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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### July 2023

30 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Monthly Prize Bingo	Phoenix Hall, Netheravon
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### August 2023

5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Summer Fete	Working Men's Club
5 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 1pm	Monthly Market	Phoenix Hall, Netheravon
27 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Monthly Prize Bingo	Phoenix Hall, Netheravon

### September 2023

12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council Meeting	Phoenix Hall, Netheravon
14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Netheravon Parish Council Meeting	Phoenix Hall, Netheravon

## 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
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## Avon River Team Services for August 2023

Parish\Date	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Bulford	11.00 HC CW	<b>10.30 Team Service</b>	10.30 Harvest Festival	11.00 HC CW
Durrington	9.30 Fun Church		9.30 HC CW	9.30 Informal HC - Harvest
Enford	9.30 HC CW		9.30 Breakfast Church	6.00 Evensong
Figheldean	11.00 Morning Worship		11.00 HC CW	11.00 Breakfast Church
<b>Fittleton</b>	<b>With Netheravon</b>		<b>6.00 Evensong</b>	
Milston	9.30 HC BCP		9.30 HC BCP	9.30 Matins
<b>Netheravon</b>	<b>11.00 HC CW</b>		<b>With Fittleton</b>	<b>11.00 Morning Worship</b>

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Figheldean	11.00 Morning Worship		11.00 HC CW	11.00 Breakfast Church
<b>Fittleton</b>	<b>With Netheravon</b>		<b>14.00 HMS Fittleton Service</b>	
Milston	9.30 HC BCP		9.30 HC BCP	9.30 Matins
<b>Netheravon</b>	<b>11.00 HC CW</b>		<b>With Fittleton</b>	<b>11.00 Morning Worship - Harvest</b>

Each Wednesday at 10.00 HC at Bulford

Each Thursday at 10.30 HC at Durrington

For details of Sunday ZOOM Service see the Avon River Team web site.

HC – Holy Communion; BCP – Book of Common Prayer

You can find your local newsletter on the local parish council websites:  
<https://www.netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk>  
<https://www.fittletoncumhaxton.co.uk>

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

I do hope that you have been enjoying the spell of sunny weather and whether you are at home or away during August, that you have some time to relax and re-charge. The Bible tells us that God worked from a place of rest; not the other way round, which is so often the case for many of us.

Our word Holiday come from the old English word *hāligdæg*, which literally means holy day. So why not use some of your holiday time to reconnect with the spiritual part of your being – allow yourself to stop and gaze in wonder at the beauty of creation; enjoy spending time with family and friends, taking a moment to give thanks for those relationships; allow yourself to be absorbed in a piece of music, so it speaks to the depths of your being – just a few ideas you might like to try.

September brings new beginnings for many of our young people as they start new schools, college, university or new jobs. We wish all who are starting something new, well in their endeavours.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> we will be having a special service in Fittleton to dedicate a new memorial and remember those who lost their lives in the HMS Fittleton tragedy. So do pop into church after that date to look at the new memorial.

**Best wishes  
Gale.**

**FITTLE FETE**

A heartfelt thanks to all those brave people who supported the mini fete at All Saints Church, Fittleton on what must have been the wettest, windiest Saturday ever. Your enthusiasm and generosity led to a sum of around £1,400 being added to church funds, hopefully allowing us to undertake some of the repairs that are needed to maintain this beautiful old building. Grateful thanks, too, must go to the indomitable stall holders who give so much of their time and effort in preparation for the day and then had to face that weather!

Thank you all so much.

**Fittleton PCC**

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**Netheravon WMC Fete**  
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## Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council

The recent Parish Council meeting was held at Fittleton All Saints Church on 11 July. At that meeting there was a discussion about who should be awarded the Jubilee Cup. Congratulations to Cameron Miles, who has won this year's Jubilee Cup for young people, in recognition of all his efforts around the parish. He will be formally awarded the trophy at the next parish council meeting.

The Council is still looking for someone to co-opt as a councillor. If you want to make a difference to your community and have significant ties to the parish, please get in touch with the clerk for further details, on [clerkfittletonhaxton@gmail.com](mailto:clerkfittletonhaxton@gmail.com)

There is one vacant allotment available. For details, please contact the parish clerk.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 12 September 2023 at 7:30pm, in Phoenix Hall. Members of the public are very welcome to attend, and to bring any issues they may have to the attention of the Council.

**Stephen O'Grady,**  
Clerk to Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council  
[clerkfittletonhaxton@gmail.com](mailto:clerkfittletonhaxton@gmail.com)  
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Thank you for the very kind welcome to the Fittleton and Haxton Fete last Saturday. The rain kept us away until 1.30pm, when we dashed out between cloud bursts, only to find we were too late for most of the festivities. However, there were some pieces of cheese left in the church, which are delicious and a sample of vegan kebabs!  
Also delicious.

