

NETHERAVON, HAXTON & FITTLETON NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2022

10 th	7:00pm	Fittleton cum Haxton Annual Parish Mtg	Fittleton Church
12 th	7:00pm	Enford Gardening Club – Hestercombe Gdns	Enford Village Hall
14/15 th	11:00am -5:00pm	10th Avon/Bourne Valley Art Exhibition	Figheldean Village Hall

June 2022

2 nd	9:45pm	Jubilee Beacon lighting ceremony	Wash Down Netheravon
5 th	12 – 5:00pm	Queen's Jubilee Street Party	High Street, Netheravon

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
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 May 2022

Parish\Date	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Bulford	11.00 HC		10.30 Family Service	11.00 HC	11.00 Morning Worship
Durrington	9.30 Fun Church		9.30 HC	9.30 Informal HC	9.30 HC
Enford	9.30 HC	10.30 Team Service	9.30 Breakfast Church	18.00 Evensong	9.30 Family HC
Figheldean	18.00 Evening Worship		11.00 HC	11.00 Breakfast Church	11.00 Morning Worship
Fittleton	9.30 Family Worship		6.00 Evensong	9.30 HC BCP	11.00 Matins
Milston	9.30 HC BCP		9.30 HC BCP	9.30 Matins	
Netheravon	11.00 Morning Worship		11.00 Family HC	11.00 Family Service	18.00 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

NETHERAVON, FITTLETON and HAXTON MOBILITY SCOOTER USERS



Join the cavalcade of mobility scooters to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the Street Party on Sunday 5 June at High Street, Netheravon. Dress you/your scooter in regal fashion and parade royally through the village.

Contact Dot Georgeson on 01980 671454 to reserve your slot and to ask for any further information.

Let's make this a day to remember

Getting political

Have you heard the story of the medical research student wanted to buy a brain? He went into a chemist and asked "how much will it cost to buy a brain?"

The assistant was a little shocked, but responded, "It depends which brain. An engineer's brain costs £3 an ounce, a doctor's brain costs £4 an ounce, and if you want to go mad, a politician's brain costs £100 an ounce."

"£100 an ounce, why are they really so expensive?" The assistant responded, "do you realise how many politicians we need to find to get an ounce of brain?"

It's a joke, don't slap me in the face!

Well, I wonder what you think of politicians? Do you trust them? Are they ideologists who really want to make a difference in the world or are they out for what they can get? Trust is a major issue now in politics. Party-gate, scandals, second jobs, non-dom tax status of family members, all those evasive answers to questions we hear when they are on telly or the radio, from both sides of the party-political divide. Such things erode public confidence.

It's easy to overlook the good people in politics because of our impatience with those who seem to be self-serving. Good people are there and we need to pray for more of them!

Some say we get the politicians that our society deserves. Perhaps before looking at others judgmentally, we should examine our own hearts. I like the advice of Paul to the church in Philippi... he says, "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Ch 4 v 8) A society taking these words to heart might elect politicians who do likewise.

Rev Philip Bromiley (Team Rector)

NETHERAVON, HAXTON and FITTLETON

Celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



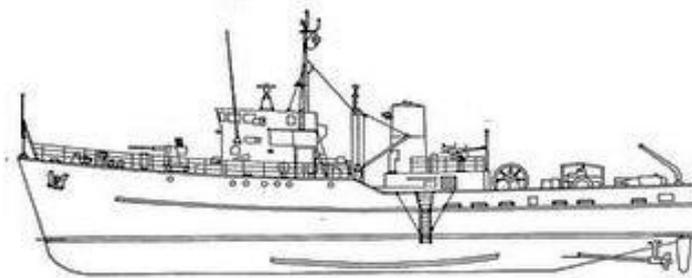
Thursday 2 June
**Lighting the Jubilee Beacon at
The Washdown**
*A joint venture of Avon Valley
Parishes*

Sunday 5 June
The Big STREET PARTY
High Street, Netheravon.
*Bring your picnic, Live entertainment,
fancy dress, something for everyone*

Street Party Events include:

