

# The Lydden Vale News



September 2025

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## The Bit at the Beginning ....

After a cracking end to August with the last of the Village Fetes, it was also an end to the long run of summer sunshine – or so I’ve been told, as I’ve been on a long-anticipated holiday in Majorca, hence why this months LVN is a little late – apologies! It was lovely to spend time with family and enjoy gorgeous weather, a fantastic pool and not have to cook for a whole week. And it’s only taken a week of showers for the grass here to start to turn green again so that was a pleasant surprise when we returned. We also have a lot of tomatoes to turn into something delicious – either a pasta sauce, soup or just roasted, then frozen so that we can enjoy the taste of summer a little longer. Of course, everyone will have a gazillion apples so you will be bound to be asked if you want any over the next few weeks. I always stew and freeze a few batches of apples, but the worst job is peeling and coring and doing it quickly enough before they turn brown, so I’m going to invest in a gadget that does this. Thank goodness I love Apple pie or crumble and the ever-scrummy Dorset Apple Cake – think we might be eating a lot of these! September is definitely the month for preserving, freezing, bottling, jam making, pickling and so on.

Amanda

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## **WHAT'S ON - SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 7.15 for 7.30 pm**

**LYDDEN VALE GARDENING CLUB – BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE HALL**

Talk by Steve Fry of Castle Gardens – ‘Garden Friend or Foe?’

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**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 8pm**

**OPEN MIC NIGHT – THE GAGGLE OF GEESE**

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**Thursday 4th and 18th September - 2 pm**

**KNIT AND NATTER**

Our sessions for September will be on Thursdays - 4th and 18th September 2-4 pm at the Gaggle of Geese.

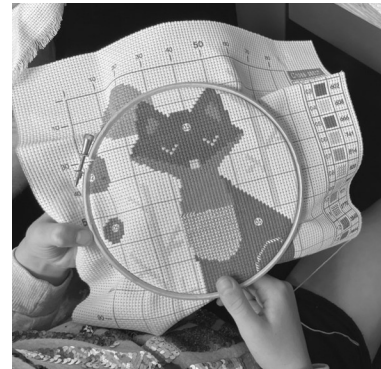
All crafts and skills levels are very welcome.

At our last session Bridget and her grand-daughter, Emily, came along - with their cross-stitch projects. Both are progressing very nicely.

Come and join us with your latest creations.

Lyn 01300 345739 or Jane 01300 345477

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**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 7 pm for 7.30 pm**

**FOUR HANDS, ONE PIANO – RAGTIME MEETS BOOGIE – Holy Rood Church,**

**Buckland Newton** (See page 6 for details)

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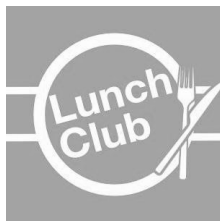
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**Friday 12th September – 12.30 pm**

## **2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB**



Last month we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea "Ritz" style in the Village Hall. Congratulations and thanks to Jenny Ferreira, Jennie Ginter and team for all their hard work. A very elegant sight awaited us when we arrived. Tables laid with bone china tea sets, colourful place settings,

pretty flower posies and lots of dainty sandwiches, cakes, scones and pastries. Oh, and a glass of wine to start the afternoon in style. We can only imagine all the hard work that took place to achieve such a beautiful effect. Thank you again.

This month, on **Friday 12 September**, our outing is to "The Rose & Crown" Pub in Longburton. We plan to arrive at the pub about **12:30 p.m.**

Years ago, when the Lunch Club was formed, members were charged the princely sum of £5. Nowadays, when we dine at home in our village hall, the cost for a main course and pudding,

including fruit juice, tea or coffee, is £10 per person. Still a bargain. We also hold a raffle, and the proceeds go towards expenses.

We always welcome new members. So, if you are feeling a bit isolated and on your own, perhaps lonely or maybe you don't drive, then do get in touch.

If you might like to join us, please contact Bridget Hodges (01300 345493) to confirm your attendance.

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**Saturday 13th September**

**RIDE AND STRIDE EVENT** (See page 6 for details)

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**Friday 26th September - 10.30 am**

## **BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE CAFÉ**

The September Cafe will be on **Friday 26th**. Tea/coffee and cake £1.50 - what a bargain!

The Rota for the coming year is now complete. Thank you to all Hosts and Bakers - without all of you the Cafe would not be possible.

See you there.

