make the event such a success. It was great to welcome those without current connections to the school. A particular thanks to BN Parish Council for the use of the field, pavilion and marquee. (And to John Baker for helping us put up the latter in the searing heat). Thank you also to those who loaned us bunting and gazebos. Both very necessary.

Will Burnett - FBNS

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Mostly Moths - Lunar Hornet Moth

Well after last month's photo which wasn't a Moth maybe you are thinking 'well this is a couple of Hornets now!' Well stop because these are MOTHS!!!!!! Aren't they incredible? This is really taking mimicry in the natural world as a means of defence to a new level. Apparently, these Moths, which buzz like a hornet too, are called Lunar Hornet Moths. John Wooley, Head Gardener at Buckland Place, found them. Thinking they were hornets, but that they didn't look quite right - something odd about them, he took a photo. Clever guy. Most people would have walked past assuming they were wasps/hornets. Look at the antennae, they are definitely not hornet antennae. These wonderful and elusive, clearwing moths need willow trees, the larvae taking two years to become adult. Julian and Lorna Raby can rightly claim credit for managing their garden and meadow so sensitively for wildlife like this to flourish.



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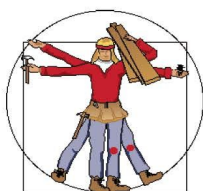
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Buckland Newton Village Fete – Monday 31st August 2026

This event is one of the most important events in the village calendar. It is extremely popular and raises significant funds for the many causes in the village, including the School, Church, Youth Club, Lunch Club, Gardening Club and other village amenities, events or improvements that benefit us all.

This fabulous event doesn't happen by magic – it is down to the many amazing volunteers who make this day so special. However, we still need more people to take part, so, if you can help in any way that would be wonderful – you can volunteer for an hour or all day on one of the many stalls or help with setting up or clearing away. If you are new to the village, it is a great way to get to know your neighbours.

If you are interested and willing to help in any way, please get in touch with Simon via info@gaggleofgeese.co.uk or pop in the pub for a chat. Or you can ring Amanda on 01300 345367 or email amandamckenna62@gmail.com.

Raffle & Silent Auction Appeal

With only a few weeks left to go, we are now finalising the prizes for our popular Raffle and Silent Auction - this is one of the attractions that raises significant fund for all the groups and organisations in Buckland Newton.

Can you donate a prize? Or perhaps you have a particular skill or talent that you would consider offering as a prize. Teaching a musical instrument, teaching a foreign language or cookery lessons. Are you a garden designer or have expertise in growing fruit and vegetables? Are you one of the many extremely talented people living amongst us who might be willing to share their knowledge?

Whatever it may be, we would love to hear from you.

You can contact Geri Aitkenhead at andygeriuk@gmail.com



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Cakes Brownies Muffins Gateaux Scones Loaves Tea Breads

The Cake Stall at the Village Fete on Monday 31st August is always a popular destination, so much so that for some visitors it is the first place they come to, proof if any is needed, that a good home baked treat is always in demand.

That's the lovely thing about running this stall, we get comments on what visitors bought the previous year and come asking for the same thing but then go away with something completely different that catches their eye or makes their mouth water!

Certainly, we always sell the lot and usually clear everything after a couple of hours so would you be able to help us by baking something, anything? If it's made with love, it's bound to be tasty! Any sort, flavour or shape, sweet or savoury, whatever you would like to make, we're sure it will be delicious and disappear from the table quickly.

Thank you so much, we can always collect if that helps.

Cathy (345339) and Carol (345119)

Tea Tent

If you love baking and have a favourite that you think the Fete crowds would love, please bring them along to The Gaggle on the morning of the Fete between 9 and 11 am.

(Please label with all the ingredients for allergen purposes)

Contact - Kate Parish 07860 582362

Thank you!

Bottle Tombola

Donate a bottle or two - any size, shape, type - as long as it's in date!

You can drop them off with Kate Parish at 6 Duntish Oaks, Duntish or at The Gaggle of Geese.

Thank you!

Jewellery /Handbag Stall

It's the time of year when we start to think about our stall at the Buckland Newton Village Fete. Susan Moring and I will be running the Jewellery and Handbag stall again this year.

