

NETHERAVON, HAXTON & FITTLETON NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August 2021

10 th	7:00pm	Highways England A303 Q&A	Online (see pg9)
5 th	10am – 1:00pm	McColls Community Event	Working Men's Club car park

September 2021

7 th	7:30pm	Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council Mtg	Phoenix Hall, Netheravon
9 th	7:00pm	Enford Gardening Club	Enford Village Hall, Enford
11 th	12:30 – 4:30pm	Church Fete	Millenium Park
16 th	7:00pm	Netheravon Parish Council Meeting	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
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers contact	girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Avon River Team Service Schedule for August 2021

Parish\Date	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Bulford	11.00 HC		10.30 Family Service	11.00 HC	11.00 Morning Worship
Durrington		9.30 HC	9.30 HC	9.30 Informal HC	9.30 HC
Enford	9.30 HC		9.30 Breakfast Church	6.00 Evensong	9.30 Family HC
Figheldean	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 HC		11.00 Breakfast Church	
Fittleton	9.30 Family Service	9.30 HC BCP	6.00 Evensong	9.30 HC BCP	11.00 Matins
Milston	9.30 HC		9.30 HC BCP	9.30 Family Service	
Netheravon		11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Family HC	11.00 Family Service	6.00 Evensong
On-line	8.00 pm Zoom Compline				
10.00 Every Wed HC at Bulford 10.30 Every Thursday HC at Durrington HC=Holy Communion; BCP=Book of Common Prayer; CW=Common Worship For Video streams please access the website at avonriverteam.org.uk					

Avon River Team Services for September

Parish\Date	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
Bulford	11.00 HC CW		10.30 Family Service - Harvest	11.00 HC CW
Durrington	9.30 Fun Church		9.30 HC	9.30 Informal HC
Enford	9.30 HC	10.30 Team Service	9.30 Breakfast Church	6.00 Evensong - Harvest
Figheldean	6.00 pm Evening Worship		11.00 HC	11.00 Breakfast Church- Harvest
Fittleton	11.00 Family Service		6.00 Evensong Harvest	9.30 HC BCP
Milston	9.30 HC BCP		9.30 HC BCP	9.30 Family Service
Netheravon	11.00 Morning Worship		11.00 Family HC - Harvest	11.00 Family Service

Each Wednesday at 10.00 HC at Bulford

Each Thursday at 10.30 HC at Durrington

For details of Sunday 8.00 pm ZOOM Services see the Avon River Team web site.

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement with the military service and where they had been on holidays in the past. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the colour and activity of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and geese played on the water while the children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every colour of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene. One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by, although the other man couldn't hear the band--he could see it in his mind's eye as it was portrayed in the most descriptive of words.

Days and weeks passed. One morning the nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out of the window beside the bed only to find it faced a blank wall. The man called the nurse and asked her what could have compelled his deceased roommate to describe such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even have seen the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you".

Let me encourage you - The Lord loves you dearly, Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, is with you in both the good and the bad and He has the strength to carry you when you need him the most.

Rev Philip Bromiley (Team Rector)



HELP NEEDED!

Do you like Flowers?

Do you like arranging flowers?

Or...

Would you like to have a go?

Netheravon Church's flower arrangers are looking for someone who will help them. If you would like to join Gaye, Sue and Sarah please give Gaye a ring on **670164** for more information.

JUST SEW

Since January 1st, 91 clients have brought 81 pairs of jeans needing TLC. The rest, a bewildering variety of tasks taken on to "Keep Netheravon (and district) tidy". Grateful thanks to all my supporters. I've sent £500 to the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme and twinned 2 toilets through Tearfund.

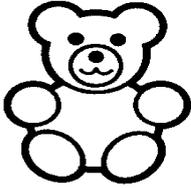
Keeping brain and hands occupied has been a life-saver during this difficult time and it's a joy to meet you all with those mysterious bags.

Thank you. Keep well, best wishes.

Maggie 670122

McColls Community Event

Sunday August 15th



10am to 1pm

Netheravon Working Men's Club

Car Park

In Aid of

Great Ormond Street Hospital

Bric - a - Brac

Cake Stall

Face Painting

Name the Bear

Clothes & Toys

Raffle & Bottle Stall

Donations for the above stalls and volunteers to help on the day will be gratefully accepted. Please contact in the village store or phone 01980 670163 for further details.



NETHERAVON SCHOOL

As we say goodbye to our Year 6 class we wish them well in their new adventures at senior school.

My favourite memory is.....

... when I came in on my first day my best friend Arthur was there it was so exciting. Alfie W.

....when we did outdoor learning in the garden with Miss Matthews. Cayden.

..when I was on a football team and we won the match 6 – 2.

Alfie H.

