

The Lydden Vale News



The Lydden Vale Gardening Club visit - Upper Sydling House

July 2026

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The Bit at the Beginning

I hope everyone is coping with the crazy fluctuations in temperature – some good advice from Cerne Abbas Surgery on page 12.

It is a packed edition this month and, with Summer in full swing, there are lots of events and activities to get involved in in the next few weeks.

I don't know if anyone else started counting and identifying butterflies after the June front cover story. I fear that the heat isn't helping them as I haven't seen that many. Hopefully they will appear when the Buddleia flowers. However, it was lovely to hear a gentle buzz the other evening of various bees enjoying the flowers – something we don't hear as much of these days. It was interesting to watch them busily bouncing from one flower to another and how different flowers attract different bees. I have a gorgeous Cherry Chocolate Cosmos which has quite dark centres, so the larger bees ignored it, while a very small, thin bee was enjoying it exclusively. Variety is the spice of life for sure.

We also have a lot of families of birds that have been nesting in either the bird boxes or trees and shrubs and have fledged successfully, which is always a worry, but wonderful when they suddenly appear. From Great Tits, Wrens, Blackbirds, Woodpeckers and Blue Tits to name a few. They look like they're having a great time. I woke at 4.30 this morning to a dawn chorus and a stunning pink sunrise - for those who know me I obviously went back to bed!

Amanda

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WHAT'S ON - JULY 2026

Sunday 5th July 2 – 4.30 pm

BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE HALL OPEN AFTERNOON (See page 6)

Thursday 9th and 23rd July - 2 - 4 pm



Our sessions for July are on Thursdays - 9th and 23rd. From 2-4 pm at the Gaggle of Geese.
Bring along your latest project and/or come along and have a natter and a piece of cake!
It's not just for knitters - we often have crochet, quilting, embroidery, tapestry, felting - whatever "floats your boat"!
Everyone very welcome

This beautiful, and very functional, tea cosy was made by Jeni - one of our crochet ladies - using mostly Tunisian crochet.

Lyn Cox 01300 345739 Jane Willis 01300 345477



Friday 10th July – 12.45 pm
2ND FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

In June we were back in Buckland Newton Village Hall having a homemade tasty lunch, the highlight of which had to be the biggest pavlova you've ever seen! It was made not by one of our helpers, but by a Club member, Barbara Rendell, who received a ripple of applause as it was carried out from the kitchen for all to see. Thank you so much, Barbara, and to our other cooks and bottle washers.




On 10th July we'll be lunching at The Swan in Sturminster Newton. The menu choices will be Sea Bass, Beef or Vegetable Lasagne, or Caesar Salad, followed by a small dessert with coffee or tea, or a large dessert without. Please let us know if you'd like to join in. Pub outings are only £12 a head for two courses for our members. We'll be car sharing because parking is limited, so if you want to come along you might not even have to drive!

Contact Cathy Shippey 01300 345339 or text 07391 195754

Thursday 10th July 5 – 7 pm

FBNS SUMMER SPECTACULAR

Please come to the Parish Field on Friday 10 July from 5pm to join in with the fun of the Friends of Buckland Newton School summer fair. There will be a BBQ, bar, raffle and various stalls and all being well a couple of performances from the children. All funds raised go to making our children's time at BNS that extra bit special.

	Monday and Friday <u>POST OFFICE</u> 9am-12 noon <u>Buckland Newton Village Hall</u>
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Saturday 11th July 10.30 a.m.

BUCKLAND NEWTON HISTORY GROUP – THE PARISH PAVILION (See page 9)

Wednesday 15th July 2.15 pm

LYDDEN VALE GARDENING CLUB VISIT - THE BLOOMING WILD NURSERY, HORSINGTON (See page 8)



Thursday 16th July

DRIVE-IN CINEMA ‘SHAUN OF THE DEAD’ – THE GAGGLE OF GEESE (See page 7)

Saturday 25th July 2 – 4 pm

HOLY ROOD CHURCH – ‘TEA IN THE GARDEN’ – THE MANOR HOUSE, BUCKLAND NEWTON
(See page 21)

Saturday 25th July 12 - 9.30 pm

GAGGLEFEST – THE GAGGLE OF GEESE (See page 7)

Friday 31st July 2026- 10.30 am - 12 pm

BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE CAFÉ



Cafe will be on Friday 31st July
From 10.30 - 12 noon at Buckland Newton Village Hall.
Tea/coffee and cake- £1.50 - Bargain !!

Come along and catch up with friends and neighbours.
Everyone welcome. Open to locals and visitors.

Lyn Cox 01300 345739 Liza Hill 01300 345230

Dates for your diary:

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST 12 – 4 PM

BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE FETE - THE GAGGLE OF GEESE



Buckland Newton Village Hall
Open Afternoon
Sunday 5 July 2026
2 - 4.30 pm



Everyone Welcome!

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Donations can be left at the rear of 3 Allington Cottages (in the car port).