It is a good way to recycle your old jewellery and handbags and pass them onto a new home where they may get used again, rather than sitting gathering dust in your wardrobe or jewellery box.

I know the handbag that I use all of the time now, is one that was donated to the fete, and I purchased several years ago. I wouldn't be without it, and it has even gone to the shoe menders to be repaired!

I know that many of you have turned out your jewellery boxes and hunted through your handbags many times for us before for things that you don't use, and we really do appreciate it.

Buckland Newton Community Car Scheme is one of the organisations in the village, which benefits from money raised from the fete, and this goes towards the insurance and the mobile phone. This scheme means that individuals can get to medical appointments and keep their independence.

If you have any jewellery or handbags to donate, please contact Susan (345760) or Sheila (345344) to arrange drop off.

Thanks, in anticipation,
Sheila Crouch

August Quiz

1. What is the widest common gauge of passenger railway in the world?
2. Which of the current Formula 1 circuits is the highest above sea level?
3. Whose home coming concert, in 1968, had, to date, Australia's largest ever concert attendance?
4. Which is the only fully independent university in the UK with a Royal Charter?
5. Which rock formation lies halfway between Belfast and Glasgow?
6. Who is the tallest member of England's 2026 World Cup squad?
7. Who wrote the song "Come and Get It" for the band Badfinger?
8. In which country is the most southern point of mainland Europe?
9. Where is the only functioning Victorian pineapple pit in the UK?
10. Which is the longest active rail bridge in the UK?

By Simon Spencer

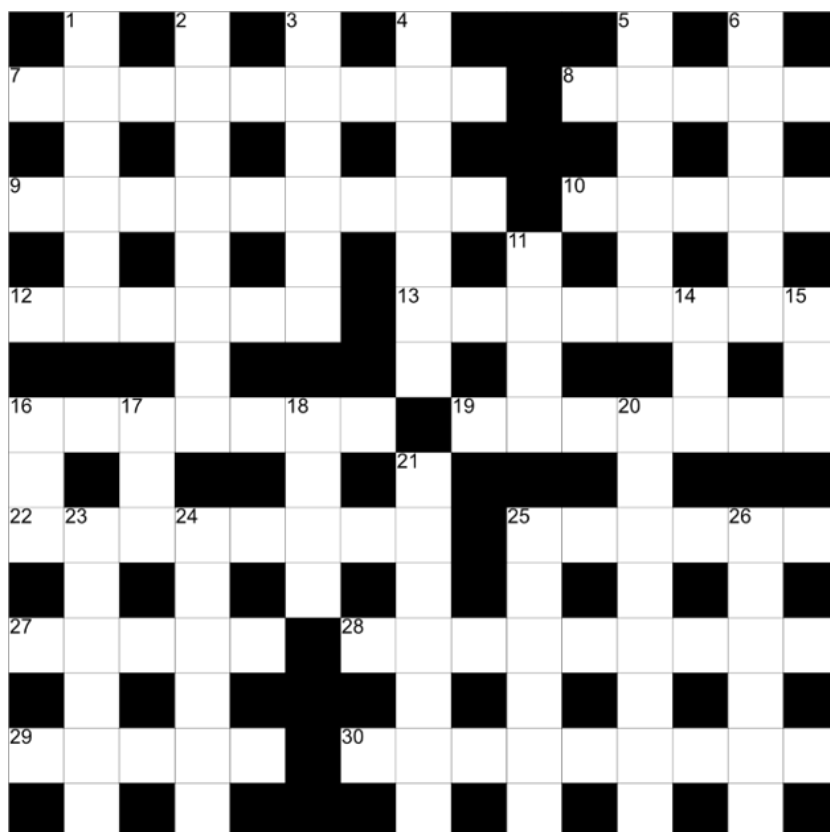


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**Crossword and Wordsearch
by Carole Spencer**



Across

7. Once repaired Pam can rev up her mobile home (6,3)
8. Teacher company has endless pain (5)
9. Fascinating chew – debit taken (9)
10. Brace nerve (5)
12. Indicates they are sharp (6)
13. Tune Bert arranged for dark haired woman (8)
16. French end property in Scandinavia (7)
19. Thank you note found beside cheese cloth (7)
22. Hear with hammer or anvil perhaps (8)
25. Blend in with nothing – that's fair (6)
27. Name dropper sometimes (5)
28. Meet in France with contradiction (9)
29. Some Inca blessings came in telegram (5)
30. Tardis or a crazy heating system (9)

