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Welcome Back to all and a Happy New Year.

2019 promises to be a momentous year for us all - for everyone's sake perhaps we shall succeed in avoiding the 'B' word and concentrate on so many things that make living in Avening special.

Readers may be interested to hear about the applications for building at the Old Quarries and the land adjacent to the Playgroup. These could result in a good many extra homes being built and whilst this is, of course, to be welcomed, the effect on the infrastructure of the village, needed to support the additional residents and traffic, will be considerable. The views of our readers on this subject are important and, if contained in letters to the Editors, can be included in the Villager.

There are a number of events coming up in the next couple of months, which you may be interested in, including a chance to share your views on the Community Café, an event to help the School organised by FOAS and an opportunity to support the newly relaunched Cinema Club. Finally, of course, the efforts to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall shouldn't be forgotten.

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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
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Mobile Post Office	Monday and Thursday	12.00 to 1.00pm	opposite 65, Sunground	J. Clutterbuck 01453 542754
Community Cafe	Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30am	Social Club	
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 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

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Stroud Hospital	Reception	0300 421 8080
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# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader

We started the new term discussing a new proposal for the 'exception' development site opposite Playgroup. The site remains in the hands of GCC as a number of developers have not progressed with the purchase, considering the site too difficult. We thought the draft presented had quite a few shortcomings – density of development; wrong mix of properties; significant shortage of parking; and of course access issues through Lawrence Road and out onto Hampton Hill. For this we have asked them to ensure Highways make improvements to the junction before we approve anything. On the plus side, any development will be for local people – those in the parish, or direct connections to family.

In December we also had a pre-application view of the proposals at the Old Quarries. This was more acceptable as a proposal, but we have concerns over additional traffic down Rectory Lane, and the main entrance at the last corner out of Avening towards Nailsworth.

With a total of 25 new dwellings, plus some individual developments, we have general concerns over local infrastructure and specifically the impact on our school. Please look out for both applications in due course on the CDC planning portal – they will also be discussed formally at future PC meetings.

We have so far raised over £300 from the sale of the WW1 Son-et-lumiere DVDs and sponsorship of roof tiles – we'll be collating the stories in due course, but it's not too late to tell your hero stories or purchase a DVD.

This summer we will have an open gardens day – the Mark Townsend Charitable Trust will be organising the event on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, so if you can help, would like to open your garden, or perhaps provide refreshments along the route, please contact the trust. More details will follow.

I was unable to attend the Christmas tree lighting this year, but I understand it went really well, and we already have ideas for the next one! Special thanks to Mel Young and the Angels for the evening entertainment. The Avening Angels provided some wonderful performances at the church carol concert, which as always was well attended, and later entertained the customers of the Queen Matilda and the Bell. They were followed with more songs led by Amanda and Pip – what a lot of talent we have!

We're now well into 2019, but change is coming (no, not Brexit – well probably not anyway!) – We know we will need at least 2 new councillors in the May

local elections. No experience is needed, as all you need is a can-do attitude – we want to get things done; to organise events; and to engage all parts of the community. You can live in any part of the village, be of any age (we'd really like to attract some younger members, as we can be a little out of touch), or have useful skills. If you want to find out more, contact me, the clerk, or any councillor, or come along to any meeting – they're the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month in the Jim Parsons room at the Memorial Hall.

Tony Slater Chairman



### The Friends of Tetbury Hospital House to House Collection 2018

The Friends of Tetbury Hospital are delighted to announce that as a result of the money raised during last years house to house collection, which totalled an incredible £10,539.80, we have now been able to provide the hospital with a new ultrasound machine.



The hospital is extremely grateful for the new ultrasound machine which is a valuable piece of equipment to both surgeons and anaesthetists. The ultrasound machine will be used during outpatient clinics, and also in surgery unit during the day surgical procedures.

The photo shows the hospital team with the new ultrasound machine. Left to right: Deb Loewenthal, Sharon Neale, Lisa King, Lorna Donson.