Lyn Cox 345739      Liza Hill 345230

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**Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm**

**ARTSREACH – 'IT'S THE ECONOMY, STUPID!' – BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE HALL**

(See page 11 for details)

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**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 11 am**

**ARTSREACH - SQUASHBOX THEATRE – SHIVERS AND SHADOWS – BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE HALL** (See page 11 for details)

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**Monday, Tuesday and Friday**

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## FOUR HANDS, ONE PIANO - RAGTIME MEETS BOOGIE

### Boogie Woogie



**What a combination!**

**International Blues and Boogie Woogie  
star Julian Phillips and top Ragtime  
expert Mike Denham are coming to Holy  
Rood Church on Wednesday 10th**



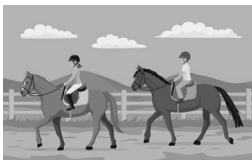
**September for an evening of truly foot tapping, jiggle in your seat entertainment. These two exceptionally talented players are set to fill the Church with a fantastic mixture from both genres. Think Albert Ammons and Jimmy Yancey to Joplin Rags, Jelly Roll Morton, Fats Waller and lots more besides. These two styles come together brilliantly in such talented hands, we'll be transported right back to the 1920's and 30's.**

**Join us on the night, dressed in 1920's Boogie Woogie style if you wish!**

**Julian and Mike have played together at a variety of venues to great acclaim, so this is an occasion not to be missed.**

**Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start, refreshments available beforehand and during the interval. Tickets will be on sale at £12.50 each from Jon Sulkin on 07971 277584, Diana Wells 01300 345 434 or from Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Newton.**

**All proceeds from this evening entertainment will go towards the essential repairs to the Chancel Roof at Holy Rood, Buckland Newton**



***Calling all walkers, cyclists and riders.***

***Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September is the annual Ride & Stride Event  
taking place throughout the Country and County.***

It doesn't matter how short or long your route or where you choose to go, Country Villages or Town Centre, it is a golden opportunity to see those villages and churches you have never been to before but always promised yourself to visit. To make it even more interesting, you can get a lift to your starting point and home from your finishing line too, so no excuse not to try somewhere different and maybe not on your doorstep.

Most Churches will be open to welcome you with refreshments invariably on offer and possibly home-made cake too – yummy!

All monies raised for this sponsored event go to the Historic Churches Fund to help the restoration and maintenance of these mostly Grade I listed buildings plus 50% of sponsorship money goes to your nominated Church, hopefully that will be Holy Rood!

Although fund raising for the Chancel Roof repairs is going well, we still need to achieve that £50,000 minimum, so every effort by each walker, cyclist or rider will help, it's a huge amount to find for the preservation of our Church in the heart of our lovely village. Plan your route now or ask for ideas, entry forms and maps available from Jon Sulkin 07971 277584.

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# Gaggle Events



**Open Mic Night** - Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October – pop down from 8pm to 10pm to enjoy local musicians. Or be brave and join in with a song or two.

**Pub Quiz** - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – our popular Gaggle pub quiz returns. 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 dates are 22<sup>nd</sup> October 19<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Knit & Natter** - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September - the fortnightly crafting group. Free to attend. Bring a project and perhaps some cake! 2 til 4pm

**Axe Throwing & Archery!** - we have teamed up with Dorset Medieval Archery to offer axe throwing and archery in the Gaggle gardens. Bookable sessions in the Gaggle gardens across the week are now available through [www.dorsetmedievalarchery.co.uk](http://www.dorsetmedievalarchery.co.uk)

**Great British Pub Awards** – 24<sup>th</sup> September- the pub Oscars of the hospitality sector, we are very proud to have the Gaggle in the final six in the country in the categories of Best Pub for Families and Best Pub Garden. Keep an eye on our social media for details on how to watch the awards on the night and to see if we win!

## Dates for your diary

Halloween – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October – bring the spooky kids for Halloween at the Gaggle. Disco, fun & games. Free entry & free treat bag for all kids. 5pm – 7pm.

Bonfire Night – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - The annual Village Bonfire & Fireworks in the Gaggle gardens. Star 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!

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## Lydden Vale Gardening Club



The Club's final outing of the summer season, on a beautiful August afternoon, was attended by 33 members and guests who visited "Carey's Secret Garden" near Wareham, well named as you would be unlikely to come across this garden by accident!

The south facing three-and-a-half-acre garden is, unusually, walled on three sides only, with the fourth bounded by iron railings to allow the frost and early morning mists to roll out of the garden to the River Piddle flood plain, leaving the plants growing in the garden unscathed. It was constructed towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century

to serve the Trigon Estate and was in its heyday in the 1920's before starting a period of long decline and by the late 1970's had ceased to be used as a garden. When purchased by the Constantine Family shortly prior to the Covid Pandemic it was unrecognisable as such being totally overgrown with Laurel, brambles and tall grasses.

