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Knit and Knatter Poppy Project in Holy Rood Church

November 2026

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The Bit at the Beginning

What a stunning front cover we have this month. I was fortunate enough to go to The Tower of London in 2014, when they had the ceramic Poppy installation and it took your breath away and, consequently, I bought one of the poppies when they sold them at the end of the event. The crochet/knitted poppies in Holy Rood Church remind me of that – very clever and beautifully done (See pages 12 and 13).

Hopefully this months' LVN is error free, but as I am using different software to produce this, it's not beyond the realms of possibility that there will be the odd mistake. It's a work in progress!!

Keep safe and enjoy Bonfire Night and, of course, be mindful of animals in the vicinity when letting off Fireworks. Always a good idea to give neighbours a heads-up.

Amanda

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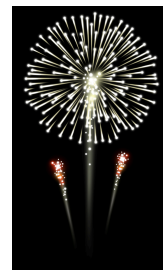
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WHAT'S ON - NOVEMBER 2026

Thursday 5th November

BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS - THE GAGGLE OF GEESE

(See page 9)



Wednesday 11th November 7 pm for 7.30 pm

LYDDEN VALE GARDENING CLUB - 'SKOOL BEANZ' BY LARA HONNER (See page 10)



Thursday 12th and 26th November - 2 - 4 pm



Our sessions for November will be on Thursdays 12th and 26th

From 2-4pm at the Gaggle of Geese

Everyone is very welcome to join us with whatever craft you like to do, or just come along and natter and have a piece of cake!!

See you there

Lyn Cox 01300 345739 Jane Willis 01300 345477

Friday 13th November

2ND FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB



On Friday 16 October, our Lunch Club really enjoyed Jo's delicious fish and chips, with all the trimmings, straight from her van and some people had takeaways for their families, as did other villagers, after the Club had been served in the Village Hall. Jenny Ferreira excelled herself again with a delicious fresh fruit salad served with double cream or ice cream or both. At times raucous laughter was heard (in the vicinity of Janey Hildred!) and amongst the helpers too, and it was great to hear everyone obviously having a good time on a lovely sunny day._

November 13th sees us going to the Gaggle of Geese for a roast chicken, rolled pork or nut roast lunch followed by scrummy puds such as sticky toffee, lemon meringue sundae or Baboo Gelato ice cream or sorbet. This will be followed by our AGM, during which we will appoint our new treasurer, Lucy Smith, and give big thanks to Jennie Grinter, the outgoing treasurer, who has helped the Club for a long time. We wish her lots of good times helping at events in Milborne Port. Jennie, you've been an absolute star. Please do let me know if you'd like to join in, even for a try-out to see if you like our lunch event.

Cathy Shippey Email: catherine.shippey54@gmail.com Phone 01300 345339 or 07391 195754



Monday and Friday

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Saturday 14th November 10.30 a.m.

BUCKLAND NEWTON HISTORY GROUP – PARISH PAVILION

The next meeting of the History Group will be at 10.30 am on the 14th November 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.

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.

Andy Waring at andywaring12@gmail.com or

John Baker at johnbaker386@outlook.com

Tuesday 17th November 1 pm - 2.30 pm

BUCKLAND NEWTON CAR SCHEME ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

(See page 6 for details)

Friday 20th November 8 pm

LINE DANCING - THE GAGGLE OF GEESE (See page 9)

Friday 27th November 10.30 - 12 pm

BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE CAFÉ



The November Village Cafe will be on Friday 27th November, 10.30 - 12 noon at Buckland Newton Village hall.

Coffee/Tea and cake £1.50 - What a Bargain

Come along and catch up with your friends and neighbours before the Christmas festivities hot up!

See you there

Lyn Cox 01300 345739 Liza Hill 01300 345230

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 5th December 10 am - 12 pm

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - HOLY ROOD CHURCH, BUCKLAND NEWTON (See page 21)





YOU'RE INVITED TO A PARTY

Well, an AGM actually, but there will be cake!

What: Buckland Newton Car Scheme Annual General Meeting
When: Tuesday 17th November, 1pm - 2.30pm
Where: Buckland Newton Village Hall, Small Meeting Room (please enter at side of hall)
Invites: Car Scheme Drivers/Users and anybody interested in either learning how to become a volunteer driver or use the scheme

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Did I mention there will be cake?!



Shaping the Future of Buckland Newton Church: Feedback from the Community Meetings

The PCC were delighted by the support, positivity and enthusiasm shown at the two Community Meetings held in the Village Hall on 27 September and 10 October to discuss the future of our lovely village church. Around 70 people attended in total, lots of questions were asked and answered and then brainstorming sessions were held in smaller groups.

