

A photograph of a stream flowing through a wooded area. The stream is the central focus, winding through lush green grass. The banks are covered in snow, and the trees are bare, suggesting a winter or early spring setting. The overall scene is serene and natural.

The Villager

A Magazine for Aveing, Cherington
and Nags Head

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BAKE OFF

**SUNDAY 13TH
MAY AT THE
VILLAGE AGM
SHOW**

Calling all budding cake makers:

**Mums, Dads, Grannies,
Grandads and Children!**

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Ages 4-10 and 10-16

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Plenty of time to practice!!**

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the day.**

Enquiries to councillor Christine Howell 01453 833246

March 2018

Just when we thought that spring was finally on its way we are suddenly being warned of the 'Beast from the East'; let's hope that by the time you read this it has gone back to the east where it came from. Thanks to Roger Linley for this month's cover photograph, we thought that it sums up this winter very well (cold and wet). Don't forget that if you take any photos we are always interested to see them, especially if they have a local interest (preferably in portrait for the front cover).

Looking forward there are plenty of things happening in our villages over the summer. Some of them are mentioned in the Dates for your Diary section (page 42) - if we have missed any then please let us know.

We are always looking for new items to include either as a regular or an occasional topic - for example, the preview of this month's film included on page 35 - but it would be good to have your contributions. They all help to make this a magazine for all of the villagers. Our email address for pictures, advertisements or any contributions editors@acvillager.co.uk

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Many thanks to **Roger Linley** for our cover photo of the moon over Avening Park in the snow. If you have a photo of Avening or Cherington which you would like to share with us, please feel free to send it to us.

You never know, it might turn up on the front cover...!

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What's On In Avening and Cherington

Please let us know if we have forgotten any regular event or if there is something you would like to have included here.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Mobile Post Office	Monday and Thursday	2.00 to 3.00 pm	On road, opposite 65, Sunground	Post master J. Clutterbuck 01453 542754
Cherington PC	Tuesday	6.30pm	Village Hall	Beverley 01453 832100
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Steve 07807 700004
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
Avening Art Club	Thursday	2.00 - 4.00pm	Various	Mick 01453 836318
Avening W.I.	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Maisie 01453 834679
Avening PC	3rd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Caroline 01285 380041
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4.00pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090

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Avening Social Club	Derrick Ind	01453 835752

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Cotswold District Councillor	Richard Morgan	
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Over 60s Lunch Club	Christine Howell	01453 833246
Stroud Hospital	Reception	0300 421 8080
Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336
Women's Institute	Gwyneth Simpson	01453 836556



VILLAGE & AREA WEB SITES

Avening Parish Council: www.avening-pc.gov

Avening Church: www.aveningchurch.info

Cherington Parish Council: cheringtonpc.org.uk.

Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

Cotswold District Council: www.cotswold.gov.uk

Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



We are starting the search for the Villagers of the Year – if you would like us to recognise an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution to Avening, now is the time to nominate them. The categories are Adult – for the Jim Parsons Trophy; Student (age 12-21); and Youth (11 and under). The prizes will be awarded at the Village AGM & show on Sunday 13th May.

For the show itself, we will be building on last year's success, and have several ideas developing to make it even more enjoyable. The overall aim is still to highlight the groups and talents in Avening, and we would welcome any crafts people, artisans or artists that would like to showcase their work – please contact the clerk to book your FREE place.

After a gap of 5 years, it has been confirmed that we will have a Pig Face celebration on 15th September. This will complete a fantastic year of village events which includes the AGM/show; church fete; school fete; WW1 centenary and show; Christmas tree lighting; and carol service. Watch out for more details on all these through the year.

The playing field upgrade schedule has slipped a bit – the designs took a little longer than expected, and there is a backlog for processing plans at CDC – we are working with our district councillor to progress them ASAP. Until the plans are approved, we are unable to secure funding, and without the funding in place we can't start work – the ground works are now unlikely to commence until late summer, as we don't want to put the field out of use during the school holidays.

It's the time of year when the dreaded council tax demands fall on our doormats! This year the PC decided that after several years of freezing our precept, a small adjustment was needed just to stay still, mainly because we have lost a grant from CDC which left a gap in our financial planning. The good news is that the cost to a band D property will be less than £2.60 for the YEAR – not even the cost of a pint of beer!

We are proud that we have achieved so much over the last few years with very modest funds - significant upgrades to the hall, including a complete refit of the kitchen; installation of fire and safety equipment; sound dampening; audio visual kit; refurbishment of the reading room; and new heaters throughout. Further afield, the historic pumps will be fully restored in the summer. We fund the Villager to ensure it reaches every household; made contributions to the playgroup, church yard and other local causes; first phase upgrades for the

playing field; and of course, introduced a number of very successful village events! We hope that you are happy with the value you get from the precept, and we are always receptive to new ideas.

Rubbish! A few people this week have reported a deterioration in the standards of refuse and recycling collections, with spilled rubbish not being picked up by the operatives – I have reported this to CDC and hope the situation will improve. We can help – if the weather is forecast to be windy, please take extra care to weigh down cardboard and plastic containers to avoid the contents blowing down the street, and don't overfill them.

Finally, apologies that the website was down for an extended period – hopefully it will be back on line when you read this – avening-pc.gov.uk

Tony Slater, Chairman

Save the date !

CHERINGTON SHOW 2018

Sunday 22nd July 2018

All the usual stalls for this traditional Village Show.

