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A Magazine for Avening, Cherington
and Nags Head



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How exciting to think that the Christmas season is coming closer. What is planned in Avening for 6th December promises treats for every age group – a Christmas Fair; carol singing following the lighting of the Christmas Tree and then down to the Social Club for nibbles and story telling. On the 16th and 17th November we can also enjoy the Cherington Christmas Fair at Toad Hall, Trull Farm, with its original stalls, full of tempting things.

On Tuesday 19th November, we are warmly invited to go the Social Club and join in celebrating the Community Café's 1st Birthday. During its first year the Café has become an central part of village life – a place of warmth, which offers a regular opportunity to meet friends, drink delicious hot drinks and sample home made cakes. Every now and again there is a 'Special' event and recently there has been the added bonus of the mobile post office van, calling at the very doors of the Social Club. The Editors would like to congratulate all involved in this initiative and we hope that as many people as possible will accept the warm invitation proffered in the Café's article in this edition of the Villager.

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Many thanks to **Clare Bebbington** for this photo of one of the many delights available at the Community Cafe.

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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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	Tuesday	9.45 - 11.30am	Social club car park	J. Clutterbuck 01453 542754
Community Cafe	Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30am	Social Club	Jenny South 01453 883456
Churchyard tidy up	Tuesday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Holy Cross churchyard	Rev. Gerald 01453 883456
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 883456
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
Avening Cinema Club	1st Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Katy 07806 614753
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
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



A date for your diary: **Friday 6th December**. We are delighted to have joined with FOAS and Playgroup to have a full afternoon and evening Christmas Extravaganza! The fete will take place from 2.30-5.30, after that it's up the High Street for carols and the tree lighting; then on to the Social Club for some nibbles, a children's entertainer, Father Christmas and a bed time story.

The ongoing frustrations with roadworks continue. Despite repeated requests and promises, Gigaclear and their operatives still won't tell us in advance when they will be carrying out works. This leads to householders potentially being stranded on their drive while the pavements are being dug up. It is clearly unacceptable and we continue to lobby them to improve.

A new location for the drop kerb in Sunground has been agreed with Highways – we are seeking confirmation from locals that the new position is acceptable. Star Lane is now complete, and hopefully wasn't too disruptive.

I've received quite a few enquiries about the gas main project – initial costs are quite high so I'm exploring the potential for grants to reduce this before moving to the next level of engagement with residents

Following the completion of the youth survey carried out on our behalf by The Door – Gerald has arranged a meeting to discuss next steps on 12th November. It is important that we have facilities and activities for all ages, so contact Gerald in advance or come along on the night.

We are planning to get the badminton court reinstated at the hall and get some equipment ready to open up one or two evenings for games. I've also been introduced to a new exciting game called Picket Ball – it's really simple to play and is suitable for all ages. It's also played on the same court – I'll hopefully get a coach and arrange an introductory session once we're marked up.

The fence around the play equipment in the field is complete. It's taken a while to get here, but we have saved over £2,000 from the original estimates. We have also saved £500 on the cost of removing the zip wire, and further savings on repairs to other equipment. Now we will move on to raising funds for additional equipment and a replacement for the vandalised zip wire, before we focus on the hall roof.

If you need to contact members of the PC, please be aware that some of our email addresses have recently changed – full details are on the website.

Finally, a warm welcome to Patrick Mulligan who is our new Parish Councillor.

Tony Slater

A Bite to Eat?

Arranging a Group Lunch, Christening other social event ?



Avening WI 'Bite to Eat' scheme may be able to assist with your catering needs. We can provide and serve a selection of freshly prepared sandwiches, scones, cakes etc; a fork or finger buffet; or a two course meal.

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Avening and Cherington Churches



Jennie and I have now moved out of Avening Rectory into our own house in Minchinhampton. I continue to be Priest-in-Charge of Avening and Cherington Churches and our move will make little difference to my ministry in the villages.

Our email addresses remain the same but there is a change of 'phone number to 01453 883456.

Gerald South

Avening Harvest Festival, 6th October

Very many thanks to all those who contributed to this service – the church was beautifully decorated, we enjoyed an excellent buffet lunch, some of the youngest members of our congregation read prayers. There were also very generous donations of food to the Tetbury and Cirencester Foodbank which have now been received by them with great appreciation.

14 dogs, 5 cats, a goldfish, ponies and horses



.... not to mention 60 people. The pet service at Cherington (13th October) celebrated all of these with most of them present in the church. We gave thanks for the beauty and integrity of creation in which all creatures, human and other, play their part to the glory of God.

We prayed for our pets and for all those who are involved in the care of animals. Our collection has gone to 'Many Tears', a very worthwhile animal charity and thanks go to all those made very generous donations.

All Souls Service. 3.30 pm Sunday 3rd November at Avening Church

This quiet service provides an opportunity to remember and give thanks for those we have loved and see no more. Children are welcome as well as adults.

However long ago we may have lost a loved one this is a chance to reflect, light a candle in their name and seek some comfort. You are invited to stay for a cup of tea and cake after the service.

