

# The Lydden Vale News

The Big Butterfly Count 2026  
1 July to 9 August




Painted Lady




Large Skipper




Common Blue



Green Hairstreak




Brimstone



Speckled Wood



Orange Tip



Marsh Fritillary

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## June 2026

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## The Bit at the Beginning ....

We finished the month of May with a scorcher – hence I edited this months LVN in my nice cool study. Apparently, Sash windows are supposed to work like Air Con, clever Victorians – cold incoming air pushes out hot air. Not sure the Victorians had to contend with nearly 30-degree heat though. We've had to keep our Golden Retriever indoors in the heat of the day otherwise she would lay out (in the shade) all day. She has the use of a doggy paddling pool, but is too scared to get in. I've been in it more than she has! For a dog who will lay out in the garden in the rain, you'd think she'd love the hose on a misty setting. Oh no!

Let's hope the June weather is a bit more 'sensible' – the odd shower at night and a nice warm English summer with a gentle breeze. In our dreams!

Amanda

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# WHAT'S ON - JUNE 2026

**Wednesday 3rd June 8 – 10 pm**

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

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**Thursday 11th and 25th June - 2 - 4 pm**



Our sessions for June will be on Thursdays - 11th and 25th  
From 2-4pm at the Gaggle of Geese

Everyone and all crafts are very welcome.  
Bring along your latest project and/or just come along and have a natter and a piece of cake !

WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON A COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR WHICH WE NEED YARN.  
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These two charming characters were made by Lucy, one of our very skilled members.

Lyn Cox 01300 345739      Jane Willis 01300 345477

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**Friday 12th June – 12.45 pm**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB**



A good time was had by all at the Lunch Club's outing in May to The Fox at Ansty. (Jan B had produced excellent instructions on how to get there!). The food was good and the room spacious, with large windows overlooking the well-tended garden.

Next month we'll be in Buckland Newton Village Hall, serving up Teriyaki Salmon or Cold Cooked Gammon, followed by either Bakewell Tart or Pavlova.


If you're looking to make friends and meet some nice people, and have a good chat and laugh, come along and have a delicious home-cooked meal for £10 a head, or £12 for a pub outing. All you need to do is to contact Bridget Hodges on 01300 345493, or email her at [bridget.hodges@btinternet.com](mailto:bridget.hodges@btinternet.com), to join

the Club. We'd be very pleased to see you.

Similarly, if you'd like to find out more about being a helper for the Club, please contact Bridget or myself. It's a very rewarding activity.

Cathy Shippey (01300 345339).

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	<b>Monday and Friday</b> <b><u>POST OFFICE 9am-12 noon Buckland Newton Village Hall</u></b>
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Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 – 12.30

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF PULHAM CHURCH FUND – THE HALSEY ARMS, PULHAM (See page 6)

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Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2 pm

LYDDEN VALE GARDENING CLUB - VISIT TO UPPER SYDLING HOUSE, (See page 8 for details)



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Saturday 20th June 10 – 1 pm

LITTLE ADVENTURERS JUMBLE SALE – BUCKLAND NEWTON SCHOOL HALL (See page 6)

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Friday 26th June 2026- 10.30 am - 12 pm  
BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE CAFÉ



Cafe will be on Friday 26th June, from 10.30 - 12 noon at Buckland Newton Village Hall  
Tea/coffee and cake - £1.50 - what a bargain!

Let's hope we have lovely summer weather by then.  
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### Holy Rood Church Dates for your Diary

Sunday 4th October, Bring and Share Harvest Supper

*Saturday 24th October, a fun afternoon of Games in Buckland Newton Village Hall with teams of 2 to 6 people, more details nearer the time*

Saturday 5th December Christmas Fayre in Holy Rood

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**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

**COFFEE MORNING**

In aid of Pulham Church Fund.

In the Function Room at

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# Gaggle Events



**Open Mic Night** - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July – pop down from 8pm to 10pm to enjoy and support local musicians...be brave and step up...

**Knit & Natter** - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June - the fortnightly crafting social group. Free to attend. Bring a project and perhaps some cake! 2 til 4pm

**Artsreach** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July & 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ticketsource.com/gaggle) ... Tickets available now

**Drive-In Cinema!** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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./gaggle](http://www.ticketsource.co./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](http://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!