There was broad agreement at both meetings that losing the church was not the preferred option and there was a clear consensus that it should be possible to work together to not only repair its roof but also ensure its future financial stability. The brainstorming sessions reflected this feeling and resulted in a wealth of good ideas not only for fundraising but also for making the church a more sustainable, active and integral part of village life for all those living here, whether churchgoers or not.

The PCC recognises that all of this great work now needs to be followed up by equally positive and enthusiastic action. Everything that was gleaned from these meetings will be studied and analysed and then condensed into an Action Plan. Other churches with similar problems have successfully turned things around. We are sure that, with the support of the local community, Buckland Newton will join that winning club!

To do so, we will, of course, also need helping hands and boots on the ground and so we are hoping that a Friends of the Church group will be formed providing a bank of volunteers who could be called on from time to time to provide that additional support. If you would like to join, please let us know by email on:

friendsofbucklandnewtonchurch@gmail.com

We promise not to abuse the gift of your help or your time!!
Watch this space for further updates as the Action Plan develops.



These boards will be on display in the church.

Susan Dearing

**A REMINDER FOR THOSE PEOPLE ALREADY GETTING PREPARED.
THE BUCKLAND NEWTON CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD WILL AGAIN BE AT THE
VILLAGE SHOP THIS YEAR.**

Last year you all raised just over a marvellous £400 for Weldmar Hospice and the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance which now adds up to an amazing total of £2,424.41 since the first card at Christmas 2020. Can we possibly achieve the £3,000 point this year?



For those Newcomers the idea of the card is to avoid trudging all around the village and out lying properties, in all weathers, delivering individual cards and at the same time supporting our local much needed charities. With the kind cooperation of Sue & Pete, we can all sign a large card at the Village Shop leaving a donation in the provided box. A list of well wishers will be regularly updated on the Buckland Newton Facebook page. From Tuesday 1st. December this year's card (or two) will be available to sign at The Old Chapel Stores.

For any further information please contact Maree 01300 345349





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BUCKLAND NEWTON YOUTH CLUB

As I write this article for the LVN Storm Austen is forecast to hit and disrupt Buckland Newton Youth Club's planned car wash - typical!

On the plus side the Youth Club's new members from Yr 6 have settled in well and we have been averaging attendance of 35 young people a week, with 42 members signed up this year so far. It has been wonderful to see some of the older Yr 9s returning too. Yr 8 is always an interesting year when some young people feel the Youth Club is no longer "cool" but then they slowly start coming back, often just to be able to have somewhere to hang out with their friends whilst they watch the Yrs 6 & 7s running around and saying, "I used to do that!"

And of course we have been busy as usual:

- Tie-dying t-shirts and stencilling bags
- Climbing at Oxley's
- A Night Walk around the village, to name just a few!

BNYC volunteers have also been celebrating, attending Volunteer Centre Dorset's Annual Event to celebrate volunteering in Dorset, they received an Award for being such an incredible volunteering team.

Kate Parish



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Gaggle Events



Bonfire Night – Thursday 5th November - The annual Village Bonfire & Fireworks in the Gaggle gardens. Willow lantern parade from the Parish Field (opposite the school) from 5pm. Bonfire lit around 6pm. Fireworks around 7pm. Fireworks, bar, BBQ, hog roast and hot chocolates!
Walk to the pub if you can or please park considerably if driving. Kids under 12 free entry. Older kids & adults £8; pay on arrival. Weather dependent!

Open Mic Night - Wednesday 4th November and 2nd December – pop down from 8pm to 10pm to enjoy local musicians. Or be brave and join in with a song or two.

Pub Quiz - Wednesday 18th November – our popular Gaggle pub quiz. Fun evening of head scratchers, cryptic clues and general knowledge. Teams of up to 6. £2 per person or free if you dine before the quiz. Booking required. Probable future quiz date, 16th December.

Line Dancing - Friday 20th November – line dancing evening with Way Out West. 'Improver Class' from 8pm. £10 per person – book via the link on our social media. Rest of the pub open as normal.

Knit & Natter - Thursday 12th & 26th November - the fortnightly crafting group. Free to attend. Bring a project and perhaps some cake! 2 til 4pm.

Buckland Newton Village Bonfire & Fireworks

@ The Gaggle of Geese Pub
Thursday 5th November from 5pm



Bonfire, Fireworks, Bar, BBQ, Hog Roast
Starts from 5pm with the lantern procession from the Parish Field.
Bonfire lit @ 6pm. Fireworks @ 7pm.

Weather Permitting!! Check our Facebook page.
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Christmas Functions - December – we are taking bookings for Christmas functions & groups across December. Limited dates left. Menu on our website. Get in touch if you have a date in mind.

