

# NETHERAVON, HAXTON & FITTLETON NEWSLETTER

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2pm – 6pm. Stay at home Street Party*

(see page 5 for details)

### **MINI DIRECTORY**

(01980 unless otherwise stated)

Phoenix Hall Bookings (Michala)	670646
Day Centre (Christine Covil)	670774
Rev. Gale Hunt, Avon River Team	670326
Rev. Barry Davis, Amesbury Baptist Centre	622355
Christ the King, Catholic Church, Amesbury	622177
Methodist Church Amesbury	676766
SSAFA Forces Help	632567
Plainwatch	674700
Durrington & District Link Scheme	594857
AWS JOBS, Pre-Schools, Creches	673379
Scout Group for Boys & Girls	07768 579314
Enford Football Club, Children's Coaching Club	670634

# It's Good to Talk

In these challenging times if you would like to chat to someone about anything, we are all available to talk to you and to listen to you.

Just pick up the phone and give us a call.



**Team Rector: Rev Philip Bromiley**

**(01980) 258549**



**Team Vicar: Rev. Gale Hunt**

**(01980) 670326**



**Curate: Rev Heather Brearey**

**(01980) 555679**



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**(01980) 652751**



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**Padre Nick Adley**

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**Padre Andrew Thompson**

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**Andy Lund  
Durrington  
Community Church**

**(01980) 594420**



**Katie Crothers**

**Amesbury Baptist  
Church**

**07881381589**

**A word from Gale Hunt our Team Vicar:**

As I write this we are still in lockdown and I suspect that as you read this we may well still be in the same situation. We are lucky to live in a beautiful part of the world, which means when we go out for our daily exercise we get to appreciate nature, or if you are stuck at home then many of you will be able to see something of nature from your windows. I am reminded of the words of a well-known hymn - "For the Beauty of the Earth.", written by Folliot Pierpoint in 1864, in it he praises the beautiful world that we inhabit and the many things he loved.

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain ]

3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

4 For yourself, best gift divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
agent of God's grand design:  
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

I know our communities are very supportive and thank you to all who have been doing great things in looking out for neighbours during this difficult time. But it maybe that you are struggling with the isolation and would like to talk to someone. Don't forget that the ministry team, our local padres and ecumenical partners are available on the end of the phone – see separate article for details.

Best wishes

**Gale**

**55 Words Short Story Competition**

The Salisbury Plain Children's Book Group is launching a short story competition to keep children busy during this time of isolation. The rules are simple:

**Write a short story of 55 words.**

That's it! It can be about anything you like, any topic or genre. It can have one character or many. As long as it's 55 words long!

We will have four different age groups, **4-7 year olds, 8-11 year olds, 12-15 year olds and 15-18 year olds**. We have some lovely judges, even one who's judged the BBC2 short story competition! They will judge who gets 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The winners will be published in the June edition Netheravon, Haxton and Fittleton newsletter as well as shared on our Facebook page and blog. There may even be some book prizes for the lucky winners!

All entries need to be sent to:

[netheravonnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:netheravonnewsletter@gmail.com)

**Deadline Friday 8th May 5pm.**

**The Avon River Team website**  
address, where you can find ways to  
worship at home is:  
**avonriverteam.org.uk**  
The weekly **Pew Sheet** which is  
usually given out at Sunday services  
can be found on the Home page.

**200 Club Lottery Winners for**  
**March 2020**

**MR D GREENHOW,**  
**MR A SMITH, MR T JONES**  
**MRS J TRUCKLE, MR C PUZEY**

Gill (Murphy)

**READERS LETTERS:**

**Sir,**

I am writing to tender my resignation.

After a lot of thought, sweat and tears I have come to the conclusion that I just cannot any longer put up with the tedium and total frustration of my current position.

My days are spent glued to a computer screen trying to work out the difficulty of adding five to seven and the constant need to get up and run across the room between creating a sentence containing the word 'because' and setting an imaginary clock to show quarter past seven.

I am also mindful of the grief that is sent my way from 'local authorities' when I claim success with education for successfully managing to show a six-year-old how to remove a four-jaw chuck from a lathe or complete a watercolour painting.

I am therefore leaving my position of school teacher with immediate effect.

I would like to express my thanks and salute all our school teachers, and long for the day when you resume the task in which I have so badly failed.

**R Johns**

**P.S.**

Does anyone need their chimney cleaned?

**Reply from Ed:**

*Dear R Johns, thank you for your contribution. I am sorry to hear that you are struggling to undertake the role of teacher. Are you at the stage of calling for teacher salaries to be doubled, or are you ready to take to strong drink and hibernate?*

**Reply from R Johns**

*I will be increasing my order from Stonehenge ales!*

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**Letter re: 200 Club**

**Hi Gill,**

I was surprised, and saddened, to receive the news that the 200 club is ceasing.