Down

1. Stare at old boy returning to summerhouse (6)
2. Crude oil on tap? It's up to you (8)
3. Flower occurs unnaturally (6)
4. Old Bond can relax nearby without hearing aid (7)
5. Courage beer container (6)
6. Stress it could be grave (6)
11. Restaurant has a certain atmosphere (4)
14. Article that's not quite all there (3)
15. Long time inside Northanger Abbey (3)
16. Opponent is, at first, friend or enemy (3)
17. Norfolk loses people, Norway loses road for neither (3)
18. Want to prepare dough, say?
20. Additional piece of info – reminder to see chiropodist (8)
21. Runner and container for sitting or throwing (7)
23. Not one big street overseas (6)
24. Get your feet wet on a steamer (6)
25. Rocketman Ray or Ali (6)
26. Gloomy doctor takes year off (6)

Sudoku by mathsphere.co.uk

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Buckland Newton — Holy Rood

Vicar - Jonathan Still 01300 341251
Associate Priest - Robert J. Sawdy 07919 341234
Church Warden - Jonathan Sulkin 07971 227584

Holy Rood is open every day from 9.30am thru' 5pm for private prayer

August 2026 Services at Holy Rood

Sunday 2 August
Matins at 9.45 am

Sunday 9 August
Holy Communion at 9.45 am

Sunday 16 August
NB
All Family Service date and time tbc

Sunday 23 August
Holy Communion at 9.45 am

Sunday 30 August
Benefice at Cerne Abbas at 11.15 am

September 2026 Services at Holy Rood

Sunday 6 September
Matins at 9.45 am

Sunday 13 September
Holy Communion at 9.45 am

Sunday 20 September
All Family Service at 4pm

Sunday 28 September
Holy Communion at 9.45 am

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(His agent is still checking his schedule.)

DATE: Tuesday 25th August

Time and venue to be confirmed by email and Facebook.

To register your interest please email greystonejan@gmail.com

Rood News Rood News Rood News Rood News

Events

Info

Dates

It's going to be a busy few months with lots going on which we very much hope you will participate in.

Firstly, the Annual **Ride and Stride** event which this year will be on Saturday 12th September. If you don't feel like walking or biking yourself, please sponsor someone who is. Half of any funds raised can go to Holy Rood which will be much appreciated. Sponsor forms etc will be available shortly but call Jon Sulkin on 07971 277 584 to make sure you get a copy. Jon will also know who is taking part if you want to either team up with someone else or be a sponsor. Horse riders very welcome too!

Next, on 27th September in Buckland Newton Village Hall, from 3pm onwards, we are holding an open forum concerning the future of Holy Rood Church. As you are no doubt aware, we have been regularly fundraising for the essential repairs to the Chancel Roof. We still have a long way to go until we are able to instruct the building works to start and all the necessary funds need to be in place before anything can begin.

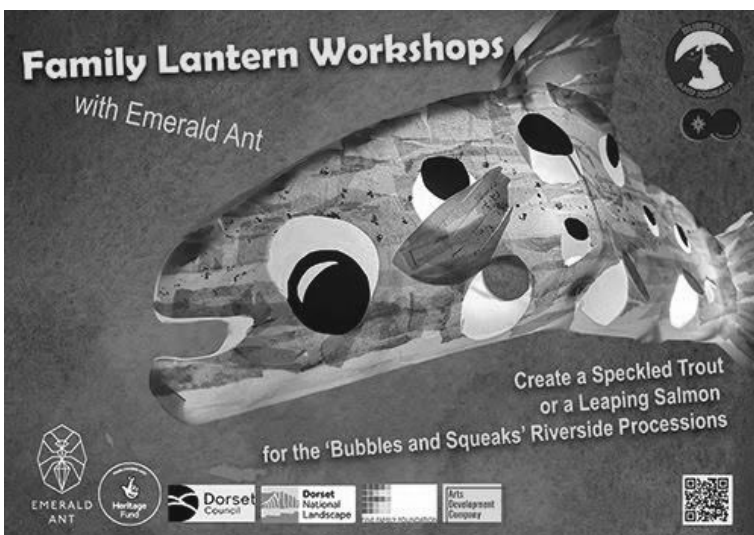
We really feel the need to tell you, The Villagers, exactly what is going on. Why the current funds are insufficient for us to proceed, the urgency of these vital repairs, ongoing costs, what we have been doing so far and what the future holds for Holy Rood if we cannot instruct the builders. This is such a lovely and precious place with so many memories for almost every household in this area, it needs looking after. So please, come and talk to us, ask the awkward questions, show us you care or maybe you don't?