Alternatively, collection of donations can be arranged by calling Andy (07845 297592).

Gaggle Events



Open Mic Night - Wednesday 1st July – pop down from 8pm to 10pm to enjoy and support local musicians...be brave and step up...

Knit & Natter - Thursday 9th & 23rd July - the fortnightly crafting social group. Free to attend. Bring a project and perhaps some cake! 2 til 4pm

Artsreach – Wednesday 8th July & 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

Drive-In Cinema! – Thursday 16th July – we are hosting a drive-in cinema evening in the Gaggle gardens. With a giant screen! We will be showing the popular comedy horror, 'Shaun of the Dead'. Just £20 a car or choose a Meal Deal or VIP option. Pizzas, ice-creams and drinks delivered to your car! Tickets available over the bar or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/gaggle

Laser Tag – 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 look out for pop-up laser tag afternoons when you can come and play.

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!

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GAGGLE FEST

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And www.ticketsource.co.uk/gaggle

Gagglefest – Saturday 25th July – our annual family friendly music festival. Seven bands, two stages, kids' zone, BBQ, laser tag, mobile barber, pizza, axe throwing, three bars and more! Tickets on sale now over the bar and via www.ticketsource.com/gaggle

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.

Lydden Vale Garden Club News

June Visit to The Dorset Walled Garden at Upper Sydling House (Photos on Front Cover)

The Dorset Walled Garden at Upper Sydling House must be one of Dorset's best kept secrets and we were extremely fortunate in being given access. It is not usually open to the public but does run courses and workshops.

The weather on the day was not what one would hope for in mid-June with the surrounding hills shrouded in mist, but for a Photographer just right for enhancing the colour of the garden. And what an abundance of colour there was!

Having walked along a mown path through a meadow filled with oxeye daisies, there was an almost audible gasp as we entered, to see the most amazing display of wonderful plantings. Roses in all directions, Delphiniums, Lupins, Hardy Geraniums - all that one associates with a quintessentially English Cottage garden. This was on the site of the old farmyard. Each area of the garden had a slightly different feel to it, but it was the planting that intrigued with many lesser-known varieties of old favourites. One area with special impact was a rill bordered by a very limited palette of green and blue, with repeated planting of an unusual sea thistle with its electric blue flowers.

And then to cap it all instead of just a slice of cake and cuppa, an overly long refectory table was covered with a variety of the most delicious cakes and sandwiches!

As a long-standing member of the club, it was one of the most memorable gardens.

Thanks go to Susie Goymour for suggesting it as a venue and organising the visit, to the owners Susanne & Alastair Cooper for making us welcome, and Lucinda, the Head Gardener, for showing us around.

All the money raised by the visit of 40 members amounting to £1000, is being donated to Pancreatic Cancer, a cause close to and chosen by the hosts.

For those looking for those unusual plants e.g. that very dark Astartia, the next visit might be just the place....

JULY'S VISIT

On **Wednesday 15th July** the club is to visit **THE BLOOMING WILD NURSERY** at Horsington BA8 0AD, at 2.15pm.

Cost £7.50

The nursery has...

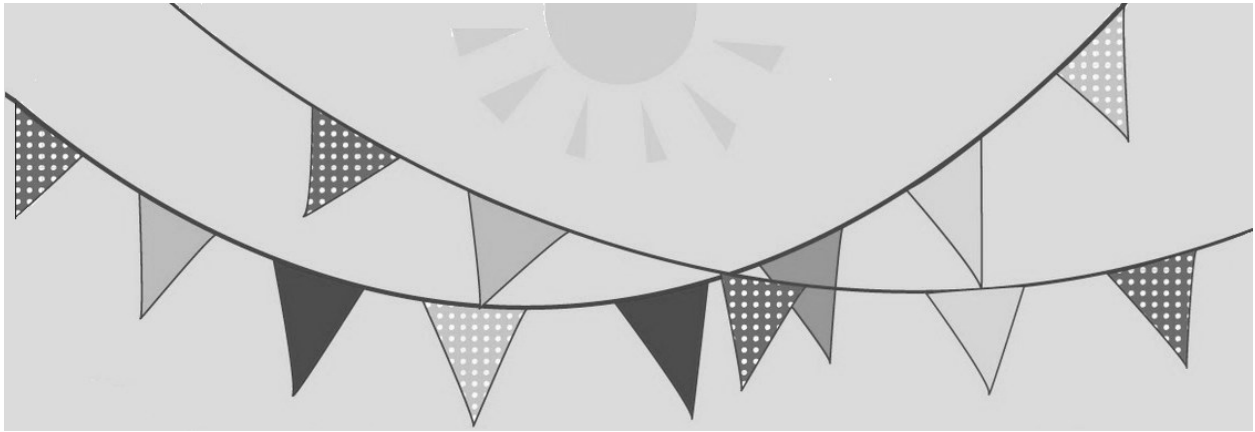
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The owners Steven and Lindsay will show us round. They are an RHS recommended nursery specialising in not only wildflowers for Meadows, but unusual perennials including that dark Astartia! It's worth googling their selection.