#### National Primary Mathematics Challenge

Answers to the questions in the December Villager:

- A. 12<sup>th</sup> December
- B. 21 m<sup>2</sup>
- C. 16

If you would like explanations or to see the rest of the questions in the Challenge please email gp.south@btopenworld.com

# **Avening and Cherington Churches**



#### So it's all over then ....

... Christmas, that is. The tree has been recycled, the wrapping paper is in the loft, even the turkey and the cake are now all gone. It was fun while it lasted but now we can get back to real ordinary life, perhaps a relief for some, perhaps a reminder of how mundane our lives might sometimes seem.

Well, there is another angle. The point of Christmas is that our Creator identifies with us 'mere' humans: as it has been expressed, *"The divine becomes human so that humans can become more like the divine"*. No-one is a 'mere' or a 'just'. No moment of life is mundane or ordinary.

Everyone is special and every second is a divine gift in which we are invited to live life and live it to the full, whatever the month or the year, whatever the weather or the state of Brexit.

What did Jesus mean by living life to the full (a quote from John's gospel chapter 10 verse 10)? Surely he meant using all our gifts as much and as constructively as possible both for our own fulfilment and for the good of others, not least those who seem to be struggling with life. That is something to enjoy from now until next Christmas, and beyond.

#### **Christmas Services**

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Christmas services in our two churches. Both carol services were very popular and at Avening the singing of the Avening Angels choir was much appreciated. At Cherington our youngsters were evident at many of the services and particularly at Christingle. At Avening it was the nativity service on Christmas Eve that attracted many families with the children enacting the story. At both churches numbers on Christmas morning were exceptionally high.

Some of the collections were for charities and as a result over £70 has been sent to Longfield Hospice and over £400 to The Children's Society. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Lent

This significant period of the Christian year will start on Ash Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. The CoE has produced a booklet of 40 daily reflections entitled *Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes:* the cost is £2.50. There will also be some weekly Lent evenings in Avening and Cherington to which all are welcome. If you are interested in either of these please let me know.

#### All Age Services at Cherington

The January service coincided with the worldwide church remembering Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist, so we saw a film clip of this and recalled our own Christenings.

The next all age service will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am.

#### Candlemas, 3<sup>rd</sup> February

This is the day when we remember the time when Jesus was taken to the temple by his parents and met two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, who recognised his importance: so it is an occasion when we can give thanks for the valuable roles of those who are not so young.

At Avening (11.00 am) we will also give thanks for our Baptisms – if you have a Christening candle bring it with you.

#### Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington 01453 834884 <u>gp.south@btopenworld.com</u>

	Holy Cross Avening	St Nicholas Cherington
Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 am Candlemas Eucharist	9.30 am Candlemas Eucharist
5th	12.30 Praying the Parish (Avening Rectory)	
6th	7.00 pm PCC meeting	
10th	8.30 am Eucharist 5.30 pm Evening Prayer	10.30 am All Age Service
17th	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist
20th	7.00 pm Compline at 70 Sandford Leaze	
24th	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist

#### **Church Services and Events**

# **Puzzle Corner**

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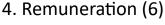
#### Sudoku Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 - 9. If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

#### Across

- 1. Gem (5)
- 4. Shade of yellow tinged with orange (7)
- 8. Symmetrically arranged (7)
- 9. Pouch (3)
- 10. Two-wheeled vehicle (7)
- 11. Publish (5)
- 12. Patisserie (6)
- 14. Syntactic category (6)
- 17. Wanderer (5)
- 19. Stone pillar (7)
- 22. Mesh (3)
- 23. Floorshow (7)
- 24. Stayed clear from (7)
- 25. Groups of cattle (5)

#### Down

- 1. Jests (5)
- Male witch or demon
  (7)
- 3. Source of illumination
- (5)