Remembrance Day Service, 10th November 10.45 am at Avening Church.

Please join us for the annual reminder of the sacrifices that were made by so many people in order to win the freedom and prosperity that we now enjoy.

Tuesday Mornings, 9.45 am in Avening Church

Starting this month and over the next few months there will be regular services of varying styles at this time – please see the table right. These will last no longer than 30 minutes so just right for a visit to the Community Café afterwards. If you would like more details please contact me. All are welcome, tots included.

Advent Carol Service at the Gloucester Cathedral, 1st Dec. at 6.00pm

Those who have been to this before have found it to be a marvellous opportunity to experience a moving service in a packed cathedral. Derrick Pierce has kindly agreed to organise a coach and would like to know numbers as soon as possible – please let him know if you would like a seat on the coach (01453 835090). The cost will depend on numbers.

From the Church Registers

18th October: Funeral of Don Hopes (Avening)

*Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington
01453 883456 gp.south@btopenworld.com*

A ‘thank you’ invitation from Avening Church

We would like to thank the many people who contribute to the life of our church, often in 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 2nd November, 10.30 a.m.
Avening Church**

The Cherington Christmas Fair

**Saturday 16th November, 10 am - 4pm
& Sunday 17th November, 11am - 3pm**



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From Tetbury it is on the left just after the Cherington/Culkerton crossroads**

**The proceeds of the Raffle will be donated to the Screw Cancer Charity, which was set up
by William Yeoward who, sadly, died of cancer in June 2019. The Charity raises money
for the Cancer Research Laboratory at Imperial College, London as well as supporting
Maggie's Centres and creating an individual patient App .**

Church Services and Events

	Holy Cross Avening	St Nicholas Cherington
November		
2 nd	10.30 am Thank you morning	
3 rd	11.00 am Eucharist 3.30 pm All Souls Service	9.30 am Eucharist
5 th	9.45 am Iona style prayers	
7 th	11.00 am Praying the Parish	
10 th	8.00 am Said Eucharist 10.45 am Remembrance Service	Remembrance Service at Avening
12 th	9.45 am Morning Prayers	
17 th	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist
19 th	9.45 am Eucharist (BCP)	
24 th	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Morning Prayer
26 th	9.45 am Chat and Prayers	
December		
1 st	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Advent Service
	6.00pm Advent Carol Service at Gloucester Cathedral	
3 rd	9.45 am Iona style prayers	
5 th	11.00 am Praying the Parish	
7 th		5.00 pm Christingle Service
8 th	8.00 am Said Eucharist 5.30 pm Evening Prayer	

The Village Notice Board

The village notice board, on the side of the Memorial Hall, is a good way of publicising village events and items of local information. Posters, ideally size A4 or A5, can be put up for you on this board. Please continue to give them to Jennie South directly or leave in the church porch in the envelope provided. They will be taken down once they are out of date. Other posters may be removed and recycled once they are faded or to make space for others

Don Hopes

1930 - 2019

Don was born on the 4th January 1930 at 5 Bell Cottages, Avening. To parents Winnie and Jim. The cottages were owned by the Bell Inn and in later years were sold and then became 35 High Street, Avening.

Don had two brothers - Nick and John - and six sisters – Kath, Gwen, Lucy, Eadie, Grace and Evelyn. He went to the village school, leaving at the age of 14 to train as a gardener for Lord Lee who lived at Old Quarries.

When he was 17 he was called up to do his national service and was stationed at Aldershot in the canteen as a cook. He was best known for his swiss roll which you could apparently bounce off the floor. He was later transferred to Gloucester barracks on compassionate grounds as his father was very ill.

It was at Gloucester barracks that he met Arthur Cox who was a local plasterer working at the barracks. Arthur asked Don to come and work for him so when he left the forces he did. Don worked for Arthur until he retired at the age of 65.

Don met Jean in 1950 when she came to Avening to work as a nursery nurse at the local children's home. The village held regular dances and concerts which was how they met.

And so the story began!

Their biggest impulse buy was a caravan – they saw it, put down a deposit and arranged some finance.

Now they could get married; they were married in this very church on the 17th October 1953 and they had two children Sue and Sally.

They enjoyed some lovely family holidays in a little wooden chalet in the middle of the sand dunes at Saunton Sands in Devon. This was possible because the chalet was owned by Roy Cudmore who played the organ in Avening Church. He allowed Don to have it free for a week every year in exchange for doing a small repair job on the building. There was no running water, electricity or a toilet but many happy times were spent there.

Don was a very active member of the local Social Club and served on the committee for many years. He was rewarded with a lifetime membership.

Don played cricket for Avening; he played badly, but he had a place on the team every week because he was the only person who played the piano – for the sing song in the pub after the game.

He had a natural ear for music, having taught himself to play piano. He also

played the cornet in Avening Silver Band and loved nothing better than a good old fashioned sing song.

He played darts very well, both locally in the village and the league, winning many trophies

In 1962 Eric (the bosses son) and Don decided to give up smoking and take up golf. He didn't succeed with giving up smoking (till much later) but golf became a great passion. He played at the old course on the common for many years . Happy days.