Watch this space for many more this year.

But for now put it in the diary !

THE EGG THAT TELLS THE EASTER STORY

The Real Easter Egg is made of Fairtrade chocolate and is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box. This year the Original (£3.99) and Dark (£5.50) eggs come with a 24-page A5 Easter story activity book.



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Liz Fuller 01453 835067 or

Jennie South 01453 834884 jennie.south@btopenworld.com

You can see the whole range online www.realeasteregg.co.uk

Thank you!

Liz Fuller and Jennie South

Avening and Cherington Churches



On 5th February our **Candlemas** service included a celebration of our Baptisms: around the Avening font we had some who had been baptised here. Spanning the generations, their ages ranged from six to the eighties.

The **plaster** in the Bridges Chapel of Holy Cross Church has suffered greatly from damp over recent years and much of it had crumbled away. During February the damaged areas have been taken back to the bare stone and have been replastered using appropriate lime based materials. This has greatly improved the appearance of the chapel which has several uses, including as a quiet space for private prayer during the day – please feel free to spend some time there. You may also like to make use of the prayer request box which is just inside the inner church door. Cherington church also offers a beautiful and tranquil respite from the business of life.



Work in progress

Our Ash Wednesday service marked the start of the **Lent** season and set the scene for many of our March services, both on Sundays and in our 'Quiet Time' on Thursdays at 7.00pm. The **Lent evenings** continue on March 6th, 14th and 20th: we are looking at what the work of artists down the ages might mean to us – no right or wrong answers! Please contact me for details of venues, all are welcome to all or any of these.

Mothering Sunday is on 11th March – 9.30am at Cherington and 11.00am at Avening – an opportunity to remember and give thanks for our mothers with youngsters especially welcome to bring their mums (and dads).

Details of the **Holy Week** and **Easter** Sunday services are opposite and on page ?? including some a little further afield and offering the opportunity to journey through Holy Week in some imaginative ways.

The Avening Angels Choir will be with us for both the Good Friday service and the Evensong on 8th April – both of these at Avening church.

Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington.
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From the Church Registers

7th February: Funeral of Joyce Vincent

Mothering Sunday *Sunday 11th March*

This is always a special day of the year and the church services will include a focus on saying thank you for our mothers, whether we still see them or not. Dads will not be forgotten either – a time for all the family.

For many this can be a difficult day with a bundle of mixed feelings and memories. Our services will recognise this and give an opportunity to share such emotions with the God who understands, loves and supports.

9.30 am at Cherington Church and 11.00 am at Avening Church

Celebrate Easter *Sunday 1st April*



9.30 am at Cherington Church

11.00 am at Avening Church

Easter eggs for all!

Caravaggio, Rubens, El Greco, Dali and many more

Lent Evenings

How have artists depicted some of the Easter stories?

How do we react to them?

All welcome

7.30 pm on 6th, 14th, 20th March

Please contact Gerald South for further details including venues
gp.south@btopenworld.com or 01453 834884

Joyce Winifred Vincent

1923 - 2018



Sadly, we say our goodbyes to Joyce who passed away on 17th January 2018.

Joyce was born in the hamlet of Lowesmore in October 1923 and attended primary school at Cherington, obtaining a scholarship to Tetbury Grammar School in 1934. She was a good scholar and passed her Oxford School Certificate with distinction in July 1939.

During the years spent at Grammar School a friendship developed with Riley Vincent, a fellow Grammarian. Although Riley joined the R.A.F. in September 1939, through all the privations which service life brought, including a four-year separation whilst Riley was in the Middle East, the friendship survived and after repatriation in 1946, she and Riley were married in July 1946 and moved to

Avening in the same year.

Whilst Riley was away, Joyce had begun her teaching career in 1940 at Minchinhampton and taught at several schools in the area, including Avening, before returning to "Minch" in the mid 1940's. Her son, Paul, was born in 1948 and after a spell of maternity leave, Joyce returned to her previous employment, where she remained until her retirement some forty years later. She was devoted to her career and although a keen disciplinarian, pupils loved her and the many cards of condolence which we have received reflect this. It always seemed that, even miles away from home, someone would know her.

Away from school Joyce was a keen needleworker and cross-stitch pictures still adorn our walls. Not content with this, she bought a knitting machine, learnt the intricacies of it and soon the family were wearing the results. She was particularly proud of the manufacture of many sweaters, each adorned with the instrument the individuals played in the Abingdon Youth Orchestra, where her granddaughter played.

Joyce was part of the flower team at Avening Church and undertook the laundry of the Church vestments for some time, until her mobility deteriorated and despite a number of years nursing by Riley and family, was obliged to seek professional help.

After ninety-four years of a busy but happy career, seventy-two of them married to Riley, Joyce passed peacefully away. May she rest in peace.

Eddie Vincent

A Church for the Villages



The Church of England is unique in several ways (some good, maybe others less so!) and one of its distinctive characteristics is the parish system in which each parish church (building, priest and people) is there to serve all those who live in its area, whatever their faith or apparent lack of it. As well as offering the normal services, baptisms, weddings and funerals this includes support in times of difficulty, home visits, and conversations avoiding judgement and offering understanding. Please feel free to contact us.

Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington.