Sue and I have supported it from the outset, 33 years, despite living here in Newquay.

It seems a rather strange decision given that funds are always needed!

I note that you have been actively involved for 10 years, a really sterling effort, and both thank and congratulate you on such perseverance.

I will miss your occasional reminders that our annual payment is due!!!!!!

All best wishes for now and the future.

**SAVE YOUR MILK BOTTLE TOPS**

Salisbury District Hospital Stars Appeal are collecting clean milk bottle tops so please could you save yours and when life returns to a new normal they can be put in the collection tubs in either the Phoenix Hall or Netheravon Working Men's Club.

The milk bottle tops are made into 'soft play surfaces' and the Stars Appeal receive money for their contribution. When our lives return to a new normal, charities will be desperate for donations, fundraising etc so this is one way you can help

– IT COSTS YOU NOTHING!

Take care and keep safe.

**Gill Murphy**

**Tony and Sue.**

**NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL - Tree Planting**

We have 300 trees to plant in the Cemetery. If you would like to use your daily exercise to plant a few trees please contact Sarah Good-Allen at [sgood-allen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sgood-allen@hotmail.co.uk)

Friday 8 May, 2pm to 6pm  
Netheravon, Haxton & Fittleton celebrate the  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day with a  
**Stay-at-Home Street Party**

Bunting will be festooning the villages. Everyone is invited to the party.  
Let's decorate our homes and have a tea party in our front gardens or other space -  
**observing the 2metre rule.**

If you have neighbours who are alone, share some food with them.

★ There will be a prize for the best decorated house ★

★ Children are invited to create posters to put in their windows ★  
(prizes for the best posters)

We will have musical entertainment on Facebook from 3 of our village vocalists



**It's party time, so let's celebrate**



**The White Cliffs of Dover**

There'll be bluebirds over,  
The white cliffs of Dover,  
Tomorrow, just you wait and see.  
There'll be love and laughter,  
And peace ever after,  
Tomorrow when the world is free.  
The shepherd will tend his sheep,  
The valley will bloom again.  
And Jimmy will go to sleep,  
In his own little room again.  
There'll be blue birds over,  
The white cliffs of Dover,  
Tomorrow, just you wait and see.

**Pack up your troubles**

Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,  
And smile, smile, smile.  
While you've a Lucifer to light your fag,  
Smile boys, that's the style.  
What's the use of worrying,  
It never was worthwhile, so  
Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,  
And smile, smile, smile.

**Let Me Call you Sweetheart**

Let me call you sweetheart,  
I'm in love with you.  
Let me hear you whisper that you love me  
too.  
Keep the lovelight glowing in your eyes so  
true.  
Let me call you sweetheart,  
I'm in love with you.

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**The bells are ringing for me and my gal,**

The birds are singing for me and my gal.  
Everybody's been knowing,  
To a wedding they're going,  
And for weeks they've been sewing,  
Every Susie and Sal.  
They're congregating, for me and my gal,  
And sometime, I'm gonna build a little home for  
two, or three or four, or more.  
In Loveland, for me and my gal.

**We'll Meet Again**

We'll meet again  
Don't know where, don't know when  
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day.  
Keep smiling through,  
Just like you always do  
'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds far  
away.  
So will you please say 'hello'  
To the folks that I know,  
Tell them I won't be long.  
They'll be happy to know  
That as you saw me go  
I was singing this song.  
We'll meet again,  
Don't know where, don't know when  
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day.



## Meet Your Parish Councillors.

FITTLETON PARISH COUNCILLORS	
<b>Cllr Alan Wood</b> Chairman Orchard House, Fittleton	01980 671265
<b>Cllr Corrine Gowman</b> 2 Manor Cottages, Fittleton	01980 670599
<b>Cllr. Greg Morgan</b> Bramble Cottage Lower Street Haxton	01980 670169
<b>Cllr Victoria Jago</b> School House, Fittleton	01980 670089
<b>Cllr. Simon Vaughan-Edwards</b> Vice-Chairman Orchard End Fittleton	01980 670311
<b>Cllr. M. Beckingham</b> 5 Chestnut Rise, Haxton,	07789986912
<b>Cllr Sheila Symes</b> South View, Lower Street, Haxton	01980 670049



### SAFE HOME DELIVERIES FROM STONEHENGE ALES

For the past month we have made safe home deliveries of our beers and spring water. If you would like to support our small brewery, you are very welcome to place your order in our new online shop.

The link to the shop is

<https://www.stonehengeales.co.uk>

Should you not have access to the Internet, you are very welcome to give us a ring on 01980 670631 and we can take your order and card payment over the phone.

**Our delivery days are Tuesdays and Fridays.**

Take care and stay safe! Cheers!