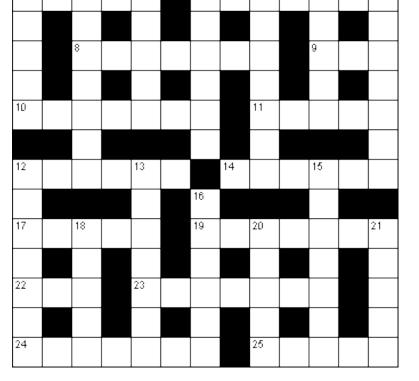


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- 5. Surreptitious (7)
- 6. Hazards (5)
- 7. Type of power (7)
- 12. Very rich vein of
- precious ore (7)

- 13. Made smaller (7)
- 15. Vagrant (7)
- 16. Prohibit (6)
- 18. Slogan (5)
- 20. Planet (5)
- 21. Praise (5)

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# **Avening Playgroup**

Happy New Year from the children, families, staff and committee at Avening Playgroup!

In our last article of 2018 we were planning the much-awaited Christmas Bonanza. It all seems so long ago now, but we just have to thank everyone who has supported this event in any way. We are very grateful as it is the Playgroup's main fund-raising event and it proved to be a big success. It was a pleasure working alongside FOAS to raise much needed funds for the children to enjoy at both the Playgroup and Avening School. A big thank you to FOAS and we look forward to joining forces again later this year.

As soon as the Christmas Bonanza was over the children were busy making Christmas decorations, cards, calendars and Christmas sponge paintings. The children also learnt about the Christmas Nativity and acted out the story with the help of some dolls. We practised some Christmas songs, which the children sang to parents on their last day before the holiday.

This term the children have been describing, finding, cutting, colouring and comparing different shapes. They have been doing lots of jigsaws and making shapes out of playdough. The children have also been enjoying our new equipment: large scales, a creeper crawler and a large fishing game with numbers. All of these help with physical, mathematical and social development.

We have a piano at the Playgroup, which is sadly no longer played. If you can spare an hour or so a month to play some songs and rhymes for the children to join in with then please contact us. You will require a DBS check.

Children usually join us from the start of the term in which they turn 3 years old, but we can accept children a term earlier when we have enough spaces. We can also accept children with two year funding, when ratios allow. Our current opening times are from 9.15am until 12.15 pm from Monday to Friday. On a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we run a lunch club which finishes at 1.15pm.

We are currently looking at the 2019-2020 school year in order to plan time tables, so, if you would like your child to join our lovely playgroup, find out more about it, or reserve a place for your child, please phone 01453 832695 on weekday mornings or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com. You are also very welcome to come and visit. Please contact us to sort out the most convenient time.



# Avening W.I.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Avening WI members are looking forward to a full programme of meetings, outings and events in the year ahead. This is also the time of year when we vote



for the latest National WI Resolutions. Over the past one hundred years the WI has been successful in campaigning in many areas. These have included helping to put women on juries, securing equal pay for equal work, starting the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, lobbying for breast screening clinics and, more recently, the End Plastic Soup campaign. WI resolutions have often been ahead of their time. We called for a ban on smoking in public places in 1964, a full 43 years before it became law. In 1927 WI members lobbied for action on pollution in the seas and, in the 1980s, we broke taboos by calling for better understanding of HIV/AIDS.

We have started this year's programme with two catering events under our Bite to Eat scheme, a light hearted talk on Kith, Kin and Kenya by Alison Hesketh and a friendly skittles match. We also had a walk at Westonbirt Arboretum where several members took advantage of a promotion Members Tuesdays, which called allows arboretum members to take a friend in for free at certain times of the year. They set off over the Walkway into Silkwood passing trees in various shapes and colours, including a Christmas Box which smelt lovely. Then up to Waste Gate where they admired the Gloucester cattle in the valley before returning to the café for lunch.

Our meeting for February will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Our speaker will be Richard Burton with a humorous talk on his long career in the retail business entitled 'Perfect, perfect! – 40 years a salesman'. Visitors and any new members are very welcome to join us for the evening.