1976 saw the birth of his first grandchild, Adrian. How proud he was. Adrian was followed by Angie, Neal, Kaye, Mark and Adam. He enjoyed many happy times when they came to visit

In 1995 Don retired and became a senior member at the golf club. He was in the local press when he got a hole in one!

He enjoyed coach holidays in his retirement and his favourite places were Scotland, Llandudno and Seaton.

On the 17th October 2003 Don and Jean celebrated their golden wedding - on the very same day their first great-grandchild, Connor, was born. What a great present!

Connor was followed by Amelia, Frankie, Caitlin, Morgan, Edward, Lucas and Charlie. He loved them all dearly.

He loved to go out for a pint or two every night. Of late he found it impossible to walk to the pub but his friends rallied round to make sure he got a lift there and back. A very special thank you to those people - you know who you are!

Don was one of those men who was happy with his lot! Grateful for what he had and not envious of those who had more.

He was loved and he will be missed.

Bell on Friday evening following Don Hopes' funeral earlier in the day, with his usual seat reserved .



Avening W.I.

October has been a busy and successful month for Avening WI.

Our amazing quiz team beat 22 other WI teams from across Gloucestershire and brought the Federation cup back to Avening. Congratulations to Gill Adams, Penny Fernando, Gill Thomas and Gwyneth Simpson!



Our display at Gloucester Cathedral to celebrate the centenary was one of many making a colourful sight in the cloisters, and was then relocated to the Avening Community Café when we took over running the café for one session. We had a busy but fun morning serving bacon rolls, in addition to coffee and cakes, which made us appreciate the wonderful volunteers that run the popular

café.

We have donated a planter complete with plants and bulbs to the village to brighten up the area near the phone box when the Christmas tree is not in residence.

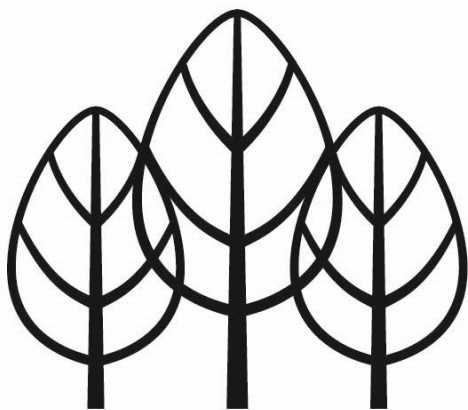
We have also enjoyed a walk from Tetbury to The Trouble House for lunch, some walking netball practices, several catering events and an interesting demonstration of fused glass followed by wine and nibbles to celebrate our 89th birthday.

We are hoping that lots of villagers will join us for Shirley's Fun Quiz at the Social Club on Friday 8th November, 7 for a 7.30pm start. Teams of four can compete and the cost is £4 per person to include a Ploughman's Supper. All proceeds will go to Longfield. Do come along, even if you don't have a full team, as we can assemble teams on the night.

You are also very welcome to join us for a pre-Christmas trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon on Thursday 28th November, leaving at 9.15am from the layby opposite the school. Seats on the coach are available for £10 per person. For more details, or to book a seat, please contact Sue Osborne on 839327.

Our speaker for this month is John Putley from Gloucester Archives who will take us on a 'Merry tour of past and present festive celebrations in Gloucestershire'. Visitors are welcome to join us for the talk at 7.30pm on Thursday 7th November at the Memorial Hall, and we are always pleased to see any new members.

Helen Haiselden



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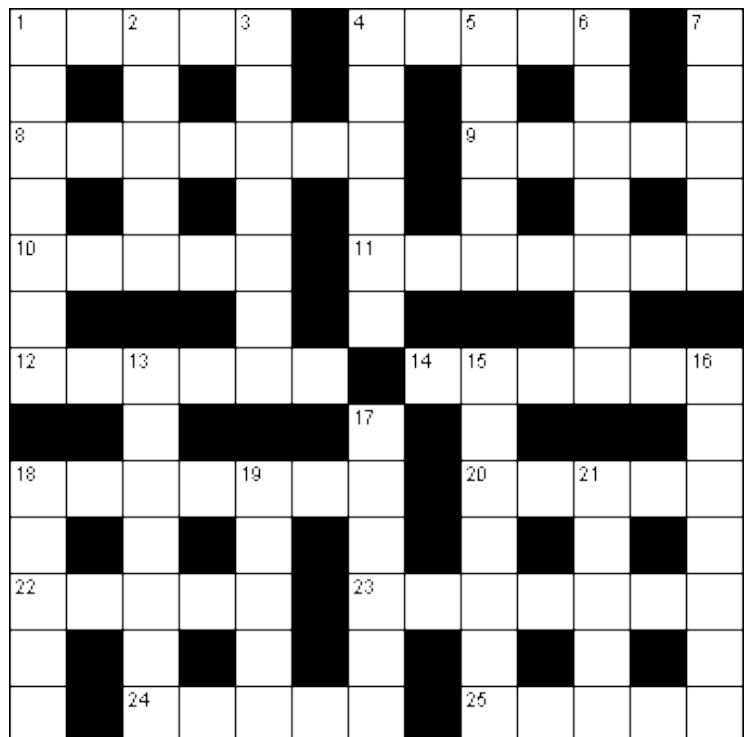
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Sudoku

