

NETHERAVON, HAXTON & FITTLETON NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2020

2nd	Good Friday
4th	Easter Sunday
5th	Easter Monday

May 2020

6th	Local Elections	
17th	2:00pm	Bridge and Whist Phoenix Hall, Netheravon

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
Wiltshire Councillor, Ian Blair-Pilling	07518 942216

Avon River Team Services for April

Parish\Date	April 4 Easter Sunday	April 11	April 18	April 25
Bulford	11.00 HC CW		10.30 Family Service + APCM	
Durrington	9.30 HC			9.30 Informal Communion + APCM
Enford	9.30 HC CW	9.30 HC		
Figheldean	11.00 HC			4.00 pm Evening Worship
Fittleton	9.30 HC BCP	9.00 Matins	6.00 Evensong + APCM	
Milston	9.30 HC BCP		9.30 HC BCP	
Netheravon	11.00 HC			11.00 Morning Worship + APCM
10.00 Wednesday 14 th HC at Bulford 10.30 Every Thursday HC at Durrington HC=Holy Communion; BCP=Book of Common Prayer; CW=Common Worship; APCM=Annual Meeting				

Holy Week Services:

29th, 30th, 31st March – 8.00 pm Compline on ZOOM

Maundy Thursday, 1 Apr 10.30 am, HC at Durrington; 7.00 pm ZOOM Service

Good Friday, 2 Apr 10.00 am Family Worship at Figheldean; 2.00 pm Hour at the Cross at Netheravon.

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



Martyn John

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you of Martyn John's passing. He is now at peace with his lovely wife, Marjorie.

Martyn has spent many happy years in Meadow View, Haxton. He will be greatly missed at the Day Centre. Everyone used to do his exercises, whether standing or sitting.

He will also be missed in the Club, always the banter between the Welsh and the English. His font of knowledge on a Friday night. Walking through the village, always finding time for a chat. He was always a very smartly dressed Gentleman. Not forgetting, delivering the Newsletter for many years.

Martyn leaves a large extended family and many friends and neighbours.

R.I.P Martyn



Follow the newsletter on Facebook. Newsletter, Fittleton, Haxton & Netheravon.

Dear Friends,

It only seems like yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas and the Birth of Jesus and now Easter is almost upon us.

It is a very different Easter this year as it was last year.

Life is still upside down, we are not sure what the future holds for us, we are restricted, we are frightened, we are sad.

This is almost certainly how Jesus' disciples and friends felt on that Easter morning as they were trying to come to terms with what they had witnessed. Three days earlier they had seen the man they loved, the man they followed the man in whom they had placed all their hopes, die a brutal death on a wooden cross.

Then if we read further on in our four Gospels in the Bible we see that that Mary Magdalen, accompanied by others went to the tomb and found that it was deserted, the body of Jesus was not there, the tomb was empty. They were told by a man, an angel that Jesus is Risen. We can only imagine, the confusion, and the joy with which they left that place to rush and tell the others. Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Yes 2000 yrs. ago a man died a brutal death on a wooden cross, His death caused a stir in the place where it happened and his Resurrection caused Christianity to be born.

He died so that the sins of all the world would be forgiven.

This year we will be back in our church buildings to celebrate Easter, and we have much to be joyful for, we have a God that loves us, a God that gave His Son so that we might be forgiven and we have vaccines that are fighting this terrible Coronavirus.

I hope and pray that we are able to see family, friends and loved ones as restrictions are eased and that as we are able to hug each other we remember to be thoroughly thankful for all that we have.

I hope that as you enjoy those hollow chocolate Easter eggs on Easter morning that they will remind you that the tomb was empty.

I hope that you will hold on to the promise that God is always with us, that Jesus Christ is Risen Alleluia!

I also hope that you will wander in and join us in one of our churches on Easter morning to give thanks to God for His Son, who died and rose again for us on that first Easter Day.

God Bless you

Take Care, Reverend Heather

In Memoriam - Two Good Friends

We're sad to tell of the deaths of **Mick Cross** and **Martyn John**.

When we settled in Netheravon, our son joined the TA along with Mick, Paul and David and Sarah was a school friend of Jenny's. Mick was a valued member of the "Friday Card Club" at NWMC.

Martyn welcomed us as newcomers to NWMC and was a faithful Newsletter deliverer for many years. His gentle exercise sessions at Netheravon Day Centre kept us "seniors" fit.