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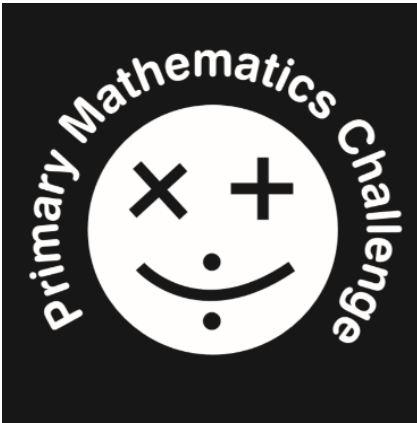
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AVENING'S BUDDING MATHEMATICIANS



The Primary Mathematics Challenge is a national event with well over 60,000 pupils taking part. It is designed to encourage original mathematical and logical thinking, not just rote repetition of learned facts. There are 25 questions to be attempted in 45 minutes.

Seven pupils from Avening Primary School entered this year – they were Eddy, Nellie, Dermot, Annie, Daniel, Joe and Sidney.

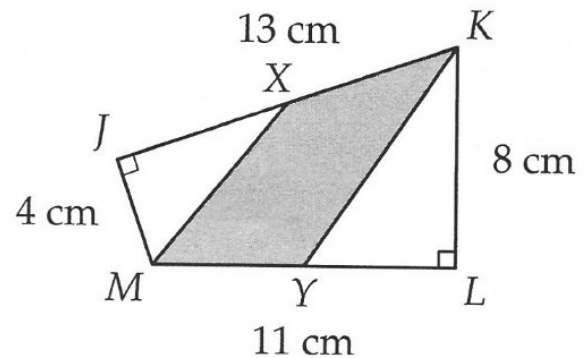
They all achieved some excellent scores. Here are a couple of the questions they were set:

1. My aunt, Lotsa Cash, has given me £200 to share between me and my five brothers. What is the smallest amount of money I must give away so that I can share what is left equally among the six of us?
2. A palindrome, such as 303 or 8668, is a number that remains the same when read backwards. What 3-digit palindrome can you add to 2017 to get a 4-digit palindrome as your answer?

One of our pupils, Eddy, did so well in this challenge that he was one of the 1932 pupils who were selected from across the nation to take an even more demanding set of questions – the Bonus Paper which was held in February.

Here is a question from that paper:

3. The quadrilateral JKLM on the right has sides 4 cm, 8 cm, 11 cm and 13 cm and right angles at J and L. The points X and Y are the midpoints of JK and LM. Lines have been drawn to form the shaded quadrilateral XKYM: what is its area?



- A. 28 cm^2 B. 32 cm^2 C. 35 cm^2 D. 37 cm^2 E. 40 cm^2

Congratulations to all those who took part – well done!

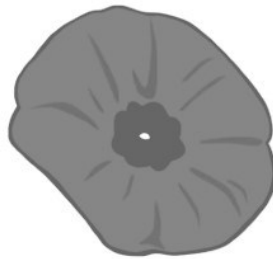
Answers to these three questions will appear in next month's Villager – meanwhile, can you work them out?

Gerald South

Saturday 10th November

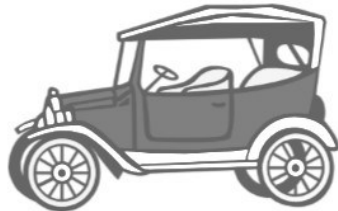
THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I

A multimedia event and party for all



We are looking for organisations, groups, individuals or groups of people in Avening and Cherington who would like to do something that represents one of the decades since 1918.

From



to



**Song, dance, drama, art, poetry, bands, recitations
- all suggestions welcome.**

**Volunteers to help organise the event are also
sought.**

**Contact Jane with your ideas on 07812 137161 or
jwhaley1@aol.com or
tony.slater@avening-pc.gov.uk**

Locally-Based Charities

This table gives information about charities which are based in and around Avening and Cherington. Periodically, we will give a more detailed outline of what each organisation does.

Please let us know if any information is incorrect and also if you know of any other charities which should be included - we know there are plenty for this list.

Charity	Purpose	Further Information
Friends of Avening School (FOAS)	FOAS raises money to help with various projects and activities at the school.	01453 833191
Horsefall House	Provides nursing care for residents, a Day Centre 6 days a week Home Care and meals on Wheels in the local area.	01453 721327
Hop, Skip & Jump Foundation	Provide high quality respite care for children and young adults with disabilities and SEN	hoskipandjump.org.uk Claire Taverner 01453 836390 marcoms@hoskipandjump.org.uk
Mark Townsend Charitable Trust	Providing help for young people with mental health issues	themarktownsend-charitabletrust.com 01453 832799
Friends of Little Stars	Fundraising and support for Little Stars School for underprivileged children in Varanasi, India	Kieran Archer 01453 832992 littlestarsschool.org
Avening Church of England Educational Fund	To support and promote the education of those under the age of 25 resident in the parish of Avening.	Stephanie Hamilton, 07796 981308
Longfields	Supporting any adult affected by life-limiting illness to live well; to die well; and to care well.	01453886868 day.services@longfield.org.uk

Avening Playgroup

January was a very challenging month for playgroup. So many people seemed to have been struck down with a nasty flu virus which has completely floored them. Unfortunately two of our three members of staff were too unwell to come to work, so for the first time in the 13 years that I have been playleader, playgroup had to close. We have always opened when it has snowed and staff come in on their days off if playgroup needs them so that playgroup can open. There are a lot of statutory requirements that playgroup has to follow, so unfortunately we had to close on some days. We are very grateful to our parents who were really supportive, and sincerely hope that it will be another 13 years before it happens again!

