

NETHERAVON, HAXTON & FITTLETON NEWSLETTER

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The Newsletter Team wishes all our readers a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your support over the years.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

January 2023

9th	7:30pm	Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council Meeting	Phoenix Hall Netheravon
11th	7:00pm	Netheravon Parish Council Meeting	Phoenix Hall Netheravon
16th	7:00pm	Enford Gardening Club AGM	Enford Village Hall

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
Christ the King, Catholic Church, Amesbury	622177
Rev. Rosemary Fletcher, Amesbury Methodist Church	01722 703045
SSAFA Forces Help	632567
Plainwatch	674700
Durrington & District Link Scheme	07484 533559
AWS JOBS, Pre-Schools, Creche	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	girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

December Church Services for Avon River Team – Happy Christmas!

Parish \ Date	3 December	10 December	17 December	24 December Christmas Eve	25 December Christmas Day	31 Dec
Bulford	10.30 Christingle Service		16.00 Carol Service		10.30 Family service + HC	
Durrington	9.30 Fun Church 18.00 Advent Service of Darkness to Light	18.00 Carol Service with Durrington Wind Band	9.30 HC	16.00 Crib Service 23.30 Midnight Communion	9.30 Family Service with HC	
Enford	9.30 HC		9.30 Carol and crib Service	23.30 Midnight HC	9.30 HC	
Figheldean	11.00 Morning Worship		15.00 Carol Service		11.00 HC	10.30 HC Team Service
Fittleton cum Haxton	With Netheravon		18.00 Carol Service	23.30 Midnight Communion		
Milston	9.30 HC BCP		10.30 Carol Service		9.30 HC BCP	
Netheravon	11.00 HC	10.30 Team HC with Bishop Steven	With Fittleton		11.00 HC	
Every Wednesday at 10.00 HC at Bulford Every Thursday at 10.30 HC at Durrington						

Fri 15 Dec 18.30 Carol Service at Netheravon Church

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

Parish \ Date	7 January	14 January	21 January	28 January
Bulford	11.00 HC		10.30 Family Service	11.00 HC
Durrington	9.30 Fun Church		9.30 HC	9.30 Informal Communion
Enford	9.30 HC		9.30 Breakfast Church	18.00 Evensong
Figheldean	11.00 Morning Worship		11.00 HC	11.00 Breakfast Church
Fittleton cum Haxton	With Netheravon		18.00 Evensong	
Milston	9.30 HC BCP	10.30 HC Team Service	9.30 HC BCP	9.30 Matins
Netheravon	11.00 HC		With Fittleton	11.00 Morning Worship
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 *****

Peace on earth

One of my favourite Christmas cards is the one with a pea with a Santa hat, on top of a globe, called for "Peas on earth" this Christmas... it makes me laugh.

When we hear the words "Peace on Earth", we can think of the Angels singing to the shepherds, or even David Bowie, crooning to Bing Crosby over a grand piano... but it's a phrase that continues to challenge and inspire. Most of us long for peace in our world, especially as we see events in Israel, Ukraine and the less publicised places like Ethiopia. Sudan, Myanmar, Somalia, the list goes on. The problem is that human beings seem to resist the idea. Hatred, violence and thirst for power bubble to the surface and all too often the innocent suffer.

Jesus was the Prince of Peace, born into a world without Peace, that hearts might change and seek to live God's way rather than the way of suffering. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a place today longing for peace, and in that moment, love came down from heaven. The love that transforms darkness and replaces it with light. The love that refuses to dominate or control but offers itself to be received and accepted over and over again. Every time the love of Christ is embraced by a person, the forgiveness of Jesus conquers and there is, even for just a moment, real peace on earth.

I pray that the love of Jesus would permeate our homes, workplaces and relationships this Christmas... that peace on earth would begin with us and flow from us, to those around.

Philip Bromiley

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

Since 1986 many voluntary typists, collaters and deliverers have helped. Advertisers, supplemented by our parish councils and some private donors have covered costs.

