

# NETHERAVON, HAXTON & FITTLETON NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November 2020

10 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council Meeting	Phoenix Hall, Netheravon
12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Netheravon Parish Council Meeting	Phoenix Hall, Netheravon
12 <sup>th</sup>	6:45pm	My Greenhouse Year – presented by Gillian Taylor	Enford Village Hall, Enford

### December 2020

11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Christmas lights switch on and carols (subject to gov regs)	Fittleton
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## 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

## Avon River Team Service Schedule for November 2020

Parish\Date	November 1	November 8 Remembrance	November 15	November 22	November 29
Bulford		10.45 at War Memorial **	10.30 HC CW	11.00 HC CW	
Durrington		8.00 HC BCP 10.30 and 11.30 Remembrance in Church ***		9.30 Informal Communion	9.30 Morning Worship (livestream)
Enford	9.30 HC	9.00 at the Lytch Gate Remembrance Service	9.30 Informal Family Service		
Figheledean	3.00 All Souls Service***	10.30 & 11.30 Remembrance ***		11.00 HC CW	
<b>Fittleton</b>	<b>9.30 Family Service</b>	<b>6.00 Evening Remembrance</b>		<b>9.30 HC BCP</b>	
Milston	9.30 HC BCP	10.45 Remembrance Service	9.30 HC BCP	9.30 Family Service	6.00 Advent Carol Service
<b>Netheravon</b>	<b>11.00 Morning Worship</b>	<b>10.45 at War Memorial **</b>		<b>11.00 Family Service</b>	<b>11.00 Family HC</b>
10.00 Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> HC at Bulford 10.30 Every Thursday HC at Durrington On-Line: Video Sermon and 8pm Zoom Compline each Sunday (Avon River Team Web site) HC=Holy Communion; BCP=Book of Common Prayer; CW=Common Worship					

\*\* Wreath Layers only

\*\*\* Ticketed – Please contact Rev Phillip Bromiley (01980 258549) for Durrington or Chrysogon Bamber (01980 670296) for Figheledean



### JOB OPPORTUNITY

#### PARISH CLERK - FITTLETON cum HAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

The position of Clerk will become available on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020



The PARISH CLERK is an important member of the Parish Council team in a non-voting capacity.

**Responsibilities** include control of finance, preparing the annual budget, payment of invoices, arranging and servicing parish meetings, general correspondence plus liaison with Wiltshire Council and other local bodies.

**The Parish Clerk works from home** and needs basic IT equipment such as a computer, printer and a broadband connection. A home phone line is required.

**Remuneration** is for 4 hours per week at national rates depending on experience. (Normally £9-11 per hour).

A contribution towards home expenses will be made by the Parish Council. Authorised travel will be reimbursed.

**Experience.** The job will suit a competent administrator. Training and support will be available from WALC (Wiltshire Association of Local Councils). WALC will arrange a course for new clerks when Government rules on Covid-19 allow. The Parish Council will pay expenses.

**Applications** to Mr.A.S.Wood, Chairman, Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council

Orchard House, Fittleton, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 9QA by **5pm on 16 November 2020.**

If more information is required please contact Mr.Wood : T: 01980 671265 Email: wood94@btinternet.com

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

As we see the decay of Autumn all around us, we may long for the warmth and life of the Summer just passed. Yet as with nature things change and by that new growth appears in the Spring; so it is with other aspects of life. This year has seen many changes to the way we live that we could not have seen coming at the start of the year and it is unclear what further changes may come as we head towards the end of the year. However, we do not need to be afraid, for Jesus told us, 'I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

November is the month for Remembrance, as we give thanks for all that our service men and women have done and continue to do; and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, by giving their lives for our freedom. As Jesus said in John's gospel: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." However, as with everything else, Remembrance Sunday will be different this year.

**Due to Coronavirus restrictions there will not be a service of Remembrance at Netheravon Church this year on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Instead there will be a short act of remembrance at 10.45am at the War Memorial, which has to be limited to those laying wreaths only.**

**We realise that many of you will be disappointed at not being able to pay your respects in the usual way, but we are living in extraordinary times. We hope that you will stand on your doorsteps or gateways to observe the 2 minutes silence at 11am. The act of Remembrance is printed in the Newsletter so you can join in at home and you may also wish take the opportunity during the week to pause by the war memorial, if you are out for a walk, to pay your respects.**

We will, however, be doing a video service for you to join in with if you wish on November 8<sup>th</sup>, which will be on our website ([www.avonriverteam.org.uk](http://www.avonriverteam.org.uk)) and on local Facebook pages. (Service details on page 4 of this newsletter)

Best wishes  
Gale.

