

# The Villager

A Magazine for Avening, Cherington  
and Nags Head



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HOLY CROSS CHURCH AVENING

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

FOLLOWED BY A BRING AND SHARE BUFFET LUNCH

ON SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER AT 11-00 AM

# October 2018

One of the best things about this last month was the celebration of Pig Face Day on 15th September. You will see the enthusiastic account of the event in an article by Nicholas Winkfield in this edition of the Villager.

Not only is it worthwhile to re-tell the quaint story of the origins of the Feast, but, perhaps more importantly, it provides an opportunity for us to get together, share a meal and enjoy a sense of community. Those of us, who were able to come, had a very happy evening and as Nicholas said it would be wonderful if even more came next time.

Avening Angels continue to flourish. They are another great example of a village group, going from strength to strength. They are much in demand, with weddings a particular forte. New members are always welcome. It is particularly hoped that more men may feel they would like to join!

***The Villager Editors***

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## **Photographs in The Villager Magazine**

Many thanks to **Jane Archer** for this lovely photo of King William and Queen Matilda (aka Tony and Mandy Slater) on Pig's Face Day. 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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# *Fieldfare Café* at Thistledown Farm



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# Regular Activities 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	12.00 to 1.00pm	opposite 65, Sunground	J. Clutterbuck 01453 542754
Churchyard tidy up	Tuesday fortnightly	6.00 - 7.00pm	Holy Cross churchyard	Rev. Gerald 01453 834884
Cherington PC	Tuesday	6.00pm	Village Hall	Beverley 01453 832100
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Andrew 01453 835783
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Avening Youth Club	Every Tuesday in term time	6.00—7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Rev. Gerald 01453 834884
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
Summer Skittles	Friday	8.00pm	Social club	Derrick Ind 01453 835752
Charity Quiz	1st Saturday each month	8.00pm	The Bell	
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4.00pm	Various	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090





Many thanks to Jean Yates, a visitor to the Village and Pig's Face Day, for some of these photos.



# **Pig's Face Feast Celebrations**

## **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Revd. Gerald gave a lovely Pig's Face Feast service to a rather splendid King William the Conqueror, his lovely wife Queen Matilda and the congregation of motley, but fabulously dressed Normans. He clearly explained how the ancient tradition of the Pigs Face Feast came about (a feast for the builders on the consecration of the building), this being illustrated by delightful renditions from the younger members of the congregation giving snapshots of dialogue through the ages.

Alison and I then rather wondered how on earth we managed to find ourselves at the head of the procession from the Church down to the Village Hall. It started off a teeny bit chaotic, but good fun (the obligatory recurring theme): just as the service ended when we were handed a flaming torch and were the first ones ushered out the Church door by Piers (seemingly knowing more than we did, and looking rather fetching in his Norman tights) into the autumn sunshine. We were dressed up in our very best Norman clothes (all done in rather a hurry from our family dressing up box) but were frankly a little uncertain of how fast to go down the path, exactly where we were going and who was coming with us..... We were followed by Kim and Piers also with torches and the King and Queen, with 'Sister' Click in nun's garb carrying an all-to-real pig's face on a platter. And so we set off, Eddie madly taking photos, the rest of the Normans following, at a regal pace, down the Church path, along Church Lane and to the entrance of village hall. We got a few odd looks from the bunch sitting outside the Bell having a drink, then settled ourselves into the wonderfully decorated hall, being served up hog roast, salads and appropriate mead to accompany. I later spoke to Sid, aged 93, head chef of the Hog Roasters, ex-long term resident of Avening (he went to the village school), who remembers some time back when huge numbers of outsiders arrived in buses to attend the Pigs Face Feast, must have been quite something (see page 22 For more about that!)

What a fine event, thank you to all who made both the Church service and the Feast itself happen, particularly to the Parish Council, and long may this very special tradition last. If you were sitting on the fence about coming and didn't quite make it this time, do make an effort next time and, as we found, you will be very warmly welcomed, although don't forget to come up with something from your dressing up box beforehand.....