We regret their passing and send our sympathy to their families.

Dave & Maggie

FITTLETON cum HAXTON PARISH COUNCIL – PARISH ELECTIONS

Elections for the May 2021- May 2025 period will take place on 6 May 2021. The deadline for receipt of candidate nominations is 4pm on Thursday 8 April 2021. Help with completing application forms is available from Alan Wood (Chairman) – T: 01980 671265.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on ZOOM on 9 March 2021. In view of the thefts of parked vehicles and thefts from vehicles the meeting discussed security cameras for which funds have been allocated in the FY2021/22 budget. A survey of householders with security cameras was suggested by Mrs. Dot Georgeson. Mr Angus Harley suggested a Neighbourhood Development Plan, which the new parish council could consider, possibly in conjunction with Netheravon Parish Council.

Alan Wood announced that he will not be re-standing after more than 20 years as Chairman but he will always be available for advice to new Parish Clerk, Joe Loveridge, and the new chairman. This will leave a vacancy on the Parish Council.

We live in a wonderful parish with so many historical and conservation buildings, including our own ancient church. Alan would encourage every capable householder to contribute to the community in some way at some time whilst they live in the parish, whether as a parish councillor, member of the parochial church council, member of the Phoenix Hall Management Committee, library volunteer, school governor, member of the Link travel scheme or other community activity.

I first saw this 30 years ago. Still valid! This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have.

Alan Wood - Chairman – A Nobody

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – UNITARY ELECTIONS

Application forms may be downloaded from the Wiltshire Council website (search on ELECTIONS) or obtained by ringing the Elections Office on 0300 456 0112.
You may stand in any Wiltshire division.

Covid-19. Please obey the rules – we do not want a third wave!

From the Netheravon Working Men's Club:

It is yet another month with some sad news.

We have lost another two members of our Club. **Mr Mick Cross** and **Mr Martyn John**. Mick Cross was always in on a Friday evening playing cards in the Lounge. Everyone would pop their heads in to say "Hello".

At the end of the card session there would be a pile of 5p,10p and 20p pieces in front of someone. The cards and Green Felt Board would go back into their slots.

One of Mick's family would always pick him up, maybe with a pocket full of Silver.

He will be missed.

Martyn John has been Chairman and Secretary as well as serving on the Committee. He was one of our few Welsh members. Always good for a bit of banter, as he was a great Welsh Rugby fan.

Martyn would sit with us on a Friday evening.

He also enjoyed his Sunday Lunchtime drink with Ron, Alan, Cecil and Mary.

He will be missed.

R.I.P. Mr Mick Cross & Mr Martyn John

The Club will hopefully Re-Open on Wednesday 19th May, if all goes well.

See you then, maybe?

Chairman N.W.M.C

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: - Charles Coslett (Chairman), David Jaffray (Vice Chairman), Michala Mather (Treasurer), Caroline Aubrey-Fletcher, Alan Brown, Sue Greenhow, Nigel Jackaman, Gill Murphy (200 Club Lottery), Alan Wood (Secretary)

PHOENIX HALL TO RE-OPEN

The Management Committee met on ZOOM on 18th March 2021 and agreed that subject to Government rules on COVID-19 the hall will re-open on **17 May 2021**. Hirers will need to follow Government rules on numbers allowed and any other rules, plus produce a Risk Assessment (we'll help you with that) and follow any rules on cleaning-up and wiping down after the hire.

Full unrestricted numbers re-opening is scheduled for **21st June 2021**.

Bridge and Whist re-starts on 17 May 2021 - 2pm-4pm. £2. There will be FREE tea/coffee and biscuits plus home-made cakes. We'll teach you how to play these super games if you are a beginner. Masks required.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday 6 July 2021 – Phoenix Hall at 7.30pm

All residents of Netheravon, Fittleton and Haxton are invited and eligible to vote. There will be FREE wine/beer and tea/coffee & biscuits. There will be vacancies on the Management Committee for any resident of Netheravon, Fittleton and Haxton. If you would like to contribute to running the hall on behalf of us all please come along. Please have a chat to Charles Coslett, Alan Wood or other committee members about what we do and how we do it.