Simon Constantine, son of the new owners recognised the potential of the enclosed former garden and embarked upon its restoration, soon discovering that the walls were in a remarkably good condition and that the gardens themselves could be reinstated under the guidance of his design team headed by Paul Scriven and Dan Smith, to provide a balance between a formal traditional walled garden layout and those aspects that we find attractive today with a more informal approach including areas of rewilding, and the use of natural gardening techniques. We were fortunate to enjoy a



guided tour by Dan and see all that has been achieved thus far in this exciting ongoing restoration project which will ultimately include workshops with courses and talks allowing visitors to deepen their knowledge in beautiful surroundings.

Carey's Secret Garden is not the "Lost Gardens of Heligan" recreated in Dorset and is much more compact, but its setting is very special, and it is already recognised as a centre of excellence for certain plants, particularly Salvias. If you have an interest in garden restoration projects Carey's Secret Garden should be on your list.



Our forthcoming winter season had been programmed to start on 10<sup>th</sup> September but has been brought forward by a week to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September due to exceptional circumstances. Steve Fry of Castle Gardens Sherborn will give a talk on the Subject of "Garden Friends and Foes". At this meeting, vouchers will be distributed to members to enable them to enjoy a substantial discount on the purchase of Bulbs from the Garden Group's outlets at Sherborne and Poundbury. In addition, Members and Guests will have a first opportunity to buy tickets for the talk on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October** by this year's celebrity speaker Ursula Buchan, priced at £7.50 for members and £10 for visitors.

*Antony Parson*

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*It's the Economy, Stupid!* has been praised for making economics accessible and entertaining; while connecting a deeply personal story to the financial realities we all face today: including the housing and cost of living crises. Taking its title from James Carville (who successfully framed the 1992 American Presidential election around the recession), *It's the Economy, Stupid!* combines slick staging, innovative projection-mapping and magical storytelling, to reveal the true cost of low financial literacy in money-dominated world.

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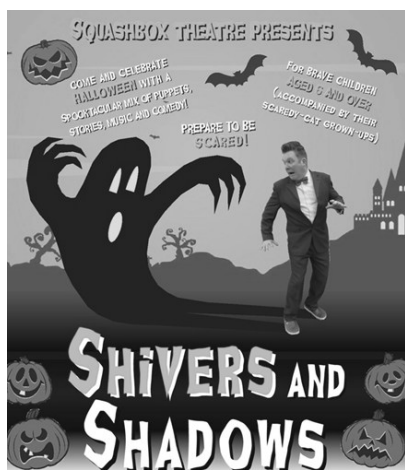
Tickets: £12-50, £6 (U18), £35 (fam - max 4 adults)

Tel: **01300 345455** or **www.artsreach.co.uk**

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## Squashbox Theatre: Shivers & Shadows

at **Buckland Newton Village Hall, Wednesday 29 October at 11am**



Get ready to shiver, shake, shudder and scream this Halloween with Squashbox!

Craig has just inherited a creepy mansion from his great Uncle Vladimir. Join him as he explores the mansion's secrets and meets some of its spooky inhabitants. What ghouls and spectres haunt the gloomy corridors of this old house? What are those eerie shapes moving through the dark forest outside? And what mysterious creature lurks in the cellar below?

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Recommended 6+

Tickets: £8 adults, £6 U18s, £24 (Fam, max 2 adults) Tel: **01300 345455** or **www.artsreach.co.uk**

\*1hr post-show shadow-puppet making workshop available. Places limited - £4 per child.

**Booking essential.**

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## In the Buckland Newton Book Corner.....

A couple of years ago in this magazine, I reviewed and recommended Claire Keegan's Booker Prize shortlisted novel 'Small Things Like These'. I remember that the depth of her writing surprised me, and despite being a quick read, gave me much to think about. So, when I recently came across her latest book '**So Late in the Day**' it was an easy decision to purchase it and delve right in.

Set in Dublin, the story takes place on a single day in summer, with occasional chapters dedicated to providing the back story. Central to the story is Cathal, who we first see whiling away the afternoon at the office – clearly bothered by something, although we don't know what at this stage. All will be revealed in time though, with Keegan drip-feeding us additional information at a beautifully calibrated pace. Something about Cathal's situation soon begins to seem strange. Cathal's boss comes over and urges him to "call it a day"; Cathal absentmindedly neglects to save the budget file he's been working on. He then refrains from checking his messages on the bus ride home, because we're told, he: *"found he wasn't ready — then wondered if anyone ever was ready for what was difficult or painful."* Cathal eventually returns to his empty house and thinks about his fiancée who's moved out. Cathal is heading into the long weekend with just a bottle of champagne and thoughts of what might have been.....