Whatever your views, Sunday 27th September, 3pm onwards. There will be no pressure selling or arm twisting, just an honest and open conversation.

We have also earmarked Saturday 10th October, again in the Village Hall from 3pm for those who may not be able to come to the first date or who wish to make further comments.

Sunday 4th October is Harvest Festival to be followed by a Bring and Share Supper with the usual Auction of the bounty from our gardens, allotments and farms.

Saturday 24th October is an afternoon of fun and games in the Village Hall. Teams of up to 6, adults and children but if there is only one or two of you, that doesn't matter - you will have a better chance of winning! Or you could join up with someone else. Games will include traditional pub classics like darts, dominos and skittles but also scrabble, jigsaws, Guess the Person etc. We will be serving tea and cakes too to keep the energy levels up. Entry details in next month's LVN.



'Bubbles and Squeaks' is our project celebrating Dorset's rivers and chalk streams. Everyone is welcome to our trout and salmon arts workshops, starting on 28th July in Cerne Abbas village hall, and another 6 across the county over the summer. This is all leading to riverside processions on Sept 26th in Cerne, and Oct 17th in Powerstock. The workshops are a snip at £2.50 a head. More info and to book go to <https://emeraldant.com/bubbles-and-squeaks/>

THANK YOU TO PHIL SALES AND BUCKLAND NEWTON SCHOOL

A good news story

Last year Buckland Newton School received a Defibrillator as part of a government initiative. It can be used for children and adults alike. Brilliant!

If someone goes into Cardiac Arrest, then every single minute is precious before the heart is restarted. The Defibrillator can redo this quickly and efficiently, but it has to get to the patient quickly. I asked Phil Sales (Headteacher) if he would be willing to make the defib available to locals, in and out of school time, and how quick access could be achieved. For security reasons, fetching the defib from inside the school can cause delays.

His positive reaction to this request was instant and he not only agreed to make the school Defib available to local people, but he also started a project in motion to site it in an immediately accessible area, choosing the outside wall of the school car park.

It would have to be in a cupboard similar to the one at the village hall. The school found a charity, Jay's Aim, dedicated to making defibrillators accessible to the general public in the Southwest. They provided the cupboard for free - THANK YOU Jay's Aim!

The cupboard had to have an electricity supply in order to provide heating to protect the Defib in very cold weather. Again, the school came up trumps when the installation by Buckle Group was paid for by parents at school: The Goodland Family, C&S Meats Ltd. THANK YOU so much.

So now there are TWO Defibrillators available in the village, one run by the school in the school car park - and the one run by The Defib committee at the Village Hall. With both of them, in an emergency, you just fetch either from their unlocked cupboards. How good is that?!

I am sure that residents will appreciate the generous help from our amazing village school and our thanks go again to Phil Sales, his staff, the parents, Jays Aim, The Goodland Family, C&S Meats Ltd and not forgetting the children.

A huge plus for close positive relations between school and community!

Fizz Lewis

Lewis's 'Ride Across the Isle of Wight' Challenge – Update

Having wanted to do something to help the Ukrainians in their continued struggles against the might of Russia. We are proud to report that our 12-yr old son: Lewis Taylor not only completed his 26.5-mile off road cycle challenge across the Isle of Wight on 25th May, on one of the hottest days of the year (See July issue of The Lydden Vale News). But, in doing so, raised a staggering amount in sponsorship money from over 80 individuals in Buckland Newton, BN Youth Club members & organisers, School teachers from both Buckland Newton Primary School & Yewstock School and Friends & family. Who, collectively, raised £700 In aid of the Ukraine Armed Forces (UNITED24). - A Big Thank you to everyone who sponsored Lewis. We now have pleasure in confirming that this money was sent on 12th July.

