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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August 2022

13 th	Netheravon Working Men's Club Fete	Working Men's Club. N'avon
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September 2022

8 th	7:00pm	Enford Gardening Club	Enford Village Hall
10 th	12:30pm	Netheravon Village Fete	Millenium Park, Netheravon
18 th	10:00am	Grand Opening – Fitness Equipment	Millenium Park, Netheravon
30 th	10:00am	Cheerful Cuppa, Macmillan Coffee Morning	Phoenix Hall, 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	07484 533559
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 Services for August and September

Parish\Date	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Bulford	11.00 HC CW		10.30 Family Service	11.00 HC
Durrington	9.30 Fun Church		9.30 HC	9.30 Informal HC
Enford	9.30 HC		9.30 Breakfast Church	18.00 Evensong
Figheldean	18.00 Evening Worship		11.00 HC	11.00 Breakfast Church
Fittleton	11.00 Family Worship		18.00 Evensong	9.30 HC BCP
Milston	9.30 HC BCP	10.30 Team HC	9.30 HC BCP	9.30 Matins
Netheravon	11.00 Morning Worship		11.00 Family HC	11.00 Family Service

Each Wednesday at 10.00 HC at Bulford.

Each Thursday at 10.30 HC at Durrington

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

HC – Holy Communion; BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Parish\Date	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25
Bulford	11.00 HC CW		10.30 Family Service-Harvest	11.00 HC
Durrington	9.30 Fun Church		9.30 HC Harvest	9.30 Informal HC
Enford	9.30 HC		9.30 Breakfast Church	18.00 Evensong
Figheldean	18.00 Evening Worship	10.30 Team HC	11.00 HC	11.00 Breakfast Church Harvest
Fittleton			18.00 Evensong	9.30 HC BCP
Milston	9.30 HC BCP		9.30 HC BCP	9.30 Matins
Netheravon	11.00 Morning Worship		11.00 Family HC - Harvest	11.00 Family Service

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A message from your new curate

Hello! I am Simon Pope and I have been married to Elle for 24 years. I am your new Curate, having moved from Warminster to continue my training in the Avon River Team of churches. We are a family of four, with Ben at University and Tom completing his A-Levels. Really looking forward to getting to know you all and enjoying exploring the countryside of this part of Wiltshire.

We love the outdoors; you will likely find us holidaying on a coastal path or up a mountain or two. I am also very much into all kinds of sport. I have been an FA qualified football coach for the last 7 years, but afflicted with being an Everton fan...

I'm hoping to throw myself into everything local, and perhaps not least the fruits of Stonehenge Ales, having previously enjoyed a Sign of Spring!

Simon Pope

NETHERAVON WORKING MEN'S CLUB

It is with great sadness that we announce that we have lost Lionel. Thank you all for your kind thoughts.

His Funeral is

19th August at 11am.

at Salisbury Crematorium.

Then back to the Club.

Feel free to wear something
BLUE.

Loud Shirt Night – 5th August
Devil's Disco with Ian – 13th August
8 'til late

Netheravon in Bloom 2022 – Results

Tubs

First The Pound SW corner
2nd Pound SE corner
3rd High Street

Allotments

First 10a
2nd 11a
3rd 9a
Highly commended 8b

Hanging baskets

First 8 Avon Park
2nd 5 Wains Way
3rd 18 Vicarage Gardens
Highly commended: Post House, High Street

Sunflowers

First 14 Court Farm Road
2nd 109 High Street
3rd 27 Court Farm Close

Overall Judges Comments: (Netheravon in Bloom)

Overall, the "Dog & Gun" allotments are a credit to the plot holders and a good advert at the entrance to the village.

The season has affected many "entrants" this year, with rain levels below average, and a very hot dry month prior to judging. Both were taken in to account by the judges. The red, white and blue theme was definitely followed by most of the village to tie in with the Platinum Jubilee, our village going all-out again.

Home owners really embraced using plants for pollinators, their use has grown in the past 4 years of this event.

The village looked special and has shown off its community spirit once again. Thank you to all who have tried, and to those who didn't know that they had entered, and to those who have succeeded, your efforts have made us all feel better as we walked around our village.

SPTA Fires

It is a relief that after a huge effort by the Army and civil fire and rescue services the recent extensive fires on the Plain have been put out.