Tea and cake are included in the entrance fee.

NB No need to pay in advance but to ensure enough cake please let me know whether you intend to come by the 9th July.

Jan Burnett on greystonejan@gmail.com or Tel. 01300 348627



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 always 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.

This year we need help specifically with the Bottle Tombola and we are hoping to have a fun new game, the 'Human Fruit Machine', of which we need at least 3 – 6 volunteers.

There will be more information about other ways you can contribute to the success of the Fete in the August Lydden Vale News or on the Buckland Newton Community Facebook page.

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.

If you have a prize for the raffle, please contact Geri Aitkenhead at andygeriuk@gmail.com.

Buckland Newton History Group

The next meeting of the History Group will be at 10.30 am on the **11th July** at the Parish Pavilion. All are welcome.

The History Group is now up and running with approximately a dozen members interested in researching and archiving the history of Buckland Newton. The long-term aim is to publish the results, perhaps as a book, series of books or on-line.

We are currently looking to catalogue all the previous research, articles, etc. that have been carried out by others over the years, to avoid replicating any future research.

If you have looked into any aspects about the history of the parish or have any relevant old photos, documents, deeds, etc. about Buckland Newton that you would be willing to share, please contact us.

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Buckland Newton Youth Club

Buckland Newton Youth Club timed its Wild Camp just right this year, at the end of the heat wave when it wasn't too hot and wasn't too cold. Many thanks to Andy Foot for allowing the Youth Club to once again camp on his land. It is a logistical nightmare getting everything up the hill, but we are getting better at it as each year (and this was our third) we learn from the year before. This year we even set up an outdoor cinema! The adults enjoyed it.....the young people all went off to their tents?

BNYC's allotment is coming along well. On the 2 June the young people planted out the runner beans and pumpkins, and the tomatoes and cucumbers are loving the hot bed in the polytunnel. A great idea from Mark Chappelle.

Most recently the Youth Club went kayaking and Stand Up Paddleboarding with Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre. For once the weather wasn't so kind being grey and damp, but the young people didn't seem to care and had a great time out on the water. Many thanks to all the parents who brought them down and took them back again, it was a long evening especially for those who went to McDonalds on the way home.

Watch out for our "Bring Your Tractor to Youth Club Night" on Tuesday 30 June!

Kate Parish



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£5 PER PERSON

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST (AGES 5 - 11):
1030 - 1230 TREEHOUSE THEATRE PERFORMANCE "ALICE IN WONDERLAND"
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£3 PER PERSON/£6 PER FAMILY

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST:
1000 - 1130 CREATIVE CLAY WORKSHOP (£3 PER PERSON)
1330 - 1500 NETBALL SKILLS & MATCH (£3 PER PERSON)
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SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 1000 - 1700 (AGES 10 + BNYC MEMBERS & FAMILIES ONLY)
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WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST (AGES 10+):
1530 - 2100 AFTERNOON WALK, PIZZA MAKING & FILM NIGHT (£3 PER PERSON)

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Part of Buckland Newton's Summer Offer to children, young people and families: Project Dance - Dance Show in a Day!

Project Dance is making a show... and you can join the cast! Led by James Bamford, founder of Project Dance and an exciting young choreographer, take part in an energetic and exciting day of dance! You'll learn a number of fun musical theatre dance routines and rehearse your moves before stepping into the spotlight to perform for friends and family in a brand-new show created in just a few hours! Wear comfortable clothes. Hot lunch included. Suitable 8+

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July Newsletter — Cerne Abbas Surgery

Looking After Yourself During Hot Weather

With summer now in full swing, periods of hot weather can bring welcome opportunities to enjoy Dorset's countryside and coast. However, high temperatures can also affect our health, particularly for older adults, young children, and those living with long-term medical conditions.

One of the simplest ways to stay well is to drink fluids regularly throughout the day. Water, sugar-free squash, low-fat milk and other non-alcoholic drinks can all help maintain hydration. It's important not to wait until you feel thirsty, as thirst is often a sign that your body is already becoming dehydrated.

It is also worth keeping an eye on friends, neighbours and relatives who may be more vulnerable to the effects of hot weather.

Common signs of heat exhaustion include:

- Headache
- Dizziness or feeling faint
- Excessive sweating
- Tiredness or weakness
- Nausea

Muscle cramps

If someone develops these symptoms, they should move to a cool place, rest, drink fluids and cool themselves with water or damp clothing. Most people improve quickly with these measures. However, if symptoms worsen, persist, or if someone becomes confused or unresponsive, seek urgent medical help.

We hope you enjoy a healthy summer.