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LYDDEN VALE GARDENING CLUB

October's News! Everything was ready, 82 tickets sold, raffle prizes and refreshments prepared, flowers ready for arranging, even an overnight bed made up, then the email arrived with only 24 hours to go.....the celebrity speaker Nick Bailey (of Gardeners World) was cancelling due to Covid! What to do??

Thankfully a phone call to the secretary of the Dorset Federation of Horticultural Societies who holds a list of recommended speakers, provided a more than satisfactory substitute, Charles Chesshire, whom she thoroughly recommended. It was his first visit but certainly won't be the last.....And already we are negotiating a visit to his garden and nursery at Symondsburry. The talk, **'FRUIT SALAD GARDENING....the Art of Garden Design** with too many plant varieties!' beautifully illustrated was as quirky as the subject, with much humour. Charles intertwined his life story, from being inspired by Granny, in what looked like a minor stately home, to his creation of a garden in 2019 at Symondsburry, via a spell in his youth designing gardens for Billy Joel on Long Island.NY. His more recent passion for Japanese gardens influences his current garden design style. Only those who were coming from out of area eg Yeovil were forewarned. The 70 locals who came were greeted with explanatory flyers and from the numerous emails received since and comments from members, nobody felt short changed. The club is rescheduling Nick Bailey to come again next March and all tickets bought will be held over till then.

In the meantime another treat is in store on Wednesday 11th November. The speaker **Lara Honnor** has such an inspiring back story from her days as an actress brought short by cancer. Finding gardening to be therapeutic she left city life to move to a village near Yeovil. Here she created an allotment for children **"SKOOL BEANZ"**..the subject for the evening It's become such a success and recently the winner of several awards. If you care about children discovering the benefits of being outside, having their own small plot to care for, growing whether food or flowers, then DO come along.



VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME at £3. Doors open 7 for 7.30pm. Refreshments served on arrival.

Jan Burnett

Sherborne Literary Society – Upcoming events in November 2026

We have some fabulously interesting authors joining us for events in November:

3rd November – Stephen Sackur will be discussing his book "Hard Truth" Can the fight for the truth be won?

16th November – Amy Jeffs will be in conversation with Lou Troup (Chair of SLS), discussing her latest book "Arthur".

EVENTS will be held at Cheap Street Church. Doors open 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start

TICKETS are £12 members, £15 non-members, £8 for students and under 18s

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Buckland Newton Litter Pick - 18th October



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Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you all for the kind words, condolences and practical help I've had following my Wendy's death on 5th of September.

I was at her bedside when she died and the wonderful support you showed me and my family at Holy Rood and the Village Hall on the 24th of September was like a huge hug for me.

You have helped me to begin my future life without Wendy by my side.

Thank you all again.

David Morris



BUCKLAND NEWTON FETE - FUNDING UPDATE

The Fete Committee are happy to announce that we have allocated over £6,000 again this year to the following: Little Goslings, Holy Rood Church, Buckland Newton C of E Primary School, Buckland Newton Youth Club, The 2nd Friday Lunch Club, Buckland Newton Car Scheme, The Village Bonfire and Fireworks, The Lydden Vale Gardening Club, The Village Plant Boxes, Knit and Knatter, Buckland Newton History Group and the Village Hall.

Fete Committee: Simon Colquhoun, Amanda McKenna, Kate Parish and Andy Aitkenhead.

As you can see, we are a very small Committee, so we desperately need some new members. If you would like to join us, please contact Simon at info@gaggleofgeese.co.uk.

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY PROJECT

As a Group, we have been working on a Poppy project which is now on display in the Church, in time for Remembrance Day. It has been fun to work on.

It was calculated that we needed to make 1000 poppies - However, we surpassed that number. Some were knitted and some were crocheted. Suffice to say - I don't think there is much red yarn left in Buckland Newton !!!

Thank you John for your help with installation.

Do go along to the Church to see our Poppy Display
We hope you enjoy it.

Lyn, Bridget, Jenny and Jane

ON BEHALF OF THE KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

Cont .



Wow!

What an amazing sight the poppy wall hanging is in Holy Rood Church, it is the most wonderful tribute to our armed forces for their sacrifice during the First and Second World Wars and subsequent conflicts where they have been involved.

When the Knit & Natter ladies first approached me about this project I had no idea of the extent they would go to, maybe they didn't either! However they have excelled themselves in their handiwork and dedication, it is such a special tribute. Do please go and see the poppies, they will be there for some weeks to come.

Holy Rood is open daily from about 9am until 5.

Thank you ladies.