The children have been very busy. Jigsaws are very popular at the moment as we are learning about letters and numbers. The older children have been really enjoying making up stories in pairs or in groups of three, which a member of staff writes on our new white board and reads back to all of the children. The children have also enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year and making Valentines cards.

If you have a child that you would like to join playgroup do phone us any morning on 01453 832695 or email us at aveningplaygroup@gmail.com

Debbie Brown

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		3		9	7			
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(Answers on page 34)

Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contains all of the digits 1 to 9.

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Across

1. Anteater (8)
4. Parts of a play (4)
8. Unfathomable (7)
10. Declare invalid (5)
11. Permit (5)
12. Mariner (7)
13. Denunciation (6)
15. Polar region (6)
19. Amalgamated (7)
21. Publish (5)
23. Din (5)
24. Aromatic herb (7)
25. Hazard (4)
26. Edible snail (8)

Down

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| 1. Intransigent (7) | 6. Storage towers (5) | 17. Cigar (7) |
| 2. Majestic (5) | 7. Cab (4) | 18. Detestable (6) |
| 3. Gusto (6) | 9. Darned (5) | 19. Relating to an arm bone (5) |
| 5. Devise or invent (7) | 14. Dried grapes (7) | 20. Notion (4) |
| | 16. Salary increase (5) | 22. Vernacular (5) |

The Minchinhampton Players

NEW REVUE 'HOME GROAN' PROMISES PLENTY OF LAUGHTER

The latest outing by the town's new am-dram group sees The Minchinhampton Players tackling humorous songs and sketches in an original revue entitled 'Home Groan', which is being staged at the Market House for two nights on the 23rd and 24th March.

Written by members of the cast, the material (some of which has been pre-filmed) is based around the general theme of Minchinhampton and its environs. Expect plenty of references to cows, the Common and non-operational pubs and enjoy a Good Old Days atmosphere courtesy of an alarmingly alliterative Music Hall-style MC.

There will be a licensed bar and profits from the production will be donated towards the upkeep of the Market House. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

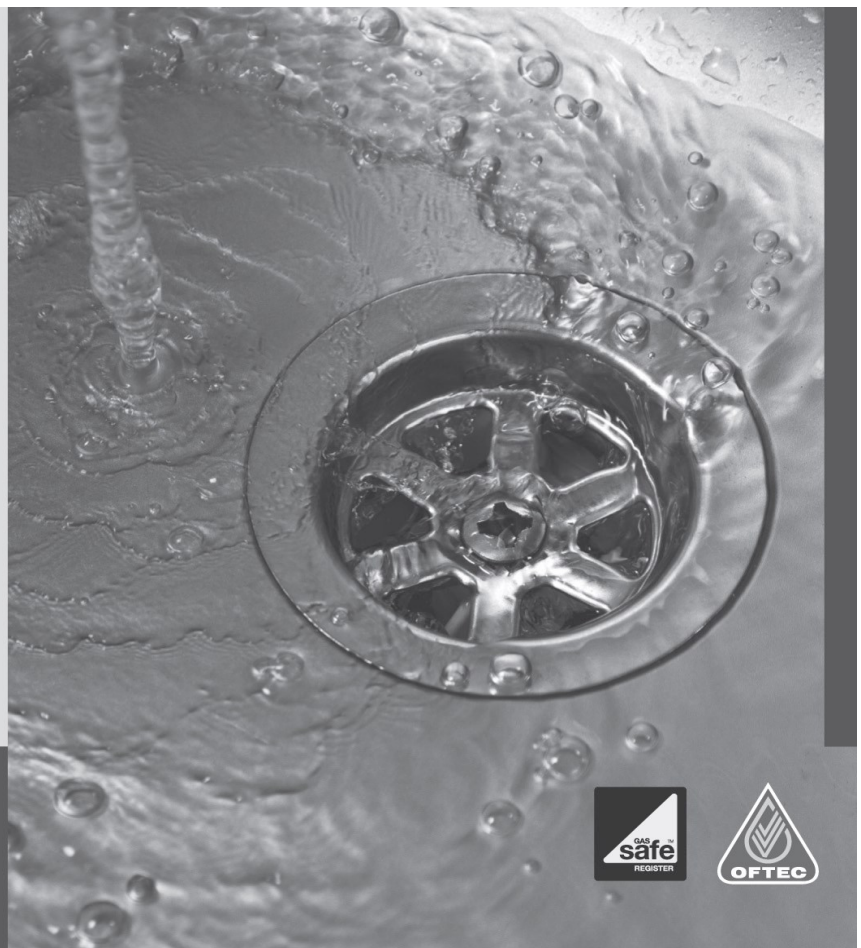
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Nailsworth Festival 19th – 27th May 2018

The Nailsworth Festival for 2018 is fast approaching. As ever, there will be entertainment and a market in the town on Festival Saturday (19th May), starting at 10am and then a week of acts, talks and activities designed to appeal to all.

The Temperance Seven, on their Diamond Jubilee Tour, will headline on Festival Saturday evening. Events across the week will feature the Tippett Quartet; a talk on “Votes for women in the Cotswolds” by Dr Sue Jones; an evening with Sir Richard Eyre; Withering Looks comedy theatre, Latin music and much more.