With the disappearance of many contributors** and the collapse of ART's Risograph printer, it's unlikely that we'll be able to carry on production. So, cheerio and best wishes

Maggie & Dave

** Busy Bees Drama Group * Women's Institute * Mothers Union * Royal British Legion Women's Section * Top Hat Club * Carnival * Youth Club * Over 60's * Brownies * Methodists * Discoverers**

It was goodbye from them....now it's

Goodbye from US

Village Carol Service

All Saints' Church, Netheravon



A Candlelit Service of Carols & Lessons

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2023

at 6.30 pm

Complimentary Gluhwein and mince pies on departure

Make this Service the start to your Christmas!



2023 Magnum Spirit. Navigational Trial - 2 December

This event is being organised by us in accordance with the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations and the General Regulations of the Royal Automobile Club, Motorsports UK Ltd. This is a navigation event; please be assured that is not a race. Competitors will use military and civilian Land Rover type vehicles and there could be some motorcycles.

This event will use public vehicular rights of way and will pass through your parish. Where the route passes through villages or past isolated dwellings they will be designated as 'Quiet Zones' and will be marshalled to ensure compliance by competitors of rules to prevent public nuisance. The event will start in Larkhill Garrison at 7pm and we anticipate that all will have completed the circular route by 11pm.

Motor rallies and trials are permitted through the provisions contained in Section 1, of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and detailed in the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations. In seeking authorisation, the relevant Police Authority and where applicable National Park Authority have been notified in accordance with the legislation

The British Army Motorsports Association is grateful for your cooperation and tolerance, particularly as this is a valuable training and recreational activity for young service personnel. It also enables service personnel to participate in sport with members of the community which they serve.

Yours faithfully

Major Donald Urquhart MBE

NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

The Netheravon Parish Council are very sad to hear that Maggie and David have decided to retire from producing the Newsletter. They have done a sterling job for 38 years which means that they have printed and put together 380 copies! What a wonderful job they have done.

The Parish Council feels that the Newsletter is such an important way of communicating with everyone in the village that it must be continued though maybe in a different form. We will be having meetings to discuss the way forward and would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help.

If you feel that you can spare time each month to help to put together a Newsletter, please let me know.

clerk@netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk

REMEMBRANCE IN NETHERAVON

As usual Netheravon remembered the fallen of the two World Wars over two weeks by displaying large poppies with the names of the young men who died during 1914 – 18 and 1939 – 45 who lived in Netheravon. We also had perspex figures on seats around the Village, the Millennium Park, the Church and the Cemetery. Sadly, the figure which was on the seat in the Millennium Park was vandalised.

The ceremony at the War Memorial on Sunday was very moving and it was lovely to have a local bugler to sound the reveille and last post.

The Church was full for the Remembrance Service and afterwards many people made their way to the Working Men's Club for a Curry Lunch which was provided by the Club and Jubilee Committee funds.

MULTI-ACTIVITY ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

We have some marvellous equipment in the Millennium Park for anyone who needs to improve their fitness. The Parish Council envisaged that people would jog to the equipment, use it and then continue their jog.

However, it has been reported that it is under-used and so the Council wonder whether people are aware that it is available free to use. If there is anyone who would like to belong to a club who maybe meet once a week to use the equipment and have some fun please let me know and I will put you in touch with each other. clerk@netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk

NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The Parish Council have a noticeboard on the Vicarage wall which has copies of the last minutes of the Parish Council Meetings, the list of Councillors and their contact details and a list of committees and committee members. There are also other information posters. We have a welcome pack for newcomers to the Village and if you have not received one, please let me know and I will make sure that you get one.

The next Council Meeting is on Thursday, 11th January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Phoenix Hall.

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

CHEERFUL CUPPA

At the recent fundraising morning for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal as usual everyone gave very generously and a magnificent £273.84 was made. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

The **CHEERFUL CUPPA** is open every Tuesday morning from 10 - 12 noon.