**Gagglefest** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



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## Lydden Vale Garden Club News

The Newt Visit in early May was a resounding success, as shown by the comments received the following day

*"A Fabulous Day out...an amazing place. Definitely going back, in fact we've taken out membership!"*

*"Exceeded all expectations, really enjoyed the Roman Villa with the additional virtual reality tour...as good as Pompei without the crowds!"*

*"The Day was first Class and the benefits of going as a group much appreciated"*

The estate is vast and can involve a lot of walking and so the shuttle buggy from the car park to the main entrance was much appreciated by those who needed to conserve their energy "it *made all the difference to our enjoyment of the day.*"

As was the bus service to the Roman Villa, a 25 min walk.

The driver (as were all the staff), could not have been more thoughtful and helpful.

As for those who took the Garden Tours, again "*Nothing was too much trouble*".



Those of us with Arthur Cole were given insights into those many instances of Newt's attention to detail', eg the crushed cockle shells lining the paths by the section of **\*\*Lancashire Apples** in the Parabola. This houses cordoned or espaliered examples from all the apple growing counties of the UK. (And his description of how figs are pollinated had us transfixed with a mixture of wonder and disgust! (For more details Google the life cycle of the Fig-wasp)

**\*\***(Morecombe Bay Lancs, being famous for its cockles.)

### Next Visit 17th June 2pm

Described by House & Garden magazine as "A harmonious Dorset rose garden designed by Isabel and Julian Bannerman", **Upper Sydling House** is the Club's planned visit for 17 June when the walled garden bursting with roses should be at it's best. Many of you may know the Bannerman's have a long association with King Charles and have been involved with him on many of his garden projects and so it's rather special to be able to visit another of their projects at Upper Sydling.

The owner, Susanne Cooper turned a farmyard into a walled garden encompassing vegetable, cut flowers and stock beds within a framework of herbaceous borders. Roses are abundant, tumbling and climbing everywhere, she has 120 different varieties and 400 individual plants.

There is a Portland Stone water

feature, box domes create structure, a small lake all of which meld beautifully into the surrounding countryside.

The garden is rarely open to the public, so it's rather special that we have been able to persuade Susanne to allow our Club to visit. We will be treated to a guided tour by either Susanne, or her head gardener, tea and cake is included and there will be time to wander at leisure which should prove to be the making of a wonderful afternoon.

**The cost to non-members is £25 and £15 for Members. Cont . .**



Members are to make their own way to the property - the address is Upper Sydling House, Up Sydling DT2 9PH. Please arrive at 2pm, and where possible share lifts, there is a paddock behind the garden for parking

To ensure enough cake! **email Susie if interested by 10th June on susiejkeys@icloud.com**

### Looking ahead

**15th July 2.15pm Visit to The Blooming Wild Nursery at Horsington.**

Further details in next month's edition.

*Jan Burnett and Susie Goymour*

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## Activities of Buckland Newton Environment Group 2025/6

**New Year Plant Hunt** – 12 people attended a wildflower walk to record winter flowering plants, both wild and naturalised. 33 species were recorded and the records contributed to the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland's large citizen science survey.

**Community walk** – Our first community walk was well attended with 11 people walking 4 miles on lanes and footpaths locally. A great opportunity to enjoy the local countryside and something we hope to repeat in the future.

**Marsh Fritillary** – This rare and threatened butterfly was found to be breeding in the village for the first time in many years. Several sites were surveyed to record the caterpillars which live communally in a web. Some were moved to the safety of Frogs Bottom meadow to avoid destruction from mowing. In the last few days Fizz reports flying Marsh Fritillary in her meadow – something she has hoped for for over 25 years!

### Riverfly work

**Outreach and networking** – We worked with Friends of Pop Maller Wood again during the winter to continue coppicing work. Some of our members have been involved in the work of Cerne Valley Sustainability group – advising on a woodland and grassland biodiversity project that they have begun. We are organising a trip to Buckland Newton sewage works to better understand the condition of the works and how this effects our local environment.

**Parish Paddock** – We have continued to support the Parish council with efforts to enrich the biodiversity of this small patch of grassland. Further hedge maintenance including weeding, mulching with last summer's grass cuttings and gapping up tree losses with new trees.

**Swift survey** – Ongoing survey work and reports from local people have led us to conclude that currently there are no breeding Swifts in the village despite regular summer sightings of the birds over the village. Establishing new breeding colonies where no breeding currently occurs is known to be difficult and as such our limited resources will be best used in other ways to support the birdlife of the area – ideas gratefully received!