Cost of Living

Through our MPs we have recently raised the issue of those living in park homes who may not benefit from the energy refunds. There is a range of support we offer or administer already in place that we are promoting, alongside support and initiatives being undertaken nationally.

These include:

- Providing the Local Welfare Provision, funded by Wiltshire Council, with £100,000 set aside for 2022/23.
- The Council Tax Reduction Scheme. We have allocated a further £140,000 to a Discretionary Council Tax Reduction Scheme, for those struggling most with the payment of council tax.
- Administering housing benefit, currently delivered to 12,000 households.
- Delivering the first part of the Household Support Fund.

This is being deployed to support:

- Pensioners in receipt of council tax reduction and pension credit with £133.
- Vulnerable working age households with £66.
- Food payments during school holidays for those on free school meals or with early years pupil premium, or other vulnerable families (working with schools).
- Vouchers for food and utility bills for those in temporary accommodation, supported accommodation or those recently moved into permanent accommodation.
- Food banks and linked projects to ensure they can purchase and provide food to those most in need.

We are also planning use of the fund for September to March, for which we have been allocated a similar amount as the first half of this year.

- Offering the Holiday Activities and Food programme (known as FUEL in Wiltshire).
- Paying the energy rebate, to those living in houses in council tax Bands A-D.
- A webpage has been set up outlining the full range of [What can we help you with? - Wiltshire Council](#) and signposting to other organisations as appropriate.

As well as this direct support on the cost of living, we are supporting a range of initiatives that address rising fuel prices through energy efficiency.

These include:

- Warm and Safe Wiltshire, which provides a free and impartial energy advice service and aims to reduce fuel poverty in Wiltshire.
- A Home Upgrade Grant scheme delivering over £3m of support on insulation and renewable energy.
- Through the Green Homes Grant we are delivering a £4.4m scheme to households with an income of £30,000 or less, and living in a property rated D, E, F or G for energy efficiency, the chance to access up to £10,000 for improvements such as insulation, solar panels and double glazing.
- We continue to invest in our council housing stock, helping some of our most vulnerable residents save money on their energy bills.
- In May, we launched Solar Together, a joint buying scheme that allows communities to purchase solar production and storage at the right price.
- We continue to promote other energy efficiency measures, such as the £5k grants for heat pumps.

Enhanced Highways Maintenance Funding

At this month's Cabinet meeting we agreed to increase funding by £683,000 annually over the next three years to improve the safety and appearance of the highway network.

- Funding for **road marking and lining** will increase by £200,000 annually to address the backlog and make an enormous difference to the appearance and safety of the network.
- The budget for **gully emptying** will be increased by £333,000 annually to pay for another specialist gully emptying machine with jetting facility, supporting traffic management and additional equipment to be deployed to improve drainage.
- **Litter enforcement** will be improved by investing £150,000 annually to provide monitoring cameras, three additional enforcement staff, and an advertising and awareness campaign.

Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council Update

The meeting of Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council on 5 July covered a number of local issues. We have a new Parish Steward who works with councillors to ensure a number of issues are dealt with. Councillor Vaughn-Edwards is the local co-ordinator and he liaises with the steward to ensure priorities are resolved. Councillors Gowman and Jago are the representatives on the Planning Committee. They ensure that planning applications are reviewed and responses to applications are lodged with Wiltshire Council. Councillor Morgan has responsibility for Transport and Highways. He deals with issues that arise in our local routes. Councillor Symes has responsibility for allotments. She manages the 14 allotments and ensures that they are well maintained and the site is secured. She also represents Fittleton cum Haxton Parish Council on the Phoenix Hall Management Committee. Councillor Cranch attends the Stonehenge Area Board meetings and ensures that the local priorities are highlighted to Wiltshire Council.

As chairman of the parish council, I attend a number of different committees and ensure that the local issues are clearly understood by our local councillor and the Area Board.

Parishioners of Fittleton cum Haxton are encouraged to contact the parish councillors to make them aware of anything they feel should be addressed. Although parish council powers are limited, they can be forwarded to Wiltshire Council where appropriate.

Currently there is a vacancy for a clerk to the parish council. This is a role that would suit someone who has excellent administrative skills and is able to manage the council's finances and minute taking. It requires a commitment of 4 hours per week and training will be provided. If you would like to be a key player in YOUR local community, contact Dorothea Georgeson via chairfittletonhaxton@gmail.com.