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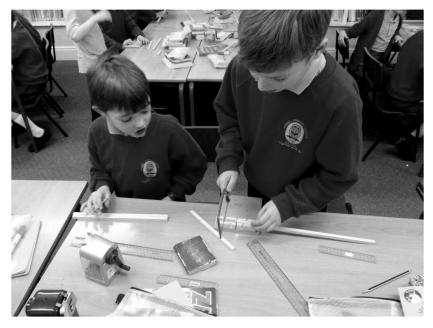
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# **Avening School**

#### Romans, Vikings and Superheroes!

We are already well into the new term at Avening school with the KS1 children focusing on superheroes as their term topic while we have two classes of historians in KS2, with the Hawks (y3/4) travelling back to the Roman era and the Owls (y5/6) exploring the Vikings. All classes have exciting trips and visitors planned to support their learning on their class topics.



Each year, children from yr.'s 4, 5 & 6 take part in the Young Voices which takes concert place at the end of the January at Birmingham NEC. Joining thousands of children from other schools and accompanied bv professional musicians and singers, our choir sing in unison before an

audience made up of parents and family. It is such an unforgettable experience for the children to be part of and definitely one of the highlights of the year for the children and staff. This year's special star guest was Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet and the concert was a roaring success and hugely enjoyed by everyone involved and as usual our children did us proud with both their attitudes and confidence.

After-school clubs have started, with an exciting array of new activities on offer ranging from art club to forest school and nature club, not forgetting the firm favourites of football and tag rugby. Yr.'s 4, 5 & 6 have also started their school swimming sessions which run for the entirety of the spring term.

Weekly forest school sessions for the Eagles (reception) are well under way, with the rest of the school getting their turn later on in the school year. We are delighted to have won a bid to build an outdoor classroom on the school garden which will ensure that our sessions can take place whatever the weather! These sessions, run by our very own Forest School instructor, Mrs

Carter, enable the children to take their learning outside and explore the natural environment of our school garden as well as learning skills and gaining a confidence and knowledge of working with nature.

Looking forward, we have our annual World Book Day celebrations coming up at the beginning of March which will centre around one particular children's book, the much anticipated and hotly debated title and details of which will be revealed shortly. Watch this space!

Our Fledglings sessions will begin again on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

We are incredibly fortunate to have an amazing fundraising group in FOAS who support the school and organise fun events to help raise much needed funds for the school, enabling us to purchase resources and equipment for classrooms as well as paying for coach fees to transport the children to and from school trips and sports fixtures. The next event on the FOAS calendar is a Quiz Night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Doors open at 7.45pm with the quiz starting at 8.15pm. Tickets are £5 per person and teams are up to a maximum of 6 people. We will have a bar available on the night and snacks available to purchase. Tickets that are purchased in January will be eligible for a free drink on the night. Please contact the school office to purchase tickets or for any further details on the event.

Alex Adcock

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



# The Mark Townsend Charitable Trust

In December the Trust achieved the following

- £324 raised at the Sir William Romneys Carol Service;
- Christmas Cash Bingo and The Grand Draw raised £1965 thank you to everybody who gave prizes and brought tickets;
- 13x Christmas Dinner Hampers have been donated to local families;
- 1x Donation to Cirencester Foodbank;
- 10x Counselling Sessions ;
- 1x Hamper and gift vouchers for a family who lost their home in a fire.

Coming Up: ·Avening Open Gardens - June (More info next month)

If you know somebody that needs our help let us know at www.themarktownsendcharitabletrust.com

# **Community Cafe**



February will be a busy month for the café with our first open meeting, a special offer ahead of Valentine's Day, a second outing for the book stall and a taster 'art dabble' - not to mention the good coffee, great company and home-made cakes which continue to attract around 60 customers a week.

Our open meeting will take place on February 11<sup>th</sup> for everyone who has feedback about the café and ideas about how we can build on our fledgling success. We have lots of ideas but want to hear what you think: How can we involve more people? What do you particularly like? What could we do better? The meeting will be held at the Social Club, will begin at 7.30pm and should be a lively affair.

Some of your ideas are already gaining ground with a book stall set to be a regularly monthly feature and other events and activities are getting booked into our café calendar. On February 12<sup>th</sup> we are inviting customers to embrace the spirit of Valentine's Day (without the expense of roses or the stress of choosing a card) by introducing a new friend to the café, with two hot drinks for the price of one. What it may lack in romance, it makes up for in cake!