## **PHOENIX HALL 200 CLUB LOTTERY**

<p><b>TOP PRIZE</b> <b>£500</b></p>
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**The 200 Club lottery is expected to re-start with a massive Xmas draw, subject to the agreement of the Gambling Commission and Wiltshire Council.**

**All profits towards keeping our Phoenix Hall OPEN and Covid-19 safe.**

**You will be able to buy tickets by cash or cheque as usual.**

**If you prefer, you will be able to pay by BACS to our Bank Account.**

**You will also be able to buy tickets through PAY PAL.**

**Watch out for details on the Netheravon website, the Fittleton website and on Facebook.**

**We will circulate a letter to every home in Netheravon, Fittleton and Haxton.**

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

## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE for November 8<sup>th</sup>**

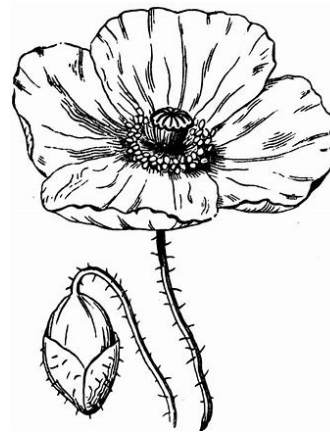
Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind

### ***The Laying of the Wreaths***

### ***The names of the fallen may be read***

### ***The Exhortation***

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
**We will remember them.**



### ***The Last Post –***

### ***Two Minutes Silence –***

### ***Reveille***

### ***The Burma Kohima***

When you go home, tell them of us and say  
For your tomorrow, we gave our today

### ***Prayer***

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life:  
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose  
of your love; and bring us all, with them, to you eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***The Act of Commitment***

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**We will**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love:  
May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and  
mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **Amen**

## NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL

### **REMEMBRANCE, 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

There will not be a service of Remembrance this year due to Coronavirus restrictions. There will be the usual laying of wreaths at the War Memorial, but you are asked not to attend this year. It is being restricted to just the people who are laying the wreaths. Instead, as the vicar suggests, it would be good if you could stand at your gates or doorsteps to observe the 2 minutes silence. The act of Remembrance is printed in the Newsletter for you to use.

### **SILVER JUBILEE CUP**

The Parish Council have decided to give the pupils of All Saints School the Silver Jubilee Cup this year. They have all been marvellous during the pandemic and should be rewarded.

Richard Marsh, the Chairman of the Governors said:

- Back in April and May, at the height of the pandemic, when grannies and grandads were very ill and, in some cases, passing away, a good number of children came back to school so their parents and carers could go back to work. These were children of key workers, in healthcare, social care, emergency services and teaching.
- The school assembled scores of food parcels for people who were not able to leave their houses, and provided the vouchers for this to be continued through the summer holidays.
- When the school re-opened in June to reception, year 1 and year 6 classes, attendance was very high, despite it not being mandatory.
- Many children carried out sponsored events to raise money for good causes, including the NHS.
- In September, on full opening, 155 of 156 children registered arrived on day 1. Attendance has remained high since, at above 97%, which is a record for All Saints.
- They have adapted brilliantly to the “new rules”. Social distancing in the playgrounds, staggered start and finish times, lunch taken in their classrooms, all pupils facing the front, etc.
- Behaviour and willingness to learn has been top of the class - this gives the best chance of catching up on education missed.

### **BEST DECORATED HOUSE COMPETITION**

The Parish Council have decided to run a ‘Best Decorated House’ Competition over the Christmas period. They will give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes for the most imaginative and beautiful display of Christmas lights and decorations in the front gardens.

## **BEST DECORATED HOUSE COMPETITION**

**Decorate your house this Christmas and join the fun!**

**Prizes for the best decorations**



Organised by Netheravon Parish Council

## **PHOENIX HALL – High Street, Netheravon, SP4 9PJ - (Charity No. 1003542)**

Jointly owned by Netheravon & Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Councils. Managed by the volunteer Phoenix Hall Management Committee for FY 2020/21:- Charles Coslett (Chairman), David Jaffrey (Vice-Chairman), Michala Mather (Treasurer), Caroline Aubrey-Fletcher, Alan Brown, Sue Greenhow, Nigel Jackaman, Alan Wood (Secretary).

### **200 CLUB LOTTERY NEWS**

**Alan Brown, Sue Greenhow and 200 Club Lottery organiser Gill Murphy are creating a new, bigger, 200 Club Lottery to raise funds for the Phoenix Hall. Details next time.**

**BOOK NOW** Availability of the Phoenix Hall can be viewed at [www.phoenixhall.org](http://www.phoenixhall.org)

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

The Management Committee has taken all necessary Covid-19 safety precautions, with free sanitisers and wipes available to hirers. Advice on your Risk Assessment available from Charles Coslett or Alan Wood.