- *Live music
- *Disco
- *Fancy Dress Competition- children
- *Best Decorated Cake Competition
- *Face Painting
- *Under 5s Play area
- *Paintballing
- *Crafts and games area
- *Ice cream
- *Gin Fizz and Pimms
- *Mobility Scooter regal cavalcade
- *Prizes for winners of cake competition, fancy dress and best dressed mobility scooter***

*Look out for details on parish noticeboards, the newsletter, Facebook pages and Parish websites.
Bring your chairs to the party and find the best spot to enjoy all the fun*



HMS FITTLETON

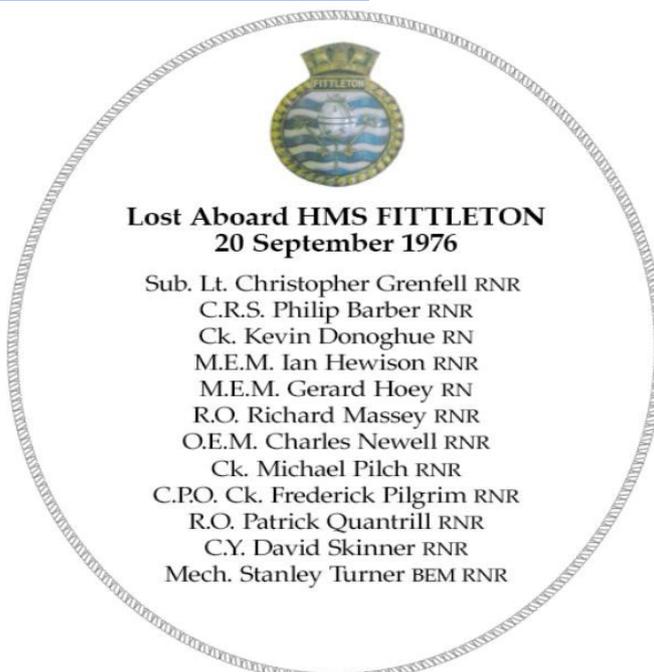
HMS Fittleton was a 'Ton-class' minesweeper designed to locate mines on the seabed in coastal waters. She had a shallow draft and a hull made of mahogany. She was commissioned into the Royal Navy in 1955 before being transferred into the Royal Navy Reserve in 1960. Her home port was Shoreham, from where she served successfully in European waters for many years.

In early September 1976, she sailed for the North Sea to join other ships taking part in a NATO exercise.

On the 20th September, having completed the exercise, she was heading towards Hamburg when she was ordered to take part in a 'heaving line' transfer of mail with HMS Mermaid, who was 5 times her displacement. The mail transfer required the two ships to manoeuvre in parallel to each other. Their size differential caused a phenomenon known as the "canal effect" to occur, whereby the smaller ship, Fittleton, was forced ahead of Mermaid and sucked inwards across her bow. HMS Fittleton capsized and sank, resulting in the death of 12 of her crew.

We remember the tragedy each year in Fittleton, and every 10 years there is a memorial service at All Saints church attended by survivors and the relatives of some of those who died. We want to install a permanent plaque in the church so that the disaster is never forgotten. The Salisbury Cathedral stonemasons will make the plaque but it will cost a lot of money, which we do not have. If you would like to make a donation, this would be very gratefully received indeed.

We have a just giving page www.justgiving.com/campaign/hmsfittleton-appeal and other ways to donate can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9500/.





THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON

At Netheravon Washdown

Thursday 2nd June - from 9pm

Walk up and enjoy the start of The Queen's Platinum Celebrations and witness the lighting of the Avon Valley Beacon as part of a country-wide tribute to her Majesty's 70 Year Reign.

The Deputy Lord Lieutenant will light the beacon at 9:45pm

- Complimentary glass of bubbles or a pint. Soft drink for kids.
- Bugler and Piper.
- Town Crier.



- Bring a picnic and chairs.
- Dogs welcome on a lead.
- Ample parking.



As part of the village's celebration of the **Queen's Jubilee on June 5th**, there will be a **best decorated cake** competition. It has a Royal theme and there will be an under 16 years old category and an over 16 years old category. The cakes will be judged and then auctioned off. (Cakes to be brought to the working men's club on the day). We look forward to seeing your creations.

Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council
 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
 7:00pm, 10 May
 Fittleton All Saints Church
All parishioners are invited to attend
 Followed by
 FPC Annual General Meeting

ENFORD GARDENING CLUB

David Usher – Restoration of Hestercombe Gardens

Thursday 12th May 2022

7.00 for 7.15 pm

ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

Bring and buy plant stall. Raffle, Tea and coffee, entry £4

Everyone Welcome!

Further details from Steve Stringer 07899 758222

Do you need the use of a wheelchair or a rollator?

We now have both available for loan to residents for a 'day'; eg hospital visit, special outing, or family gathering or emergency fall outdoors.

Contact 01980 670812 Or 07764 202909

PHOENIX HALL NETHERAVON

Managed by volunteers



Your Phoenix Hall has taken many recent bookings for parties celebrating Wedding Anniversaries or Birthdays. Does your family have an event coming up? 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.

We have invested in a flagpole and will be raising the Jubilee flag shortly to join with other parts of the villages celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

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 running the hall. 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 Charles Coslett on 07836 299789. 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.

NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL

The Netheravon Parish Council will be presenting Jubilee Mugs to all children aged 11 years and under who live in the Parish of Netheravon. The children attending the school will be presented with them at a special event at the school.

However, there are a number of children who live in Netheravon who do not attend the school. If your child is 11 years old or younger (including children not of school age) the mugs can be collected from a stall at the Jubilee Street Party on 5th June. Spare mugs can also be purchased on that day. Please fill out the form below and let me have it prior to the Street Party to be able to claim your free mug for your child.

Name of

Child.....

Age.....

Address.....

Please return form to Mary Towle, Tempus Fugit, Court Farm Road, Netheravon or email clerk@netheravonparishcouncil.co.uk

NETHERAVON IN BLOOM

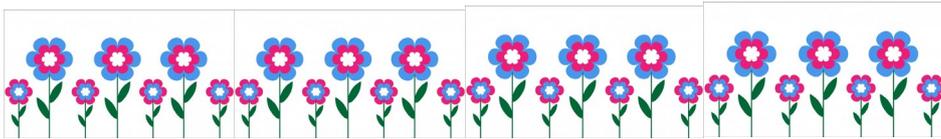
As it is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the theme this year is Red, White and Blue. We also encourage you to grow Sunflowers to show support for Ukraine. The tallest will be measured and a prize given

Categories include:

- Best front garden
- Best hanging basket
 - Best 'Parish' tub
 - Best allotment

Gardens and Hanging Baskets will be judged in late July,
Allotments in early July

If you have any queries please contact
mary.towle@btinternet.com



NETHERAVON PARISH COUNCIL WATCH THIS SPACE!

We will be having a **GRAND OPENING** of the new equipment in the
Millennium Park
During the Platinum Jubilee Weekend
Date to be confirmed

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

NETHERAVON WORKING MEN'S CLUB

A **BIG** thank you to all that supported our Easter Sunday **FUNDAY**.

Especially the cake makers, which we auctioned off at the end of the day.

With the Raffle, Cake Auction and donations, we raised over £200 towards the Stars Appeal.

Also, thanks to all our helpers. Without you it couldn't have taken place. The weather was very kind to us too.

Money raised, £25+ from the Paintball Alley was donated to The Royal British Legion, through Sam Smith. Who is walking 100 miles. Still time to sponsor her. Sam is way past 100 miles, heading towards 150 Miles. **WOW !!**

Thanks **Gary**

CHEERFUL CUPPA FUNDRAISER

31ST MAY
IN THE PHOENIX HALL
10.00 - 12 NOON
IN AID OF
SOLSTICE MISSING DOGS



TEAS, COFFEE,
HOMEMADE CAKES,
RAFFLE, BRIC A BRAC,
CAKE STALL
EVERYONE WELCOME

Netheravon Working Men's Club

Proudly presents



TRUE BUBLE

(Michael Buble tribute act)



4th June at 8:30pm

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this great performer