For me there is no doubt Keegan is a good author – she uses her skill at not wasting a single word, each phrase deliberately and carefully chosen to convey these moments that matter, just enough for us to invest in the narrative and fill in the missing detail for ourselves. There is just one incident from Cathal's past that is described, which suggests that there must have been many, many more similar incidents but these are not mentioned. There is as much meaning in what Keegan leaves out in her perfectly paced and measured storytelling as there is in each meticulously placed sentence.

This is a very thin book (just 47 pages in the paperback) and I read it in one sitting, but continued to think about it for days, such is the power of this mini masterpiece. Worth a read!

Karen Whiter



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## Buckland Newton Village Fete and Dog Show 2025



How lucky are we! Another glorious day for the Village Fete and Dog Show held on August Bank Holiday Monday. As always there was a lovely, relaxed atmosphere with everyone enjoying the delicious food and drink that was on offer. The cake makers in Buckland Newton never fail to disappoint and we were spoilt for all the wonderful choice of cakes that were made for both the Tea tent and the Cake stall. Nina Garcia was wonderful as always and kept our feet tapping and there was a superb selection of prizes in the Raffle and

Silent Auction for which we are grateful to everyone who donated or made hampers. The Dog Show was as popular as ever despite the temperature and there were a lot of gorgeous dogs vying to win a rosette from Lucy. And the Plant and Produce stall looked lush with the tables groaning under the weight of all the fruit and veg donated, as well as a surprising array of lovely plants considering how difficult it has been to grow anything this year.

Thanks go to so many, but especially the Fete Committee and the many volunteers who give their support and time on the day. Couldn't do it without them! We have raised a substantial amount of money yet again and the final amount will be published in the October LVN.

The Fete Committee are now taking applications for funding from village groups and organisations. Please get in touch if your group needs funding or if you have a bright idea for improvements around the village. Please email [info@gaggleofgeese.co.uk](mailto:info@gaggleofgeese.co.uk) with details of the amount you require and what the money would be used for by the end of September please. The Committee will be considering all submitted applications at our next meeting in October.

### A big Thank you to you all!

Simon, Amanda, Kate, Andy, Lucy and Rob



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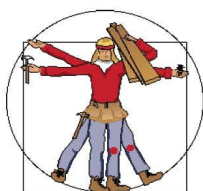
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## Mostly Moths - Oak Eggar

Well, she's a big, beautiful mamma but not particularly motherly. A large furry moth which landed in Nicki Barkers' trap on 22nd July. To Nicki's surprise when she opened the trap and found her, she also found a whole clutch of Oak Eggars eggs (laid in an Egg Box). They rolled around like shot, as in buckshot. Nicki has caught quite a few Oak Eggars this year so she rang me to see if I would like them. We researched Oak Eggars and found that they do indeed, like a few other moths, fly around dropping their eggs wherever they see suitable food plants. Seems a bit hit and miss to me... The other hit and miss bit is that Female O.As are nocturnal while the male is Diurnal. The happy hour is at dusk.

Anyway I 'flew' around the meadow here and scattered the eggs on a tasty area of Blackthorn and Bramble. Thank you, Nicki, and thank you for the photo too.

*Fizz Lewis (Surrogate mother to lots of Oak Eggar moths)*



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**Damsons Galore - Can I offer anyone a kilo or two?**

I have this old Damson variety which makes the most delicious jam, nothing like plum but more like black cherry. It also makes the most wonderful fruity syrup for pouring hot on ice cream or desserts and ideal to keep in the freezer. Modern damson varieties just don't compare!

It looks as if it is going to be a bumper season and the fruit should be ready early September.

If anyone is interested, please email me your name and phone number to [nickibarker.uk@gmail.com](mailto:nickibarker.uk@gmail.com) and I will let you know when they are ready.

Nicki Barker

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**Local history – can you help?**

*'I'm contacting the Lydden Vale News in the hope that someone can help me with some local history.*

*Purely for interest I've been looking at the Anglo-Saxon charter boundaries for Dorset, including Buckland Newton, and I also recently came across a 1758 perambulation of the bounds.*

*A friend has told me that the Buckland Newton bounds are still beaten, and I'd very much like to pick the brains of someone who has been involved in that.'*

Gwenda Yeomans

If you can help, could you contact the LVN at [lyddenvalley@gmail.com](mailto:lyddenvalley@gmail.com). And we can pass this information onto Gwenda.