The following Groups are now using the hall with 2m distancing or 1m with masks/shields:-

Band Practice – private booking

Bridge & Whist – every Monday 2pm – face masks or shields needed for the moment - £2 per session. Just turn up.

Gentle Zumba Exercise – 2pm from 1 October with Cherryll – face coverings not needed – Just turn up. £2.

Parish Council and Management Committee meetings – distancing but face coverings not needed for sitting people.

### **FITTLETON cum HAXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

This is the newly-approved name for the Parish Council of FITTLETON and HAXTON.

We also have a new Parish Clerk – Mr. Neil Darg-Forsyth of Durrington – who is asking LANDMARC to cut back the saplings on Everleigh Road opposite the ponds as they are encroaching on the road. Other residents have said they will be cutting back hedges and self-seeded saplings that are a hazard to pedestrians in the dark.

Thank you.

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Subject to Covid-19 regulations at the time, we hope to switch on the tree lights in Fittleton on 11 December 2020 at 6.30pm. Carols as usual. A pop-up café will provide mulled wine.

Please bring Christmas fayre to share and prizes for the charity raffle.

Alan Wood – Chairman, Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council

### **RACEHORSE NEWS**

*The 2yo filly FITTLETON FERRY owned by the SASHEEN PARTNERSHIP syndicate, which includes 21 share owners from Netheravon, Haxton, Fittleton, Durrington and Shrewton, plus others in Salisbury, Market Lavington, Basingstoke, Surrey, Dorset, York and Florida (USA), has run 3 times since July and is currently in training with Roger Teal at Lambourn. She has a low official handicap of 55, so with luck in running and an exciting turn of foot over 6 furlongs she could win on 21 October at Kempton and start a winning sequence. Shares may be available soon for 2021.*

**Alan Wood – Syndicator - 01980 671265**

### THE PLAIN

For Nature Lovers, Dog Walkers and Ex-Soldiers.

*"The present for Christmas and a life time. Melanie Friend's photographic book of The Plain that crowns our parish. The full-page colour photographs capture the eerie and ambiguous beauty of Salisbury Plain, the largest training ground in the UK. Since 1897 a conservation haven to larks and corn buntings, wild flowers and rare forms of wildlife lost to most of the rest of our sprayed and built-over countryside."*

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Dear *Chai*

During the past few months of the COVID-19 pandemic, the imaginative ideas, collaboration and generosity shown by many groups and individuals, voluntary and otherwise, across Wiltshire and Swindon has been inspirational and uplifting.

As Her Majesty The Queen's representative, I would like to thank you, your friends and colleagues for the wonderful and important contribution you have made to the community at large.

May I ask you to kindly share this message with those you have worked with and after this extraordinary and challenging period let us hope for brighter times ahead.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton**  
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire



### ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



The next meeting will be on **Thursday 12th November, 6.45 for 7.15 in Enford Village Hall**. We will be following the necessary regulations, the most important being that everyone is required to wear a face covering, and to follow social distancing rules please. We will also be taking details for the Track & Trace requirement.

Our November speaker is **Gillian Taylor** whose talk is called **My Greenhouse Year**. The talk covers her greenhouse interests and includes design, uses, over wintering plants, propagation, flower and fruit production etc.

Gillian is an experienced plants-woman and gardener, attending courses at RHS Garden Wisley and Great Dixter. She developed a garden from scratch. She is a member of the Historic Rose Group, Auricula Society, RHS (and on their speakers list) and belongs to local garden clubs and horticultural societies.

**Do come and join us. All are very welcome, but please remember to wear a face covering.** Lifts can be arranged, please ask.

**Cost £4.00**

**Coffee/tea/raffle.**

As always, meetings are at **Enford Village Hall, SN9 6DD**

**Time 6.45 for 7.15 pm.**

Further details from Fanny Middleton 01980 671645

email: [fannysurtees@btinternet.com](mailto:fannysurtees@btinternet.com)

### **Freedom's Price.**

White marble cross or David's star  
Marks each place where brave men are  
At peace and resting, battle done.

They fought and died and every one  
Laid down his life for the common good,  
Freedom's price paid with his blood.

There amidst the smoke and noise  
Their manhood spent whilst still young boys,

No future hopes to realise,  
Death, for them, was freedom's prize.

Each passing year has eased the pain  
Of loved ones never seen again,

Old comrades gathered, silent stand,  
In tribute to this gallant band.

The sites where death once conquered all  
Now rest in peace at sunset's fall.