***Nicholas Winkfield***



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**Avening Church: [www.aveningchurch.info](http://www.aveningchurch.info)**

**Cherington Parish Council: [cheringtonpc.org.uk](http://cheringtonpc.org.uk).**

**Cherington Village: [www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk)**

**Cotswold District Council: [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk)**



# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



I enjoyed being King for a day – hopefully I haven't let the power go to my head (my Queen would tell me if it had)! Pig Face Day is unique to Avening, and dates back over 1,000 years, so it was great to be part of such a successful event this year. As always, it's the people who make these things happen, so thanks to Click, Christine, Eddie, Gerald and everyone else involved – Hopefully it will be back and even better in 2020.

We've still got lots to look forward to as we get deeper into autumn, with the WW1 celebrations on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November – an outdoor (hopefully) light and sound show based on the stories of our local heroes; followed by a show and sing along in the Memorial Hall. The formal service of remembrance is on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We have also set the date for the Christmas Tree lighting – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, with the lantern procession this time leading to the Social Club for snacks and drinks afterwards.

Our county and district councillors are really coming up trumps for us, and are helping us with grants for WW1, and for a new youth initiative aimed at teenagers – more of that when we have the details. There may also be funds to support the new coffee morning initiative that was successfully kicked off by Jennie South – again, more details will follow when the café is ready to open for business.

At the playing field, we are finalising quotes for the fence around the play equipment; and will be having a meeting soon to plan the consultation of the revised improvement proposal – do keep your comments coming in. Still at the playing field, we were notified of an incident recently where a child was injured by a dog jumping up at her. Following a unanimous vote, we will be putting up signs requesting owners keep their dogs on leads. When the aforementioned fence is in place, the play equipment area will be a strictly dog-free zone.

The hall roof appeal has been well received, and we will have forms available at all of our events for you to share your stories, or just to make a donation – they are also available to download from the website.

I was sad to be notified that our clerk will be leaving us in the new year. Sue will be a hard act to follow, but the part time role is varied, busy and interesting. We will be advertising for a replacement, but do get in touch with Sue or me if you would like to know more.

***Tony Slater AKA King William of Normandy***

**Saturday 10th November**  
**Avening Armistice**  
**Celebrations**

**5pm**

**Avening Church**  
**Son et Lumiere in Remembrance**  
**of the ending of WWI**

**6.30 - 11pm**

**Avening Memorial Hall**  
**Celebrate the music and dance of**  
**the 100 years since the end WW1 -**  
**From the Charleston to Ed Sheeran!**  
**Featuring performances by people**  
**representing a variety of village groups -**  
**but there is always room for more.**  
**If you would like to take part please**



# Avening and Cherington Churches



## **“Tea and Tissues”, 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

Over twenty parents and some pre-schoolers joined us in church (‘the café on the hill’) for refreshments and a chat after leaving their children at school for the first day of term. Our thanks go to those who helped and those who came – it was particularly good to welcome some parents who are new Avening residents.

## **Avening Harvest Festival, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00 am.**

Our celebration will be followed by a bring and share lunch – please liaise with Stephanie (07796 981308) about food to avoid imbalance. Please also bring items for the Tetbury Foodbank, particularly urgently needed are: Tinned fish, Long-life milk, Tinned vegetables, Biscuits, Instant mash/tinned potatoes, Rice pudding, Long-life sponge pudding, Long-life juice, Tinned fruit, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta, Teabags. [At present these are not required: Beans, Sanitary products, Tinned meat.]

## **Queen Matilda and the Celebration Service. 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

Medieval costumes (and the odd stray Viking) filled the church for the service to celebrate the founding of our church by Queen Matilda. Some of our youngsters, Dermot, Florence and Louis, led us through a potted version of its history.

Below is an adapted version of the address given by Gerald South:

In the Old Testament story of Jacob’s dream he saw a ladder stretching from earth to heaven. In biblical times that may well have made literal sense to people as the prevailing world view was of a three layered universe with us in the middle layer and heaven as the upper layer. These days we have a very different perspective with a universe so vast that it takes light billions of years to traverse it.

Nevertheless the story still holds a symbolic resonance for many – life is not just surface deep, there is a ‘beyond’ which is metaphorically ‘above’ us. Some places are described as ‘thin’ – where we seem to be particularly close to the ‘beyond’. For many of us this church is such a place, the walls are dripping with the prayers of centuries and the memories of countless baptisms, weddings, funerals and acts of worship: our mundane lives are brought into contact with the very depth of existence.

St Paul wrote to those in Ephesus, explaining what a Christian community should be like, he used the picture language of a building with the solid foundations of the wisdom of those who had gone before, and held together by Jesus of Nazareth, the one who shows us as much of the nature of our creator as we humans can take on board.