**Woodland Trust Ancient tree inventory** – We returned to Duntish Court to survey a wonderful selection of ancient and veteran trees which have now been added to the inventory.

**Moth trapping session** – 13 people enjoyed opening moth traps and enjoying the varied contents. This public event was kindly hosted by Fizz Lewis in her meadow.

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## Buckland Newton Youth Club

It has been a strange month weather wise; we started the month all warm and full of promise and then had a cold snap which impacted on some of our plans. However, BNYC did play "Knock & Gnome" for the first time, a game inspired by one of our volunteer's Jodie who was telling us stories of what she got up to when she was a teenager.

Imagine a Treasure Hunt but with Gnomes. The young people not only had to find the Gnomes dotted around the village, but they also had to pose with them in their best Gnome pose, which in some cases also included outfits. It was slightly concerning how many of our volunteers also joined in! We plan to do another Knock & Gnome in 2027. If you could host a Gnome for a night please get in touch, they can't hide again in the same places.

Members of BNYC did a sterling job selling teas, coffees and cakes at the Buckland Newton Plant Sale. They raised £114.40 from plant sales for Weldmar Hospice and £106.17 from the refreshments for the Youth Club's funds. In fact, they enjoyed serving the refreshments so much that BNYC will take over the running of the Tea Tent at Buckland Newton Village Fete this year.

And work on the allotment(s) has started in earnest, the potatoes are in, soon to be followed by the runner beans, squashes and sweetcorn. It is amazing how much weeding can be done when you've got 20+ helpers

Kate Parish  
Lead Youth Worker  
Buckland Newton Youth Club  
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1330 - 1500 NETBALL SKILLS & MATCH (£3 PER PERSON)  
OR £5 FOR THE DAY INCLUDING LUNCH

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 1000 - 1700 (AGES 10 + BNYC MEMBERS & FAMILIES ONLY)  
1000 - 1700 CYCLE THE NORTH DORSET TRAILWAY

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST (AGES 10+):  
1530 - 2100 AFTERNOON WALK, PIZZA MAKING & FILM NIGHT (£3 PER PERSON)



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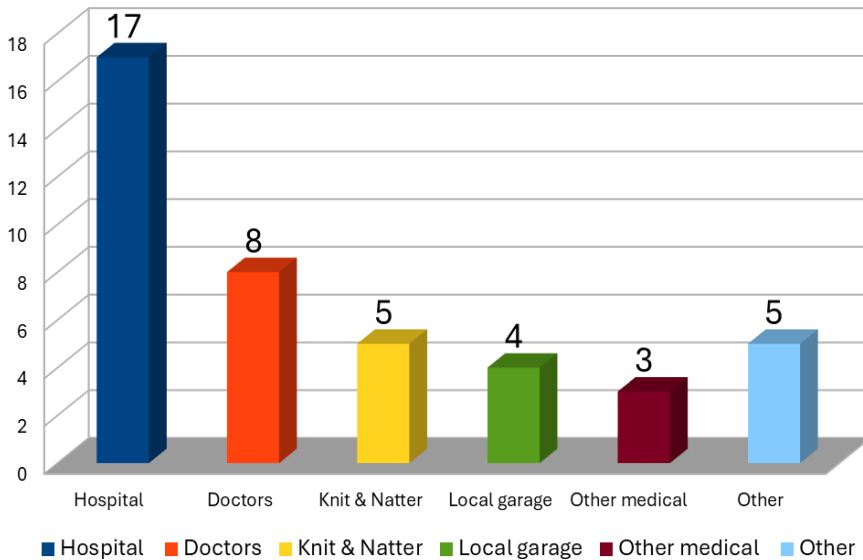
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# Buckland Newton Community Car Scheme

Some facts and figures about the scheme since the beginning of January.

- \* 42 requests for lifts were covered
- \* Another 12 lifts were requested but were then cancelled due to illness or appointments being changed
- \* We were unable to cover 2 lifts due to lack of drivers
- \* 11 clients requested to use the service, with 5 new clients joining since January
- \* 10 drivers covered the lifts
- \* 629 miles were covered



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If you would like any further information about either using the scheme or volunteering as a driver then please contact Sheila on 07733 849264 or [bncarscheme@gmail.com](mailto:bncarscheme@gmail.com).