Carol



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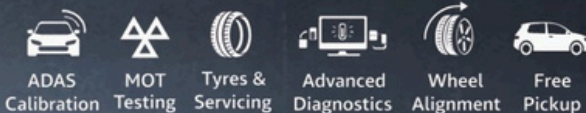
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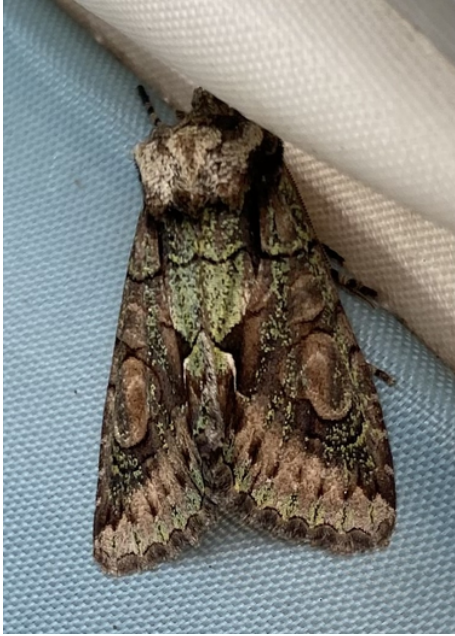
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MOSTLY MOTHS - THE GREEN-BRINDLED CRESCENT

Autumn Moths are interesting moths; they include a lot of similar shaped brown moths of roughly the same size and shape but with different patterns on the wings - some of them very pretty and intricate. Many autumn moths belong to the largest group of moths called the Noctuids and this is subdivided into another group which includes arches, brindles, monitors, rustics, ears and wainscots. All this sounds complicated, but when you have over 2500 moths you have to get them into some sort of order I suppose.



Anyway, I want you to see the Green-brindled Crescent, a typical Noctuid moth but which to my mind is one of the prettiest of the Autumn moths. There are two forms and this one has green metallic dusting which I hope comes out in the photo. I would like to say this was caught by me but it wasn't it was caught in Oxfordshire by my five-year-old grandson, Remy! I lent him my trap. He was so delighted with it he kept it in his tent (hence the background) all day and released it in the evening. Well done, Remy!

Fizz Lewis

Thank you to those who sent me their photos of hummers last month - I loved all of them.



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IN THE BUCKLAND NEWTON BOOK CORNER

I was keen to read another Ann Patchett novel following my enjoyment of 'Whistler' over the summer. A colleague recommended this one – 'Tom Lake' – and I found, when I read the Goodreads reviews (my 'go to' for information on prospective future reads) that it has in the past received mixed reviews, with some criticism of its slow pace and lack of drama. However, other Patchett fans were more positive and so I decided to give it a go. Sometimes a quiet, reflective novel is just what you need. I was not disappointed.

Returning to the Michigan family farm in the spring and summer of 2020, the world having seemingly ground to a halt due to the Global pandemic, Emily, Maisie and Nell help their parents Lara and Joe Nelson with the cherry harvest. Whilst the world is in chaos, the farm is quiet and peaceful. The cherry picking is described as a backbreaking physical labour and as a meditative communal ritual. To serve as a distraction, the girls ask their mother about the summer when, as a young woman, she had a romance with a man who would become a famous movie star.....

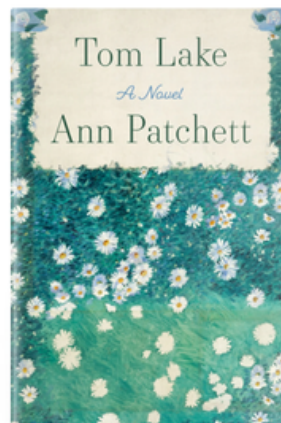
In a dual timeline story, 57-year-old Lara, tells her three twenty-something daughters, about that summer. The summer she played the part of Emily in Thornton Wilder's classic play, *Our Town*. The summer she had a romance with Duke, her co-actor who later became a huge star.

Lara remembers those days as the golden days of youth when anything seemed possible. As we flip between past and present, the family picks the sweet cherries, and the tart feelings are explored and insights about life, love, and the decisions we make are shared. There are some surprising revelations along the way, with warm meditations on marriage and children and love in all its guises.

This is a quiet, subtle story about children's fascination with their parents' pasts, and what parents choose to tell – and when. Lara embarks on telling her story, *"Knowing full well that the parts they're waiting to hear are the parts I'm never going to tell them"*. Just as she is picking the cherries from the trees, Lara 'cherry picks' which details of her past to share with her daughters, and which painful or complicated truths to leave out. This is warmly and skilfully done, so that by the end the girls accept the story they are given.

The interactions reveal other intergenerational issues too. The girls challenge Lara when she uses what is to them "politically incorrect" language. When she introduces her understudy, who is also a dancer, Lara describes her "preposterous" legs but is quickly criticised for "objectifying" her. And, when she describes Duke's "craziness", she is interrupted again and told she can't use words like "crazy" or "nuts" or "insane". They're "pejorative". She should only use his "diagnosis" and only if he didn't mind. These are well observed interactions that mirror the sort of conversations many of us are having as we navigate modern sensibilities. Patchett handles them with grace and generosity – not to mention a lovely touch of humour.