I recently saw this quote: 'Church is not somewhere I go, it is a community of which I can be a member'. All of us may, consider ourselves members and the church exists to serve the community in any appropriate ways that it can.

Central is the regular worship week by week which strengthens and encourages us for whatever the coming days may have in store for us individually. Some of you are often here on those occasions, others of you may well have reasons not to be – wherever you may be on your spiritual journey I would always be pleased to have a conversation with you.

### From the Church Registers

31 <sup>st</sup> August	Thanksgiving Service for Mary Uzzell (Cherington)
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Wedding of Claire Amos and Greg Stanley (Avening)
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Funeral and burial of Margaret Hamilton (Avening)
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Thanksgiving service for Doreen Sillars (Cherington)
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Funeral and burial of Christine Mills (Cherington)

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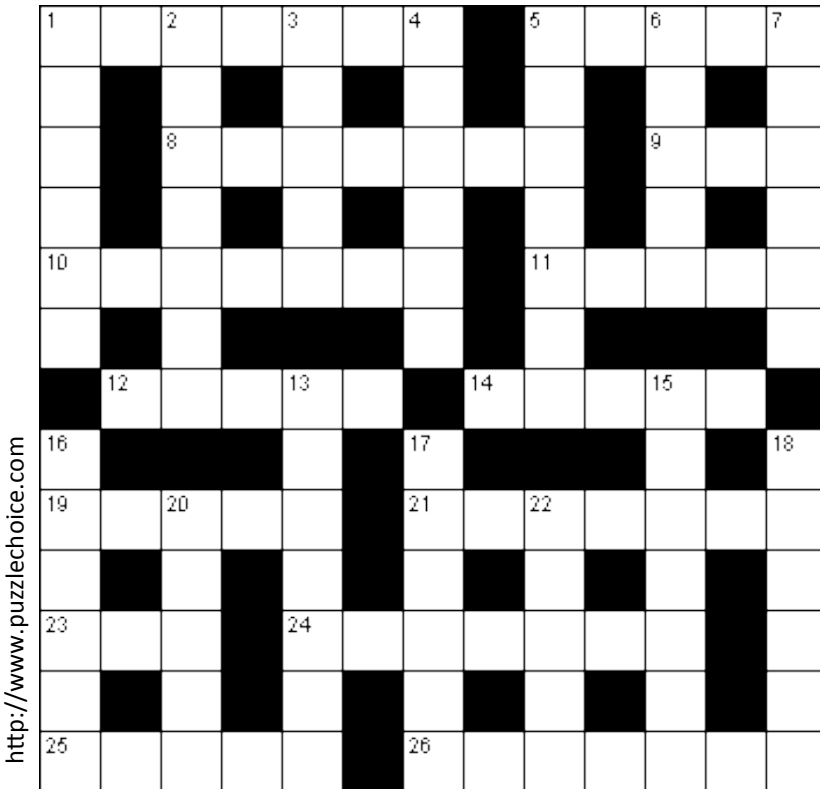
## Church Services and Events

October	Holy Cross Avening	St Nicholas Cherington
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12.30-1.00 Praying the Parishes (Avening Rectory)	
7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Harvest Festival	9.30 am Eucharist
10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm PCC Meeting	
14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am Eucharist (Said) 11.15 am Baptism 5.30 pm Evening Prayer (Said)	9.30 am All Age Service
17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm Compline	
20 <sup>th</sup>		10.00 am PCC Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Morning Prayer
28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist and Baptism	9.30 am Eucharist
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am All Saints Eucharist 3.30 pm All Souls' Service	9.30 am All Saints Eucharist



# Puzzle Corner

(Answers on page 33)



## Across

1. Requested the presence of someone (7)
5. Prominent (5)
8. Closest (7)
9. Compete for something (3)
10. Expressed mirth (7)
11. Scope (5)
12. Started (5)
14. Mentally responsive (5)
19. Inexpensive (5)
21. Imaginary creature (7)
23. Pasture (3)
24. Bulwark (7)
25. Pay out (5)
26. Proposition deducible from

## Down

1. Models of excellence (6)
2. Speculation (7)
3. Impart skills or knowledge (5)
4. Is afraid of (6)
5. Actual (7)
6. Corvine bird (5)
7. Cricket team (6)
13. Had a lofty goal (7)
15. Adult male chicken (7)
16. Weighing machine (6)
17. Pinnacle (6)
18. Apprise (6)
20. Efface (5)
22. Visual representation (5)