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. Extremely cold (5)
4. Out of fashion (5)
8. Communication channel (7)
9. Crowd scene actor (5)
10. Part of a church (5)
11. Unlawful (7)
12. Natural abilities or qualities (6)
14. Conundrum (6)
18. Malleable (7)
20. Irritated (5)
22. Spear (5)
23. Acute (7)
24. Stringed instrument (5)



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Down

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| 1. Chivalrous (7) | 6. Lured (7) | 17. Sheep known for its high quality fleece (6) |
| 2. Guides (5) | 7. Intended (5) | 18. Greek letter (5) |
| 3. Distinguish (7) | 13. Curt (7) | 19. Paragon (5) |
| 4. Writing implement (6) | 15. Ludicrous (7) | 21. Male monarchs (5) |
| 5. Carapace (5) | 16. Interminable (7) | |

Avening and Cherington Cricket Club

The cricket club's return to the first division of the Cirencester and District cricket league proved very enjoyable in which we retained our position following a good win over near neighbours Oakridge in the last match of the season.

Attending the recent AGM of the CDCA the club were very pleased to receive the trophy for the most sporting team in the league and also came third in vote for providing the best teas. The latter was especially pleasing due to the excellent efforts of several new tea ladies (and gents) following our changed circumstances.

Many thanks are due to Chris and Siobhan for allowing us to play on the cricket ground and visiting teams always remark in the lovely surroundings. The support of our President, Roger Gegg, is again very much appreciated as are those of our vice presidents, especially Henry Arden with his trusty forklift. The support of the Cherington show committee is invaluable.

We look forward to seeing our supporters again next season and as always will be delighted to welcome anyone wishing to have a game of cricket for the club.

Derrick Ind

Dying without a Will. Now that's a real tragedy.

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All our volunteer visitors are local, reliable people who can bring the community to you and have a genuine interest in meeting you. The visits can have a positive impact on health and well-being; research has shown that social contact makes us healthier as well as happier.

If you feel this service could be of interest, please do give Sue a call.

OR:

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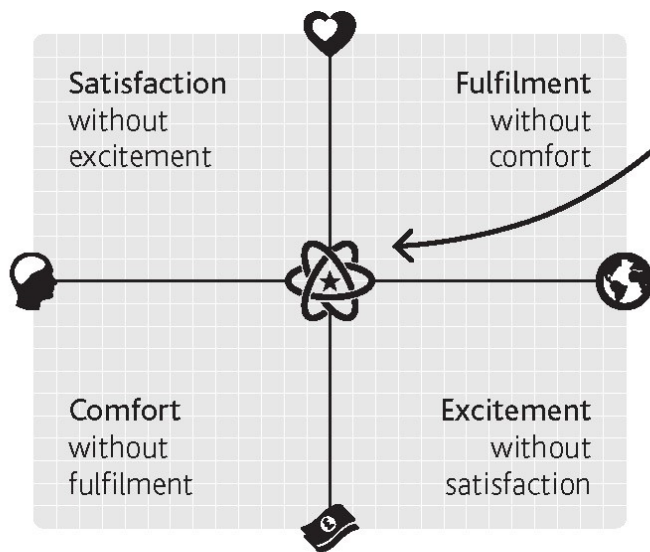
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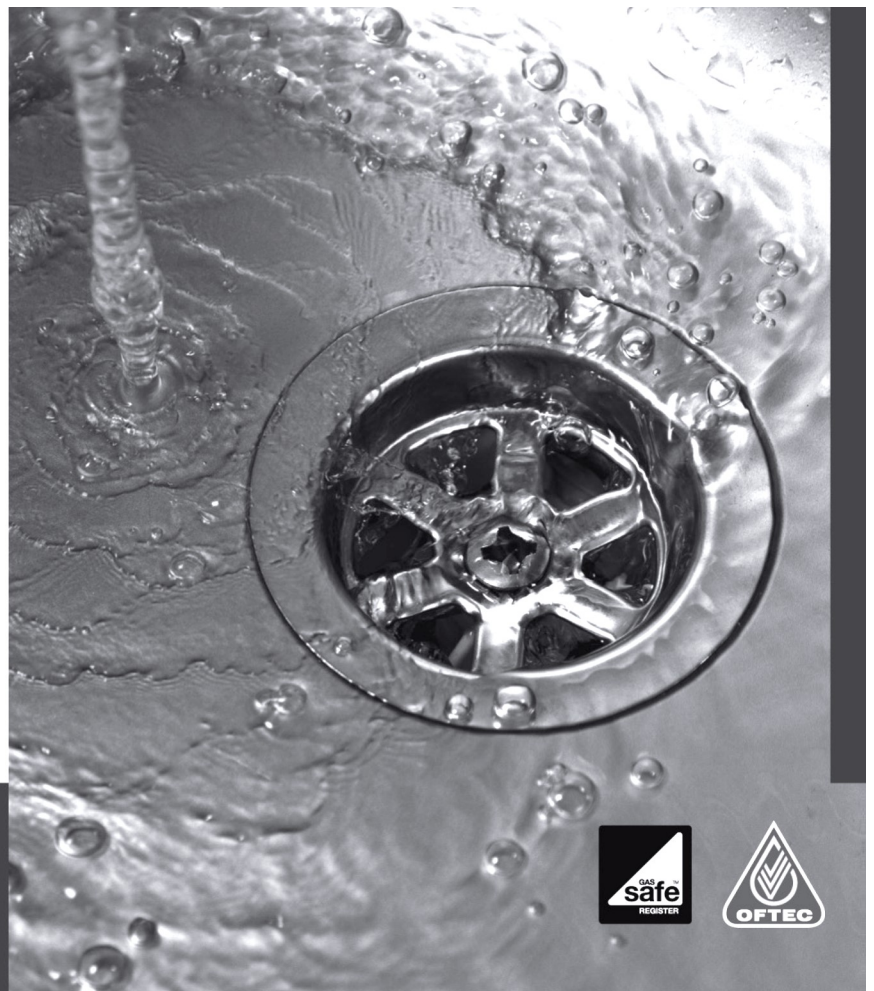
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The Land of the Red Squirrel