Lovely plants which have gone into choice spots in the garden were still available too.

Everyone - busy packing up - was delightful and made a huge fuss of Joe, his PAs for the day and I (mum).

As ever, thank you everyone for your welcome and kindness.

**Best wishes, Joe Landon and his household.**

The story of Netheravon and district's fascinating past, beautifully told in pictures and written articles. [Home - The history of Netheravon, Haxton and Fittleton \(netheravonspast.co.uk\)](http://netheravonspast.co.uk)

## Netheravon Working Men's Club

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> August members Retirement Party. Complete with Disco.

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## Cheerful Cuppa

Thanks to everyone who attended the recent fundraiser and gave so generously. We were able to give Jake Brown £350 towards his sponsored walk for CRY

Thanks also to our local 'busker' Tim Eyles who entertained us all.  
It was a very enjoyable morning



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The Phoenix Hall AGM was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July at the hall. It was disappointing to see so few members of the villages there despite the meeting being advertised in the newsletter, on Facebook and on the notice boards. Nevertheless, it was productive.

We are pleased to welcome Jo Tohill as a new member of the management committee and Alan Wood as the Art Club representative also. It is always encouraging to have additional volunteers who are keen to carry the hall forward.

It is equally encouraging that the hall is being used more and more now that we are through the COVID years and that we continue to close the gap between income and expenditure, notwithstanding we have made some significant capital outlay over the past year.

We have solar panels that we generating excess energy to date thanks to the fine weather, although at times recently it does not seem so.

We have now completed replacing all the entrance doors to provide additional security.

We have a new BURCO water boiler and cooker in the main hall kitchenette.

The patio area behind the hall has been given a good going over thanks to a small team of volunteers on a very hot Saturday morning and early afternoon. The old tables have been donated to the church, ageing furniture has been removed. Weeding has improved the borders and 2 tonnes of new white shingle laid around the perimeter to provide a pleasing communal area.

Internal improvements are currently being undertaken with repainting the main hall and, thanks to a kind donation, new pictures being hung. A picture of King Charles will also grace the main hall wall in the near future.

Do come and have a look and think about planning your next party or gathering.

Also check out our social media platforms at:

**WEBSITE:** [www.phoenixhall.org](http://www.phoenixhall.org)

**FACEBOOK:** search Phoenix Hall Netheravon

See you soon

The Committee

### **SPTA NEWS**

**For Salisbury Plain Training Area News, giving times of live firing, current and upcoming exercises, go to:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-newsletter>

## Message from Wiltshire's Police and Crime Commissioner

As Wiltshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, I have welcomed some significant changes made by new Chief Constable Catherine Roper in her first four months but I do have to caution more time is needed for sustained performance improvements across all areas.

Some of the measures introduced include:

- Greater police visibility – increased community patrols and focus on bringing policing to rural communities with additional mobile police stations.
- Increased policing – proactive, intensified policing in communities where necessary and use of all available powers.
- Focus on service – ensuring staff are moving from a back-to-basics approach and evolving to drive improvement in the service received by residents.
- Putting victims first and at the heart of every police interaction.
- Focus on performance – driving slimmed down governance, introducing key roles back into the policing structure, giving greater control to commanders, driving up standards.
- Opening Wiltshire Police up to enable more recruitment by dismissing need for mandatory police officer degrees.

Recruiting an experienced chief officer was a conscious decision on my part to drive the improvements Wiltshire Police needed to navigate its way through the Engage process but also so it can deliver the police service residents want – and deserve.

Despite only being in post for nearly four months, CC Roper's vision for Wiltshire Police is coming to fruition.

There has been a defined focus on quality of service, on driving performance, an increased focus on victims and quality of investigations to boost outcome rates. We have seen a determined effort by the Chief to encourage leaders within the Force to take control and drive up standards and for our communities to receive more visible, proactive policing.

Of course, we are both aware the scale of work required cannot be resolved in a short amount of time. There isn't a quick fix to sustained performance improvements across all areas and time is needed. The Chief and I are also acutely aware there will be challenges ahead for some time yet but the important point is: the right steps are being taken.

However, and more importantly, I have always known Wiltshire has many dedicated and hardworking officers, staff and volunteers and now they will be able to focus on what they want – delivering a quality, frontline, policing service which delivers for its communities.

**Philip Wilkinson PCC**

# **Cheerful Cuppa**

## **Advance Notice**

**There will be no Cheerful Cuppa during the month of August**

**The last Cheerful Cuppa will be on 25<sup>th</sup> July  
Sarah and Mary (and helpers) are having a break and  
will re-open on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**



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