...when my class went to Oxenwood and I stayed behind with some friends, we baked cakes and I ate all the icing! Stanley

..when we went on residential and we did rock climbing.

Teddy

...when we had ice pops under a tree in the Summer.

Troy

...when we went on residential to Oxenwood and we had to go to a river and we did canoeing and paddle boarding. We had to make our own rafts and I fell in. Daniel

...when I was in year 3, the sky was red and purple, because there was a sand storm. It was amazing! Mia

...when we went the Army Flying Museum, it was fun because I like learning about the army. Being able to see what it was like years back was truly amazing. Thank you Netheravon for the great times! Hannah

..when we went to Oxenwood and roasted potatoes with egg inside – it was disgusting!

Lily W

..when we went to the Living Rainforest for our year 4 class trip and we went into the room that had butterflies and it rained. Abi

..when we went to the army Flying Museum and I had £5 to spend in the shop! We looked at the planes and had lunch in a big hall, it was a fun day. Poppy

...when my friend came back to our school after 4 years. Scarlett-Skye.

...when we did sports day and I won the hurdles race. Josh.

...when we had baby chicks in reception class and we were allowed to hold them.

Lilli-May

..when me and my friend Robin built a tower out of building blocks in year R. It was taller than us. Oscar.

...when we went to Oxenwood. Riley

..when we went to the beach in Y3 and we got sand everywhere it was fun. Lily P

..when I curled up and fell asleep listening to a story in year R. Lewis

PHOENIX HALL - High Street, Netheravon, SP4 9PJ

Jointly owned by Netheravon & Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Councils
(Charity No. 1003542)

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,
Sheila Symes, Ros Ayling, Alan Wood (Secretary).

PHOENIX HALL OPEN FOR BOOKINGS

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

Full re-opening from **19 July 2021. BOOK NOW.**

*Bridge and Whist continues on Mondays - 2pm-4pm. Committee Room. Beginners welcome. £2.
FREE tea/coffee/cakes. Learn with us.*

BINGO expected to start in late September

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

FITTLETON FERRY – THE RACEHORSE

Ran at Bath races on 30 June 2021 in the 8.55pm, 5f race for handicaps up to 50 (Official rating). Finished 4th.

She has been taken out of training by Alan Wood. It was then discovered by an independent expert that she was training and running with a long-standing injury to a hamstring affecting some vertebrae and causing pain. Her performance as a 3year-old had deteriorated since her 2year-old races, where poor jockeyship occurred in 3 of her 4 races. On paper she should have been winning races, as predicted by her former trainer. This was distressing for the owners. She is currently convalescing in the paddocks with Dr Bridget Drew OBE at her quality premises in Whitchurch where FITTLETON FERRY was born and carefully reared for us.

Her half-brother FITWOOD STAR was sold cheaply, not having won as a 2year-old. The new owner changed trainers. He immediately won, a feat he repeated twice more for a hat-trick. The syndicate were unaware that the former trainer had left a large measure of improvement on the horse's handicap without making them aware.

Regrettably, owners and breeders are also suffering from diminishing prize money from bookies (which also affects the earnings of trainers and their staff, plus jockeys, who receive a % of winnings) to help cover the cost of their horses, not helped by the Covid crisis which has also caused prize money to be slashed. Prices for average horses are now negligible, hitting the owners who wish to sell an expensively reared horse. A double whammy for owner/breeders!

I foresee serious problems in the racing industry as owners and breeders continue to "pull stumps" in increasing numbers, which will affect employment by every trainer, and the profitability of every enterprise involved in racing.

Alan Wood, SASHEEN PARTNERSHIP Syndicate Manager

You can find your local newsletter on the local parish council websites:

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

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

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

Judging will start in the week beginning 26th July

Presentations will be at the Church Fete on

Saturday, 11th September



There will also be a

PRODUCE SHOW AT THE CHURCH FETE

The Schedule appears elsewhere in the Newsletter or on Netheravon Noticeboard or email:

clerk@netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk for a hard copy.

WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

For people aged 60+ or 18+ with a registered disability living in Wiltshire and Swindon, the Bobby Van Trust provides a free Home Security Service.

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is a registered charity working in partnership with Wiltshire Police and Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service.

The Aims of the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust are

- To improve the security of homes occupied by the over 60s and 18+ with a registered disability to prevent house crime
- To improve the security of homes of domestic abuse victims
- To reduce incidence of burglary and re-victimisation
- To reduce levels of domestic fire incidents by promoting awareness of fire safety, detection and prevention
- To offer reassurance and advice on crime reduction, and sign-post to other agencies that may be of assistance to clients' particular needs

If you would like any help with your home security phone 01225 256867 and book an appointment.

The Bobby Van operators are skilled carpenters/lock fitters, they are trained in Crime Prevention and trained Fire Safety Advisers. They wear Wiltshire Police Staff uniforms for reassurance and always carry formal identification. The Bobby Vans are Police marked vehicles and mobile workshops.