The Scottish Border Country is unbelievably beautiful and I was glad to have the opportunity of spending a few days there recently and seeing the forest-covered hills, lush grass fields with, everywhere you looked, flocks of sheep and herds of cattle grazing. The whole scene brought a sense of tranquility to our somewhat frantic world.



The grounds of the house where I was staying are a natural habitat for almost any wild creature - they're safe, they're beautiful and have a well-stocked larder. Hence the red squirrels cannot only get their food supplies buried for the winter but can then perform their acrobatics from tree to tree with great alacrity. Not only did I witness their acrobatics but I was lucky enough to see, emerging from one of the wooded

areas, a red deer followed by one of its offspring - their red coats shining in the morning sun.

Moving away from wildlife for a moment and heading eastwards, Dumfries House has to be one of the jewels in the crown of 18th century, Palladian houses. It sits, surrounded by gardens, woodlands and the magnificent Queen Elizabeth the Second's Walled Garden consisting of box-hedged flower beds, vegetable beds, fruit trees and amazing greenhouses with some of the most exotic plants you could ever wish to see.

As soon as you walk into Dumfries House it seems to exude warmth and a genuine 'lived-in' atmosphere. The rooms, beautifully and delightfully furnished, contain, amongst many other treasures, one of the largest collections of Chippendale furniture, not to mention tapestries, portraits and much, much more. All I would say if you ever have the chance to go there you won't be disappointed. But I will also give you a word of warning - do not head for the town of Dumfries because it's nowhere near there. Best to do your homework before you set out!

So, over the sea to the Isle of Arran, reached by a 50 minute crossing from the port of Ardrossan to Brodick, capital of the island. Arran may not have any foxes, moles or grey squirrels but it certainly has enough other wildlife. Driving along one of the coast roads and looking out across the bay, I counted at least 12 seals lying, almost posing, on large rocks along the shoreline and causing the few

motorists that there were to come to a grinding halt, leap out of their cars - mobile phones in hand - to take pictures. And as if the thrill of the seals wasn't enough for one day, more treats appeared on the other side of the island; namely a family of otters having fun and games in the sea. It looked as though the baby was being passed from, presumably, one parent to another ducking and diving in the calm waters of the bay without a care in the world.

And so this comparatively brief sojourn was coming to an end. The weather had been perfect - sunshine, calm, almost blue, seas. It makes you realise how very special it is to witness nature and animals in particular in their natural and undisturbed habitat. Long may it last.

Just to finish it all off - as I was about to leave, out in the garden trotted the red deer and its baby and about half a dozen pheasants. No red squirrels but I expect they were off doing their acrobatics and collecting nuts!

Ann Tarlton

Avening Homeworkers Christmas Lunch

The 2019 Avening Homeworkers' Christmas Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 27th November**



Once again the Queen Matilda is opening its doors especially for anyone working from home without an office party to go to. It starts at 12.30, with the aim of serving food at 1:30. The menu is also available at <http://queenmatildatavern.co.uk/christmas-2019/>



In order to be included in the festivities, please get in touch with our host Lynne (either by emailing trulockes@hotmail.co.uk, or via the more enjoyable method of popping into the pub) to let her know you'll be there and to give her your food choices. She needs to know before **22nd November** to be sure of ordering in enough supplies, so please don't spend too long thinking about it - just bite the bullet and say you'll be there. It's always great fun and an excellent way of meeting new people.