To book the Hall: MICHALA MATHER (Bookings Secretary): T: 670646 or Email: phoenixhall@live.co.uk

Availability of the Phoenix Hall can be viewed at www.phoenixhall.org

The renovated Phoenix Hall, is an ideal, inexpensive, warm place to hold your event. All COVID-19 rules on cleaning have been followed. It is a Covid-19 Secure venue. When asked, the Parish Councils often provide start-up grants for new clubs and the Management Committee will help organisers to set up new clubs. Just tell us what club or activity you want to start. We'll get you started!

Alan Wood – Secretary T:01980 671265 or wood94@btinternet.com

FITTLETON FERRY – the local racehorse

Local shareholders from Fittleton, Haxton, Netheravon, Shrewton and Durrington are looking forward to their filly's first race of the year sometime in April on the Turf. She is currently in fast work with new trainer Brian Meehan at Manton Estate, near Marlborough. With a low handicap of 51 she is handily placed to win a class 6 handicap (0-55 or 0-60).

For non-shareholders wishing to know the date of her first race please email Alan Wood – wood94@btinternet.com. I will let you know when she is entered, when declared and details of the race (course, distance, number entered, weight, whether on TV). You may be able to go to the races to cheer her on, after 17 May.

For details of her 2020 form go to the Racing Post website and input FITTLETON FERRY. Also input SASHEEN to see the progeny record of her dam. SASHEEN's dam SASHAY produced a family who were prolific winners on the flat and "over the sticks".

Be lucky.

Alan Wood -Syndicator

Netheravon Parish Council

ELECTION 6TH MAY, 2021

If anyone feels that they would like to make a difference to Netheravon, and would like to have a say in how your Parish Precept is spent, please consider standing for election to the Parish Council

The commitment would be attending 10 Council Meetings a year. Also, on several occasions during the year there are working parties i.e. putting up the hanging baskets, putting up the Christmas tree and lights etc.

If you would like a Nomination pack please let me know or go to:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections

Mary Towle, Clerk to the Council

01980 670748 or mary.towle@btinternet.com

NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL

Coronavirus Help

If anyone resident in Netheravon needs help with shopping, collecting prescriptions or anything else – including a chat on the phone, please contact:

npcemergencyplan@gmail.com

Or contact Mary Towle at **mary.towle@btinternet.com**,

Tel: 01980 670748

or 07864 186271

Or contact a Parish Councillor – details on Noticeboard

KEEP WELL AND SAFE

A message from your local Wiltshire Councillor

Dear All.

Any day now you should be receiving a letter introducing myself as your Conservative candidate for the new Avon Valley division at the May Wiltshire Council elections. I hope you find it a worthwhile read.

It is only now that Government has allowed us to distribute such material, having stopped us late last year as a Covid safety measure. Unfortunately, my letter had been printed and was about to go out just at that time and so contains an error.

I mention the welcome back to our Leisure Centres and Libraries, which had been well underway, but of course has been reversed for some months now. I would like to reassure you that we are working hard to plan for as full and as wide a restart as we can in line with the Government's road map, which itself remains subject to review.

If I have caused doubt or confusion I apologise, but we are doing all we can to restore our services as soon as possible.

Best wishes and stay safe

Ian Blair-Pilling

Netheravon Parish Council

NETHERAVON IN BLOOM

The Parish Council will be running Netheravon in Bloom again this year.

The categories will be:

Best Hanging Basket

Best Front Garden

Best Village Flower Tub

Best allotment

So now is the time to start thinking about what you are going to plant in your garden this year. The days are getting longer and at long last the weather is getting milder.

Good Gardening!

CHEERFUL CUPPA

The Cheerful Cuppa will not be opening again until social distancing is abolished. Unfortunately keeping people apart would be very difficult in the confines of the Phoenix Hall

However if we have a good spell of weather in the summer we will hold some 'special events' outside in the sunshine

Keep a look out for posters and Facebook for dates when they come up!

Love to you all

Sarah and Mary xx

Netheravon Library

It is anticipated that Netheravon Library will reopen on April 12, in line with the government's road map. Our volunteers are preparing for the return and are looking forward to seeing you all again.

Keep a lookout for further details that will be posted on the library door.



Local people share thoughts on the A303 past Stonehenge

People from South Wiltshire have shared their views on the A303 Stonehenge tunnel project through Highways England's [A303 Stonehenge stories series](#).