## 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.

9			1	3				2
		6	5			7		4
	4	8		6	2			
		7			1	9		8
		2	8		9	4		
8		9	4			1		
			2	4		8	6	
7		4			5	2		
2				1	6			7

# Community Café in Avening

## Update!

The lack of a focal point in the village for those who spend most of their time here clearly resonated with people. In addition to the twenty or so people who met to see if a Community Café might begin to fill the gap there were a good number of others who responded positively with emails, and in conversations. This is a really great start. Thank you all! Here is a progress report!



The September Villager said that we would be looking at the ‘What, Where, and When?’

**What?** A quick brain storm brought a plethora of ideas. From the top of the list: serve really good coffee, warm welcome, newspapers, inclusive and then really letting our imaginations fly Wi Fi, selling garden produce.

**Where?** There is no available community space in Avening so we would be reliant on the willingness and cooperation of another village organisation to share their space on a regular basis for a café. We are currently following up on possibilities and hopeful that there will be a favourable outcome so that we can make a start. Start small and grow slowly was going to be fine!

**When?** The general feeling was that to make an impact and build a ‘following’ it would need to be weekly. The day we go for will depend on the availability of the venue and the volunteers.

**Next Steps** From those at the meeting we now have a steering group who represent a good cross section of ‘interested parties’ -home workers, parents of school age children, and the retired. They will be meeting to begin to address some of the next steps. We already have the start of a pool of volunteers to join a rota and make cakes. However, we will need lots more so if you would like to help with this or indeed in any other way please get in touch.

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***Community Café Steering Group***



# CHERINGTON VILLAGE CHRISTMAS 2018



SATURDAY DECEMBER 8th  
5 pm Christingle Service at St Nicholas Church  
Followed by the lighting of the  
**Cherington Christmas Tree on the Green**  
( approximately 5.45 pm)  
And after .....drinks and mince pies in the  
Village Hall  
Do join us to start our village celebrations

We have made it early so our  
youngsters can come before  
bedtime and the grown ups before  
supper !



# Avening Playgroup

First of all we would like to welcome all the children who are starting at playgroup this term. We hope that they and their families enjoy their time with us. Also, a big welcome back to all the children who were with us before the summer holiday. There is already a big difference in their confidence, now that they are the 'older' children.

So far, this term, we have been looking at ourselves and discussing what we look like, what colour our eyes and hair are as well counting how many fingers and ears we have. We have had lots of fun singing and doing the actions to 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'. The children have also painted some lovely pictures of themselves.

We are now able to tell you about our OFSTED inspection which took place on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. Overall we were given a '**Good**' judgement, which was the same as our previous inspection in October 2014. The individual areas were judged as follows:

Here are some quotes from the report:

<b>Effectiveness of the leadership and management</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Quality of teaching, learning and assessment</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Personal development, behaviour and welfare</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Outcomes for children</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>2</b>

"Staff ensure they fully meet children's individual needs and prepare them really well for their move on to school."

"The playgroup has a very caring and nurturing ethos."

"Children are confident and capable and visibly flourish."

"Children are motivated to learn."

If you have child who will be three years old during the coming school year and you would like them to join our playgroup, please contact us on 01453 832695 or email us at [aveningplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.com).

## Thank you, Church supporters

Avening and Cherington Churches would like to thank the many people who contribute to the life of our churches in often unnoticed ways.

Personal invitations are being sent out to many to join us for coffee and cakes but if we should miss you please come along – we would be delighted to see you.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30 a.m.**

**Avening Church**

# Avening W.I.

Avening WI is certainly thriving as we celebrate our 88<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. The many and varied events being organised over the next few months by our hard working committee include walks, social skittles evenings, craft and flower arranging workshops, catering functions, outings and a quiz. This is all in addition to our interesting monthly meetings.

Several of our talented members recently made some beautiful applique apples to enhance the Tree of Life on a new wall hanging being displayed at Rodmarton Manor. The photo shows the finished panels.