Jon Taylor

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BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

<https://www.bucklandnewtonparishcouncil.org.uk>

The next Full Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September 2026,
7.00 pm in the Parish Pavilion.



The Parish Pavilion is available for parishioners to use. If you would like to book the Pavilion, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details. The Pavilion has a toilet that is open to the public 24 hours a day.

Internet is now available within the Pavilion – Log in details are displayed on the noticeboard in the entrance.

The Parish council website is www.bucklandnewtonparishcouncil.gov.uk here you will find direct links to Dorset Council services and departments such as Planning, Road Closures, Travel, Waste and Refuse and Report a problem.

Update on Parish Assets

Play Area - Councillors have carried out repairs and maintenance work to the Basket Swing



Annual Governance and Accountability Return - Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published on the Parish Council website. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates; for the year ended 31 March 2026, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to the Clerk for the period of Friday 26 June 2026 to Thursday 6 August 2026.

PLANNING

None to report on

Dorset Council, in line with their agreed Statement of Community Involvement, will no longer be sending out neighbour notification letters for planning applications, unless they are specifically required by legislation. All applications will continue to be publicised via site notices, and press notices are also used where required by law. Details of all applications are also published online, and they will continue to consult statutory organisations and town and parish councils. Dorset Council are at present asking applicants and agents to help by displaying site notices on the Councils behalf.

Please note that these are applications known about up to the 16th of the month; others may be submitted after this date, therefore check the Parish Council Website.

Planning applications can be viewed on the Dorset Council website. To view all applications listed under Buckland Newton Parish, use the advanced search page and select Buckland Newton under the Parish drop down.



POLICE REPORT

MAY No issues reported

JUNE No issues reported

It is important to report all crimes/incidents so that the police can build up a picture of what is happening within the County. If nothing is reported, they cannot act on it.

Dorchester NPT website address is [Dorchester | Your area | Dorset Police | Dorset Police](#)

Our Face Book Page address is: www.facebook.com/DorchesterPolice/

Our Twitter Page is: <https://twitter.com/DorchesterPolice>

Our Instagram Page is: <https://www.instagram.com/dorchesterpolice/>

Dorset Alert messaging system registration to receive messages is: <https://www.dorsetalert.co.uk/pages/2451/1/Register.html>

Contacting Dorset Police (non-emergency)

Do it Online: www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/

Telephone: 101 *(Calls to the 101 non-emergency number from both landlines and mobiles are free)

Message an officer: www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/message-an-officer/

To report information to the police with 100% anonymity, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call Freephone 0800 555 111

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Vice Chair	Nick Baker	07812 528170
Councillors	Mick Ames	01300 345497
	Sam Haskell	07580 362662
	David Manny	07798 837122
	Mark Needham	01300 345293
	Chris Osmond	01300 345326
	Bradley Perrett	07855 473641
	Lin Townsend	01300 345306
Flood Warden	Kevin Morse	01300 345707
Rights of Way Liaison Officer	Stephen White	01300 345431
Parish Clerk	Sarah Mitchell	01258 817288 / clerk@bucklandnewtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Chalk Valleys Ward - Dorset Council – Cllr Jill Haynes 01300 341277 / cllrjill.haynes@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk		

Reporting Issues With FOOTPATHS or BRIDLE-PATHS

Stephen White, as a Rights of Way Liaison Officer for the Dorset Coast & Countryside Service, investigates any issues within the parish of Buckland Newton, reporting to Dorset County Council.