**Stig and Anna Marie**

NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL			
PARISH COUNCILLORS 2020			
CHAIRMAN	Cllr. David Burke	RGV Engineering, High Street, Netheravon	670667
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## PHOENIX HALL – High Street, Netheravon, SP4 9PJ - (Charity No. 1003542)

Jointly owned by Netheravon & Fittleton Parish Councils

Managed by the volunteer Phoenix Hall Management Committee - Charles Coslett (Chairman), Alan Wood (Secretary), Michala Mather (Treasurer), Caroline Aubrey-Fletcher, Alan Brown, Sue Greenhow, Nigel Jackaman, David Jaffrey, Alice Gordon, Chris Puzey, Gill Murphy (200 Club Lottery).

**To book the Hall:** MICHALA MATHER (Treasurer): T: 670646 or Email: phoenixhall@live.co.uk

WE REGRET THAT THE PHOENIX HALL IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS.

*REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL RUN BY LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL RESUME AS SOON AS PERMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT*

### **Co-op LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND**

The Co-op organisation are supporting our Phoenix Hall this year through their local stores. Since November they have over £2,500 saved for us from the dividend on local purchases and have made a payment towards upkeep of the hall.

Join the Co-op. ([www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership))

Nominate the Phoenix Hall, Netheravon, as your chosen Co-op charity for 2020.

### PHOENIX HALL

## **CAR PARK BOOT SALE & INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE**

*Proceeds will go towards the NHS Stars Appeal and the running of Phoenix Hall*

**SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2020 (Provisional)**

**TABLE £5. CAR BOOT £5. ENTRY FREE for BUYERS. CAR PARK FREE.**

**Refreshments available.**

**BOOTERS from 9am. TABLE TOP SELLING from 9am.**

(Hall will be open at 8am for TABLE TOP sellers to set up.)

**Boot & Table Top Provisional Bookings: Alan Wood 01980 671265 or wood94@btinternet.com**

### NETHERAVON IN BLOOM

At the moment all the Garden Centres are closed, but hopefully these will open in time for summer planting. We are running Netheravon In Bloom once again and the Parish Council would like to encourage everyone to keep their front gardens spick and span and when Garden Centres are open again or if you order plants online, plant a lovely display which will be judged probably in late July.

Please let me know if you would like to sponsor and plant up one of the big tubs which are dotted about the village.

If we get enough people to take over the tubs this can be part of the Netheravon in Bloom competition.

There will be more details in next month's Newsletter

**WATCH THIS SPACE!**

**[mary.towle@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.towle@btinternet.com)**



### NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL

#### **Coronavirus Help**

If anyone resident in Fittleton, Haxton or Netheravon needs help with shopping, collecting prescriptions or anything else – including a chat on the phone, please contact:

[npccemergencyplan@gmail.com](mailto:npccemergencyplan@gmail.com) Tel: 07438 933652

Or contact Mary Towle at [mary.towle@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.towle@btinternet.com), Tel: 01980 670748 or 07864 186271

Or contact a Parish Councillor – details elsewhere in the Newsletter

**KEEP WELL AND SAFE**



### **PHOENIX HALL 200 CLUB - SUSPENSION**

It is with much regret that the Phoenix Hall Committee has reached the decision to suspend the 200 Club, because of the restrictions placed upon freedom of movement during this Covid-19 clamp-down. We can no longer collect monies house by house or meet in a public place to undertake the draw. We do not yet know when this situation may end and as our new lottery year starts again on 1st May the committee has decided to suspend the running of this lottery.

The final draw of the current year will take place under independent supervision, with the April winners announced in the Village Newsletter and winnings distributed in the usual way.

The 200 Club has raised thousands of pounds since it started in 1987. It has allowed many improvements to the hall, such as the new kitchen, to be undertaken. The committee are very keen not to lose this route of funding forever and are already looking at ways to re-introduce a local lottery to support our hall. We plan to have this up and running as soon as the Government lifts the current social distancing rules.

The Committee is very grateful to Gill Murphy, who has run this lottery almost single-handedly for the past 10 years. Without her enthusiasm and application, it would have ceased to exist many years ago to the detriment of the Phoenix Hall. Thank you, Gill.

**Charles Coslett**  
**Chairman - Phoenix Hall Management Committee**

### **CHEERFUL CUPPA**

**We will be operating again as soon as we get the go ahead!**  
**Sarah and Mary miss you all!**



### **Annual Report**

As you know, Cheerful Cuppa is a non-profit making group who only ask for donations for refreshments, to help cover costs, but through the generosity of the people who come weekly and support our fundraisers, we have been able to donate £2,458 to various charities in the last year alone. Charities include, Alzheimer's Society, Phoenix Hall, The Stars Appeal, Cancer Research, Julia House, Australia to help the animals and firefighters and donations to the Pewsey Male Voice Choir charity, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, when they come to entertain us. We also donated money to buy one of the new picnic tables in the Millennium Park and have given money to buy books for All Saints School children so that every pupil received a book for Christmas. The Hall is full of laughter and chatter when we all get together but we are also there to support people through troubled times. One lady said that Tuesday at Cheerful Cuppa gives her the boost she needs to get through the rest of the week. We have become a very close group of friends, and we are very proud to be part of it.

