

NETHERAVON, HAXTON & FITTLETON NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 2023

14th	7:00pm	Enford Garden Club – Herbs from the Bible	Enford Village Hall
14th	7:30pm	Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council Meeting	Phoenix Hall Netheravon
26th	2:00pm	Christmas Bingo – Friends of Netheravon School PTFA	Phoenix Hall Netheravon

December 2023

2nd	10:30am	Christmas Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy	River Cottage, Fittleton
2nd	10:00am	Santa’s Grotto – Friends of Netheravon School PTFA	Phoenix Hall Netheravon
15th	3:15pm	Christmas Fete– Friends of Netheravon School PTFA	Phoenix Hall Netheravon

February 2024

2nd	7:00pm	Horse Night Race and Supper	Phoenix Hall Netheravon
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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
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Rev. Rosemary Fletcher, Amesbury Methodist Church	01722 703045
SSAFA Forces Help	632567
Plainwatch	674700
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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	girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Avon River Team Service Schedule for November

Parish\Date	November 5	November 12 Remembrance Day	November 19	November 26 Advent Sunday
Bulford	11.00 HC	10.45 Remembrance Service at War Memorial	10.30 Family Service	11.00 HC
Durrington	9.30 Fun Church	10.45 Remembrance Service at War Memorial	9.30 HC CW	9.30 Informal HC
Enford	9.30 HC	9.00 Lychgate Remembrance Service	9.30 Breakfast Church	6.00 Evensong
Figheledean	15.00 All Souls Service	10.30 Remembrance	11.00 HC	11.00 Breakfast Church
Fittleton	With Netheravon	6.00 Evensong Remembrance	6.00 Evensong	
Milston	9.30 HC BCP	10.45 Remembrance Service	9.30 HC BCP	9.30 Matins
Netheravon	11.00 HC	10.20 at War Memorial & 10.45 in church	With Fittleton	11.00 Morning Worship
Every Sunday at 8.00 pm ZOOM Compline (See Avon River Team website for details) 10.00 Every Wednesday HC at Bulford 10.30 Every Thursday HC at Durrington HC=Holy Communion; BCP=Book of Common Prayer; CW=Common Worship				

NETHERAVON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Sunday 12 November 2023



10.20 am - Wreath laying at Village War Memorial
10.45 am - Remembrance Service in church

followed by
Curry Lunch in Working Mens Club

All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance

Welcome to November, the year is flying by now, with the autumnal stalwarts of Strictly and Bake Off in full swing, I have my favourites and I hope you do too!

This can be a tough part of the year, with evenings drawing in, and often known as a time for reflection and remembering what has gone before. In the church we commemorate All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance, all of which respecting and reflecting upon those fabulous people who have given so much for us. Remembering people we value, and people we miss.

The famous writer, C S Lewis, once said in his book *A Grief Observed*, "No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear. I am not afraid, but the sensation is like being afraid. The same fluttering in the stomach, the same restlessness, the yawning. I keep on swallowing".

I wonder whether you recognise what he describes? Grief is both fundamentally natural, and incredibly difficult. **We don't have to travel alone though**, please do take the opportunities of any of our services to come and share, or just pop along to our open church, perhaps light a candle and spend time reflecting.

Another great collection of support and resources can be found online, 'AtaLoss' in particular (<https://www.ataloss.org/>) is a rich collection helping at all stages of grief and bereavement.

In this time, we hold to the promise of God that... He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds (Psalm 147v3).

Anything we can be praying about for you this month? Drop us a line.

Every blessing, Rev Simon Pope (Team Curate)

Website: www.avonriverteam.org.uk



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas
Coffee Morning
& Bring and Buy

Saturday 2nd December
at River Cottage
Fittleton
10.30 - 12.00

Donation
£2

Gifts ★ Raffle ★ Cakes ★ Preserves

In aid of Fittleton Church

The Newsletter has been a source of local information for 45 years. It has kept us in touch with what is going on in Netheravon, Haxton and Fittleton. However, due to technical issues, the Newsletter cannot continue to be published in its current form.

With a fair wind the December issue will be published but it will be the last issue of the newsletter.

If we are able to publish the December issue, full details will be included.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to, and enjoyed, the newsletter over the years. It has been a privilege to bring you the local events and services.

Maggie and Dave Butler

Friends of Netheravon School PTFA

Christmas Prize

Bingo!