If you prefer fast paced novels with gritty drama then this may not be for you, but I find Patchett's writing a masterclass in how to tell a good story. Her novels are known for blending deep human empathy, accessible yet rich prose, and a focus on everyday kindness and human connection. Something this world needs now more than ever.



Karen Whiter

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

November Quiz

1. Who is the only English footballer to win topflight league titles in four different countries?
2. What is the bestselling video game of all time?
3. "Vienna", by Ultravox, was kept off the number one spot in the UK charts for three weeks in 1981 by Joe Dolce's "Shaddap You Face". What John Lennon song kept it at number two for a week before that?
4. What is the most populous city in Florida?
5. What was notably unusual about the Tyrrell P34 Formula 1 car which raced in the 1976 and 1977 seasons?
6. Canadian Heather Moyse played in two Rugby World Cups, represented Canada in Track Cycling, and won gold medals at what sport in the Winter Olympics of 2010 and 2014?
7. Who wrote the book of mystery short stories "Tales of the Black Widowers"?
8. What is the most common tree in France?
9. What is the most abundant element in the Earth's crust?
10. How many patents did Benjamin Franklin hold?

by Simon Spencer

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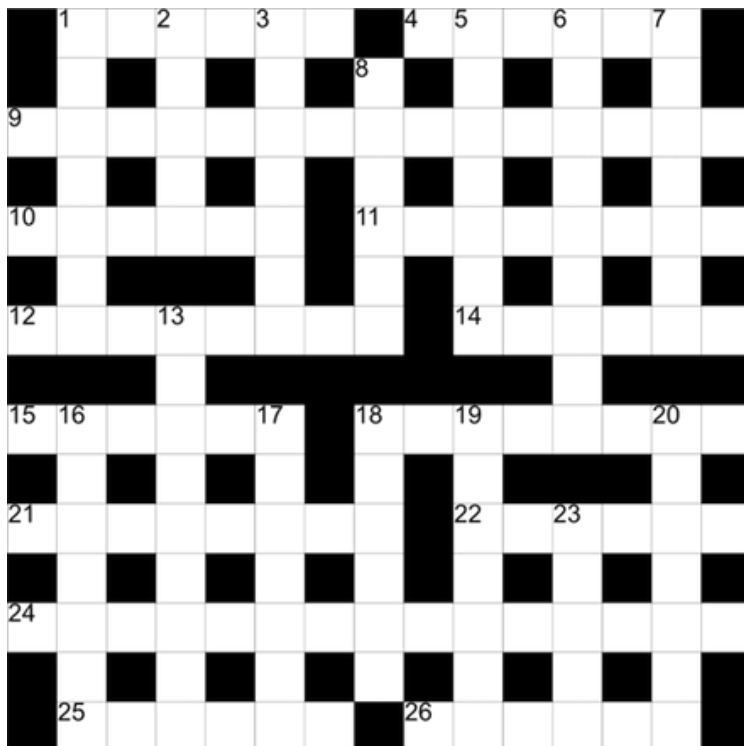
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Crossword and Wordsearch by Carole Spencer

Across

1. Very good crop for a cushion (6)
4. One going to pot getting into hot water (6)
9. Old copper found on Monopoly Board with smuggler (3,6,6)
10. Bask in glory? Including a question (6)
11. Depend on holding a little money lately (8)
12. Game bird fluttering around soap location (8)
14. Consuming tea and gin cocktail (6)
15. Causes trouble for diners (6)
18. US oilmen spill paint (8)
21. Peer at duck/hare hybrid (8)
22. Ref is a bit plump I reckon (6)
24. Famous thesp messed up "I value nicer role" (8,7)
25. Gives in and returns (6)
26. A fancy Prussian holds another country (6)

Down

1. Flourish a ship in flower (7)
2. Footballer sounds untidy (5)
3. Saw red over a green delta (7)
5. In Korea Rachel had a drum problem (7)
6. Promising pieces of paper financially (9)
7. Mechanical problem caused by girl involved with men (7)
8. Ravine gets point of Prince (6)
13. Stable competitor (9)
16. Dear lady sadly losing 500 by this time (7)
17. Numbed naughty nun hugged by Saint Edward (7)
18. By the sound of it setter allowed a hole (6)
19. America has posh friend most of the time (7)
20. Headless big pig minus no paddles (7)
23. Man in the street with a flag (5)

Sudoku by mathsphere.co.uk

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Church Warden - Jonathan Sulkin 07971 227584

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

November Services

Sunday 1
Morning Service at 9.45 am

Sunday 8
Remembrance at 10.45 am
followed by Holy Communion

Sunday 15
All Age Service at 4 pm

Sunday 22
Holy Communion at 9.45 am

Sunday 29
Benefice Service at Cerne – 11.15 am

December

Sunday 6
Morning Service at 9.45 am

Sunday 13
Holy Communion at 9.45 am

Sunday 20
Traditional Carol Service with candles at 4pm

Sunday 24
Christmas Eve Carol Service at 4.30 pm

Friday 25
Christmas Day Holy Communion at 9.45 am

Sunday 27 Holy Communion at 9.45 am

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HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

The harvest service followed by a shared supper was a real celebration of food, farming and faith.

