

NETHERAVON, HAXTON & FITTLETON NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2022

3 rd	10:30am	Christmas Coffee Morning	River Cottage, Fittleton
9 th	3pm-5pm	Netheravon School PTFA Christmas Fete	Phoenix Hall, Netheravon

January 2023

10 th	7:30pm	Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council Meeting	Phoenix Hall, Netheravon
12 th	7pm	Netheravon Parish Council Meeting	Phoenix Hall, Netheravon
12 th	7pm	Enford Gardening Club AGM/New Year Social	Enford Village Hall

MINI DIRECTORY

(01980 unless otherwise stated)

Phoenix Hall Bookings (Pam/Steve Perry)	670021
Day Centre (Caroline A-F)	670364
Rev. Gale Hunt, Avon River Team	670326
Rev. Barry Davis, Amesbury Baptist Centre	622355
Christ the King, Catholic Church, Amesbury	622177
Rev. Rosemary Fletcher, Amesbury Methodist Church	01722 703045
To rent Methodist Halls, Liz Rose.	623541
SSAFA Forces Help	632567
Plainwatch	674700
Durrington & District Link Scheme	07484 533559
AWS JOBS, Pre-Schools, Creches	673379
Scout Group for Boys & Girls	07768 579314
Enford Football Club, Children's Coaching Club	670634
Wiltshire Councillor, Ian Blair-Pilling	07518 942216
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers contact	girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

December Church Services for Avon River Team – Happy Christmas!

Parish \ Date	4 December	11 December	18 December	24 December Christmas Eve	25 December Christmas Day
Bulford	10.30 Christingle Service		18.00 Carol Service		10.30 Family service + HC
Durrington	9.30 Fun Church	10.30 Team HC Service 18.00 Carol Service with Durrington Wind Band	9.30 HC	16.00 Crib Service 23.30 Midnight Communion	9.30 Family Service
Enford	9.30 HC		9.30 Carol and crib Service	23.30 Midnight HC	9.30 HC
Figheledean	11.00 Morning Worship		11.00 Morning Service		11.00 HC
Fittleton cum Haxton			18.00 Carol Service		11.00 HC BCP
Milston	9.30 HC BCP		10.30 Carol Service		9.30 HC
Netheravon	11.00 Morning Worship		11.00 Family HC	23.30 Midnight Communion	
Wednesday 9 th at 10.00 HC at Bulford Every Thursday at 10.30 HC at Durrington					

Fri 16 Dec **18.30** Carol Service at Netheravon

Sat 17 Dec **15.00** Carol Service at Figheledean

January Church Services for Avon River Team – Happy New Year!

Parish \ Date	1 January	8 January	15 January	22 January	29 January
Bulford	10.30 HC Team Service	11.00 HC	10.30 Family Service	11.00 HC	11.00 Morning Worship
Durrington		9.30 Fun Church	9.30 HC	9.30 Informal Communion	9.30 HC
Enford		9.30 HC	9.30 Breakfast Church	18.00 Evensong	9.30 Family HC
Figheledean		11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 HC	11.00 Breakfast Church	11.00 Morning Worship
Fittleton cum Haxton			18.00 Evensong	9.30 HC BCP	11.00 Matins
Milston		9.30 HC BCP	9.30 HC BCP	9.30 Matins	
Netheravon		11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Family HC	11.00 Family Service	18.00 Evensong
Every Wednesday at 10.00 HC at Bulford Every Thursday at 10.30 HC at Durrington					
HC=Holy Communion, BCP=Book of Common Prayer, CW=Common Worship					

***** For details of online services check the Avon River Team website *****

A word from Gale Hunt our Team Vicar:

Are you someone who is well prepared for Christmas or who likes to leave everything to the last minute? Advent, which started on 27 November, is a time for preparing ourselves to celebrate Christmas and many Christians like to use the time to prepare themselves spiritually to celebrate the birth of Jesus. If you would like ideas on how to do this, then do ask me.