At our September meeting, Dick Robinson gave a moving presentation about his Great Aunt Edie's experiences as a QA sister on the front in the First World War. The extracts from her diaries showed that she faced the harrowing task of nursing the wounded soldiers with good humour, compassion and the determination to make the best of the situation. Full details of Edith Appleton and her diaries can be found at [www.anurseatthefront.org.uk](http://www.anurseatthefront.org.uk)

Our next speaker is Malcolm Lewis with a presentation entitled 'From Pop Star to Opera Star'. This is the story and music of a UK pop heart-throb of the 50's and 60's who went from having a Top Ten hit to topping the bill in opera houses around the world. If you would like to find out who this was, please join us on Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

Villagers and friends are also welcome to join us on our annual Christmas shopping coach trip, which this year will be going to Cardiff. This will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and will cost in the region of £10 per person. If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Sue Osborne on 839327.

The date for our next popular general knowledge quiz is Friday 16th November at the Social club and all proceeds will go to the Memorial Hall Roof Fund. More details next month.

**Helen Haiselden**



# SON ET LUMIERE

**Saturday 10th November**

**The Parish Council are organising a special music, film and biography experience, using our Church as a backdrop, on Saturday 10th November. This is an opportunity for us all to join in and reflect on the huge significance of this night 100 years ago, just hours away from the Armistice.**

**We are looking for six young men and two young women aged 16-25 to read on the night. Please get in touch with Click on 01453 836442 if you would like to do so.**

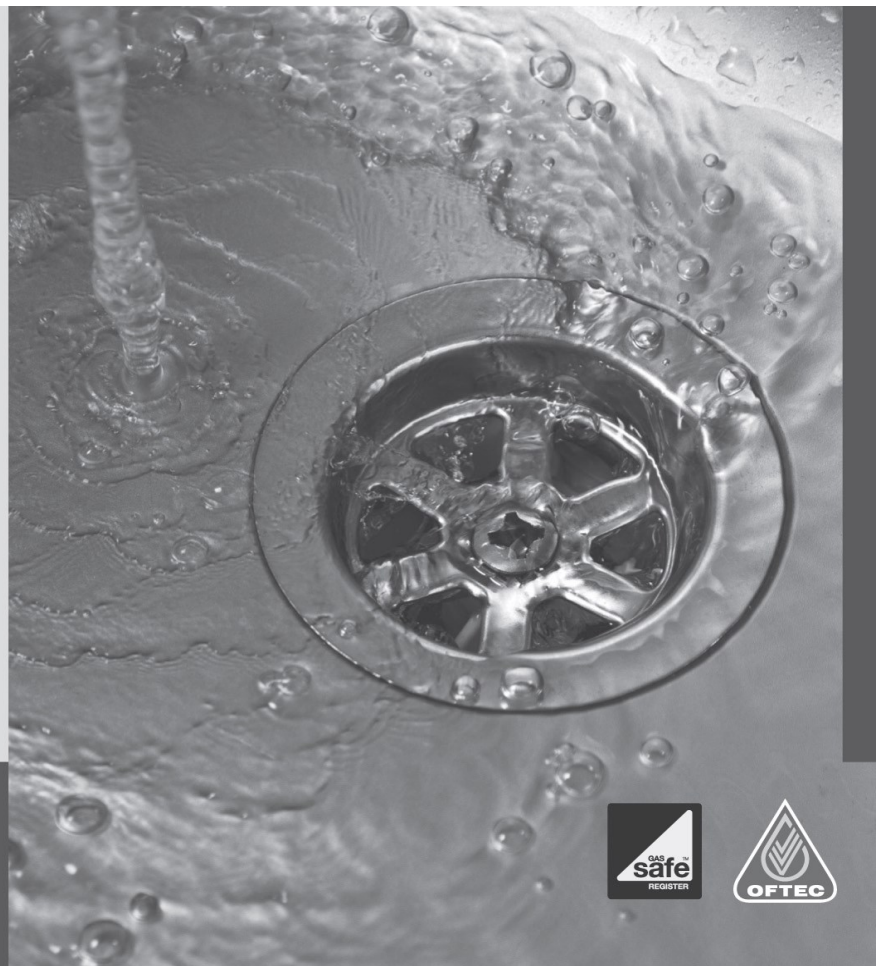
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# Your Village Hall Needs



**1914  
Roof**



**2018  
Appeal**



After almost 100 years service, the **Memorial Hall** is in need of some structural repairs, including a partial new roof. Many of the tiles will be re-used, but we will need to buy some new, expensive Cotswold stone tiles.