The service included the usual harvest hymns but included a most enlightening Question & Answer session between Rob Sawdy and Andy Foot regarding the problems faced this summer by the farming community and what changes might need to be made with the weather patterns of the last few years looking likely to continue.

(For those yet to meet Rob, he is currently Jonathan's assistant and suffered devastating flooding earlier this year. This left him and his family homeless but was fortunately able to stay in one of Andy's cottages before moving to another rented property near their home in Milborne St Andrew.)



The supper followed the service with a tempting spread of cold meats, hot potatoes, salads and delicious desserts.

And as has been a long-standing tradition the fresh produce donated was then auctioned by Andy, ably assisted by his two assistants Jon and Pip.

Not only did this include the usual veg and fruit but nets of perfect walnuts and joints of local lamb.

The proceeds amounting to £253 with Gift Aid will be shared between the RABI, a farming charity, and the church.

The collection of several boxes of dried and tinned food was taken to the Sherborne Food Bank.

Thanks to all who decorated the church, donated produce, food for supper, then bid or outbid, making the evening so enjoyable!

Jan Burnett

Dear Friends,

As we enter November, the season of Remembrance, my mind is drawn to the Poppies. Not the ones in Flanders fields which blow, row on row.

Rather it is their modern incarnation in crocheted wool.

For some years they have graced the Memorial on the green in front of St Mary's Cerne. This year they tumble in a cascade from the rood loft stair in Holy Rood, Buckland Newton. They fall and flow all the way down to the floor. It is a sight worth a visit. Both churches are open to you every day thanks to our volunteer lockers and un-lockers. I am very grateful to them.

The striking thing to the eye about these poppies is the vibrancy of so many different shades of red. Each poppy is individually hand-made, formed with concentration, thought and skill, and utterly unique. It is this individual variation which makes the whole assemblage shimmer with warmth.

That is a happy fact, because what we come to remember is not an agglomeration of identical units, of numbered individuals in common uniform. We come to remember unique human beings, each with a context and a place. We come to remember persons, each having relationships and loves with others each with a loving heart and mind.

Traditionally we remember those who gave their lives in the past. In this our current situation of widespread and dreadful threat and conflict, seemingly devoid of any real purpose or meaning, we must inevitably remember those stood under arms today, at this moment, guarding with their lives their nation, their culture, their families and all they hold dear.

It feels to me that never in my life have I been so aware of the fragility of international order, of the rule of law which protects us all. This Remembrance I shall be praying for our own Armed Services, looking for their nation's support and resourcing to meet the challenges and expectations we lay before them.

Jonathan



Holy Rood Christmas Fayre Saturday 5th December

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Come and join us for a relaxed, sociable morning,
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Christmas shopping will be a pleasure!

Holy Rood Church, Buckland Newton
10 am -12 pm Saturday 5th December



NEWS FROM CERNE ABBAS SURGERY

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

We will soon be holding our COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the surgery on the following dates:

Saturday 7th November

Wednesday 18th November

Wednesday 2nd December

All three clinics will be held here at Cerne Abbas Surgery. We will also be visiting eligible housebound patients at home.

Due to the strict ordering process and short shelf life of the vaccine, these are the only dates we are able to offer. If you are eligible but unable to attend any of these dates, you can book your vaccination at a participating pharmacy via the NHS website or by calling **119**.

Who is eligible?

Please note that COVID-19 vaccination eligibility is **much more limited** than flu vaccination eligibility.

You are eligible if you are:

Aged 75 or over, or

Severely immunosuppressed, including if you have had an organ, bone marrow or stem cell transplant; are receiving chemotherapy or radiotherapy; take long-term systemic steroids or biological therapies; are living with HIV; or have certain genetic immune disorders.

How to book

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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 10th November 2026,
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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 where you will find direct links to Dorset Council services and departments such as Planning, Road Closures, Travel, Waste and Refuse and Report a problem.

PLAY AREA



Repairs have been carried out on the swings within the Play Area.