Advent is also the start of the Christian year, a time of new beginnings. As we go through to Christmas and then the New Year, you may want to pause and think back over the past year and ahead to 2023 and what it might bring. You may also like to reflect on the words of the last verse of the well-known carol *In the bleak mid-winter:-*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.*

I do hope that you will be able to join us at some of our services to celebrate and remember the reason for the season – the birth of Jesus, God come to dwell among us. I pray that you will have a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Best wishes
Gale.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Christmas
Coffee Morning
& Bring and Buy**

Saturday 3rd December
at River Cottage
Fittleton
10.30 - 12.00

Donation
£2

Gifts ★ Raffle ★ Cakes ★ Preserves

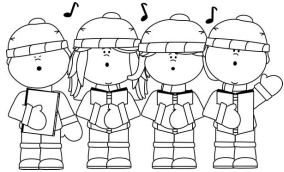
In aid of Fittleton Church

We wanted to let everyone in Netheravon, Haxton and Fittleton who made Joe so very welcome on Saturday 5 November at the Fete.

We all had a lovely afternoon; winning a prize in the raffle and a bottle of bubbly on the tombola stall as well as a gorgeous little teddy on the teddy tombola. Joe was especially delighted with the “smash the Malteser” stall which Cath, Joe’s PA, did extremely well on and had Joe laughing out loud with the effort and concentration required!

Thank you again for a lovely afternoon. We look forward to Christmas and New Year festivities and hope everyone has a healthy, peaceful and prosperous 2023!

***With best wishes from Joe Landon,
his family and his household.***



Wishing all of our family and friends in the villages a very Happy, Peaceful Christmas and may the New Year bring better times for all.

Tony and Sue Mills.



Anne Arnott
wishes all
friends in
Fittleton cum
Haxton,

Netheravon and surrounding
villages a Very Happy Christmas
and hopefully a Good New Year.



Once more we're wishing friends and neighbours a Healthy and Happy Christmas and remembering "absent friends".

We hope 2023 will be better.

Dave and Maggie Butler



Warmest Greetings
Once again, I send my love and best
wishes to all my friends in the villages.

Brenda Skinner



FITTLETON CUM HAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Wishes all parishioners a very Happy
Christmas and a peaceful and
contented 2023

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

FITTLETON BELL APPEAL

What an amazing community effort. Thanks to your generous donations we are within a whisker of reaching our target. I am sorry that the bells will not be ready for Christmas, but they WILL ring out for the coronation. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to book the bell hangers, who will begin their work at the start of March. Thank you all so much.

Gill Kershaw-Creedy on behalf of the ringing team

Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson's Column

Policing has been under the microscope in the last year and I don't see this scrutiny letting up any time soon – and neither should it.

The public want their police force to keep them safe, protect vulnerable people, put victims first, catch the criminals responsible, produce quality investigations and lock the bad ones up.

Wiltshire Police has had its fair share of criticism. It has received a poor PEEL inspection report and is currently in 'Special Measures'. I can reassure you progress is being made and my scrutiny of that performance is ongoing.

We have had some solid successes too. You told me road safety and speeding was a key concern. I have committed investment into the roads policing unit, increasing the number of officers and cars by 20%.

We also tripled the capacity of the speed enforcement team, with extra police staff and state-of-the-art cameras. With this joined up approach, there are more traffic officers on our streets and there has been an increase of 42% of the number of people caught speeding and given tickets.

There is still more to do but our roads will become safer as the deterrent of speeding tickets and prosecution starts to bite.

The rural crime team has also doubled since I committed investment in the team and in extra equipment. I was also pleased with the force's commitment to visit all victims of home burglary – let me know if this doesn't happen and I will act on your behalf to scrutinise that commitment.

We are also in the process of recruiting the next Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police and I hope to have them confirmed in post by mid-January. We look forward to welcoming them to the county.

In the meantime, our current Chief will carry on implementing the improvements needed to satisfy HM Inspectors and provide stability so the force can continue making Wiltshire safer for all.

Please also make sure you take part in my survey, taking place in December and January, which will ask you about your confidence levels in Wiltshire Police and about the policing precept for 2023/24. It is important we capture as many people's thoughts as possible and you will find this on my website from mid- December.

As ever, I wish you a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Contact Information

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Wiltshire OPCC

07384 820760

emma.morton@wiltshire.police.uk

**ENFORD
GARDENING CLUB**

**Annual General Meeting
New Year Social**

Thursday 12th January 2023

Wine/Refreshments/Raffle

**7.00 for 7.15 pm Enford Village Hall
Entrance FREE
Everyone Welcome!**

The story of Netheravon and district's fascinating past, beautifully told in pictures and written articles.

Home - The history of Netheravon, Haxton and Fittleton (netheravonspast.co.uk)

**New Year's Day
Free meal and raffle**

Phoenix Hall 1pm to 4pm

Choice of: - 3 meat salad or
Roast and trimmings

Vegetarian and vegan options available

Desserts: Trifle or chocolate cake
and ice cream or custard.