In addition to seeking grant funding, we are offering the opportunity for everyone to **'buy a tile' and remember a hero**. For just £10 per tile, tell us your story of a fallen family member from any conflict, or who fought and returned, and we will preserve it in a commemorative book for future generations to see.

**Contact the Parish Clerk, or download a form from  
[www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk)**



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Conserve, Enhance



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Conserve, Enhance



# Boyhood Memories of Avening Feast



Much has been written of Avening Feast since the inception in the nineteenth century, however one thing is certain, that the Feast was of religious origin.

The Holy Cross Church legend tells us that it was built as a penance by Queen Matilda following a turbulent romance with a certain Britric, an emissary to Flanders. His rejection of her ended in her suitor being captured, imprisoned and subsequently put to death and his lands annexed. On completion of the building, a feast was held for the builders of the Church. Legend has it that a large boar terrorising the local population was hunted and slaughtered (on the Chavenage Green), then roasted and became the basis of the Feast, with the boar's head being presented to Queen Matilda. Henceforth the Pig's Head held prominence at each and every Feast since.

In my youth the Feast was not a 'sit-down' affair but was a general 'free for all', with all the inns of Avening taking part. Any man who presented himself at an inn in the area on Feast Day could demand a sandwich and a pint of beer. Hence the sandwiches were known as 'Pigs Face' sandwiches, no charge was made, except for extra drinks, so 'toing and froing' between pubs was commonplace. Bread and cheese were supplied for those who disliked the brawn sandwiches. With the Avening Band playing at the venues and crowds from nearby villages and towns thronging the streets, to get extra food was easy.

Avening was seething with transport to the Feast including charabancs from as far as Swindon. In my research one woman who was lodging in Stroud said she

was surprised when her landlord burst in and said he was going to Avening Feast. His wife told him not to get too drunk and on his return, merry but not drunk, his verdict was that the sandwiches were very good, but due to the crowds of people, the beer supply ran out at certain pubs, so other pubs were sampled.

The Feast took on a grand occasion and gave families the chance to visit other family members, which gave rise to the homemade wines coming out from under the stairs. Unlike the beer, the homemade drinks soon proved too much for toppers, resulting in many having to be escorted home.

World War 2 saw a decline in the Feast, with the menfolk away. I too was away from the village from September 1<sup>st</sup> 1939, so cannot describe its decline. It was in 1951 that there was a change of rector in the village. The Rev. Canon Cooper decided to revive the Feast and further Feasts thereafter were much more organised. Following the Holy Cross Day at the Church, the congregation would process to the Memorial Hall for a 'sit-down' feast, where celebrities dressed in period costumes were seated at the top table. The Feast began with the Pig's Head being paraded on a platter by a strong man escorted by torch-bearers through the gathering and took up a prominent position on top table. Grace was said and festivities began.

This did not stop the ritual of previous Feasts and the serving of sandwiches and drinks at the pubs continued, but with the decline of Public Houses and changes of ownership, who knows how long this legend will continue?

I would add that through the ages, boys will be boys and we mingled with the crowds that thronged the village in the hope of a free sandwich or two (or a taste of illicit ale).

However I was left wondering who was funding this annual event, the preparation of the various sandwiches and the gallons of ale. The preparation of the filling of the Brawn for the sandwiches apparently started a week previously by volunteers in the village who would "obtain" a pig's head from the local slaughterhouse ('Hilliers' come to mind), or from their butcher. The head was duly boiled until well-cooked, was then skinned and all the meat was stripped off, graded and minced, then placed under compression in a mould until cold. The resulting block of Brawn could then be sliced and used for the filling of the sandwiches. Most breweries in the village would contribute to the supply of ale.

Once again the participants appeared to have an enjoyable evening. Not to be undone by Sunday's melee, regulars at the various pubs were treated to their night on the Monday following.

***Riley Vincent***



# Avening School

## Avening School on Tour!!!

That is how the first part of our new school year has been like so far, with two school trips, a residential at South Cerney and a glittering sports award ceremony at Cheltenham town hall. All in the first month of the autumn term!