Sunday 26th November

Netheravon Phoenix Hall

Doors Open 2pm

Eyes down 2:30pm

Parentkind
Member Association

Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort

Festive Food & Gift Fair 2023

27 November 4pm to 8pm £15 per ticket

Preview Evening, glass of wine & canapes included, tickets to be bought in advance.

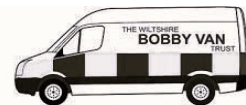
For further details and to buy tickets go to

<https://events.liveit.io/the-wiltshire-bobby-vantrust/bowood-festive-food-and-gift-fair-2023/>

28 November 9am-3pm £5 per ticket

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Christmas Fete

Friday 15th December

Phoenix Hall, Netheravon

3:15 - 5pm

Santa grotto* Tombola's* Raffle

Refreshments* Games

Stall holders £7:50

Plus a raffle prize,

Join us for Festive Fun

Friends of Netheravon School PTFA

Santa's Grotto

Phoenix Hall Netheravon

Sat 2nd Dec
10am - 1pm

Fri 15th Dec
3:30 - 4:30

£3.50 on the day

£3 pre booked

Please message to book

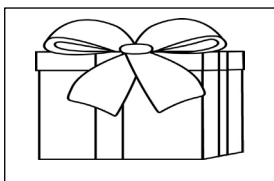
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NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

A345 SPEED REDUCTION TRIAL

On 30th October the speed limit on the A345 will be reduced to 40mph for a trial period of one year. The new signs signifying 40mph will be going up as soon as they are ready and we will be putting up 3 Speed Indicator Devices (SID) along the stretch from Stagg's Lane to Mill Road. We have also got a very keen Netheravon Speed Watch Group who have been trained and will be on duty at designated places to monitor speeds with a speed camera. The police have also agreed to be on duty with speed cameras on occasion. If it is proved that these measures make a difference and people noticeably drive within the 40mph speed limit the speed reduction will become permanent. Thank you to the Speedwatch team and especially the Team Leader for volunteering to give their time to make the A345 a safer road.

WILTSHIRE CONNECT – ON DEMAND BUS

Don't forget to use the Wiltshire Connect on demand bus. It is a bookable, on-demand service which operates between 6am-8pm Monday to Friday and 7am-7pm on Saturdays. Journeys can be booked up to a week ahead and on the day with 30 minutes notice, subject to vehicle availability. Download the app or call **01225 712900** between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. If it is not used, we will lose this service.

ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT IN MILLENNIUM PARK

It has been pointed out that this equipment is being underused. If anyone has any ideas how the Parish Council can promote the use of the equipment and encourage people to exercise, please let the Parish Council know. You are very welcome to come to the next meeting on 9th November and give us your ideas.

STONEHENGE AREA BOARD GRANTS

The Stonehenge Area Board has grant money for community organisations who have a project in mind but not the money to go ahead. They are keen to hear from organisations who need money and have a very easy application form on the Wiltshire Council website. Let me know if you need any help with finding the form and/or filling it in.

COMMEMORATION OF 80 D-DAY

There are plans to commemorate the 80 D-Day by having a beacon on Netheravon Down. It will be a joint venture by Figheldean, Netheravon and Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Councils.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is being held on Thursday, 9th November, 2023 in the Committee Room of the Phoenix Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is a session of Public Questions at the start of the meeting where you are able to make a contribution.

Mary Towle, Clerk to the Council, 01980 670748 clerk@netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk,

CHEERFUL CUPPA

All money taken at Cheerful Cuppa on Tuesday 7th November will be donated to The British Legion Poppy Appeal. Do come and buy your poppy and other poppy related items on the British Legion stall. There will also be a raffle. Any raffle prizes will be gratefully received. We will have 2 minutes silence at 11am to remember the fallen.

There will also be plenteous tea, coffee and cakes provided by Sarah and Mary.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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Father Christmas that is!

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2023

12.00 MIDDAY

**The Annual Remembrance Sunday
Curry Lunch is again being held in
ENFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**NB: An alternative main course and/or vegetarian
option can be arranged instead of Curry**

Please let us know when you book

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**Cancellations please by Friday 3rd November
when numbers will be confirmed to the Caterer**



HORSE RACING



Friday 2 February 2024 at 7pm – Phoenix Hall, Netheravon

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Payment in CASH on or by 26 January 2024 (payment by internet to be advised)

All profits to the Phoenix Hall Charity for the maintenance of the Phoenix Hall by the Management Committee.