***This is a free event, for anyone of
any age.***

Free raffle -everyone is a winner
Donations of raffle prizes gratefully
received

To book space or make donations
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**VANS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR TREE-
MENDOUS MISSION FOR JULIA'S HOUSE CHILDREN'S
HOSPICE**

Julia's House is seeking a team of "elves with wheels" to help with the local charity's big Christmas tree collection in January. The Wiltshire children's hospice will be collecting and recycling real Christmas trees from homes across the county in the New Year. And the charity needs lots of vans and helping hands to make the tree-mendous mission possible. We're essentially seeking a team of elves with wheels, who are happy to be helpers and volunteer a few hours of their time for us after the Christmas season.

The charity is looking for vans of all sizes to help for a minimum of three hours in Wiltshire across their three collection days, between Sunday 8th and Tuesday 10th January. Volunteers are also needed to lift and load Christmas trees onto the vans.

Once collected from local homes, the trees will be taken to Old Potato Yard in Devizes and recycled as chippings for use on local farms and community spaces.

All funds raised from the Christmas tree collection will help the Wiltshire children's hospice provide its lifeline of care for the most seriously ill children and their families in the local community.

If you would like to donate a van or volunteer your time, please get in touch with the Julia's House team at treepickup@juliashouse.org or call 01380 562525.

Get in touch: Laura Shack – Communications Officer, Email: laura.shack@juliashouse.org Tel: 07850 928133

Caz Warnes – Communications Manager,
Email: caz.warnes@juliashouse.org Tel: 07968 888404

Join us for Festive Fun

Friends of Netheravon School PTFA

Christmas Fete

Netheravon Phoenix Hall

Friday 9th December

3pm - 5pm



Raffle * Father Christmas Grotto * Tombolas

Children's secret gift area * Games *

Craft stall holders * Refreshments *

PTFA Stocking Fillers *

**** Fun for everyone ****

NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Remembrance

As usual, the village remembered individual men who lost their lives in the Great War and World War Two by putting their names on large poppies which were displayed along the High Street. The laying of wreaths was well attended at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. *Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the village so that we remember our Fallen.*

Trees in the Conservation Area

The Parish Council would like to remind everyone who lives in the Conservation Area that any tree work should have planning consent. To obtain this consent go to the Wiltshire Council website www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Allotment

There might be vacant allotments from 1st April 2023. If anyone would like to go on the waiting list, please contact the Clerk at clerk@netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk or phone and leave a message on 01980 670748.

Contact

If you have a problem and would like to report it to the Parish Council, please, in the first instance, email the Clerk at clerk@netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk

Next Meeting

Will be on Thursday, 12th January, 2023 at 7.00pm in the Phoenix Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Public question time is at 7.00pm

Mary Towle, Clerk to the Council

Netheravon	21 Dec Garden waste	28 Dec Mixed dry re-cycling and glass	30 Dec Household waste	10 Jan Mixed dry recycling and glass	12 Jan Household waste
Fittleton and Haxton	20 Dec Mixed dry re-cycling and glass	21 Dec Garden waste	30 Dec Household waste	3 Jan Mixed dry recycling and glass	12 Jan Household waste
Garden waste collections	Last collections for Netheravon 21 December, start again 18 January Last collections for Fittleton and Haxton 21 December, start again 18 January				

Wiltshire Council Refuse Collections Christmas 2022 and New Year 2023

THINGS ARE CHANGING

This will be the last Netheravon, Haxton and Fittleton Newsletter to be delivered to Choulston Close and Kerby Avenue.

We hope remaining residents can access the content online on

www.netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk/newsletter.

There are usually current copies at the library and Phoenix Hall.

Netheravon Working Men's Club

Forthcoming events for December

Saturday 3 rd Evening	Life Members Dinner Cat & Mouse 60s/70s
Saturday 10 th	Party
Saturday 17 th	Christmas Quiz
Sunday 18 th 4-6pm	Children's Christmas Party Disco Dion & Santa
Weds 21 st	Grand Christmas Draw
Thurs 22 nd	Christmas Bingo
Christmas Day	Open 11 - 1
Boxing Day Afternoon	Karaoke
New Year's Eve	Sounds Express Disco



We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We wish Ted happiness in his retirement.
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<https://www.fittletoncumhaxton.co.uk>

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