*Sheila Crouch*

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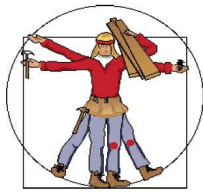
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## Mostly Moths - Ruby Tiger


Love the name of this attractively coloured moth. She is part of the tiger moth family where the larvae are hairy and known as 'woolly bears'. They usually move fast and curl up in your hand as a defence but it is best not to touch them as they may cause an allergic reaction. Scarlet Tiger and Jersey Tiger are two more of these very colourful and attractive group of moths. The Jersey Tiger had a particularly good year last year - enjoying the hot weather. Both these Tiger Moths can be seen flying during the day when you may see a flash of their red/orange underwings. This one also sometimes flies during the day. The colours incidentally are to warn predators that they are toxic.



Numbers for the Ruby Tiger have increased over the last 40 years. Nice to hear a positive story - well done Ruby!





*Fizz Lewis*

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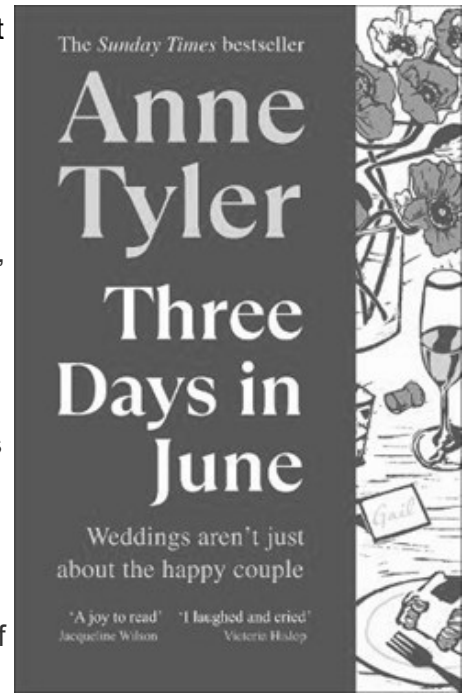
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## In The Buckland Newton Book Corner

My offering this month is another of those short reads when I just want a light, quick read to take me over a weekend. This time I opted for one of the shorter novels by the literary titan that is **Anne Tyler** – I have read many of her books and, in my opinion, there are few authors who could surpass her when it comes to a study of characters and relationships.

In **'Three Days in June'** the main topic is marriage - old, new, broken, and repaired. Gail Baines is a socially awkward mother of the bride, who faces a whirlwind of events in the days surrounding her daughter Debbie's wedding. After seemingly losing her job and feeling that she is being excluded from pre-wedding festivities, Gail must also contend with the fact that her professional hairstyling doesn't go as hoped. Things only escalate when her ex-husband, Max, unexpectedly shows up with a foster cat in tow and no plans beyond staying at Gail's house. Once they were a pair of young teachers intending to 'grow old side by side', but they have been divorced for twenty years. The causes of their estrangement are as evident as ever. When they set out on walks together, Max suggests they 'just wander any old which way'. Gail doesn't think so. Max seeks the most bizarre combination of items on a restaurant menu, while Gail looks for dishes familiar from childhood. Max believes in cutting people some slack; Gail tells him it's not that simple.



The real upheaval, however, comes when Debbie reveals a shocking secret about her fiancé, throwing the wedding into question and dredging up unresolved issues from Gail and Max's past..... Tyler masterfully balances humour with poignancy, capturing the chaos of family life with her trademark sensitivity. I couldn't help but empathise with Gail, feeling her stress as she faced one challenge after another. Watching her transform over three days—gaining strength and a new perspective on her relationships—was deeply satisfying. As time passes, Gail begins to remember *“how cozy it felt sometimes, hanging out with Max”*. The shifting dynamic between Gail and Max added warmth and complexity to the story, softening both characters in a way that felt authentic and rewarding. With her signature sensitivity and wit, Tyler delivers another masterful tale of the complexities of relationships, including the way we tend to gravitate toward the known, and how the camaraderie and comfort of a long-standing relationship can be exactly what we need – especially in times of emotional upheaval.

Anne Tyler's *'Three Days in June'* is a charming and heartwarming exploration of family, relationships, and personal growth told over the course of a chaotic wedding weekend. I enjoy stories about family dynamics, and am a fan of Anne Tyler's work, so perhaps not surprising that I found this to be a humorous yet believable tale, with enough emotional depth to keep me hooked. A delightful short read.