PHOENIX HALL NETHERAVON

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Jointly owned by Netheravon & Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Councils
Managed by the volunteer Phoenix Hall Management Committee:

The Phoenix Hall offers a location for local people for all activities in the village. There is a main hall with a wonderful open space suitable for any activity. The hall has tables and chairs for 80+ with a full commercial kitchen.

There is a wealth of activities which happen weekly such as the hugely popular Cheerful Cuppa held every Tuesday from 10.00 to 12.00. This gives villagers the chance to meet up and have a hot drink with a slice of cake. The weekly friendly ART group welcomes all of any ability and runs on Tuesdays from 14.30 to 16.00. There are also a number of weekly fitness classes for all abilities.

The first Saturday of each month we have the Pop-Up market from 9.00 to 14.00 and The Friends of Netheravon School PTFAs have Prize Bingo on the last Sunday of each month from 13.00 to 17.00.

You may be considering starting a small group for crafting or perhaps a gardening club for weekly or occasional get-togethers. Our smaller comfortable committee room, which has its own small kitchen, is set up for meetings, but can be used for any small functions.

The hall is often used for a family celebration and looks very smart all dressed up. The front door and ramps give full disabled access.

The hall is available for one-off occasions. If you want to visit the hall, just ask our booking clerk, Pam Perry, and she will organize someone to show you around at a convenient time. The hall's availability is visible to anyone by going to www.phoenixhall.org and clicking on "book hall". Pam can be contacted on phoenixhall@live.co.uk or on 07826 262306, we look forward to receiving your booking.

The committee of volunteers that runs and manages the hall continues to ask villagers to come forward and offer their time to help support the committee. If you have a little time to give to your community (4 evening meetings a year), why not consider joining our committee? We need people with ideas of how to best develop our hall, who are connected with our community. If you'd like to have more information or just a chat about the hall, please contact Steve Perry on 07774 818106. We are really keen to get new people involved in shaping our community asset so that it can continue to provide relevant services for our villages. Bookings for the hall via phoenixhall@live.co.uk or 07826 262306, or www.phoenixhall.org.

Fittleton Parish Council

The Tidy Day, held on 15 October 2023, resulted in a good turnout and ensured that we tidied up before winter sets in. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time.

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

Arrangements for the lighting of the Christmas lights and the festive get-together are underway. Details will be shared on the parish noticeboards.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 14 November 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.

Don't forget that minutes of the parish council meetings are on the noticeboards and on the parish website <https://www.fittletoncumhaxton.co.uk/meetings-minutes>. You can also see back copies of the newsletter on the website so you can catch up at any time.

Stephen O'Grady,
Clerk to Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council- clerkfittletonhaxton@gmail.com
01980 464262

**ENFORD GARDENING
CLUB**

**Christina Stapley – “Herbs
from the Bible and Christian
Legend”**

**TUESDAY 14th November
2023**

7:00 for 7.15 pm

ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

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In tribute to this gallant band.
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Now rest in peace at sunset's fall.

**Tony Mills.
September 1993**

Netheravon Working Men's Club

Forthcoming Events

Remembrance Sunday Lunchtime
FREE CURRIES FOR EVERYONE.

Sat 18th November

Talent Night (Postponed till March 2024)

Instead we have a Race Night and Raffle
(in aid of Community Larder)

Sat 25th November

Life Members Dinner followed by Cat &
Mouse 60s/ 70s.

A great day was had on Pumpkin Sunday.

Well done Dave & Freda

Heaviest Pumpkin- 46 KG

Well Done Archie Budge

Best Carved Pumpkin. It was scary.

Don't forget Christmas Draw tickets on
Sale for members.

Looking forward to our Christmas Events

ENFORD FILM EVENING

Tuesday 21st November Enford Village Hall

GIGI

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– daring, since it concerned the lives and
ambitions of courtesans and cocottes. The
film was set in Paris during the Belle Epoque at
the turn of the 20th century and is the story of
a vivacious young girl growing up under the
strict, if not wholly honourable, supervision of
her grandmother and great aunt.

Dates for your diary: Saturday 25th November
Victoria Walsh will be at the Enford Christmas
Fayre at the church to take votes for the
village's favourite James Bond film, which
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