His contact numbers are

01300 345431 or 07773 283764

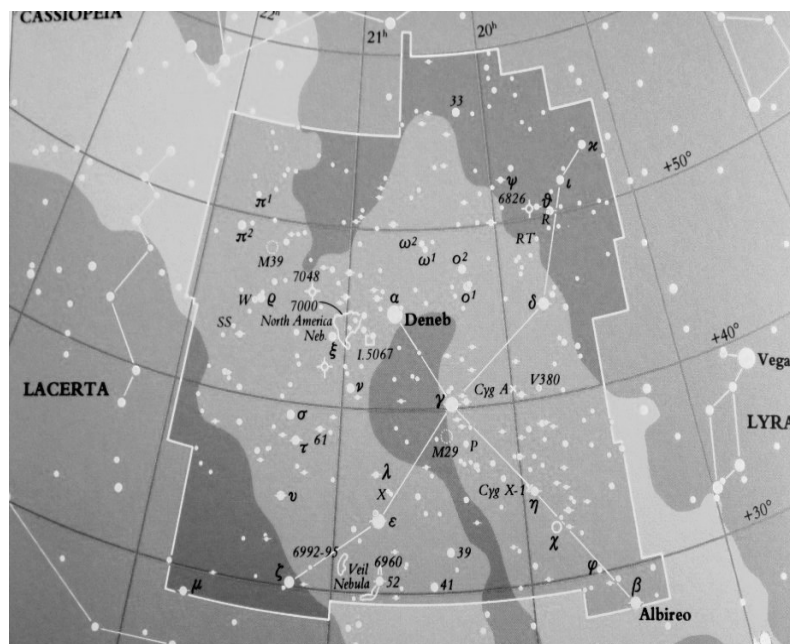
If you prefer to report issues directly to the council, you can do so by calling 01305 224463 or online at

[www.mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/
rightsofway/reportproblem/](http://www.mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/rightsofway/reportproblem/)

YOUR NIGHT SKY – AUGUST 2026

August's sky is full of events. We have a partial solar eclipse, a partial lunar eclipse and the Perseids meteor shower. Details are in Special Events.

This month's constellation is almost overhead. The constellation of Cygnus (the Swan) is one of the constellations which actually looks a little like its name.



CYGNUS

Cygnus straddles the Milky Way. Viewing through binoculars, you may be able to see that the Milky Way seems to divide into two streams in Cygnus. This is caused by a dark nebula (cloud of dust and gas) which is between us and the Milky Way. The nebula hides the stars beyond. The star Deneb in Cygnus is supposed to be in the tail of the swan whilst Albireo is the head. Through binoculars you may be able to see the Albireo is a pretty double star. One star is golden yellow and the other is blue. There is an open star cluster, M39, which is to the left and a little bit above Deneb is lovely through a pair of binoculars. The North American Nebula, which is closer to the left of Deneb can be seen with the naked eye on a dark night or you can try to see it using binoculars. It is too large to be seen properly with a telescope!

THE PLANETS THIS MONTH. Very early in the month, Mercury will be in the East-northeast from about one hour before sunrise. Also, at the beginning of the month Venus remains an evening planet setting about 30 minutes after the Sun. Mars is a morning planet in the East at its best at 4:40 BST. Jupiter and Saturn are also morning planets but at the end of the month, with Jupiter best at 5:30 BST and Saturn best at 3:30 BST.

THE MOON. New Moon is on the 12th, with full Moon on the 28th.

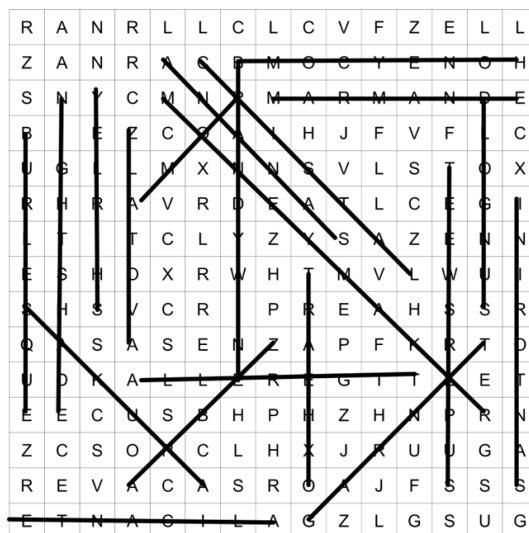
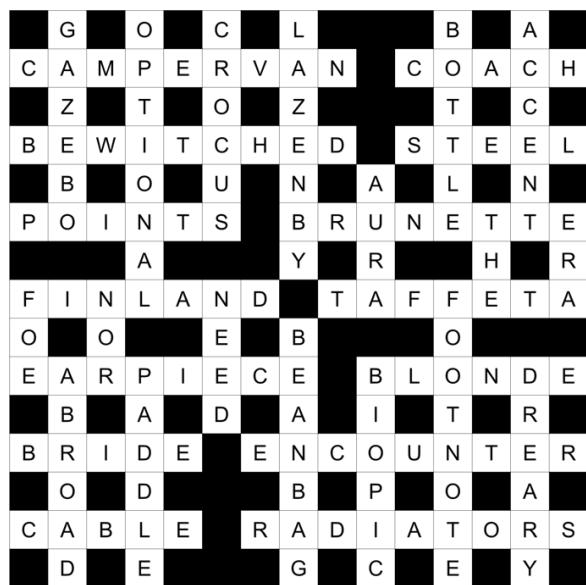
SPECIAL EVENTS. There is a partial eclipse of the Moon on the night of the 28th of August starting at 2:15 BST and finishing at 6:20 BST. The maximum eclipse occurs at 5:13 BST. On August 12th there will be a partial eclipse of the Sun starting at 18:13 BST and finishing at 20:03 BST. The maximum eclipse will be at 19:10 BST. Always use dark eclipse glasses to look at the Sun or a telescope with a proper solar filter. The Perseids meteor shower peaks on the night of August 13th with the Moon out of the way. They are best after 1:00 BST.