None of this would be possible without our supporters and volunteers. We were delighted with the unexpected but much appreciated donation from the Stuart Singers and continue to be grateful to our café volunteers who open up, clear up and do everything in between. We would like to thank Eileen Ind in particular for providing invaluable advice and practical support in the early life of the café.

The café is open every Tuesday from 9-11.30. Please talk to one of the café volunteers if you want to find out more or want to get involved – and please visit our Facebook page (Avening Community Café) to keep in touch.



### 100 Club January 2019

#### As a member of the 100 Club you get the chance every month to win one of two prizes, and all it costs is £12 per number per year!

Its that time of year when we are asking if you will renew your 100 club membership or join the 100 Club. If you are new member you can purchase a number at an annual cost of £12.00. If you are renewing you will keep the same number. Numbers will be issued from 1 to 200. The draw will take place monthly and will consist of a first prize of £20.00 and a second prize of £10.00. There will be a special draw in May (Remembering Marks's Birthday) of £100.00

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# **Avening Angels**

Avening Angels would like to say thank you to our two pubs for allowing us to come and sing carols at Christmas. We had a lovely time and hope that all the people in the pubs enjoyed the singalong with us. We collected £81.06 which went to Longfield Hospice Care. Thank you all very much for your generous donations and hope to see you all next year!

Meanwhile, on Sunday 3rd February we will start our rehearsals for the spring season, including the beautiful and reflective Tenebrae service on



Good Friday and a wedding in April, both lovely events to be part of. New members are always welcome. No experience needed, no auditions and no need to read music; just an interest in in singing а happy, relaxed atmosphere. Phone Derrick (01453 835090) for more details.

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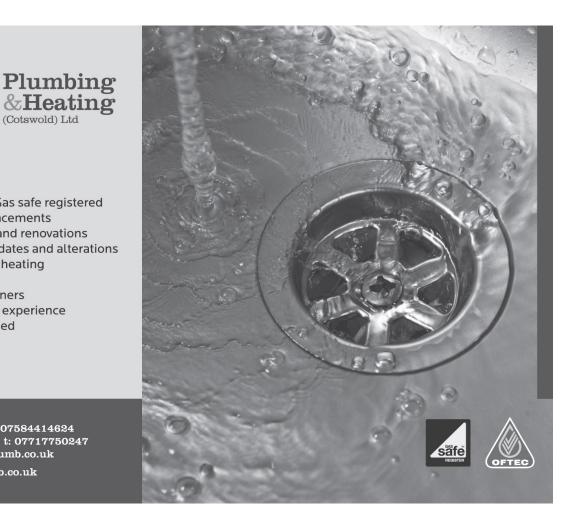


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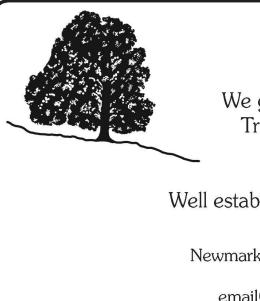
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For more details visit our website: https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/ staying-safe/the-herbert-protocol/ and fill in this form: https://www. gloucestershire.police.uk/media/6223/herbert-protocol-form.pdf

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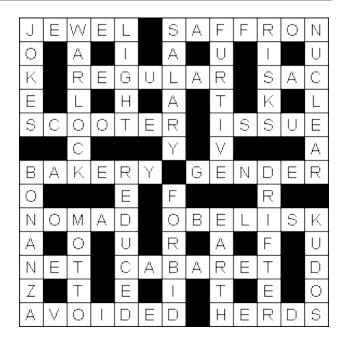
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With all four engines running and flight checks complete, I had just gone to the rear of the aircraft and was about to close the rear door when one of the ground staff at Radlett came running up to the door with a box. "Are you going back to Aston Down" he said. "Yes", I replied. "That's near Stroud isn't it?", he queried. "Yes", I said "what's your problem"? "I've got a pigeon in this box which should have flown back

to Cardiff, but it's lost and is a nuisance. Could you give it a lift?" I laughed and said, "I'll do that for you" and closed the door. My pilot asked, "What was that all about?" When told he just said, "There's always one! We'll fly to St Athen and get permission to do a 'roller'". [That is almost land, then open the throttles and take off again.] "You can then open the Astra Dome and let the bird go".