The Hawks kicked off the school trips for the year with a visit to Greystones Iron Age roundhouse at Bourton-on-the-Water on the second week of term as part of their term topic on the Stone Age. The children explored the work of archaeologists across the historically important sites in the morning and then in the afternoon took part in activities such as: fire lighting, cooking, and getting messy with wattle and daub. The following week, it was the Kestrels (y1/2) turn to get out and about when they travelled to Nailsworth and explored Gigg and Dunkirk's mills as part of their focus on local history and industry. Meanwhile the Owls class (y5/6) have managed to fit in not only a school trip to the Black country Museum near Birmingham to support their learning on industry but they also managed to squeeze in a three day residential trip to South Cerney, where they took part in a wide range of water based activities from raft building to paddle boarding.

We had a very proud moment last month when we were invited to the Gloucestershire Active Schools Awards held at Cheltenham Town Hall having received nominations for two awards: young leader award and the engagement of all young people in physical activity award. Our own sports council made up of students from KS2 joined teachers and staff to an evening of celebration and activity as the children also got the chance to try activities such as plate spinning, hula hooping and drumming. It was such a proud evening and we are overjoyed to announce that our very own leader superstar Fleur came away with the young leader's award! Well done Fleur. Huge thanks and gratitude must also go to Mr Wilkinson for the endless hours and dedication he puts into providing our pupils with as many sporting activities as possible and into encouraging the children who may not automatically choose to take part in a sports club or activity.

While the rest of the school have been travelling back and forth, our





reception class have settled in wonderfully into school life and have already learned so much. They have been looking at bears for their first focus of the term and there has been lots of bear hunting going on in and around the school, including squelching through the mud!



FOAS have had their first meeting of the year with lots of new parents joining and lots of

exciting fundraising ideas for the year ahead. The first event will be a family film afternoon/evening (date and time tbc) at the beginning of October followed by a Christmas event (details still to be confirmed) and our annual Christmas hamper raffle. There are also plans for a quiz night in February as well as some new events later on in the year. Watch this space!

**Don't forget! Our school open day will take place on Friday 12th October from 9.15am – 12pm. Join us for a tour of our wonderful school and a piece of Mrs Wilkinson's legendary cake!**

*For further information about this busy place of learning please see our school website: [www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk)*

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# Avening Youth Club



October's theme is 'Don't judge a book by its cover'. Here's the programme:

## **2<sup>nd</sup> October - I'm Only Human Night**

Turn all sorts of board games into human sized versions!

## **9<sup>th</sup> October – Act It Out**

A drama evening focusing on groups of people who may feel judged by their cover in society.

## **16<sup>th</sup> October– Fake News**

A fun, murder mystery evening! Is what you hear always true?

## **23<sup>rd</sup> October– Half Term – no Youth Club**

Youth Club is for anyone aged 8 to 14, from Avening, Nags Head, or Cherington. We meet every Tuesday in term time from 6 to 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall. **Once you're 13 we'll ask you to be a Young Leader and help out (don't worry, we'll give you training).**

Cost is just £1 a time to include a healthy snack. Just come along and see what's what if you haven't been before. We'll make you welcome.

**For parents or carers:** The Youth Club is run by The Door (find their website at [www.thedoor.org.uk](http://www.thedoor.org.uk)). They provide qualified and experienced Youth Workers. 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.

**Want more information?** Contact Rev Gerald South on 834884 or Becky at The Door on 01453 756745.

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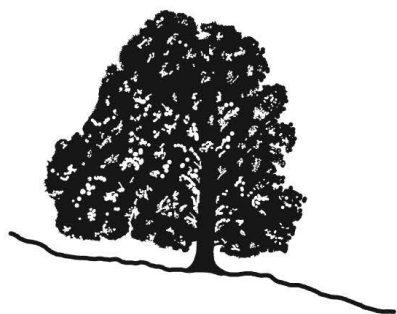


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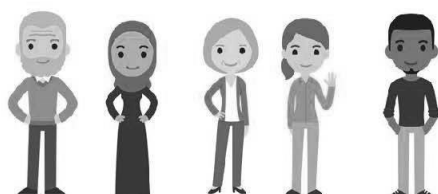


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This table gives information about charities which are based in and around Avening and Cherington. Periodically, we will give a more detailed outline of what each organisation does.

