



A family enjoying the free pedalos on the pond



The mayor and mayoress of Newbury with local police officers

The sun shines down on family fun day

Hundreds gather to enjoy a host of activities in Victoria Park

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HUNDREDS of people enjoyed some fun in the sun as Newbury hosted a successful Family Day.

The free event in Victoria Park, organised by Newbury Town Council, took place on Sunday and saw the mayor of Newbury David Harman and mayoress Rosalind Harman officially kick off the activities at noon.

A climbing wall and caving adventure proved very popular, with queues to have a go throughout the day.

And there was entertainment on the bandstand with the Razzamataz Theatre School and local musicians Rude Not2.

Watership Brass finished off the day with a spectacular ensemble of popular tunes.

The Punch and Judy shows, which were a real hit with the younger visitors, also saw everyone joining in the fun.

Mr Harman said: "We were



Newbury mayor David Harman with youngsters at the climbing wall

delighted to once again host this free event for families in Newbury.

"It was a wonderful day, and great to see so many people enjoying the park's facilities and activities.

"While some of our play

equipment is unfortunately temporarily out of action, the added attractions made for a fantastic day all around."

The 3rd Newbury Scout Group was raising funds, providing tasty barbecue treats for everyone to enjoy

and Kennet Radio went along to keep families entertained throughout the afternoon.

The pedaloos were free of charge all day on Victoria Park pond, while the tennis courts were also open with free rackets and balls available so everyone could have a go on the day.

Children – and adults alike – were excited to be given the opportunity to explore a fire engine, which had been brought along by Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Thames Valley Police were also there to show children around a police car, while the Berkshire Lowland Fire & Rescue Team were on hand to chat to families about what they do as the primary search resource for the police in Berkshire.

The local branch of Rugby Tots were offering free 20-minute try out sessions for two- to seven-year-olds, while others enjoyed the splash park, skatepark and Newbury Adventure Golf during the day.

What's on

FRIDAY

Thatcham Town Council hosts a Big Green Market in the Broadway to mark Big Green Week 2025, celebrating community action on climate, nature, and sustainable living. A wide range of eco-conscious traders, local producers, and green organisations alongside Thatcham's regular Friday market stalls. Please take your reusable bags to take your goods home with you.

Royal British Legion, Pelican Lane, Newbury, Peters disco

SATURDAY

West Berks Indoor Bowls Club Spring Fayre, Pyle Hill, Newbury, 10am-1pm. Large selection of stalls to browse. Large free car park.

Free blood pressure check at Newbury Town Hall, 10am to noon to help reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke. Newbury Rotary will also be serving tea, coffee and cakes in the Council Chamber.

InCantata will be entertaining visitors in Newbury Town Hall from 10.30am to 11.30am. The women's choir sing a varied mix of their current repertoire, at the same time enjoying a welcome cuppa and a delicious piece of cake. www.incantata.co.uk, and Facebook.

Jumble sale, Padworth



Kennet Opera, see Saturday

village hall, 2pm, in aid of St John the Baptist Church.

Inkpen Summer Fete, recreation ground, 1.30pm. Sharky and George Games, dog show, mobile bar, tug of war, food stalls, disco and much more. Disco 6pm-10pm. Proceeds to Inkpen Primary School.

Three Rivers Community Choir Summer Concert, Kennet School, Thatcham, 7.30-9.30pm. Extravaganza of beautiful pieces, supported by students from Kennet School. £5 per ticket, under 16s free.

Royal British Legion, Pelican Lane Newbury, barn dance and hog roast. Tickets £15, all welcome.

Kennet Opera Sing into Summer with an early evening (6pm) show, in the Great Hall at Shaw House. Repertoire ranges from Gilbert and Sullivan, through Mozart and Purcell, to Verdi and Rossini and as far as Benjamin Britten.

SUNDAY

Hungerford Food & Artisan

Market, 10am-1pm, Croft Field RG17 0HY. Local food and artisan stalls, live music, street food, plants, cooking demos. Free entry.

MONDAY

Wash Common Library, The Poetry Club, 3pm. Theme this month is Endings, it could be the end of a journey, a relationship, life or anything else.

WEDNESDAY

Berkshire Family History Society Newbury branch, face to face meeting and talk by Eric Saxton 'If these walls could talk', 2pm to 4pm, West Berks Museum. Eric shows how the process of researching a building's history connects it to the temperance society, a police inspector involved in the Jack the Ripper case and more. During the talk the building's location will be revealed. Entry free to members. Non-members are asked to donate £5 towards costs. For more details go to berksfhs.org

■ If you are organising a charity or community event and would like to be included in these free listings, please email details – type of event, time, venue, date and contact – to report@newburynews.co.uk



Speen Fete

All proceeds to Lions welfare fund

Saturday June 7th

12:30 to 4:30

Join us for:

- Tea Tent, BBQ and Bar
- East Woodhay Silver Band
- Kennet Radio
- Classic and Italian cars
- Traditional Stalls
- Bouncy castles
- Rodeo Bull

At the
Speen Recreation
Ground, Station Rd

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