This we did and landed back at Aston Down. "Where have you been? Having a cruise around?" "No", said the pilot, "We have just given a pigeon a lift to Cardiff". The enquirer gave us a funny look, "Ask a silly question, expect a silly answer". I trust it got home safe and well.

Funny things do happen!



#### **Riley Vincent**

# Letter to the Editors

After constantly picking up other people's dog poo bags along Nags Head Lane, I have reached the end of my tether. I have asked CDC to install another dog bag bin along the Lane to make it easier for dog owners to act responsibly. Why is it non-dog owners responsibility to clear up after dog owners? After all, this is an area of outstanding natural beauty, (except for bags of dog poo strewn widely).

The CDC take this very seriously, but say they need a lead from the parish council. They are sending out warning signs to me and I will install them on lampposts, but hope you will act on this and also that the Villager will feature this as a growing problem.

Thankyou.

(Name and address supplied)

### The Cirencester Science and Technology Society

When three scientifically-minded Cirencester friends thought of forming a small group to enjoy talks on a range of scientific subjects, little could they have foreseen that twenty-one years later it would be flourishing with over 200 members. Its name belies the wide area from which members come, stretching from Stroud in the West, northwards to Cheltenham and Malmesbury in the South.

Each year the society holds a series of ten lectures on a varied selection of topics intended to appeal to a wide variety of interests and levels of scientific background. Members include not only scientists, doctors and engineers but also many who have a general interest in science and technology. Our friendly meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month, usually at the Royal Agricultural University. The January lecture was a fascinating account of the successful Rosetta space mission by Dr Morse of the Open University while the forthcoming lecture on March 6<sup>th</sup> will be on the contribution of plants to today's healthcare by Michael Heinrich Professor of Pharmacology at UCL.

Exhibitions have been arranged in the past and visits are made regularly to places of scientific and technological interest, including wildlife reserves and museums. We also offer small educational grants to local schools and colleges for suitable projects, so far disbursing more than £1,500 to four schools in the local area.

New members and visitors are always welcome. More information can be found on our website www.cirenscience.org.uk.

# Avening Youth Club



Here's the programme for February:

#### 4<sup>th</sup> February - Stranger Danger Awareness

Fun activities around the importance of knowing who is a safe and an unsafe person to talk and listen to.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> February – Games Night

Sports, games, an active night for all!

#### 9<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM – No Youth Club

#### 26<sup>th</sup> February – Drama Workshop

Get some great acting tips from whilst doing some fun drama-based games!

#### Check out the Facebook Page

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). 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.

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# **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
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	hoskipandjump.org.uk 01453 836390 marcoms@hopskipand jump.org.uk
Mark Townsend Charitable Trust	Providing help with whatever life circum- stances may incur.	www.themarktownsen dcharitabletrust.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

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# **Avening Cinema Club**

#### Our next film will be:

### The Children Act

(2018) Dir: Richard Eyre, Written by: Ian McEwan, based on his novel of the same name. Cast: Emma Thompson, Stanley Tucci, Fionn Whitehead

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February -7.30pm Avening Memorial Hall Admission £5



Cinema-goers are encouraged to buy their drinks from the local pub both before the film and during the interval.

The film club runs on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Please do check our Facebook page or contact Katy Upton for more information, and for the chance to vote on films. Phone: 07806 614753. Email: katywingrove@hotmail.co.uk



# **Cherington Parish Council**

#### New Planning Applications

10 November 2018 18/04345/LBC: Re-location of approved staircase in the Coach House, Cherington Park.

Status: Awaiting decision. The council had no objection.

9 November 2018 18/04342/LBC: Re-instatement of an in-filled window on the north elevation of the Coach House, Cherington Park.