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
Horsfall House	Provides nursing care for residents, a Day Centre 6 days a week Home Care and meals on Wheels in the local area.	01453 731227
Hop, Skip & Jump Foundation	Provide high quality respite care for children and young adults with disabilities and SEN	hskipandjump.org.uk 01453 836390 marcoms@hskipandjump.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 <a href="mailto:day.services@longfield.org.uk">day.services@longfield.org.uk</a>

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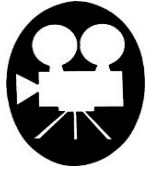
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## THE GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL ADVENT CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

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*Gerald South*

# Cherington Parish Council

## **New Planning Applications**

2018 18/03100/FUL:

Proposed swimming pool and walled garden for private use ancillary to Cherington Park.

Status: Decided: Awaiting decision. The council wished to assess impact further.

2018 18/03232/FUL: Proposed new extension, new vehicular access and off-road parking. 2 Cherington.

Status: Decided: Awaiting Decision. The council had no objection.

For further information please visit [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk) and search on the Planning pages.

## **Infrastructure**

The council authorised re-gravelling of the car park and installation of 2 dog waste bins. County Cllr Hirst was given a list of highways department work around the village. The council will contact Gigaclear about its plans for broadband connection.

## **Defibrillator**

The council approved an application for a defibrillator to be installed in the village hall porch shortly. It has received offers of donations to cover the costs of installation, maintenance, insurance and training. Part of the cost will be met from grant funding.

## **Recycling**

Opening hours at Gloucestershire recycling centres will change from October 28th, becoming seasonal. Details of current times are available at <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/recycling/>

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 6pm** in the Village Hall. An agenda will be placed on the notice board and [cheringtonpc.org.uk](http://cheringtonpc.org.uk). The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01453 832100 or via email at [cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk).

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# Avening Parish Council



## Avening Parish Council Meeting 20 September 2018

The minutes of the meetings will be published shortly but some of the issues raised at the meeting are listed below:

### **Avening Youth Club**

The Parish Council hope to secure a small amount of funding for youth activities so are planning to organise an event for young people to ask their opinions and suggestions on what activities or events they would like to see happening in Avening. Once arrangements have been finalised full details of the event will be advertised.

### **Future Events**

Great comments were received about the Pig Face Event, everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

A WW1 Commemorative event is happening on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 5pm. The main event will be a projection onto the church wall, followed by a service and then onto refreshments and a concert and party in the hall. Look out for more details, coming soon.

The Christmas Tree lighting will be happening this year on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm, followed by snacks in the Social Club.

### **Playing Field Play Equipment**

We are planning to start work on fencing off the play equipment shortly and are also proposing to put up signs in the main part of the field asking people to keep dogs on leads.

### **Planning Applications**

Ref. No: 18/02212/LBC

Replacement windows and doors - Glebe House 3 New Inn Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NB *No objections raised*

Ref. No: 18/00337/FUL

Creation of patio area to the rear including excavation and retaining walls (retrospective) - Almshouse Cottage 16 Woodstock Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NG *No objections raised*

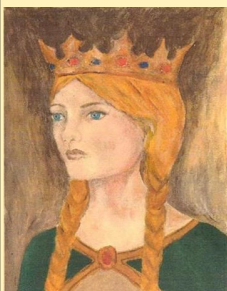
### **Clerk Vacancy**

There will shortly be a vacancy for a Clerk to Avening Parish Council. This is a part time role (approx. 7 hours per week), working from home and attending 1 evening meeting per month. The full advert and job description will be advertised within the next few weeks but if you are initially interested and would like more information then please contact the Clerk, contact details listed below.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 18 October** 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](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk)

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Saturday 29th September—Sunday 7th October	Tetbury Music Festival	Tetbury Goods Shed and Tetbury Parish Church	Various times
Friday 12th October	Avening Primary School Open Day	Avening School	9.15am— 12.00pm
Thursday 18th October	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 28th October	CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR	EVERY ONE	3.00am
Tuesday 6th November	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Saturday 10th November	End of WWI Centenary Celebration	Avening Memorial Hall and around the Church	tbc
Sunday 11th November	End of WWI Centenary Celebration	Cherington Bonfire	tbc
Wednesday 28th November	WI Christmas Shopping Trip to Cardiff	tbc	tbc
Sunday 16th December	Avening Carol service	Avening church	Evening tbc



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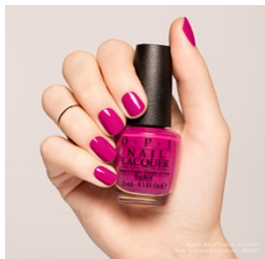
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