All 'homeworkers' (however you want to define that) in Avening, Cherington and Nag's Head are invited to this event

Happy 1st Birthday to



Avening Community Café



Avening Community Cafe

Avening Community Café

Join Us For Our First Birthday!

We'll be popping open the Prosecco in the Social Club on November 19th to celebrate the Community Café's first birthday.

And what a year it's been! We all have our favourite Café moments: from our very first morning with borrowed mugs and a dose of nervous anticipation, to our first (but not last) special offer for Valentine's Day and our first (but not last) Saturday 'Pop-Up' Café; from the Green Café, to story time, special bakes, competitions and sweepstakes; to art classes, soap carving, fruit-swapping and everything in between. Personally, I'd pick not only the kids munching away at boxes of popcorn at the Movie Matinee - but also the friends I've made and the joy of that 11 o'clock 'buzz' when the Café is full and the craic is something to behold.

So here's to anyone who's baked a cake or brought flowers for our tables; to anyone who's shared their books, garden produce or a much-loved hobby; to everyone who's woken up early and helped shift furniture, or lent us crockery, curtains, kit or caboodle; to anyone who's had a great idea and made it work; to those who braved the rain, made strangers welcome and invited old friends to try us out; to all of our 'likers' and 'sharers' on Facebook; to our funders, supporters and everyone who's cheered us on; and to all our brilliant volunteers and loyal customers: Thank You For Being Our Friends!

Clare Bebbington

Avening Community Café Crop Swap

From a Volunteer's Perspective

This time last year I was thrilled to hear about the plans for the Avening Community Café. This is such a fantastic village to live in, but if you don't have children at the school or frequent the pubs, church or social club, it can be easy to miss out on meeting fellow locals.

I found my first few visits to the café a little daunting, but each time I dropped in, my concerns were rapidly allayed – there was always a warm welcome from old friends I've been able to catch up with over a cuppa and a tasty piece of



cake, and new faces I have enjoyed getting to know (even if I can't remember everyone's names!)

From first hearing about the plans for the Café I was keen to get involved but wasn't sure how. I soon learnt that it is easy to contribute as much or as little time as you like. I love doing just

one Tuesday morning a month – everything has been so carefully thought out that it is virtually fool-proof – from setting out the tables to recycling the coffee grounds! And it's lovely getting to know some of the regulars and welcoming newcomers to Avening, from the other side of the counter.

Seeing the exciting variety of activities on offer each week, got me thinking... I am a keen gardener (not necessarily very good) and like many 'hobby gardeners' love buying seeds, growing them and harvesting their produce. However, I find I have more than I know what to do with, so last autumn the seeds of an idea for a 'crop swap' table was planted with the café committee (forgive the puns). Since the first seed swap back in June, the idea has grown and the 'Veggie-table' has received a warm welcome from contributors and beneficiaries alike – as well as raising funds for the Community Café's chosen charity!"

If you have green fingers and can donate any surplus plants, bulbs, cuttings, seeds, fruit, veg or any produce you have made from them, please bring them along on a Tuesday morning – the table is always ready to receive your contributions however big or small. If you can't be there yourself, or know anyone who has spare produce, please get in touch and we can arrange collection, or leave them on the doorstep of the social club early on Tuesday mornings with a note saying who they are from.

This is just one small idea that we are confident will bloom with time! If you have any similar ideas for the café or would like to volunteer, then please do get in touch.

Chandy Rodgers



Avening Playgroup

All the children have settled into the playgroup routine really well and are building new friendships, which is lovely to see. They are playing so nicely together and are learning how to work together to tidy up.

During the past month the children have been learning about:

Colours – we looked at colours in our environment and in books, as well as sorting and building towers of Duplo bricks by colour. The children made patterns with different coloured beads and learnt the Rainbow Song.

Shapes – we have been cutting around and colouring shapes, as well as talking about how many sides and corners the shapes have. The children have been looking at the shape bag and talking about the shapes they can see around them.

Numerals 1, 2 and 3 – we have been singing counting songs and matching items to the number. The children had fun rolling the dice and then carried out the matching number of claps or jumps.

Autumn – the children have talked about what is happening to the leaves outside and have made colourful handprints to use as leaves on our display. They have also made paper plate hedgehogs which involves cutting and decorating.



It is not only the children who have been busy – the staff have been updating various training including Paediatric First Aid and SENCO training.

The children are looking forward to a visit on Monday 11th November from Usborne Books. Sue will be reading a story to both the playgroup children and the children at the Toddler Group. Families will be able to look at and order books that afternoon and then collect their orders the following week – all in time for Christmas!

Once again, this year, we will be joining forces with FOAS to raise funds for both the school and the playgroup at our Christmas Extravaganza. There will be various stalls including a toy stall, Santa's Grotto, raffle, face painting, decoration making, tombola as well as refreshments. Please join us on Friday 6th December from 2.30 pm at Avening Village Hall for lots of festive fun.

If you would like to know anything about our lovely playgroup, please call us on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com. We are open week day mornings during term time

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Avening School

Avening School in Autumn!