Specimen Drop-Off Reminder

We kindly remind all patients that **any specimens being dropped off at the surgery must be received by 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.**

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Lewis's 'Ride Across the Wight' Challenge



Having moved from the Isle of Wight to Buckland Newton in 2016, both my son and his mother - Sarah still have an affinity for the island. So, when our 12-year-old (Lewis) felt the need to raise money for the Ukrainians. His mother suggested a Sponsored cycle ride from one side of the Isle of Wight to the other (West to East). So, earlier this year Lewis got me to produce a sponsorship form and promptly went about getting people he knew, namely Teachers from Yewstock School, Buckland Newton Primary School, fellow BN Youth club members, family, friends and neighbours, to sponsor him on a 26.5 mile off road cycling Challenge. Collectively, by mid-May Lewis had pledges of over £600!

So, after many, many weekends of 'cycling training', at 8.30am on 25th May on a very hot sunny morning during the school half-term holiday, Lewis and I set off from Alum Bay along the Tennyson Trail. Apart from the heat and distance, Lewis faced steep hills, tricky descents, very narrow, often overgrown tracks and numerous gates to open & climb over! He pushed-on through every challenge in the searing heat, determined not to let anyone down - especially the people of Ukraine, who have suffered so badly at the hands of Russia, and to everyone who supported him in raising the £600+ for the Ukraine war appeal.



Our ride took us past some wonderful landscapes and scenery. First to Freshwater Bay, then onto Brighstone Forrest, taking-in Carisbrooke Castle, through Newport, onto Arreton, Brading and finally reaching our last destination - the RNLI Station in Bembridge at 5.45pm on what really did feel like the hottest and longest day of the year!

Shortly after crossing the Finishing Ribbon at Bembridge his mother presented Lewis with a Silver Trophy and a medal! - Well done, Son! And a 'Big' thank you to all that helped raise such a remarkable total.



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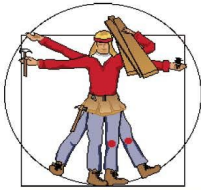
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Mostly Moths- The Beautiful Demoiselle

Well this little series is called Mostly Moths, emphasis on 'mostly', because this month it's a Damselfly! It's called the Beautiful Demoiselle which I found on 10th June. He IS so very beautiful - what a colour!! Every year I cut back the growth a little in my stream to open it up, prevent flooding and stop certain plants I am not keen on from seeding. So, to avoid the heat of the day I did this very early in the morning and came across this little chap still asleep. It gave me plenty of time to focus the camera. Beautiful Demoiselles have broad wings, and the wind can buffet them around, so they like well vegetated and sheltered streams preferably with gravelly bottoms. You may see the male fluttering around another damselfly with green body and bronze wings; this is the female. After mating she lays her eggs in the water attached to submerged vegetation and the subsequent larvae can stay in the water for anything up to three years before they emerge as adults. You can see them flying from May to August. You may see the other Demoiselle too, which is called the Banded Demoiselle which has a dark patch in the middle of its paler blue wings.



Hope the weather is going to get warmer again so I can get back to moth trapping soon.


Fizz Lewis





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In The Buckland Newton Book Corner

Living in Dorset, there are few of us I should think who are not familiar with the history of 17th-century Dorset, namely the Duke of Monmouth's 1685 rebellion and the following Bloody Assizes ruled over by the much feared 'Hanging Judge' Jeffreys. This is the backdrop for the historical novel ***The Players*** by Minette Walters. It tells the story through the exploits of the formidable Lady Jayne Harrier and her enigmatic son, aided by the reclusive daughter of a local magistrate who, together, contrive ways to save men from the grisly fate of being hung, drawn and quartered.

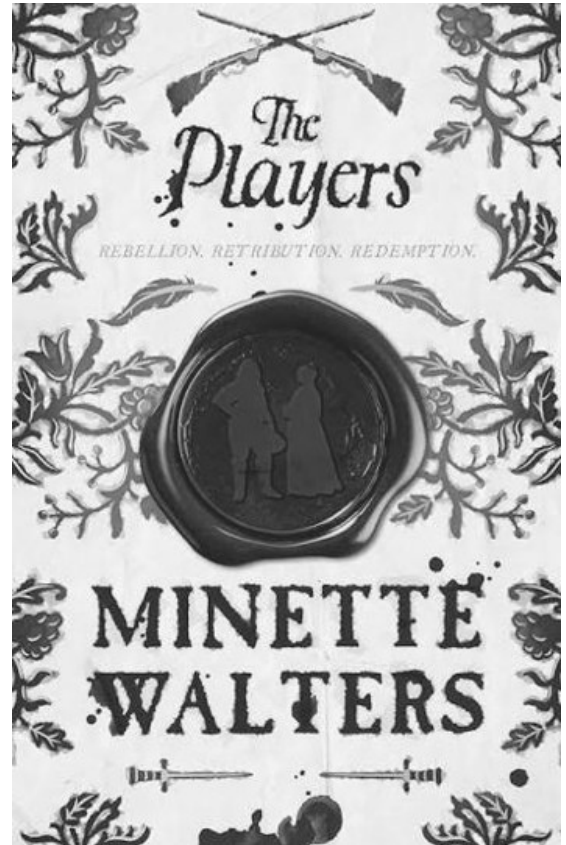
Walters' brilliant characterisation is a real strength of this novel, particularly in her portrayal of Judge Jeffreys, who has gone down in history as a ruthless and brutal tyrant. Here, he is not just that, but a man of complexities and contradictions, motivated by social climbing, and used as an instrument of retribution by a vengeful king. In the end, Walters leads us to feel some compassion for a man caught up in forces beyond his control.