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PLANNING

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Comments by 23 October 2026

P/TRC/2026/05469 - FIR TREES, STICKY WICKET, JUNCTION TO HILLING LANE, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DT2 7BY
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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. Copyright, Disclaimer and Personal Data Notice - dorsetforyou.com

Reporting damage only or near miss collision - Dorset Council has an online reporting system to record collisions or near-misses, even if there is no injury, little damage or police involvement. Having information about damage-only, non-injury incidents and near-misses helps Dorset Council identify where road improvements are needed. Lots of small incidents at the same location can highlight the need for changes. <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-non-injury-collision-or-near-miss>



POLICE REPORT

o August - Dog Bite to human (06/08/2026)

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.

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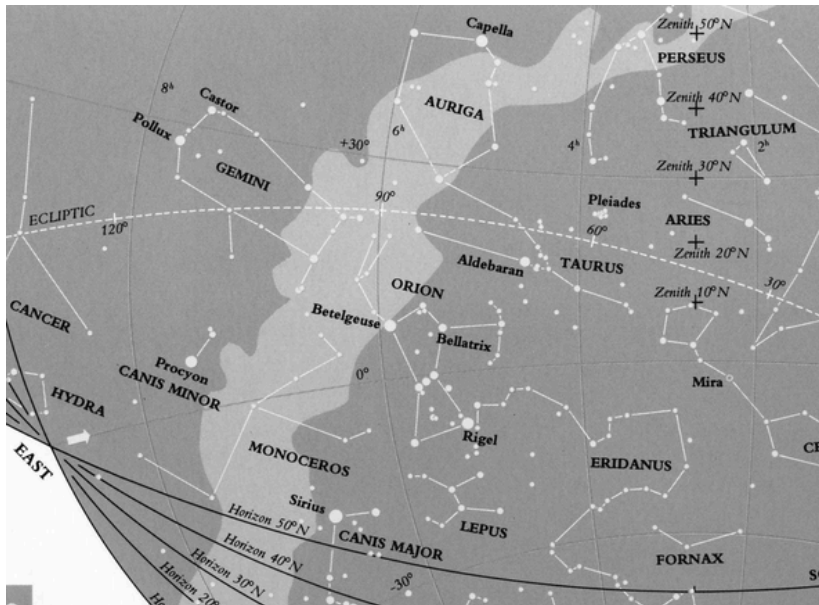
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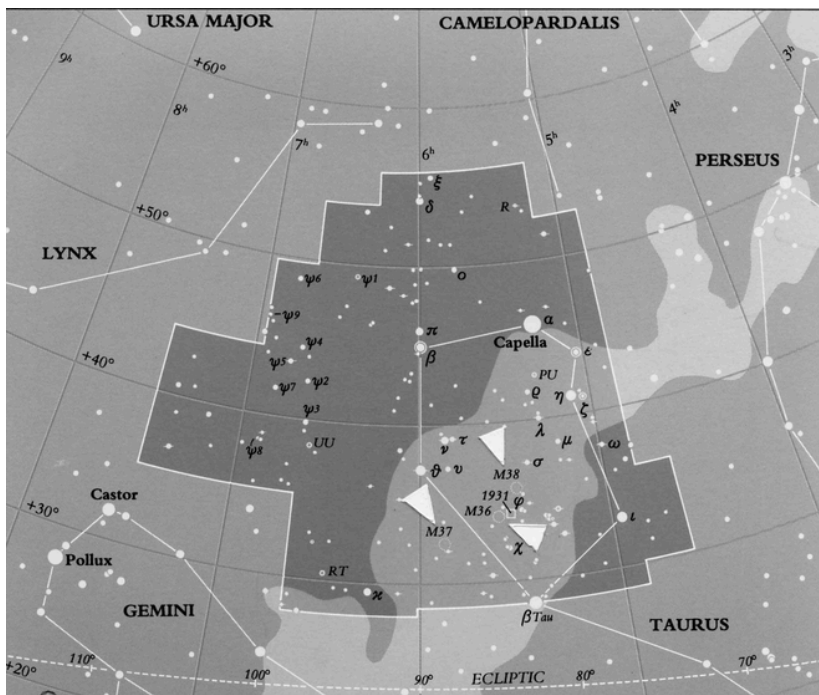
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YOUR NIGHT SKY - NOVEMBER 2026

The winter constellations are now beginning to dominate the sky once again. Last month's constellations are also still high in the sky and will remain so for most of the winter months. You can continue to take a look at the Pleiades and Andromeda from last month's column. They are both beautiful through binoculars.



LOOKING SOUTHEAST AT AROUND 9PM



AURIGA

Auriga contains the bright star Capella. Capella is a multiple star only 42 light years from Earth. It consists of four stars so close together that they cannot be seen individually with conventional telescopes. The main star is a red gas giant which is 13 times larger than the Sun. Auriga contains some beautiful objects which can be seen with binoculars, or better still with a small telescope. They are all located below Capella and above Beta (B) Taurus. They are marked with white arrows on this month's chart of Auriga. The first of these is M36. This is a bright open star cluster which contains about 60 stars.