As the leaves start to drop to the ground and the cold air becomes more bracing each day, the outdoor learning at Avening School continues with gusto as Forest School lessons take place each week for reception, y1, 2 and 3 pupils. Mrs Carter has been helping children use tools, notice seasonal changes and engage in outdoor crafts. And the fun doesn't stop there; with weekly after school Forest School club and Fledglings every Friday afternoon for pre-school children, the school garden is a constant hive of activity and learning.

Our Eco Council have been preparing for a presentation they are planning on giving the customers of the Community Café on the impact of palm oil on the environment, something which the members of the council are passionate about. The Eco Council are fortunate to have the help and expertise of Dr Phoebe Carter who attends council meetings and helps to provide the knowledge behind their Eco work. A huge thank you to the Community Café volunteers who have gifted the school with a beautiful, signed copy of the book 'The Sea' to go in the school library, presented by Clare and Jennie from the café .

Our Avening hockey team showed great resilience and team spirit recently despite the seasonal downpour at a Quick Sticks Hockey tournament at Deer Park School in Cirencester. Continuing on a sporting theme, our girl footballers will be representing the school before half term at a girls football festival in Cirencester.



We had some very happy Harry Potter fans a few weeks ago when six children from the Owls class took part in a Harry Potter themed literacy day at Westonbirt School which, amongst many exciting activities, included butter beer and invisible ink!

Thank you to everyone who came to visit us on our annual school open morning at the start of October. We had some wonderful comments in our visitor's book and were bursting with pride for our amazing

tour guides who were made up from members of the School Council and y6 pupils.

With half term just around the corner, we still have our harvest celebration to look forward to where the children will be encouraged to bring in money to create a river of coins in the school hall which will be donated to the Mark Townsend Trust to help others in our local community.

See you after half term!

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

Wild About Avening

In the last few weeks the *State of Nature* report has been released. This report is a collaboration of 70 conservation and research organisations who have worked together to assess the state of the UK's wildlife and to understand this in the light of the pressures on nature. The findings don't make comfortable reading with no let-up in net loss of the UK's wildlife. A total of 971 species are threatened with extinction, that's 13% of the Great British species. Added to that, 2% of our species have already become extinct and 41% of all UK species have declined in abundance since the 1970s. Without sounding like a 'tree hugger' (although I don't mind being one!), we are all reliant on the natural world for the food we eat, the air we breathe and much more. A broken system is no good to anyone and needs fixing to keep it in good working order. So now seems a great time to make a difference and help the natural world. Plant some bee-friendly plants; turn some lawn into a wildflower meadow; plant a tree; buy fewer items wrapped in plastic; reduce, reuse, recycle. All our small steps can make a difference; after all, "even the largest avalanche is triggered by small things" (Vernor Vinge).

Nature Notes

Last week I was delighted to see a Grey wagtail hopping around on the roof of my house. These pretty birds are far more colourful than their name suggests with a lemon yellow underbelly, contrasting to their grey upper body. The wagtail part of their name is much more accurate and if you watch any of our three wagtail species (Yellow, Grey and Pied) you will see them bobbing their tails up and down almost constantly. The Grey wagtail is an RSPB Red-listed Bird of Conservation Concern due to historical declines in their populations, so it was lovely to see one in the village. They feed on ants and midges alongside fast-flowing rivers and streams and will take snails and tadpoles from shallow areas. Seeing them here is a sign of good water quality in the village stream which is great news. Happily it seems they are now beginning to expand in range and number across the country.



I know I've talked all things hedgehog before but it's worth remembering that at this time of year they are looking for somewhere to hibernate for the winter. Leaf piles and the bases of hedgerows make good places for them to curl up in, or, you could provide a box with leaves and hay,

giving them a warm, safe place to spend the winter. If you find any small hedgehogs at this time of year the chances are they won't make it through hibernation. Hedgehogs should be around 600g before going into hibernation and should be at least 500g by November if they are to survive. You can weigh hedgehogs in a bowl on your weighing scales and if they are too small the best action is to take them to a wildlife hospital such as the Oak & Furrows. Don't forget as we run up to Bonfire Night to check for hedgehogs and other wildlife before you light your bonfires .

Phoebe Carter

The Posada Journey 2019 in Avening and Cherington

Posada was developed from a Mexican tradition. Posada is the Spanish word for 'inn'. Originally young people dressed up as Mary and Joseph and travelled from house to house in the weeks leading up to Christmas. They would be welcomed into local homes telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus.



Modern day Posada uses figures (expertly knitted by Wendy Eldridge) of Mary and Joseph that travel around

from home to home. The journey is symbolic of the journey that Mary and Joseph took all those years ago and helps us to make room for Jesus in our hearts, homes and community this Christmas.

Last year this proved very popular with the children and adults of Avening and Cherington. This year the figures will set off on their journey from our churches after the service on Advent Sunday (9.30 at Cherington and 11.00 at Avening on 1st December) and will return at Christmas.