There is Funky Munky Music for very young children; a Footie Fest for youngsters between 8 and 16 and ‘Riding the Bounds’ for horse riders of all ages. A number of exhibitions will be held including ‘Education in Nailsworth’ and a ‘Quilt Show with Musical Interludes’. There will also be an exhibition by the artist John Furnival, as featured in last month’s edition of Nailsworth News. Stroudwater Textiles will be opening Gigg Mill and Dunkirk Mill.

New for 2018:

- Egypt Mill will be putting on a Pre-Festival Party Night on Friday 18th May with one of Gloucestershire’s liveliest bands ‘The Bridge’.
- Woodchester Valley Vineyard will be offering a special tour & tasting event to celebrate Nailsworth Festival and English Wine Week.

A full programme of activities will be on the Festival website www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk. You can also follow the Festival on Facebook and Twitter.

TONY’S CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS

AT

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1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH



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Many of you will already be familiar with the Fairtrade mark, and make a choice to

seek it out and buy Fairtrade products when you can. Can I encourage you to continue to make your Fairtrade purchases, perhaps try something new and encourage others to do the same particularly during Fairtrade Fortnight 2018? A wide range of Fairtrade products is available in local supermarkets.

It is thanks to the ongoing support of the public and campaigners that an increasing number of farmers in developing countries are now selling their products on Fairtrade terms, bringing them a stable income, and the chance to trade their way out of poverty. In addition, they earn the Fairtrade Premium, which they invest as the farmer-owned co-operative democratically chooses, in projects that will benefit their business or community.

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Jennie South

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Avening Youth Club

What is it? Fun for anyone aged 8 to 14 from Avening, Nags Head, and Cherington.

When is it on? Every Tuesday in term time from 6 to 7.30 pm.

Where? At the Memorial Hall

How much does it cost? Just £1 a time to include a healthy snack.

Just come along and see what's what. We'll make you welcome.

Here's the programme for March:

6th March - Build an indoor den. If you'd like, bring things to make your den a lovely, comfortable space, and torches so you can see what you're eating at tuck time! We'll have things too so don't worry if you don't have anything to bring.

13th March – Be active and join in some fun games to help keep you fit.

20th March – Bring and share evening. Bring something that means something to you and share its story with the others. We'll have some active time too.

27th March – Trashion Show. What fashion outfits can you make with recycled items? Bring colourful magazines or whatever you have to hand to add some pzazz to yours.

We'll let you know in the next Villager what's on in April. You can find us on Facebook – look for Avening Youth Club - for the programme and pictures of our activities.

For parents or carers: The Youth Club is run by The Door (find their website at www.thedoor.org.uk). They provide a qualified and experienced Youth Worker. You just need to leave an emergency contact number when you drop your young person off. If they come on their own, we need them to give us a number to contact.

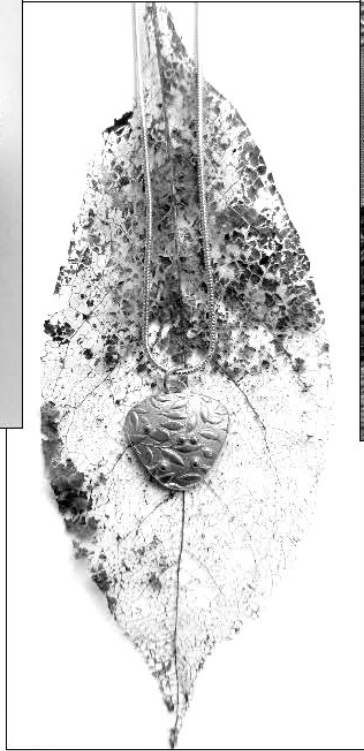
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Avening School

This year, we head to ‘Neverland’ for World Book Day!

We are already into the second half of spring half term and school is getting ready to celebrate the ‘written word’ on World Book Day on 1st March. This year we have decided to choose the children’s classic Peter Pan as our focus for the day. We look forward to welcoming pirates, fairies, crocodiles, dogs, lost boys, Peters and Wendys to school for a day of literary fun which will include a walking the plank obstacle course, a treasure hunt in Neverland, and devising and re-telling the classic tale using music. Photos to follow in next month’s article!

Last month, the Kestrels class (y1/2) paid a visit to the Nature in Art museum in Gloucester where they made beautiful clay and wire sculptures. Using our new school tablet computers they were able to film a video on how they made their artwork. Then, during the last week before half term, they proudly presented their work to their parents in the form of their own art gallery and were able to share their recordings of how they created their works of art.

This is just one example of how beneficial to learning the new technology has been, which school has been able to purchase thanks to the generosity of the local community and local businesses. The new technology is in the form of a tower of 16 laptops and 16 tablets which can be easily transported from one class to the other on wheels, enabling all of the children to use them. Our Avening Primary School IT (APSIT) campaign to raise money for IT continues as we hope to purchase more computers at some point enabling more children to use them at any one time.

As we head towards Easter, the children are starting to plan their acts for this year’s talent show which will be held during the last week of term. This annual event is an opportunity for the children to entertain each other and share their own unique talents with one another without the pressure of an external audience.

A new addition has been made to our after school clubs for this half term with the introduction of ‘Nature Club’ in preparation for this year’s inter-schools Nature Quiz.