Speaking to different people in local communities, Highways England has found out how the current road touches people's lives and how the improvements will change this.

As part of this, Highways England has released a [new video](#) that captures these stories – helping to illustrate their vision for the future of the A303 Stonehenge.

David Bullock, Highways England A303 Stonehenge Project Manager, said:

"We're excited to reveal our ambition for the project through the voices of people affected by the road. These improvements will transform the landscape and change people's lives.

"You won't hear anything from anyone at Highways England. These are real people speaking in their own words."

Speaking about her personal experiences, Jane Singleton, owner of Stonehenge Scotland Lodge B&B in Winterbourne Stoke, explains the need for the upgrades in her community:

"Our village suffers hugely. We are divided in half with the church and part of the village one side of the road, and others living the other side. The new road is going to make so much difference to the village.

"Local residents will be able to move freely which will bring our village together and revitalise the local economy. It'll be lovely!"

Shrewton resident and founder of the Stonehenge Traffic Action Group, Janice Hassett, also speaks about how the new road will improve community life:

"People have been waiting for this for 30 years. For us to be getting something done at last is just brilliant news. The village will be much more peaceful, how a village on Salisbury Plain should be. We're looking forward to getting a better life and getting our village back."

To find out more about the A303 Stonehenge stories or the project, visit Highways England's [website](#). If you've got your own A303 Stonehenge story to share, please get in touch at info@a303stonehenge.co.uk.

Highways England's upgrade of the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down includes:

- Eight miles of road past Stonehenge – changing the existing single-lane road into a safer, faster and more reliable dual carriageway
- A two-mile long tunnel under the world heritage site – reconnecting the landscape and restoring Stonehenge to something like it's original setting
- A flyover at Countess roundabout – removing traffic from local roads, making it easier to go about your daily lives
- A new junction at Longbarrow – moving it west, away from the world heritage site
- A bypass north of Winterbourne Stoke, with a viaduct over the River Till – taking away thousands of cars from locals' doorsteps every day

This scheme will sort out a road that doesn't work for drivers, or for people who live, work and holiday in Wiltshire and the South West

You can find this newsletter and previous issues on the local parish council websites:

<https://www.netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk>

<https://www.fittletoncumhaxton.co.uk>

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Wiltshire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/wiltshire is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Wiltshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

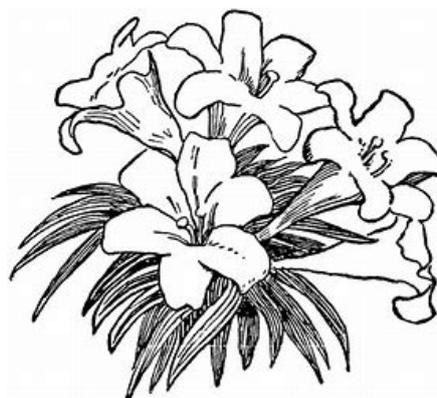
With walks from half a mile to twelve miles-plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk



ENFORD GARDENING CLUB

We are sorry to say that there will be no meetings in April or May, but we are hoping for something in June and have a garden visit and plant sale planned for July.

Our latest Newsletter will be out soon; please let me know if you would like to be added to the list and receive a copy by email.

Happy Gardening!

Further details from Fanny Middleton 01980 671645

email: fannysurtees@btinternet.com

NEXT STEPS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S ROADMAP

Changes on 29 March

Social contact

The evidence shows that it is safer for people to meet outdoors rather than indoors. And this is why from 29 March, when most schools start to break up for the Easter holidays, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

Business and activities

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

Travel

The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29 March but many restrictions will remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of permitted reasons. Holidays abroad will not be allowed, given it will remain important to manage the risk of imported variants and protect the vaccination programme. The government has launched a new taskforce to review global travel which will report on 12 April.

Step 2 - not before 12 April

Business and activities

Step 2, which will be no earlier than 12 April, will see the opening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centres. Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms will also reopen (but only for use by people on their own or in household groups); as will most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas. Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen.

Hospitality venues will be allowed to serve people outdoors at Step 2 and there will be no need for customers to order a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks and no curfew, although customers must order, eat and drink while seated ('table service'). Wider social contact rules will apply in all these settings to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

Events

While funerals can continue with up to 30 mourners, the number of people able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15.



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)

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>