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**What does future travel in Dorset look like?**

The Local Transport Plan is looking at the future of travel. Think safer walking, wheeling and cycling, easier bus journeys, and greener options.

In 2024, we asked for your ideas on what should be included in the plan. Thousands of people took part, and your feedback helped shape this draft. Now we want to know—have we got it right?

Your views are really important. They will help us make sure the final plan reflects what matters most to local people, businesses and communities. We want your thoughts on the plans, but we want your stories too so we can bring the consultation to life!

Public consultation on the draft strategy and implementation plan will run from 18 August to 13 October 2025.

Dorset is changing - help us shape it.

Best wishes,

Naomi Mason

Senior Health Programme Advisor

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September Quiz

- 1. Which Premiership team used the fewest players on pitch over the 2024/2025 season?
- 2. Who, along with Vic Flick and Big Jim Morrison, played guitar on “Downtown” by Petula Clark?
- 3. Which current Formula 1 circuit has the most corners?
- 4. Who was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize for literature?
- 5. In what year was the Cornish pasty given protected status?
- 6. What was originally marketed as “Brad’s Drink” in 1893?
- 7. What is the second longest road in the UK?
- 8. What is the Westernmost city in Europe?
- 9. What year was Facebook created?
- 10. Which is the oldest school in the UK?

By Simon Spencer

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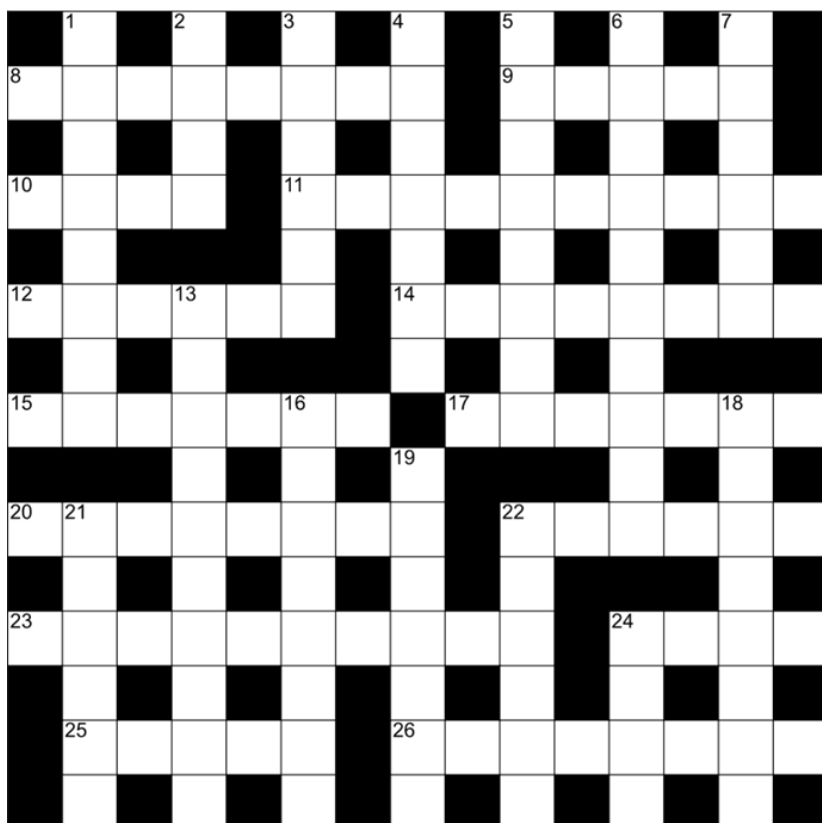
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**Crossword and Wordsearch  
by Carole Spencer**

**Across**

- 8. No backing for a rendering of all apace (1,7)
- 9. Spear a nasty boil (5)
- 10. Swipe second tin (4)
- 11. C.I.A. cordons off instruments (10)
- 12. Mild chap the French follow (6)
- 14. Strange dude seen but not ranked (8)
- 15. A filling mixture (7)
- 17. Swindle exam competition (7)
- 20. A jumper? The audacity after eight! (8)
- 22. Car got swapped for another vehicle (2-4)
- 23. Unknown following bird after no score Yankee is overly affectionate (5-5)
- 24. Start to pollute river that's uncontaminated (4)
- 25. Cruel sort of filthy money (5)
- 26. Sharp objects with a point are unnecessary (8)