A huge thank you to the team, Alan Brown, Graeme Allen, Judy Blair-Pilling, Alan Wood and Sue Knight for their continual support week after week.

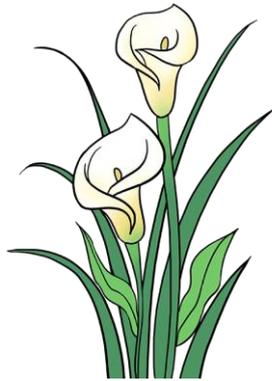
**Mary and Sarah**

**PS We are donating £500 extra to the Stars Appeal to help them support patients and the staff who are working so hard to care for people in this terrible time.**



Follow the newsletter on Facebook. Newsletter, Fittleton, Haxton & Netheravon.

## ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



As you know we have sadly cancelled our April and May meetings and we have now decided to cancel our June plans as well. So, there will be no meetings until September, when we hope that we will be able to meet again in person.

Happy gardening and stay safe.

Further details from:  
**Fanny Middleton 01980 671645**  
email: [fannysurtees@btinternet.com](mailto:fannysurtees@btinternet.com)

**From Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April,**  
there will be a box of books in the **Haxton and Netheravon telephone boxes.**

At this difficult time for us all we are sure that, amongst many other things, the library is being missed! Please donate any pre loved books to the box inside and help yourself to another good read whilst out on your daily exercise! Perhaps pick up a book for a neighbour or friend who is unable to get out and about.

***Please be sure to observe all social distancing rules and that the defibrillator in the Netheravon phone box is accessible at all times.***

**Happy reading, best wishes to all and**



PROTECT THE **NHS**

♥ **save lives**



Due to the current circumstances concerning the Covid-19, the Netheravon Working Mens Club is currently **NOT** trading.

Unfortunately this results in upcoming events being **CANCELLED.**

**So for now,** everyone enjoy a pint or two in the comfort of your own homes and back gardens and we will see you all soon.



**Stay Safe. Stay at Home.**

Kind Regards



Netheravon Working Mens Club Committee

### FITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

**Application Reference 20/02580/PIP**

**Application for Permission in Principle for residential development of between 6 and 9 dwellings at land at Everleigh Road, Haxton, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 9PT**

The Parish Council would like the views of the residents of Fittleton and Haxton about the application for Permission in Principle for a residential development at Everleigh Road. Could you please send your views via email to [mary.towle@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.towle@btinternet.com) or write your comments in a letter and send it to: Tempus Fugit, Court Farm Road, Netheravon SP4 9QU. The Parish Council will be meeting to formulate a response to the application and would like to have the views of all residents so that their comments will reflect the opinion of the Parish. The Parish Council expect to meet either in the Phoenix Hall, subject Government Rules on Covid-19, or on the internet using a suitable platform, to formulate a response to the application and would like to have the views of all residents **by 4 May 2020.**

Mary Towle, Clerk to the Council, Fittleton Parish Council.

### Answers to April's Quiz

No	Quiz question	Answer
1	What is the name of the German airline?	Lufthansa
2	In which European city can you find the home of Anne Frank?	Amsterdam
3	How many stars has the American flag got?	Fifty
4	How long is the Great Wall of China?	4000 miles
5	Who invented Ferrari?	Enzo Ferrari
6	According to the Bible, who was the first murderer?	Cain
7	Which two months are named after Roman emperors?	July and August
8	In what year did Princess Diana die?	In the year 1997
9	Which famous British women murderer of the 19th century was never arrested?	Jack the Ripper
10	On which mountain did Jesus take his last supper?	Golgotha or Calvary
11	What is the largest number of five digits?	99999
12	What is the most fractured human bone?	Clavicle
13	What is the most famous university of Paris?	Sorbonne
14	Which animal is on the golden Flemish flag?	Lion
15	What is the name of the Indian holy river?	Ganges
16	Which South American country is named after Venice?	Venezuela
17	How many stars feature on the flag of New Zealand?	Four stars
18	What colour do you get when you mix red and white?	Pink
19	What is both a French wine region and a luxury American automobile?	Cadillac
20	For which narrow sea strait is Hellespont the ancient name?	Dardanelles

**If you scored 20 out of 20.....You are Brilliant**

**If you scored 15 out of 20..... You are Pretty Good**

**If you scored 10 out of 20..... You are Not Bad**

**If you scored less than 10 out of 20 ..... Back to the Drawing Board**