Status: Awaiting decision. The council had no objection.

For further information please visit www.cotswold.gov.uk and search on the Planning pages.

#### Infrastructure

District Cllr Morgan explained proposals for waste collection that are subject to budget decisions. County Cllr Hirst was given a list of highways department work around the village. The white junction lines by the green have been repaired. Cllr Gegg will arrange for new gravel for the car park. Gigaclear has informed Cllr Mitchell that it will provide broadband connection by early 2020. The council will discuss improving access to the Village Hall for those with disabilities at its March meeting.

#### Defibrillator

The defibrillator is now operational and a familiarisation session has been provided. No user training is required as it can be operated by anyone who follows the automated instructions. It will not work if the patient does not require it, so there is no risk of harm.

#### **Litter Pick**

The annual Litter Pick will be on **Saturday 16th March** at 10am, starting from the Village Hall.

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on **Saturday 6th April** at 10am in the Village Hall.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01453 832100 or via email at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk.

#### Next Parish Council Meeting

This will be held on **Tuesday 5th March at 6pm** in the Village Hall. An agenda will be placed on the notice board and cheringtonpc.org.uk. The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01453 832100 or via email at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk.

# **Avening Parish Council**



#### Avening Parish Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The minutes of the meeting will be published shortly, but some of the items discussed are summarised below:

#### Crime

One crime was reported in December for an online offence. Councillors have asked the police to provide more details with their reports like they used to do.

#### Proposed Planning

Chris Knibbs of Bromford Housing Association on behalf of Gloucestershire Rural Housing Association and Martin Hutchings of GRCC were in attendance as they are working with GCC to utilise the 'exception' site at the end of the Sunground for affordable/rental properties. As the site failed to sell to a developer, and in response to the 2014 housing needs survey, they are making an initial proposal for affordable housing. Although no firm plans have yet been submitted, the Parish Council were given a draft proposal for consideration. The PC were generally supportive of the need for affordable housing, but this proposal was not well received for a number of significant reasons: the density of development; mix of property types; lack of parking; access issues along Lawrence Road, and the exit onto Hampton Hill. When added to the application proposed for housing at the Old Quarries site, there was additional concern regarding the increase in the volume of traffic and the impact it will have on local amenities, especially the school.

#### Memorial Hall

Minor improvements and additional safety work at the Memorial Hall continues. Grant applications will be made for the roof replacement project – this was delayed due to sickness.

#### Playground

Improvements to disabled access by dropping the curbs to the playing field at Sunground, and removing the steep step into the field have been agreed by GCC, and funding is being sought to carry out the work as soon as possible. The PC is initially attempting to source second hand fencing from Highways/Amey and local councils before appointing a contractor to complete the fencing of the play equipment.

#### Defibrillator

The battery on the defibrillator has been changed. The PC are investigating the suitability of the old phone box at the junction of Old Hill/Lawrence Road for a second unit.

#### Recycling

Cllr Morgan of Cotswold District Council reported that the district's recycling was under review.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 21 February** 2019 7.30pm in the Jim Parsons room at 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: 08714 900512; 01453 860379

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# **Dates For Your Diary**

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Wednesday 6th February	Avening Cinema Club showing Avening Memorial Hall The Children Act		7.30pm
Friday 8th February	FOAS Quiz Night	Avening Memorial Hall	7.45pm
Monday 11th February	Community Café Open Meeting	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Tuesday 12th February	Community Café - Introduce a Friend Event	Avening Social Club	9.00- 11.30am
Monday 18th - Friday 22 February	Half-term	Avening School and Play Group	
Thursday 21st February	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Jim Parsons Room Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Friday 1st March	Fledglings pre-school	Avening School	
Tuesday 5th March	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Wednesday 6th March	Avening Cinema Club showing Bohemian Rhapsody	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 16th March	Cherington Annual Litter Pick	Cherington Village Hall	10.00am
Saturday 6th April	Cherington Annual Parish Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	10.00am
Sunday 23rd June	Avening Open Gardens	Avening	tbc



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