**Down**

- 1. Dessert treat makes one cry out loud (3-5)
- 2. Country lost heart in revolution (4)
- 3. A sleep at sea is a delight (6)
- 4. Deity takes a taxi back to Switzerland and you and me (7)
- 5. A learner takes wall painting outside (2,6)
- 6. Against French seven in charge of preventing infection (10)
- 7. Irishman at church for psychic meeting (6)
- 13. We clear ten out for Arabian hero (1.1.8)
- 16. Angus follows cows in city (8)
- 18. Unexpected reward given to knight reportedly (8)
- 19. Five in downhill sport are avoiding work (7)
- 21. Little kangaroo let out grub (6)
- 22. "It's a hot Spring" said Cockney chap (6)
- 24. Big house – loadsamoney (4)



## Buckland Newton — Holy Rood

Vicar: Jonathan Still, The Vicarage, Back Lane, Cerne Abbas Tel: 01300 341251  
Churchwarden: Jon Sulkin Tel: 07971 277584

### September Services

**Sunday 7 September**  
Matins at 9.45am

**Sunday 14 September**  
Holy Communion at 9.45am

**Sunday 21 September**  
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**Sunday 28 September**  
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### Dear Friends,

The excavations by Sheffield University have reminded us of what life was like in the Medieval village. Roles were determined by parentage, class and ethnicity- British or Roman, Norman or Saxon. In Buckland Newton, Glastonbury Abbey and in the Cerne valley its own Abbey directed and controlled many lives, though also provided a structure and support for the whole society.

After the Dissolution of the Monasteries, chaos and poverty must have been a consequence of the extraction of all financial capital to London. The new landowners were exploitative and demanding. This was the dawn of the Modern Age, the beginning of Britain's meandering wander to Empire as the vast wealth of the monasteries was re-invested in London in the new trading Companies exploring the world in search of trade and profit.

The Modern village we recognise from Barnes and Hardy. There was a great gulf between the poor labourers' cottages and the Country House.

To the outside view, encouraged by media, film and television, whether Poldark or Downton Abbey, that all carries on. We are proud of our local aristocracy, of our traditions and quaint customs. We love our traditional Fetes and Horticultural Shows and enjoy attending the annual round of activities.

In reality however, we are now living in Post Modernity. Our villagers are increasingly peopled by highly talented and experienced middle-class urbanites who have been tempted by glossy supplements 'Top ten places to retire' or 'Move to the Country'. We choose our own role in our re-created drama of rural village life.

Just in time, because it is increasingly hard to maintain the traditional activities. Incomers can bring so much and are leading a revival in village life nationally.

But we need local participation. 1000 years after its foundation, Godmanstone church is in desperate need of a Treasurer for its modest accounting requirement. Minterne and Buckland Newton are facing up to challenging church roof repairs.

So, if you love these communities and revel in them, and could lend a hand to the wheel, we would be so very grateful.

Have a lovely Summer.

*Jonathan*

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## Holy Rood Church 'Fun and Games' Afternoon

A mix of all ages including five local families and one visiting, enjoyed an afternoon on the Parish Field, spoilt only by a persistent Northerly wind in mid-August, quite a shock to the system after the extreme heat.

The afternoon began with a 'pollination challenge'. Sunflowers were created collaboratively, their centers being various sized holes. Insects of all types were then drawn on paper darts, the challenge being to throw them through the holes, and thus in theory pollinate the flowers.

Next a choice, a bug hunt in the Parish Paddock armed with magnifiers to see who could find the most, OR to see who could achieve their Personal Best in three physical challenges, including a penalty shoot-out against Rory or Rupert and tennis ball throwing. The wind did not help the takeoff and landing of the gliders!

In the Paddock the range of insects observed was amazing...the short winged conehead cricket was very much in evidence, common blue and gatekeeper butterflies, field grasshoppers, shield bugs and various tiny spiders and moths.

Unfortunately, this proved so absorbing that time was running out and the planned and much anticipated wide game 'Railway Riot' had to be postponed for another time.

After a delicious picnic tea to which everyone had contributed, we were entertained by the inimical magician, The GREAT Simposa, with the keen-eyed audience second guessing how the tricks were done.

Holy Rood's ALL-AGE team would like to thank the Parish Council for the use of the field, paddock and pavilion, an ideal venue for the range of activities on offer.

*Jan Burnett*



## Rural Family Hub - Holiday Activity and Food Day

Today was this year's last Holiday Activity & Food Day at Buckland Newton Village Hall as part of being a Rural Family Hub (and run by volunteers)!