The second is M37 which is an exceptional open star cluster which looks about the size of the Moon. Binoculars will show it as a misty spot, but a small telescope will reveal a large number of stars. This cluster is 4,600 light years away. M38 is the last binocular object in Auriga. M38 is the dimmest of the three binocular star clusters. It is a cross shaped open star cluster consisting of 160 stars. The most comfortable way to view this month's constellation with binoculars is while lying back in a garden chair. Don't forget to wrap up warmly as good astronomy nights are usually cold at this time of year.

Cont.

Pictures of all of the objects that we discuss can be found on the internet. For example, Google “Messier 37 images”.

THE PLANETS THIS MONTH. Saturn is still in the southern sky and is visible all evening. It sets at around 3am. Jupiter and Mars rise at about 11pm and will be better next month. Venus will be a bright morning “star” this month. It will be at its brightest on November 27th. Mercury will be at its best during the latter half of the month to the lower left of Venus. It will be furthest from the Sun in the sky on November 20th.

THE MOON. New Moon is on Nov. 9th with another, and last, super full Moon on Nov. 24th.

SPECIAL EVENTS. The Leonid meteor shower peaks on the night of November 17/18 but the first quarter moon will interfere somewhat until the late evening. These meteors are fragments of comet Temple-Tuttle.

If you have or are thinking of buying a telescope and need any help, I can be contacted on 345485 or at keithmwright@compuserve.com. Don’t forget to look for the Space Station. Get the times when you can see it at: 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.

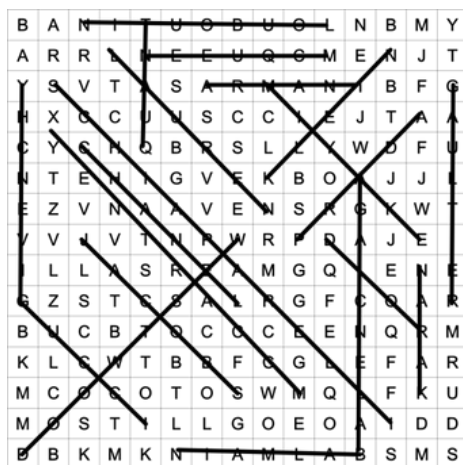
Keith Wright

Quiz Answers

1. David Beckham. Beckham won league titles with Manchester United (UK), Real Madrid (Spain), LA Galaxy (US) and Paris St-Germain (France). Only one player has won more, Portuguese player Joao Cancelo has won titles in 5 countries.
2. Tetris. It has sold more than 520 million copies, with around 220 versions across at least 70 platforms. The game was developed in the mid-1980s by Alexey Pajitnov, a Soviet software engineer in about three weeks in his spare time. The most popular version was released in 1989 for the Gameboy.
3. “Woman”. In an interview Lennon said that “Woman” was his most Beatlesque song on the album Double Fantasy, and that the song is a “grown-up” version of his Beatles song “Girl”.
4. Jacksonville. With a population of just over 1 million people it has more than twice as many residents as the second largest, Miami. It is also the largest city, by land area, in the contiguous United States, and is named after Andrew Jackson, the first military governor of Florida, and the seventh US president, although he never went there!
5. It had 6 wheels. Designed by Derek Gardner, Tyrrell’s chief designer, it had four specially manufactured 10-inch wheels and tyres at the front, with two ordinary sized tyres at the back. It won one race with Jody Scheckter driving in the 1976 Swedish Grand Prix, with teammate Patrick Depailler coming second. Scheckter left the team after the 1976 season, calling the car “a piece of junk”.
6. Bobsleigh. As well as bobsleigh Moyse was a wing for Canada’s national rugby union team, scoring the most tries in the 2006 World Cup. She took up track cycling after an ankle injury, for rehabilitation, and qualified for Canada’s team at the 2012 Pan American Track Cycling Championships.
7. Isaac Asimov. First published in 1974, the book is the first of six that describe mysteries solved by the Black Widowers, based on a literary dining club he belonged to known as the Trap Door Spiders. Each story involves the club members knowledge of trivia. Each mystery is solved, in the end, by the waiter, Henry.
8. The Oak. Making up about a quarter of forest trees the oak is most common, followed by the beech and the maritime pine.
9. Oxygen. In the thin outer crust oxygen is the most dominant element, at about 46%, because it is locked into rock-forming oxide and silicate minerals (such as quartz and feldspar).
10. None. Franklin explained in his autobiography that since he had benefited greatly from the inventions of others, he felt he should share his own freely and generously. When the governor of Pennsylvania offered him a patent on the Franklin stove, he declined.



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