Other characters are equally excellent: the intelligent, independent women who are experts in medicine and law; and the chameleon-like Lord Granville - the central player and master of disguise.....

The dialogue is always vibrant where vital issues of the day - law and mercy; class and human potential; slavery - are discussed articulately and with insight.

One of the joys of reading this novel is the familiarity of the surroundings. Dorchester, of course, features largely but we also visit many other recognisable place names. The scenes in Dorchester, including the pubs, the buildings in Antelope Walk, Judge Jeffreys lodgings and the old network of tunnels that go beneath are most accurately described. Of course, this is not surprising when you know that Minette Walters is a local author who has written fifteen or more stand-alone novels as well as anthologies and short stories. I have since discovered that Walters wrote *The Players* as a sequel to *The Swift and the Harrier*, but it also works perfectly as a standalone novel and I now intend to read the former, as I found this one to be a well-crafted, intelligent and thoroughly engaging read – literary historical fiction at its very best!

Karen Whiter



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July Quiz

1. At which cricket ground did Shane Warne bowl Mike Gatting with his first ever ball against England in a test match?
2. Which is the highest grossing Bond film, unadjusted for inflation?
3. Which country's lowest naturally occurring point is the bed of Lake Eyre?
4. What is the main reason storks stand on one leg?
5. Which company sells the most motorcycles, worldwide?
6. On average, which is the sunniest town in the UK?
7. How many novels did George Eliot write?
8. Who appeared on a single with David Bowie in 1977?
9. What is horripilation?
10. Who is the only England footballer to appear in the list of the top 100 most World Cup games played?

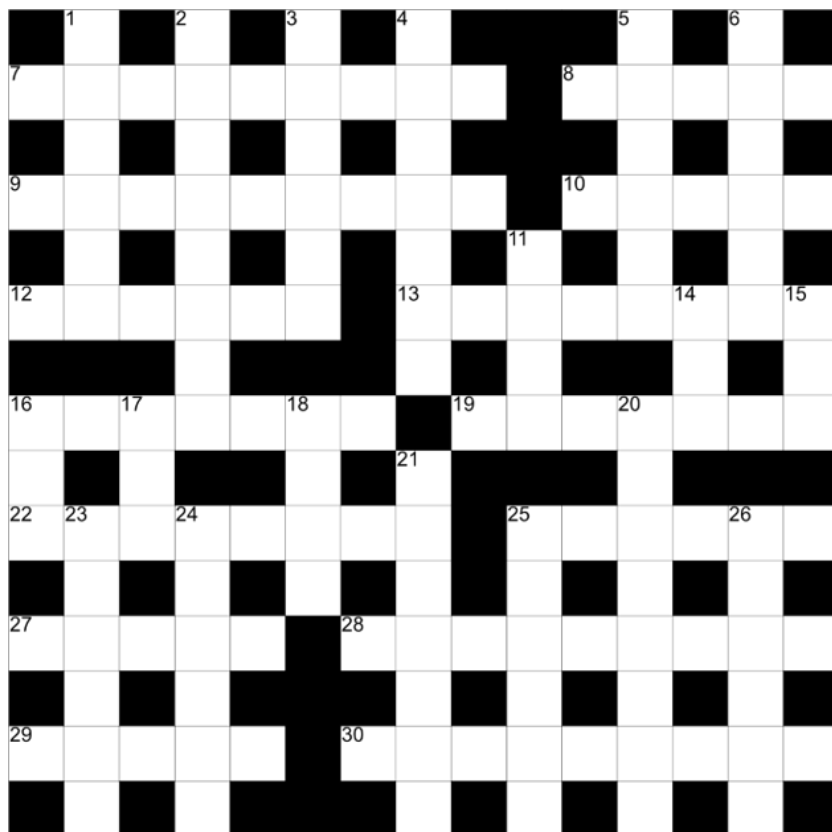
By Simon Spencer

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 LEITH
 OLIVER
 RAMSAY
 RHODES
 ROUX
 STEIN
 WAREING
 WATERS

**Crossword and Wordsearch
by Carole Spencer**



Across

- 7. Split after holiday abroad (9)
- 8. Gutsy punctuation (5)
- 9. King Harald's technology? (9)
- 10. Bird dog that's lost its lead (5)
- 12. A dragon heard a question – Vernon? (6)
- 13. Dancing is adored – somewhere to stop? (8)
- 16. Making ringlets in game of stones (7)
- 19. Film the old Queen flutter (7)
- 22. Glow from Romeo I held in a twist (8)
- 25. Orderly cash machine in bar (6)
- 27. Hitch a ride with Tom (5)
- 28. Hen on drip produced natural pain relief (9)
- 29. It has a mobile home (5)
- 30. Sees laces undone – they're endless (9)