**Tony Mills. September 1993.**

### **Thoughts of a Dying Soldier.**

Sing not our praise nor glorify,  
We who suffer, we who die.

How rash we were to leave our land,  
To cheering crowds and rousing band,  
Glad we marched down to the docks

Where pretty girls in pretty frocks  
Waved and cheered and kisses blew,  
Some were strangers, some we knew.

But now for me a muddy trench,  
Comfortless with death's foul stench.

Overhead a grim, grey sky  
Where wild shells shriek so that men might die.

Does God know or care about our plight?  
Where is the wrong, where is the right?

Blood that once coursed with fevered lust  
Now seeps into a foreign dust.

The promise of unfolding years  
Lost in sorrow, pain and tears.

The light of life is fading fast.

I am at peace, at last!

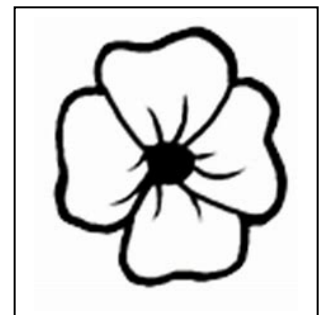
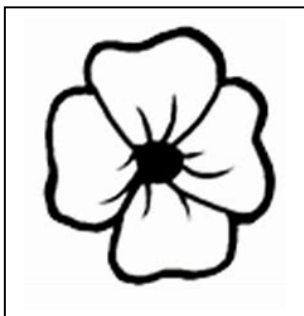
**Tony Mills. October 2014.**

### **In Memoriam.**

Many a sobbing soldier  
When he thought his time had come,  
Laying praying to his God  
And calling for his mum,  
For some scant days had passed  
Since leaving Blighty's shore,  
On foreign soil to breathe their last  
And see their homes no more.

Would time recall their noble stance  
Carved in stone for all to see?  
Their names deserve a second glance  
On the roll of victory?  
To future hands freedom's torch is passed  
To uphold with dignity,  
Time for them to breathe their last  
For all eternity.

**Tony Mills. October 2016.**





## Another look at family history

When looking into the Barlow family I found that both my parents were very distantly related. It was then that I decided to research the Sheppard Family. When I started I also found as with the Barlow name it was spelt in many different ways; for example Shepherd, Shephard, Sheperd, and Shepard.

I have been able to trace back to my seven times great grandfather, a John Sheppard living in Figheldean , and working as a blacksmith. In 1657 he married Jane Goodall at Figheldean she I believe came from Everleigh. John and Jane went on to have seven children, three girls and four boys. One boy died only one year old another Aeneas died aged twenty years, just a week before his father. When John died he didn't leave a will so Jane his wife took out a Letter of Administration to protect her assets otherwise she could have lost everything. With this Letter was an Inventory of John's assets which came to a value of £22 – 4s – 0d. This amount would equate to about £2540 at this time. Latter William their youngest son set up as a blacksmiths in Figheldean sometime after his father died; unfortunately he had no male heirs.

John and Jane's first son John married at Everley (Everleigh) to a Sarah Sutton in 1683 by Marriage Licence Bond his father was the bondsman, father and son both signed the bond. John and Sarah settled in Netheravon and set up a blacksmiths business there, and it is possible they lived at Lower End, Netheravon. Most Sheppard families lived here until the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. John and Sarah went on to have seven children of which four survived. It shows what a high mortality there was in young children in these times. An example of this is Mary their daughter who had child named James, and he went on to be married in 1749, and had nine children of which only three reached adulthood. One of these a Mary Sheppard, married, and her descendants spread from Manningford and down the Avon Valley and further afield.

Joseph, from whom I am descended, is John and Sarah's youngest so, married about 1729 to someone named Elizabeth. I have never been able to find their marriage. Without that I don't know what her surname was. They went on to have six children, three boys and three girls. Stephen their youngest child died just aged 23 years. Joseph their eldest son married Jane Stevens and they went on to have five children, but that's another story. The second son Nias Sheppard is my four times great grandfather has this rather unusual Christian name which I think is a variation Aeneas/Ananias. John and Jane Sheppard had a son named Aeneas and that was spelt different ways so this name may have been passed down to Joseph through the family, and I expect the Wiltshire dialect didn't help with the pronunciation of the name. The name of Nias was used by the Sheppard families and also families connected by marriage from the late 1700's on into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, namely the Farley's and Holmes families. The Farley's used the name in the U.S.A. when they emigrated there in the 1840's. There is a wonderful memorial stone in Winterbourne Monkton Church Yard near Avebury of a Nias Farley. He is descended from Nias Sheppard's daughter Jane who married James Farley in 1788.

I'll do more about Nias Sheppard's family at a later date.

### Richard Sheppard

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

### 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>