Your parish councillors are working to ensure you have a voice at county level.

Could you spend a few voluntary hours each week to offer friendship and support to Lucy?

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Message from your PCC

You will already be aware the police force watchdog HMICFRS has placed Wiltshire Police into 'special measures' as a result of its performance.

The Inspectorate's report is a sobering read and is highly disappointing, as I know it will to our county's residents. It's especially disheartening because I know Wiltshire Police has many dedicated officers, staff and volunteers, working hard to deliver a quality, efficient, frontline service.

But this report makes it clear - there are areas of concern Wiltshire Police need to address: victims of crime, vulnerable people and our communities deserve better.

You had told me this in volume when I was on your doorstep and the results of my countywide survey and consultation only confirmed this, as well as from local councillors and MPs, on the policing service they were getting.

It was fortunate those areas highlighted by the Inspectorate's report had already been picked up as part of my own strategic assessments of the Force and it meant this shaped my Police and Crime Plan and influenced the robust and challenging scrutiny sessions I hold with the Chief Constable from the outset.

We now have a police and crime plan which ensures Wiltshire Police will meet and deliver those priorities influenced by you, focused on delivering a service the public want and prioritising those crimes that matter most to communities.

My role as PCC is to scrutinise the policing service provided, to challenge where I see performance issues and then support the Chief Constable and Force to implement change and improve in times like these.

The necessary remedial measures needed to make the improvements highlighted in the report are already in progress and my immediate priority is to ensure that Wiltshire's Chief Constable, and his senior leadership team, move with focus and speed, particularly in the Force's response to the public and to vulnerable people and victims, in dramatically improving performance and the quality and effectiveness of investigations.

My aim, alongside the Chief Constable, is for Wiltshire Police to prioritise those crimes which matter most to communities so we can satisfy the Inspectorate but, more importantly, we can satisfy you as residents. Working together, the Chief Constable and I have already agreed on a back-to-basics reset for the Force so I can assure you the process of change is already progressing.

I expect to see a tangible change in service delivery and the Chief Constable has reassured me the necessary changes are in place. I will be receiving regular progress reports from him, and his senior leadership team, to ensure those remedial actions are completed as soon as possible.

Thankfully many residents do not need to use our policing service frequently but when they do, the service they receive should be a quality, frontline, response. I will continue to ask for those assurances on behalf of Wiltshire's residents and ensure Wiltshire Police is delivering on behalf of all of the communities it serves.

Enford Gardening Club

Katherine Crouch

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10 AM

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We've also got kids attractions, activities and games from as little as 50p and new this year - the climbing wall for both children and adults.

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And the regulars – always favourites: Raffle, Cake Stall, Lucky programme, Wagtastic Dog Scurries, Bottle Stall and Bric-a-Brac!

And don't forget the finale with the TIGERS Army Parachute Display Team.

Put the **10th of September** in your diary **NOW**.

The **Phoenix Hall** Annual General Meeting was held on 12th July at the hall, but unfortunately there was no attendance by residents of the villages. As it is your hall it is important that you feel a part of its life and issues.

Therefore, I want to give you a snapshot of some of the issues and projects we have as a management group.

Firstly, the Chair, Charles Coslett, is standing down after many years of hard work, especially during COVID. Our thanks to him although he will remain a member of the committee. Charles' place will be taken over by Steve Perry.

Secondly it has been agreed to install photovoltaic cells on the roof of the hall to generate our own electricity and reduce costs at this difficult time and going forward. The cost is in the region of £9,500 and will be paid out of our existing funds whilst we can afford it. Approx 30pct of all our costs are for power and this is expected to rise further.

We have further set aside a capital sum for repairs and maintenance, but thankfully we do not see any on the immediate horizon.

As interest rates are now increasing, we have started the process of opening a higher rate account. We feel this is only good practice to add as much income as we can.

On the downside both the Burco water heater and tea urn have both recently given up the ghost. It will cost approx £600 to replace them, but they are needed as part of the day-to-day equipment.

As a group we are committed to making the hall a "go to" place for functions, but we also need your support. Think about the hall for your next birthday party, for example, and use the space and equipment available. You can book the hall direct from our website.

It is, after all, your hall. Use it. Enjoy it and feel free to contact any of the committee if you have any questions.

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Alan Brown

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