Down

- 1. Ruffled horse right on the inside (6)
- 2. Spooner's alarm for a tart (8)
- 3. The French make progress in pool (6)
- 4. Hesitation in bitchy feline home from home (7)
- 5. People living near pubs (6)
- 6. Cooked lubricant in cot (6)
- 11. You need this to do this (4)
- 14. Bother! Reversing Kristen loses nest (3)
- 15. Spot the mistake in this terrific clue (3)
- 16. The dog is in the back of the truck (3)
- 17. Colour scheme created in the end (3)
- 18 Christmas ladies dancing (4)
- 20. Launch sect around a water source (8)
- 21. Setter with Cockney pal wander (7)
- 23. Bach in Germany is somewhat hurting (6)
- 24. Writer is British, in charge of some verse (6)
- 25. Bravo! Insect on top (6)
- 26. Female servant got upset on road in the thick of things (6)

Sudoku by mathsphere.co.uk

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Church Warden - Jonathan Sulkin 07971 227584

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July 2026
Services at Holy Rood

Sunday 5 July
Matins at 9.45am

Sunday 12 July
Holy Communion at 9.45am

Sunday 19 July
All Age Service at 4pm

Sunday 26 July
Holy Communion at 9.45am

August 2026
Services at Holy Rood

Sunday 2 August
Matins at 9.45am

Sunday 9 August
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Sunday 16 August
NB All Family Service date and time tbc

Sunday 23 August
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Sunday 4th October, Bring and Share Harvest Supper

Saturday 24th October, a fun afternoon of Games in the Village Hall with teams of 2 to 6 people, more details nearer the time, ideal for all the family

Saturday 5th December Christmas Fayre in Holy Rood

ALL-AGE AUGUST ACTIVITY AFTERNOON or the 5As!

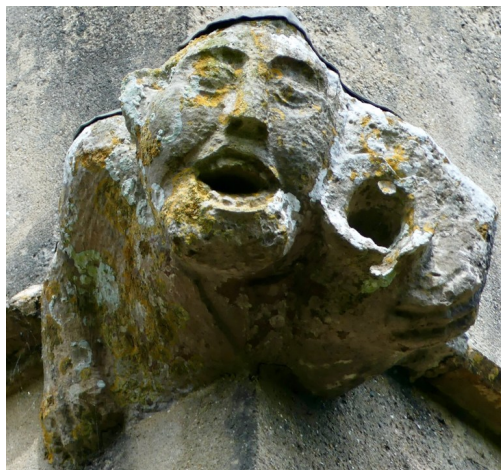
For two years we have had fun and games on the parish field.

Date in late August and venue to be decided, but look out for it on Facebook, and in next month's LVN.



Jan Burnett

Dear Friends,



What do you think of this fine fellow? He is as Dorset as they come. He has been looking down from the S.W. corner of the Church Tower of Holy Rood Buckland Newton for around 600 years. He has seen a few things and a few people come and go, never changing his position, never altering his view. Amazingly, he still has all his teeth, and a finer set of gnashers you will not easily find. What is he about?

He holds a large jar which is pierced vertically by two holes. He may originally have had a lead pipe emerging from the jar, pouring out the rainwater from the tower roof onto hapless bystanders. Perhaps that is why he is smiling, yelling “gardez l’eau” or “look out below” as he soaks us all beneath him. The Victorians replaced his pipe with cast iron downpipes- so much more discrete and polite.

I wonder if he is modelled on an earlier landlord of the Gaggles of Geese, offering prime ale to drink with your bread and cheese? Perhaps he is shouting ‘Come and get it! The very best ale, the very finest wine!’ He reminds me of the Prophet Isaiah.

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me,
and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.”

It is so easy to overlook the things which come without price, handed down from those who went before us. Things of meaning and value and faith. We can demean gifts which come free, counting what is priceless as worthless. In doing so it is ourselves we diminish, that and those in turn who will come after us and wonder at the things we just let go.

Jonathan

Tea in the garden on a Summer's afternoon.

What could be better than a sunny afternoon spent in a beautiful garden with scones, tea and cake?

Just what we all enjoy, so join us, courtesy of Mike & Sarah Covell at the Manor House, Buckland Newton on Saturday 25th July from 2.30 to 4pm, for tea, coffee, home-made scones and cake.

All in aid of the ongoing fundraising for the Chancel Roof repairs to Holy Rood Church.