We've done film making with Artsreach, a day of drama with the amazing **Jo-Anne Simons**, walking and pizza making with the dedicated Buckland Newton Youth Club volunteers and finally 3D Mask Making with the incredible Darrell Wakelam.

The question is what shall we do next year?!



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#### **Who is eligible?**

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- **Aged 70–79** and haven't yet had the vaccine
- **Aged 65** (new eligibility from September 2023)
- **Aged 50 or over with a severely weakened immune system**

**Turning 65 or 70 this year** – you will be invited after your birthday

The vaccine helps reduce your risk of getting shingles and can lessen the severity and duration of symptoms if you do get it.

#### **How do I book?**

If you're unsure whether you're eligible, **please contact Cerne Abbas Surgery**, and our team will be happy to check this for you. If you are eligible, we can book you an appointment with our nursing team.

Let's keep our community protected – especially as we get older.

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*Logan Mitchell*

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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 9 September 2025,  
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.

### **Parish Council news:**

**Vacant Seat** – There is still a vacant seat on the Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Clerk for further information.

**Painting of Pavilion** - the Parish Council intends to carry out some remedial work on the pavilion, which is to include painting of the outside woodwork. If you are able to volunteer some time to help with this, please contact the Clerk for further information.



### **POLICE REPORT**

25/07/2025 Suspicious incident, car with occupants parked on private land. Polite when challenged

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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## PLANNING

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 also be reached from the Community Website by clicking on the Parish Council or Planning Tab.

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.

**SAND BAGS** - Please contact Flood Wardens Doug and Kevin Morse (01300 345707) if you require any.

**REPORTING HIGHWAYS ISSUES** - If you notice a pothole or anything else you are concerned with on the road you are able to report it yourself on <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>

**FLOODING** – Issues should be reported via Flood Online Reporting Tool (FORT). This tool allows users to specify the type of flooding (external or internal) as well as many other important details. Users can also upload photos and videos to their reports. It is important that the full extent of the impact of the flood on a community is recorded on FORT as it has a significant impact on the resources Dorset Council might be able to generate to investigate and mitigate the flood threat.

**For the most up to date flood warnings and alerts please visit [www.gov.uk/check-flooding](http://www.gov.uk/check-flooding)** You can also sign up for flood groundwater flood warnings at [www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings](http://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings) (it only takes 2 mins), alternatively call Floodline on 0345 988 118 (24 hour) Local groundwater, river and rainfall data can be accessed online at [www.gov.uk/check-flooding](http://www.gov.uk/check-flooding)

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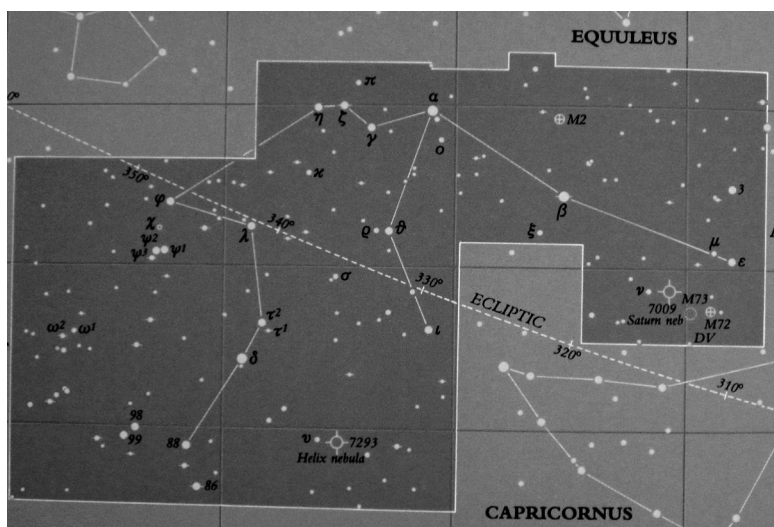


## YOUR NIGHT SKY - SEPTEMBER 2025

Did you manage to see any of the Perseid meteor shower last month? I was out for about 2 hours around midnight on the night of the 12<sup>th</sup>, but I didn't see any. I did see a single bright one a couple of days earlier.

September night skies are about as long as the daylight hours with the autumn equinox on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is a lovely time of the year to observe the sky as it can be very clear and not too cold to be outside. The lovely Milky Way is still prominent crossing the sky from northeast to southwest. We are so lucky in Buckland Newton to have such dark skies that we can see the Milky Way, but we have to be careful that we don't lose them. Don't let your outside lights shine upwards, sideways, or shine outside your private area. There is in fact a legal obligation not to cause a nuisance to your neighbours with your lights shining into their property.