If you have or are thinking of buying a telescope and need any help, I can be contacted on 01300 345485 or at keithmwright@compuserve.com. Don't forget to lookout for the Space Station. Get the times when you can see it at: www.heavens-above.com. Don't forget that there are free Apps for phones and Tablets which will guide you around the stars in the sky. You need to have the GPS enabled on your phone or tablet for the best results.

Keith Wright

Quiz Answers

- 5 feet 6 inches, or 1,676 mm. Commonly known as Indian gauge, it was first used for two short, isolated lines in Scotland, and then adopted in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Argentina and Chile. Some industrial railways use much broader gauges.
- The Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez in Mexico City. Sitting at 2,285 metres the track was constructed in a public park. Because of the altitude cars lose significant downforce and engine power, which makes it one of the most physically and technically demanding tracks on the Formula One calendar.
- The Seekers. Formed in Melbourne, in 1962, they were the first Australian pop band to achieve major success in the UK and America. Their style was described by Ian McFarlane as "concentrated on a bright, up-tempo sound, although they were too pop to be considered strictly folk and too folk to be rock".
- The University of Buckingham. Of the five fully private universities in the UK, the University of Buckingham is the smallest, with around 3,700 students, operating compressed 2-year degrees focusing on Medicine, Law and Business.
- Ailsa Craig. Known, because of its location, as Paddy's Milestone, it is made of a rare, dense microgranite, from which nearly all the curling stones used in the Winter Olympics are made.
- Dan Burn. At 6-foot 7 inches Burn is taller than the rest of the squad by at least 2 inches and is 6 inches taller than goalkeeper Jordan Pickford. After an accident when he was 13, he has only 9 fingers.
- Paul McCartney. McCartney wrote the track and produced it for the band as their first release on the Apple label. It hit number 4 in the charts in the UK, and number 7 in the US. It was the opening theme for The Magic Christian, a film starring Peter Sellers and Ringo Starr.
- Spain. The Punta de Tarifa is the southernmost point of a small island connected to the coast by a causeway in 1808. If manmade land is not taken into account the southernmost point is slightly north of this, but still in Spain.
- The Lost Gardens of Heligan. Heated entirely by the natural fermentation of 30 tonnes of horse manure and straw, it requires up to 7 years to cultivate a single fruit and costs an estimated £1,000 or more for every pineapple. The fruit is divided among the staff, apart from the first one produced in 1997 that was given to Queen Elizabeth II.
- The Tay Bridge. At 2.07 miles the Tay Bridge will remain the UK's longest rail bridge until the 2.1-mile Colne Valley Viaduct comes into service on HS2. The Tay Bridge suffered a fatal disaster during a violent storm in 1879, when the central girders collapsed just as a passenger train was passing over.



1	2	4	3
4	3	1	2
2	4	3	1
3	1	2	4

3	4	2	1
2	1	3	4
1	2	4	3
4	3	1	2



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