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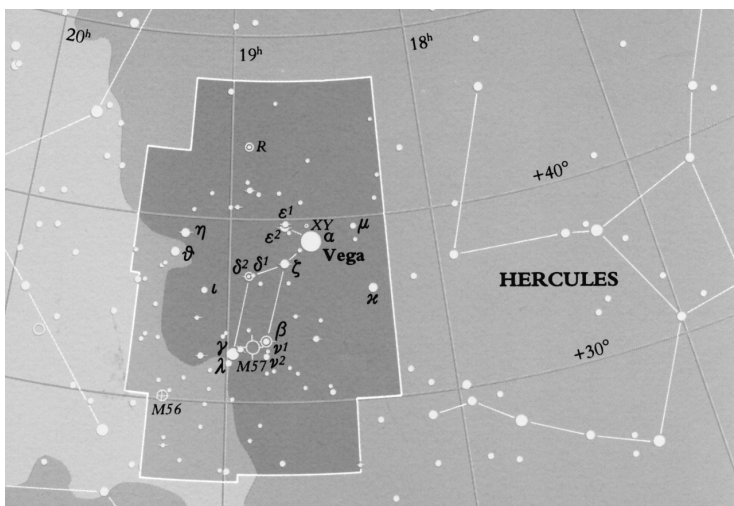
To date the amount raised is £37,000 so still a fair way to go.



YOUR NIGHT SKY - JULY 2026

Our evening skies are a little darker now and the last week of this month benefits from the absence of the Moon by the time it is getting dark. This is also the season of Noctilucent Clouds (NLCs). NLCs are very high-altitude ice clouds at about 82km up in the atmosphere. They reflect the Sun's light after sunset and appear to glow against the darker twilight sky when the ground is in darkness. They are often low on the northwest horizon so can be difficult to see but can also occasionally be higher in the sky. Look to the North at about 2 hours after sunset.

This month we are looking at the constellation of Lyra. Lyra is one of the two constellations which are best placed for observation in our skies at this time of the year. The other is Cygnus. Lyra is shaped like a Greek Lyre, hence its name. The constellation is small, but it is very easy to find. If you face southeast, it is almost overhead and is dominated by the bright star Vega. Vega is a very interesting star as it is really four stars. Through binoculars, you should be able to spot that it looks like two stars. In fact, it is two pairs of stars, a double double. A small telescope will give a view of all four stars. Vega is one corner of the Summer Triangle which comprises three very obvious bright stars. The other two are Altair, which is below Vega in the sky, and Deneb, which is to the east of Vega. The other gem in Lyra is the Ring Nebula (M57) but you need dark skies and a fairly serious telescope to see it. The ring is visible in my 5-inch (125mm) telescope. It is a ring of gas orbiting a star. This is called a planetary nebula. M56 (see our star chart) is a small globular cluster of stars some of which can be resolved with a small telescope. The Milky Way is now very obvious when the sky is clear and dark. The band of the Milky Way runs right through the Summer Triangle. If you look at the part of the Milky Way which is within the Summer Triangle, you may notice that there appears to be a gap in the stars. This is not a gap at all but a cloud of gas and dust which obscures the Milky Way stars behind it. This gap continues in the Milky Way in a roughly southwards' direction.



LYRA



THE RING NEBULA

THE PLANETS THIS MONTH. Venus is brilliant in the evening sky this month. On June 17th the Moon will be to the lower left of Venus. At the beginning of the month Jupiter will be well down to the lower left of Venus. During the next few days it will sink lower into the evening glare of the Sun. Saturn rises just after midnight. Mars rises at about 2am. Mercury is too close to the Sun to be visible.

THE MOON. New Moon is on July 14th with Full Moon on the 29th.

SPECIAL EVENTS. Nothing of note this month but do try to give the Milky Way in the Summer Triangle a look through binoculars.

If you have or are thinking of buying a telescope and need any help, I can be contacted on 01300 345485 or at keithwright@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.

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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 14 July 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.

Parish Council update:

The annual meeting for parishioners was held on Tuesday 26 May at 7.00 pm in the Pavilion. Mr. Roy Godwin was the guest speaker. He talked about the spiritual and well being garden being created at the school. Reports were received and read from fourteen groups/clubs from within the parish.

Councillor Foot said “we are very fortunate to have a great community spirit in Buckland Newton with numerous clubs and groups being organized and run by volunteers. We are also lucky to have a School, Church, Shop and Pub”

Update on Parish Assets

Play Area - Councillors have carried out repairs and maintenance work

Parish Pavilion - Painting of the outside woodwork has been completed.



An entrance at the bottom of the parish field has been improved making it accessible for all.



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

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

ANNUAL REPORT – 2025-26 – PARISH ASSETS



The Parish Council continue to hold their bi-monthly meetings in the Parish Pavilion. During this past year it has also been used as a meeting venue for Buckland Newton Community Property Trust and The United Charities of Buckland Newton. The school and Youth Club have served refreshments from it, a local band has held rehearsals, the sit and stay fit class used it when the village hall was not available and it has also been used to host a training event. The public toilet continues to be open 24 hours.