This month's constellation is Aquarius (The Water Carrier). This constellation lies in the southeastern sky below the constellation of Pegasus. It is about halfway up to overhead (the zenith).



### AQUARIUS

Aquarius contains a couple of interesting things to see. The first is M2. This is a lovely globular cluster of thousands of stars which are visible as a fuzzy spot of light through a pair of binoculars. Next is the Helix Nebula which can also be seen through a pair of binoculars as a cloud about half the size of the Moon. It is the largest and closest of planetary nebulas to the Earth and is 700 light years away. Planetary nebulas are clouds of gas and dust illuminated by the star which they surround. They can be either the material from which planets are forming or the debris thrown off by the star when it is coming to the end of its life. The star at the centre of the Helix nebula has used all of its fuel and is dying.

**THE PLANETS THIS MONTH.** Saturn is the planet of the month. It reaches opposition, when it is closest to the Earth, on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The best time to see it is at 01:00 BST in the south. Mercury will be visible on September 1<sup>st</sup> about 30 minutes before sunrise, low in the east-northeast. It will be close to the Beehive Cluster of stars (M44) on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Venus will rise about 3 hours before Sunrise, which is at around 03:20 BST. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, Venus will be occulted (covered) by the Moon starting at 12:48 BST and finishing at 13:14:07 BST. Jupiter is best seen at the end of the month in the southeast at around 5:00 BST, although it is visible throughout the month as an early morning planet.

**THE MOON.** Full Moon is on September 7<sup>th</sup> with New Moon on September 21<sup>st</sup>. On September 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a total eclipse of the Moon just as the Moon rises in the East at Sunset. Mars is not visible this month. Jupiter

If you have, or are thinking of buying a telescope, and need any observing or technical advice, I can be contacted on (01300) 345485 or at [keithmwright@compuserve.com](mailto:keithmwright@compuserve.com). The times when you can see the Space Station can be found at: [www.heavens-above.com](http://www.heavens-above.com). There are many free Apps which can be used on a tablet computer or smart phone which can help guide you around our night sky. You need to have the GPS turned on your phone or tablet for the best results.

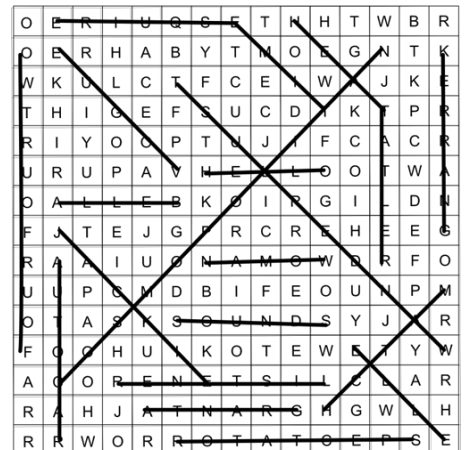
*Keith Wright*

## Quiz Answers

1. Nottingham Forest, who used 23 players. Forest was one of the first clubs to use shin guards, invented by player Samuel Widdowson in 1874.
2. Jimmy Page. Before joining the Yardbirds, and then forming Led Zeppelin, Page was a much in demand session musician.
3. The Jeddah Corniche Circuit in Saudi Arabia. The circuit hosted its first Grand Prix in 2021 and is the fastest of the street circuits that are currently used.
4. Selma Lagerlöf. She received the award in 1909 for her "lofty idealism, vivid imagination and spiritual perception". Lagerlöf was a Swedish author known for works like "The Saga of Gösta Berling" and "The Wonderful Adventures of Nils".
5. 2011. Cornish pasties are "d" shaped and are crimped on the side (never on top) and contain potato, swede, onion and beef with salt and pepper seasoning for taste.
6. Pepsi. It was renamed Pepsi-Cola in 1898 due to its supposed digestive benefits; it was shortened to Pepsi in 1961.
7. The A38. The road runs from Bodmin, in Cornwall, to Mansfield, in Nottinghamshire, and it is 292 miles long. It runs alongside much of the M5 as a single carriageway road.
8. Lisbon. In the city, the Livraria Bertrand bookshop in Chiado first opened its doors in 1732, making it the oldest bookshop in the world.
9. 2004. Mark Zuckerberg launched "the Facebook" and was originally restricted to students at Harvard College.
10. King's School, Canterbury. It was founded in 597 as a cathedral school. Over time a group of the endowed schools became known as "public schools" to differentiate from private teaching by tutors and to indicate that they were open to the public regardless of religious beliefs, locality and social status.



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