*Karen Whiter*

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## Buckland Newton Plant Sale 10th May - Results

Thanks to all who produced the most splendid selection of plants and those wonderful wigwams, and to those who came to buy and partake of refreshments in the Parish Rooms, the sale made a total of £1284 to give to the Weldmar Hospice in Dorchester to help towards the expense of its dedicated work.

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## June Quiz

1. Who was the second human to travel into space?
2. Who had a hit in the UK charts in 1958 with Yakety Yak?
3. Where was Princess Anne the Princess Royal born?
4. The single Candle in the Wind 1997 by Elton John was half of a double A-side. What was the other track on the record?
5. On which racetrack is the Eau Rouge sequence of corners?
6. Who wrote the novel Islands in the Stream?
7. How many English managers have overseen a Premier League winning team?
8. What is the fastest snake in the world?
9. How long is a tennis court?
10. Which company was founded by Martin Eberhard and Marc Tarpenning in 2003?

*By Simon Spencer*

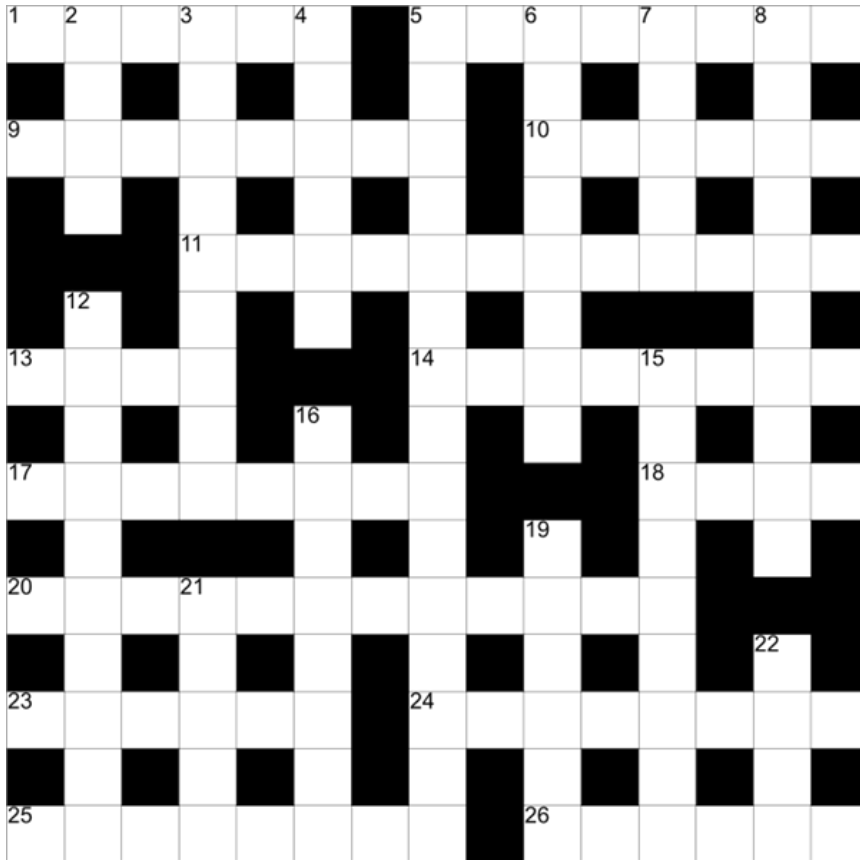
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Sudoku by mathsphere.co.uk

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  - JAVA
  - KANGAROO
  - LUNDY
  - MAJORCA
  - MINORCA
  - MURANO
  - SARDINIA
  - SICILY
  - VANCOUVER



**Crossword and Wordsearch  
by Carole Spencer**

**Across**

1. We hear about more distant relative (6)
5. It's not easy to finance book (8)
9. Transport is suspended (5,3)
10. Picked up another antler (6)
11. Fruit salad maker worried if no concrete ordered (12)
13. Nothing found in blazer opening (4)
14. Recommend endlessly imbibing a liqueur (8)
17. Dance demonstrating a lack of gravity (8)
18. Unusual part of itinerary going home (4)
20. Riverside vacations for days off (4,8)
23. Two piece seen on atoll (6)
24. Matching clothes perhaps for a string quartet (8)
25. Sell vase as it's broken in examinations (1,1,6)
26. A lot of Russian alien in colour (6)