We are closing for two weeks over Christmas. Our last day will be on 19th December and we will re-open on 9th January.

Everyone is welcome

It appears that this will be the last opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas through the pages of the Village Newsletter.

Sue and I wish you all a Happy Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year and beyond.

Our grateful thanks to Maggie, Dave, Dot and team for the many years of keeping us informed with village life and events. We will miss the contact.

Best wishes Tony and Sue Mills.

ENFORD GARDENING CLUB

Annual General Meeting

New Year Social

Tuesday 16th January 2024

Wine/Refreshments/Raffle

7.00 for 7.15 pm

Enford Village Hall

Entrance FREE

Everyone Welcome!

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Key events during the early years of the newsletter

- * The Busy Bees were instrumental in getting the Newsletter going.
- * Issue No. 1 was published in May 1978 and paid for (£6) by them. Caroline Green was the first editor.
- * On 21st November 1978 local celebrity, Frank Sawyer, received his MBE at Buckingham Palace.
- * In May 1979 Sue Mills took over from Margaret Horsell as typist.
- * Caroline moved away so Sue became typist/editor in August 1981.
- * In January 1982 the first meeting of the Local History Group took place in Fittleton school.
- * On 13th May 1982 the village hall was destroyed by fire.
- * Due to an imminent move to Cornwall Sue's last issue as editor was in December 1985.
- * Maggie Butler became editor in January 1986.
- * The 9th March 1987 saw a start to the building of the Phoenix Hall which was officially opened by local MP the Rt. Hon. Charles Morrison on 11th September 1987.

Ann Arnott

Wishes all friends, in Fittleton cum Haxton, Netheravon and surrounding villages, a **very Happy Christmas and a good New Year**

Warmest Greetings

Once again I send my love and best wishes to all my friends in the villages

Brenda Skinner

To the Newsletter Team

A big Thank You for all the help over the years, particularly for publishing entries for Fittleton Church.

Ann Arnott

Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council

At the meeting of the parish council, on 14 November, the vacant role of councillor was filled by Kevin Friery. Conversations are underway with LHFIG to determine traffic calming methods on the Everleigh Road.

Currently there is one vacant allotment. Any vacancies for the next growing year will be advertised in advance where possible.

Plans for the annual Christmas lighting ceremony and get-together were discussed. Leaflets will be delivered door to door before the end of November, giving full details of the event.

Parish notice boards, located at The Pound (junction of Lower Street and Everleigh Road) and at Church Path, Fittleton, have the details of councillors and agendas and minutes of meetings.

You can also see all details of the Parish Council activities at www.fittletoncumhaxton.co.uk

The next meeting of the parish council will be at 7:30pm, 9 January, 2024 at Phoenix Hall.

If you have anything that you would like to raise at the meeting you should contact the Parish Clerk at clerkfittletonhaxton@gmail.com. 01980 464262. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings.

You can find details of Parish Council activities on their websites:
<https://www.netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk>
<https://www.fittletoncumhaxton.co.uk>

Forthcoming Events at Netheravon Working Men’s Club

- Sat 2nd Dec Quiz Night
- Sat 9th Dec Pewsey Bowls Club, Skittles
- Sat 16th Dec Christmas Quiz (Raffle & Buffet)
- Sun 17th Dec 3 – 5pm Childrens Christmas Party with Disco Dion & Santa (See Noticeboard in Club).
- Weds 20th Dec Grand Christmas Draw
- Thurs 21st Dec Christmas Prize Bingo. (Members’ children Welcome).

Christmas Day - Open 11:00am - 1pm.

Boxing Day Lunchtime Karaoke with Jacko
Open 12:00noon - 9p.m.



New Years Eve Okie Dokie Disco. Family Disco. Members Guests & Children welcome.

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

We will miss the Newsletter. Thank You Maggie, Dave and the team for all your hard work over the years.

Chairman & Committee

Friends of Netheravon School PTFA

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,
please message to book

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

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