Our pre-school Fledglings sessions will resume after the half term break from 2 – 3pm in the school garden every Friday (with the exception of 9th March). Please contact the school office for more information on these sessions. Anyone with a pre-school child is welcome to attend.

For further information about this busy place of learning please see our school website: www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk

Alex Adcock

Too small for school?

Come and join Fledglings at Avening Primary School



Who? Pre-school children aged 0-4 years
(children must be accompanied by an adult)

Where? Avening Primary School Garden

When? Every Friday 2pm-3pm
23rd February, 2nd March, 16th March, 23rd March

**Please note there will be no Fledglings on 9th March due to staff training*

How much? Voluntary contribution of £2.00



Explore our lovely school garden through activities such as den building, pond dipping and outdoor crafts.

Make pies in the mud kitchen, toast some marshmallows on our fire, run around and make new friends.

You may get wet and muddy, so please wear appropriate clothing!



Contact Avening Primary School on 01453 833191 for more information.

Down to Earth

Well, long overdue it may be, but the conversation has at last begun. I mean, of course, not only about plastic but also about the connection between our ever-increasing intake of processed or factory foods and our state of health. And where else to look for some remedy or relief but in the garden.



Garden Pearl cherry tomatoes

Yet again, we are reminded that we – or, rather, the population at large – are buying and consuming far too much processed food – too much for our own good. Well, to change our buying habits is easy and it is easy, too, in season, to grow our own. Even with a patio plot it is possible to raise the odd lettuce, tomatoes, salad greens and French dwarf beans. Every year I grow a dozen or so tumbler or trailing tomato plants. The fruits may be small, - cherry-sized and cherry-red - but the picking season is long. I grow 'Garden Pearl' from Kings and they are reliably prolific.

Three plants to a large pot and they trail happily over the sides. Chiltern seeds are selling a dwarf French bean called 'Traviata' which, they say, are 'perfect for planting in a pot and should produce masses of beans – up to 90 on one plant.' Radishes and carrots (especially the stump varieties) can be grown in a pot, and I have known people to have some success with potatoes raised in a sack (preferably not plastic though that may be inevitable).

Think small-scale. Share seed packets with a friend – or, better still, ask for some spare seedlings from a gardener who enjoys a bigger plot. Generous gardeners are all around. Just approach one with a winning smile. And get the children involved!

News comes from Down To Earth offspring in London of community gardens. (Of course, they must exist elsewhere too.) The Roehampton Garden Society organised the planting of Putney's first Community Orchard in December and another site, donated by the local authority, was planted up this February with fifteen small trees. The Orchard Project works across the country, dedicating its efforts to 'the creation, restoration and celebration of community orchards'. This set me wondering whether anything similar could be done on the small, unused plots in our village. Anybody interested?

Since the beginning of October last my garden has been neglected, abandoned.

Scarcely have I planted any bulbs. Yet, one small tree, planted by me when we arrived, perched on a bank, has delighted with a covering of pretty, yellow clusters of bloom: the cornus mas, or Cornelian cherry. The summer foliage is indifferent but in autumn it changes to a purply-bronze. Quite subtly striking. Every garden needs at least one small tree or shrub that flowers in winter. The viburnum bodnantense 'Dawn' is another good one which is also fragrant, as is the lonicera fragrantissima 'Winter Beauty'.



Cornus mas (Cornelian cherry)

It's been a dreary, chilly winter in which garden-visiting has held minimal appeal. Yet there are other paths down which an interest in gardens may take you.



*Choir stalls in All Saints'
Brockhampton*

I went recently, with my AG, to the delightful little Arts and Crafts church at Brockhampton (just north of Ross-on-Wye), All Saints' Church, designed by William R. Lethaby and completed in 1902. Step inside this thatched church with its two towers and look around you. (It does help to read the notes on the AS Church web-site!) Look at the forty-eight panels carved with wild flowers on the front of the choir stalls. This theme is taken up by the anonymously donated embroidered altar frontal which is on display at the rear of the church and the embroidered seat covers and hymnal covers.

We are told that many of these flowers can be spotted in the churchyard. Unassuming, charming and uplifting.

So, an interest in gardening can be so much more than a spade, some secateurs and the purchase of plants from a nursery. It is fashionable (besides being true!) to say that it is good for us. But, equally importantly, it should make us connect as people, exchanging ideas as well as cuttings and discovering it in art. Importantly and urgently, we must learn how to effect an improvement in the environmental mess that our demented materialism has led us into.

Marilyn Jones

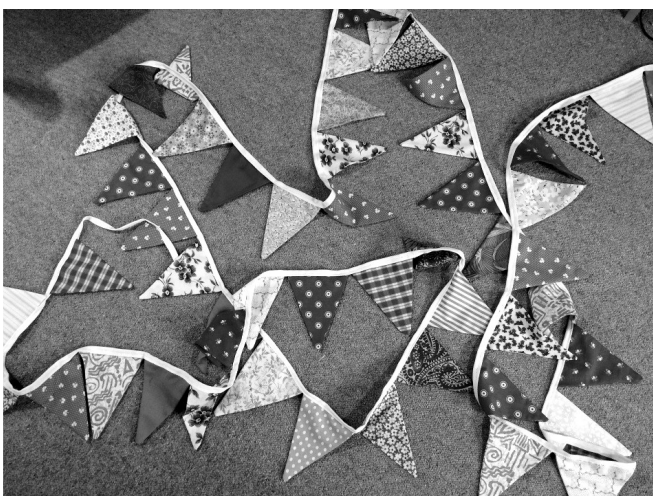
Avening W.I.