**Down**

2. In the end Vienna, Warsaw, Smyrna and Mandalay are abroad (4)
3. Part of tooth covering coin (4-5)
4. Dashing green (6)
5. Bore cried 'Sharks!' disturbed travellers (9,6)
6. Corresponding with a family member (8)
7. Live with a refusal for party (5)
8. Land a caber awkwardly on Liberace's prop (10)
12. Bacteria so unusual in skylarks (10)
15. The present time (8)
16. She upset Cornelia (9)
19. Put the main back in vehicle for emperor (6)
21. Stiletto made of iron and ink (5)
22. Run away – I can hear an insect (4)



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### June 2026 Services at Holy Rood

**Sunday 7 June**  
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**Sunday 14 June**  
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**Sunday 21 June**  
All Age Service at 4pm

**Sunday 28 June**  
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## Dear Friends,

We had an American visitor last Thursday. He didn't expect to be brought face to face with King Henry III of England (reign 1216-1272) in Holy Rood Buckland Newton. He was amazed.

The chancel of Holy Rood dates from his reign. There are only a few pure complete examples of Early English Style. Westminster Abbey, Notre Dame, Paris, Salisbury Cathedral and . . .the Chancel of Holy Rood. You know- the bit with the failed roof beam just above Henry's head that I keep trying to engage interest and concern about.



The chancel of Holy Rood is a gem. The slender 4" diameter, 10' long columns of polished Purbeck marble either side of the windows are a miracle in themselves. Cut and polished by hand, they can support many tons vertically, but how on earth did the builders transport them from Purbeck

C.1250? Perhaps up the Frome and Piddle in a punt? Very possibly.

When horizontal they are as fragile and brittle as glass!

This King's head is world class sculpture. For eight centuries the gentle parishioners of Buckland Newton have kept a roof over it, secure and safe.

They were pitifully impoverished compared to our generation.

Are we, their successors, really content to allow it to fall?

Are we truly 'not really bothered'?

Our American visitor was astonished at such a possibility. I cannot look into this face and not be captivated by it. Can you?

*Jonathan*

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## Winning News from the Tower

On the second Saturday in April eight teams of ringers met at Piddlehinton Church for the local annual striking competition. This event takes place in a different church each year and some of you may remember that two years ago it was held here in Buckland Newton when our local band won. Well, the good news is that we won again this year.

Points are deducted for every mistake a team makes – a clash of the bells; uneven striking; a poor rhythm for what is being rung and many other nuances, known only to bellringers. You may be interested to know that last year our team came second and were only half a point behind the winners.

The photo shows the winning band with the shield, which will be on display in the ringing chamber for another year, until we defend our title.

They are Emma Greyson, Nick Baker, David Brookes, David Marshal and Will Burnett – Andy Waring also rang, but is not pictured.



Jane Willis

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## Tea in the garden on a Summer's afternoon.



*What could be better than a sunny afternoon spent in a beautiful garden with tea and cake? Just what we all enjoy, so join us, courtesy of Mrs 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.*

Tickets are available at £10 pp from Old Chapel Stores in Buckland Newton, or from Diana Wells on 01300 345454 or Jon Sulkin on 07971 277584.

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

## June Newsletter — Cerne Abbas Surgery

### **Tick Awareness – Stay Safe Outdoors!**

As the weather warms up and we spend more time outside, it's important to be tick aware. Ticks can sometimes carry infections such as Lyme disease, so checking for ticks after time outdoors and removing them promptly helps reduce the risk of illness.

#### **How to Prevent Tick Bites:**

- Stick to paths and avoid long grass or dense vegetation
- Wear long sleeves and tuck trousers into socks
- Use insect repellent on exposed skin
- Check yourself, children, and pets for ticks after being outdoors

#### **If You Find a Tick:**

- Remove it as soon as possible using fine-tipped tweezers or a tick-removal tool
- Grasp the tick close to the skin and pull upward slowly and steadily
- Take care not to squeeze or crush the tick
- Wash the area and your hands with soap and water
- Apply an antiseptic cream to the skin around the bite
- Make a note of the date and location of the bite

Many pharmacies and outdoor stores sell tick removal devices. These are useful if you often spend time in areas where there are ticks.

If the tick's mouthparts break off in the skin and can't be removed, this may cause irritation but they should fall out naturally in time.