Maintenance work carried out:

- A new heater has been fitted
- An Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) has been completed.

The Pavilion is available for use by parishioners for a small donation towards utility costs; if you would like to book the Pavilion for an event, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Field – The hedge has been cut, and the field has been regularly mown through the summer period.



The edge of the all-weather track has been managed to stop grass encroaching the path. A bag of topsoil has been placed in the corner of field so that rabbit holes can be filled when necessary.



Parish Paddock – Strimming of weeds has been carried out around the new hedge and new whips have been planted. Cut and collect was

done at the end of the summer and arisings were used as mulch around the hedge.



Play Area – The Annual inspection was carried out by an independent consultant in May, with subsequent checks done on a regular basis by Councillor Osmond.

Councillors have carried out repairs, replenished bark and the hedge has been trimmed.

The Pound has been regularly strimmed throughout the summer period.



Bus Shelter - Regular checks carried out. There is now a noticeboard inside for community use.



Phone box by Gaggle of Geese – Regular checks carried out.

Hountwell Pump – Regular checks carried out.

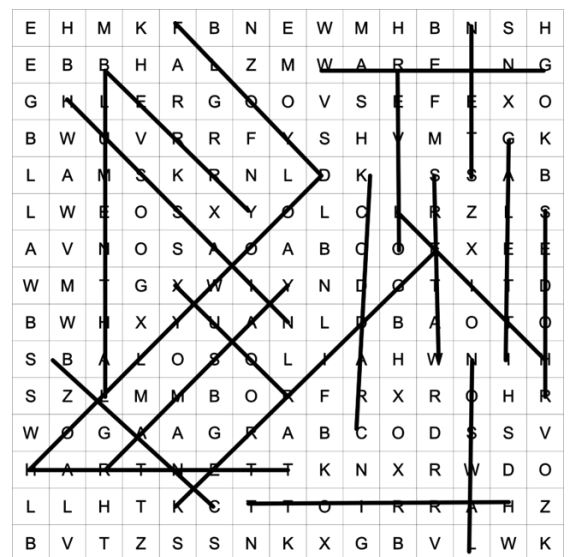
Grit Bins – Refill completed in the Autumn.

Entrance Planters – The Parish Councillors would like to thank the parishioners who plant and maintain the planters, which give everyone a colourful welcome on entering the village.

The full annual parish council report is available on the website.

Quiz Answers

1. Old Trafford. Warne’s first ever ball in Ashes cricket pitched well outside leg stump and spun sharply, clipping the off bail, bamboozling Gattling. The ball, known as the “Ball of the Century”, delivered on June 4, 1993, is commemorated in the song “Jiggery Pokery” by the band the Duckworth Lewis Method.
2. Skyfall. The 2012 film, the 23rd in the James Bond series, with Daniel Craig playing Bond for the 3rd time. For the opening action sequence Craig wore 85 identical versions of his custom Tom Ford suit.
3. Australia. The lakebed is 15 metres below sea level, and for most of the year is an empty salt flat. Now including the Aboriginal name, Kati Thanda–Lake Eyre is one of the most important sites for water birds in Australia and was the location of several attempts at creating a land speed record in the 1960s.
4. The main reason is to preserve body temperature. Since their legs and feet are unfeathered, tucking one limb into their cuts their heat loss in half. Many water birds possess locking mechanisms in their leg joints which allow them to stay perfectly upright without needing to actively engage their muscles, saving energy.
5. Honda. Selling almost 20 million motorbikes a year, they have between 30% and 40% of the world market. Founder Soichiro Honda started making piston rings for Toyota which were rejected for poor quality. The first Honda motorcycle was the Type-A, built in 1947. It was nicknamed the Bataba because of the putt-putt sound it made.
6. Shanklin, on the Isle of Wight. Shanklin records an average of 1,976 hours of sunshine a year, or over 5 hours a day. Second is Folkstone, the sunniest spot on the UK mainland. Weymouth is 5th sunniest, with 1,904 hours a year.
7. Seven. The novels she wrote are: Adam Bede (1859); The Mill on the Floss (1860); Silas Marner (1861); Romola (1863); Felix Holt, the Radical (1866); Middlemarch (1871-1872); and Daniel Deronda (1876). She also wrote short stories, poetry, non-fiction. Before she became a famous novelist, she was a prolific translator of radical German and Latin philosophy and theology.
8. Bing Crosby. The single involves Crosby singing the Little Drummer Boy while Bowie sing Peace on Earth in counterpoint. The song was recorded as part of Crosby’s TV special Bing Crosby’s Merrie Olde Christmas.
9. Goosebumps. Goosebumps are a link to our hairier ancestors which trapped air close to the skin to keep them warm when cold and made them look larger and more threatening when in danger.
10. Peter Shilton, who played in 17 World Cup matches between 1982 and 1990. At the top of the list is Lionel Messi, who has appeared in 26 matches (up to the start of the 2026 World Cup).



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