Our speaker for February was Jan Ryder of Longfield, Minchinhampton, who gave a very good presentation on the excellent work done by the hospice to enable adults to live well with life-limiting illness. All services, including art and craft sessions, counselling and nursing care at home, are provided free of charge and more than 80% of the charity's income is raised from the general public through the shops and fundraising activities. Volunteers are also welcomed to help with a variety of tasks and activities.



Several members enjoyed a fun morning at the Social Club making bunting to use at future events. A production line of cutters, sewers, turners and ironers produced over 150 bunting flags in a range of green and white materials.

With Spring just around the corner we are looking forward to resuming our monthly walks and are planning one for March, a circular route from Frampton-on-Severn including a stretch along the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal and finishing with a pub lunch.



Our speaker for March is Celia Hargrave talking about the transformation of her garden in Sheepscombe. Celia was recently awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List. Visitors are welcome to join us to hear her talk entitled 'A Cotswold Garden' at our meeting on Thursday March 8th 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall.

Helen Haiselden

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Elsie's FGR Experience

On Tuesday 13th of February my dad and I wandered up to Forest Green Rovers to see them play against Stevenage.

In the beginning it started quite messy you couldn't tell who the dominant team was. A little later, the Rovers were looking fairly dominant, having the large majority of possession. However, the referee certainly shocked the crowd many times during this match making some very questionable decisions. One of these decisions gave Stevenage a free kick just outside of the box and the free kick resulted in a goal for Stevenage putting them 1-0 up in the 25th minute.

Not long later, Isaiah Osbourne was making a run through the centre of the pitch when a Stevenage player came crashing into his legs leading him to get a red card and getting sent straight off of the pitch. Luckily, Isaiah just needed a couple of minutes off the pitch and then he was able to come on and play the rest of the game, despite his injury.

Nearer the end of the first half, Reuben Reid scored an amazing goal in the 45th minute levelling out the game for the second half. And we weren't going to mess around in the second half; we were straight into the attacking end. After a scramble around the goal, Farrend Rawson found his feet and hit it right into the back of the net putting us 2-1 up. Although, if we wanted to make sure we were going to win we needed to get another goal which happened to be in the 80th minute with Christian Doidge getting the last touch on a free-kick set up by Isaiah Osbourne. After 6 minutes of extra time we were glad to hear the final whistle blow. FGR were going away with another 3 points to help them stay clear of the relegation zone.

Overall it was a great game and a back to back win for the rovers since their last match against Coventry. Hope they keep up the great play.

COME ON YOU ROVERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Who it's against	Date!	Time!	Home or Away!
Crewe	3 rd March	3:00pm	A
Notts County	10 th March	3:00pm	H
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Yeovil	30 th March	3:00pm	A

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Avening Cinema Club

Next film will be

Loving Vincent

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7.30pm, Avening Memorial Hall

In a story depicted in oil painted animation, a young man comes to the last hometown of painter Vincent van Gogh to deliver the troubled artist's final letter and ends up investigating his final days there.

Directors: Dorota Kobiela, Hugh Welchman

Writers: Dorota Kobiela, Hugh Welchman

Stars: Douglas Booth, Jerome Flynn, Robert Gulaczyk

Admission £4.00 (refreshments on offer)



THERE WILL BE NO FILM IN APRIL

Kristiane Maseyk

Editor's Note: Is there anyone out there who enjoys films and would like to write a review of the film(s) on offer? It doesn't have to be every film - and not always the same person. And we're not expecting a dissertation-length treatise! Don't ask our permission - just send in your thoughts on the latest offering.

As a starter, here's a review of this month's film.

Loving Vincent: This is an absolutely beautiful film. It's like walking through a series of van Gogh's paintings in all their glorious colour, but instead of being static, the sunflowers are waving in the breeze, the stars are twinkling and the setting sun is spinning on the horizon. It tells the story of the painter's final days, and has a 'whodunnit' element which keeps you watching, even if you are not mesmerised by the clever animation which involved 125 artists hand painting each frame in oils, using the same techniques as van Gogh. The characters, who all feature in his paintings, are played by actors, some well known (Poldark's Aiden Turner makes a cameo appearance), but their movements have been painted over to create the animation, so van Gogh's paintings truly come to life. I really recommend this film as a wonderful, warm, stunning visual experience; I loved every second of it.

Jane Whaley



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Avening Parish Council



Some of the issues raised at the meeting are listed below:

New Signs

We have requested a new sign for Powis Lane to try to reduce the number of vehicles accessing the lane and becoming stuck! The wrongly positioned Point Road sign has now been moved.

Village Events

Planning has begun on the following forthcoming village events:

Village AGM and party Sunday 13 May 2018: This will follow a similar format to last year with lots of activities, stalls, music, refreshments and general fun! We'd like to hear from anyone who would like to exhibit.

Pig Face Day Saturday 15 September 2018: This celebration will involve a service, music and a feast!

WW1 Centenary Event Saturday 10th November 2018: As part of this event, we are planning a film and photography projection onto the church wall at dusk, followed by a show in the hall.

Highways Issues

There was much discussion about potholes and general road maintenance. We do have a list of specific issues logged with the highways department, and are in contact with them on a regular basis to try to speed up repairs and resolve the ongoing issues.