Once you've removed a tick, monitor the area where you were bitten and contact your GP if you develop flu-like symptoms or a rash. You do not need to speak to a GP if you've been bitten and have no symptoms.

Stay tick-smart and enjoy the outdoors safely!

### **Ordering Prescriptions Before Holidays**

If you are planning a holiday over the summer, please remember to request your repeat prescriptions in good time.

The dispensary requires 3 *clear* working days to process prescription requests. For example, if you order on a Monday, you can collect your medication on Friday of the same week. If you order on a Thursday, you can collect your medication on the following Wednesday.

Please note that weekends and Bank Holidays are not counted as working days, so we encourage patients to plan ahead wherever possible to avoid running out of medication while travelling.

Repeat prescriptions can be requested via the NHS App, SystmOnline, by handing in your usual repeat slip, or by asking us to repeat your order when you collect your medication.

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*Lottie Ward*

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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](http://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.



### **POLICE REPORT**

#### **APRIL**

12/04/2026 Report of someone trying door handles and a neighbour experienced the same thing. Informant saw someone stood by his car, walking around trying door handles. Police attended and conducted an area search, no one found. Informant had nothing stolen or damaged.

21/04/2026 Attempt burglary – under investigation. Nothing stolen, believed disturbed by the dogs

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/](http://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/](http://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/](http://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/message-an-officer/)

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## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Parish Council update:

The annual parish council meeting was held on Tuesday 12 May 2026. Cllr Andy Foot remains as Chair, with Cllr Nick Baker becoming Vice Chair. The Council welcomes Sam Haskell as a new co-opted Councillor.

Play Area - Councillors have carried out repairs and maintenance work

Parish Pavilion - Painting of the outside woodwork has commenced.

Fingerpost at the bottom of Knaps Hill - does anyone know the whereabouts of the broken/missing finger?

### YOUR COUNCILLORS ARE:-

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	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
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Chalk Valleys Ward - Dorset Council	Cllr Jill Haynes	01300 341277 / <a href="mailto:cllrjill.haynes@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk">cllrjill.haynes@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</a>

### **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

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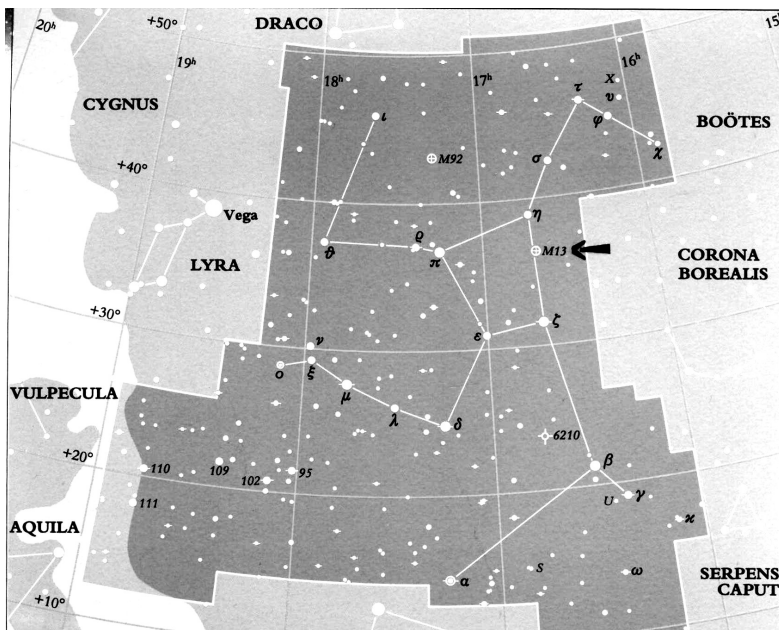
If you prefer to report issues directly to the council, you can do so by calling 01305 224463 or online at

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# YOUR NIGHT SKY - JUNE 2026

We are now at our longest days of the year and for the sky to be dark enough to see our starry sky you will have to go out well after 10pm. As compensation, the summer Milky Way is back with us with the centre of our galaxy visible in our southern to south-eastern sky. It is a beautiful sight through binoculars and can be photographed using a DSLR camera with manual controls and a tripod. Full instructions are available on the Web.