ENFORD GARDENING CLUB

Planting in Chalk - Roger Hiron
Roger will discuss plants for the chalk environment and how to care for them.

Thursday 9th September 2021

7.00 for 7.15 pm

Everyone Welcome!

Further details from Steve

Stringer 07899 758222

email: steve.stringer@outlook.fr

Fittleton cum Haxton bench refurbished

The bench situated at The Pound, Haxton, has been completely refurbished. Dedicated to Frank Sawyer, the bench had fallen into disrepair. Fortunately, one of our residents, who wishes to remain anonymous, set to and replaced all the wood and repainted the concrete ends. The finished article looks better than ever. It is a popular resting place for local residents and visitors to the area.

The parish council is delighted with the finished article. Thanks to "friends of the parish" we now have the perfect spot to rest for a while and watch the world go by.

Village Fete 11th September 2021

Bottle Tombola

Any contributions for the "Bottle Tombola" will be very welcome.

Contributions should be left at:

13 Vicarage Gardens.

Netheravon Working Men's Club

Hopefully we should be back to normal whilst you are reading this!

It seemed strange when I went into the Club on Tuesday July 20th seeing the tables as they used to be.

Open on Wednesday.

Everyone has been asking about Bingo.

We had to keep our regulars Safe!

So, eyes down on a **Thursday.**

Fridays, Tote and our Golden Key, and Darts. Hope the players have been practicing at Home.

Saturdays Quiz.

Entertainment coming soon.

Contacting Netheravon Parish Council

If you need to contact Netheravon Parish Council please email: clerk@netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk or phone 01980 670748.

For information about the Parish Council including agendas, minutes and items of interest go to www.netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk

Netheravon Library



Netheravon Library has reopened and offers the following volunteer operated opening hours:

Monday: 2 – 4 pm

Thursday: 2 – 4 pm

We are currently looking for some extra volunteers to help at Netheravon Library. This is a great role if you have some time to spare each month, enjoy meeting people of all ages and have a love of books and reading.

Our volunteers provide a friendly welcome to all visitors and assist them with using the library services. This includes dealing with straightforward enquiries; assisting with the self-service machines; shelving the stock and helping customers to log onto the public access computers.

We are looking for volunteers who can be flexible about their availability and are able to do at least two sessions per month.

If you are interested in volunteering at Netheravon Library and would like further details about the Community Library Volunteer role please contact Jane Hunt either on 01225 713792 or by email at jane.hunt@wiltshire.gov.uk

The A303 Stonehenge project: local update

Highways England held a busy session answering people’s questions about the A303 Stonehenge scheme at an online meeting at the end of June – over 170 people signed up! If you didn’t get to join in on the night, they’re putting information up about the questions asked on the scheme website:

highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/a303-stonehenge/

David Bullock, Project Manager, said: “With a project as big and as high profile as A303 Stonehenge, we are keen to keep in touch with local communities and we’re pleased we can hold another meeting to expand on what we talked about in June.”

The next live online Q&A session will take place between **7 - 8.30pm on Tuesday 10 August**.

Whether you’re already in the know, or you haven’t got the first idea what the scheme means for you and the local area - the project team would like to hear from you and bring you up to speed with the latest.

To find out more, and to sign up, go to the project website: highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/a303-stonehenge/

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>

NETHERAVON PRODUCE SHOW SCHEDULE

VEGETABLES

Potatoes	1 variety	4 of each
Carrots with tops	Any variety	3 of each
Runner Beans	Any variety	6 beans
Marrow	Including Squash	1 specimen
Cucumber	Any variety	1 specimen
Beetroot	Any variety	3 of each
Tomatoes	Any variety	5 of each
Cherry Tomatoes	Any variety	5 of each
Courgettes	Any variety	3 of each
Onions without foliage		3 of each
Shallots - pickling		6 of each
The longest runner bean		
The funniest misshapen vegetable		1 only

Paper plates will be provided for exhibits

COOKERY

Best Victoria Sponge
Best Fruit Cake
Best Homemade Jam
Best Cream Tea
Best Chutney

Paper plates will be provided for exhibits

YOUNG EXHIBITORS

Miniature Garden
Decorated Fairy Cake

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

*Quick! Get Snapping! Deadline for entries is 27th August 2021 Drop you Photographs into Woodlands,
Choulston Hill, Netheravon, ASAP!*

Categories:

*People & Pets *Local Landscapes & Landmarks *Wildlife *My Lockdown Life in 6 Pictures

Classes

*Under 13 *13 -16 *Open

Winners will be announced at the Church Fete on SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

There will be a display of all entries at the fete!

Email paulelana@aol.com or text 07557 504499 for rules & details.