Planning Applications

Ref. No: 17/04280/FUL: Construction of a 30 metre x 60 metre riding arena - Longmans Barn Farm Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NH

Status: Application Withdrawn

Ref. No: 17/04888/FUL: Erection of first floor side extension - The Maltings 2 Woodstock Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NG

Status: Application Permitted

Ref. No: 17/00216/FUL: Erection of a detached live/work unit together with off-road parking and other ancillary development (alternative to previously approved scheme) - 11A High Street Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LU

Status: Application Permitted

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 15 March 2018** 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Agendas will be displayed on the village notice boards. Minutes of our meetings are available to view at www.avening-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk or by phone: 01452 770792 07866 297098 (mobile).

Small Ads

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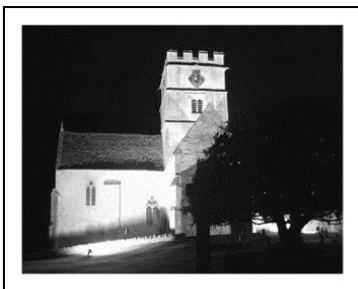
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9th February In memory of **Joan Newman** on her birthday, from all the family and on:

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The church will be floodlit on:

10th March on the first anniversary of the death of **Dennis Howell**, who is sorely missed and forever in our thoughts. Love from Joyce, Nick, Lisa and families

22nd March To mark the 50th anniversary of the death of **Sidney Tanner**.
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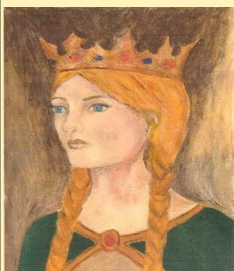
If you would like to have this in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event, contact

Paul Brown 01453 835 983.

The cost is £10 for 2 hours

Church Services

	Holy Cross Avening	St Nicholas Cherington
March 1 st	7.00 pm Quiet Time & Compline	Welcome at Avening
March 4 th	11.00am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist
March 8 th	7.00 pm Quiet Time & Compline	Welcome at Avening
March 11 th	11.00am Mothering Day Service	9.30am Mothering Day Service
March 15 th	7.00 pm Quiet Time & Compline	Welcome at Avening
March 18 th	11.00am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist
March 22 nd	7.00 pm Quiet Time & Compline	Welcome at Avening
March 25 th	11.00am Palm Sunday Eucharist	Welcome at Avening
March 26 th	7.00pm Lessons and Carols for Holy Week (Beverston)	
March 27 th	7.00pm Taizé Service (St Saviours Tetbury)	
March 28 th	7.00pm Stations of the Cross (Long Newton)	
March 29 th	7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service (St Mary Tetbury)	
March 30 th	11.00am Walk of Witness (Gospel Hall, Hampton St, Tetbury)	
March 30 th	2.00pm Tenebrae Service	Welcome at Avening
March 31 st	9.00pm Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter (St Mary Tetbury)	
April 1 st	11.00am Easter Eucharist	9.30am Easter Eucharist
April 8 th	8.00am Said Eucharist 5.00pm Evensong	Welcome at Avening



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Saturday 10th March	Cherington Litter Pick	Meet at Village Hall	10.00am
Wednesday 7th March	Avening Cinema Club	Memorial Hall Avening	7.30pm
March 23/24	Minchinhampton Players HOME GROAN	Market House Minchinhampton	evenings
Sunday 13th May	Avening AGM and Show	Memorial Hall and around the village	tbc
Sunday June 10th	Avening Church Fete	Church, School & Memorial Hall	2.00pm onwards
Sunday 22 nd July	Cherington Show	All around the village	
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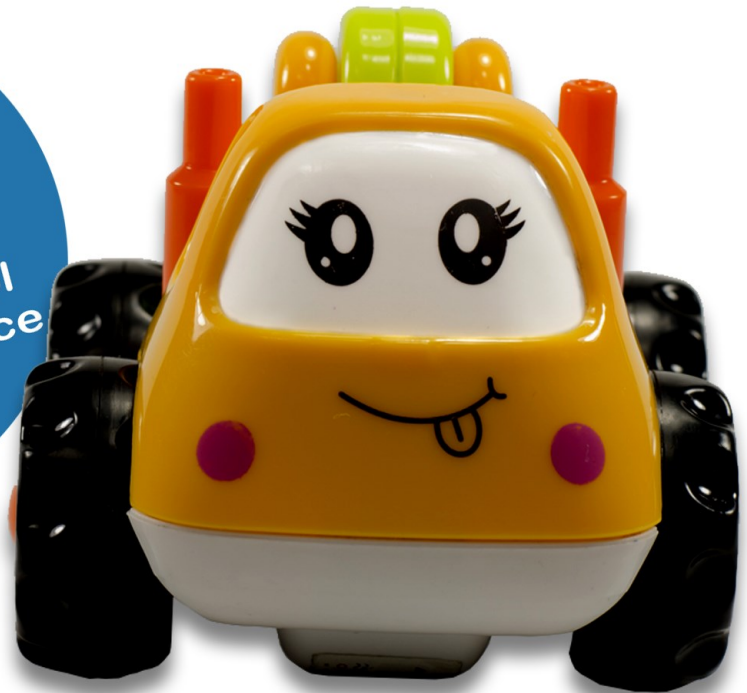
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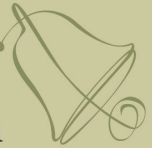
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