This month's constellation is Hercules. Face south and then look slightly to the east of overhead to find it. It is just to the west of the bright star Vega (the brightest star in that part of the sky). It is on last month's star chart. The constellation was named after the most famous of classical heroes. The interesting object for binocular observers in Hercules is M13, the brightest globular star cluster in our skies. Through binoculars it is a fuzzy patch and is very beautiful when viewed through a small telescope. It is marked with an arrow on this month's sky chart. M92, another globular star cluster is smaller and fainter and not such a good sight through binoculars.



HERCULES.



M13 as seen through a small telescope.

**THE PLANETS THIS MONTH.** Venus is beautiful in the west, not setting until near midnight. Jupiter, much fainter than Venus, is also in the west. It remains brighter than any nearby stars so is easy to identify. It sets about an hour before Venus. In the first half of the month, Mercury is to the lower right of Venus and Jupiter just about the horizon so will be difficult to see in Buckland Newton. It will be at its highest on June 15<sup>th</sup>, setting around 11pm. Saturn is bright in the morning sky, rising about 2am.

**THE MOON.** New Moon is on June 15<sup>th</sup> with Full Moon on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SPECIAL EVENTS.** Venus will be very close to Jupiter on June 9<sup>th</sup>. June 21<sup>st</sup> is Summer Solstice with our longest daylight hours.

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](http://www.heavens-above.com). If you have a Smart phone or Tablet computer, there are free Apps which will guide you around the stars in the sky. I use "Sky Map" which I find very useful. You need to have the GPS enabled on your phone or tablet for the best results.

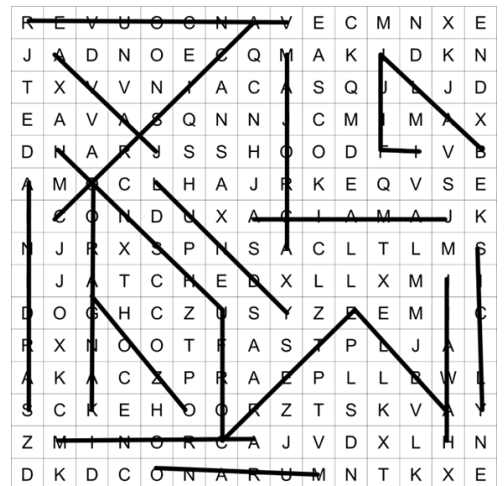
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Quiz Answers

1. Alan Shephard. He flew a 15-minute mission in the Mercury spacecraft Freedom 7, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1961, 23 days after Yuri Gagarin become the first man to travel into space. 10 years later, at the age of 47, he became the oldest man to walk on the moon (so far). The second human to orbit the earth was the Russian cosmonaut Gherman Titov.
2. The Coasters. The band had the distinction of being the first vocal group to be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.
3. Clarence House in London. Princess Anne once said, "When I appear in public, people expect me to neigh, grind my teeth, paw the ground, and swish my tail, none of which is easy!"
4. Something About the Way You Look Tonight. The song was included on Elton's 25<sup>th</sup> studio album, The Big Picture, and was released as the album's first single on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 1997 along with Candle in the Wind 1997 in memory of Princess Diana.
5. Spa-Francorchamps, in Belgium. Eau Rouge, actually turn 3, but generally taken to include turns 3 and 4 as well, is named after the red-hued, iron rich stream that runs under it, is arguably the most famous turn in Formula 1. It is a steep, blind, left, right, left series of turns which can be taken at full throttle if a driver is brave enough.
6. Ernest Hemingway. The novel is the first posthumously published novel by Hemingway. It tells the story of Thomas Hudson, a painter, and is in three acts. Hemingway started writing it in 1950, and it was published in 1970.
7. None. The last English manager to win the topflight was Howard Wilkinson who led Leeds United to the First Division championship in the 1991-92 season. Of Scottish managers, Sir Alex Ferguson won it 13 times and Kenny Dalglish once.
8. The black mamba. Not only is it fast, it can move between 7 and 12 mph, but it is highly venomous. The black mamba is not black, but grey or olive, the black refers to the inside of its mouth.
9. 78 feet or 23.8 meters. It is a Victorian-era measurement that traces back to Major Walter Clopton Wingfield's invention of lawn tennis in the 1870s. It was designed to fit the standard rectangular croquet lawn.
10. Tesla. Elon Musk joined later as the primary funder and the largest shareholder. Eberhard and Tarpenning were ousted from the company during a power struggle in 2007-2008, and both have moved into independent ventures, angel investing and advising for various green technology and electric vehicle startups.

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