After their overnight visit each host delivers the figures to the next home on the journey. Mary and Joseph would love to visit you for a day this Advent. If you would like your home to be included in their journey please phone Gerald on 01453 883456 or email gp.south@btopenworld.com by 12th November with your name and address: if there are any dates that would be inconvenient for you please also mention them. You will then receive details of their route and the timings.

Puzzle Corner Answers

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Director: Tom Harper

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Church Floodlighting



The church was floodlit on 29th October in memory of

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it will also be floodlit on 18th November - The feast of St Luke, with thoughts for all doctors, nurses and medical staff from Elizabeth Buchanan

The church looks beautiful at night when floodlit. 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



Avening Youth Club



November: The theme is money!

5th November: life sized monopoly

12th November: A talk by the FIRE BRIGADE

19th November: plan a bake sale and arrange it for next week's session

26th November: the bake sale!



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.

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.

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

Avening Baby & Toddler Group

The group is open to everyone with preschool children, so if you're a parent, grandparent or carer of a little one aged 0-5 then do come along!

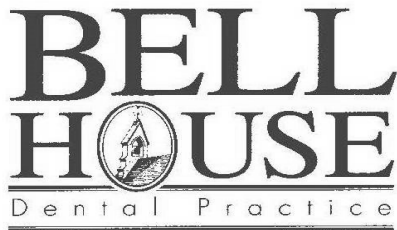
Please note the group runs during term time only, so there will be no session during half term (Monday 28th October).

Avening Baby & Toddler Group – Mondays during term time 1pm – 3pm.

At Avening Playgroup, The Sunground, GL8 8NW.

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Minchinhampton Players

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'Confusions' consists of five loosely interlinked one-act plays focussing on the absurdities of life in situations ranging from a toe-curlingly unsuccessful pick-up in an hotel bar to the full-on farce of a garden fête in the pouring rain.

Thanks to Ayckbourn's brilliant ear for dialogue, audiences are guaranteed an evening full of fun and laughter. Evening performances start at 7.30 pm with a Saturday matinée at 2.30 pm. Doors open 30 minutes before. Tickets cost £10 from M & B Stores, Minchinhampton.



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November Meeting

THE HISTORY OF THE GURKHAS



On Wednesday 20 November we are very fortunate that Brigadier Bruce Jackman OBE, MC, is going to talk to us about the Gurkha Welfare Trust and the history of the Gurkhas.

Brigadier Jackman is one of three generations of his family who have served with the Gurkhas. He, personally, commanded units in Brunei and Hong Kong and fought alongside them in Brunei and Borneo.

Tetbury and District U3A

Talks At the Goods Shed

10.00 am for 10.30 am start

Date	Speaker	Title of Talk
November 20th 2019	Brigadier Bruce Jackman	The Gurkhas
Janaury 16th 2020	Colin Fox	Diving on the Mary Rose
February 19th 2020	Sharon Stevenson	Conservation of Dolphins and Whales
March 19th 2020	Sue Limb	Winter and Broadcaster. What's so Funny
April 15th 2020	Dr Mike O'Donnell	Blood Hound Land Speed in cooperation with schools
June 17th 2020	Lynda Warren	Characters of the Titanic
July 20th 2020	Richard Burton	Gardening at The Court in the early 20th Century

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Christmas Extravaganza

Father Christmas has asked that we join forces with the School and Playgroup, in order to have an extended event so as he can prolong his stay. Keep The afternoon and Evening of December 6th free!

School Governor Vacancy

The School has asked the Parish Council for representation on their board of Governors. Cllr David Bendall has been nominated. David is looking forward to establishing closer ties with between the School and Council.

Playing Field

Work on the playing field is progressing, with the fence complete around the play equipment. Fund raising will commence for the next phase. If anyone has any ideas for raising cash, please get in touch.

Crime

Only one crime last month. A malicious communication on Facebook. This has been dealt with by the Police.

Roadworks

We are still experiencing problems with roadworks, mainly in relation to the cabling work. We are passing on your complaints.

Extension of Gas Supply

The idea of extending the gas supply from the top of the High Street to New Inn Lane along Point Road and the West End spur. A minimum of 22 households are needed to make this viable. Initial cost estimates are quite high so we are trying to find grants to help reduce these before progressing.

Planning Applications

1903821/RCONR: Old Bakery, Point Road - Remove the Holly Tree. We commented that neighbours were against the plan, but offered to 're-home' the tree if costs were covered.

19/03274/FUL & 19/03275LBC: Avening Court – New gates, alterations to piers, boundary and glass houses. No objections, but we observed that one element could be against Highways policy.

Remember you can comment on any application on the CDC portal.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is 21 November 2019. The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk



We can make Avening a more dementia friendly community!

Fifteen people came to the Dementia Awareness Session held at Holy Cross in September. It was an opportunity to raise awareness and learn something more about dementia and the small ways we can all help and support people to live well in the community with dementia. We shared experiences of some of the ways dementia, caused by diseases of the brain, can affect the lives of those with dementia and their families, friends and carers. We certainly don't want to add to their difficulties by making them feel more isolated and in fact there are many positive things we can do to help people live well with dementia while at the same time recognising that, as the disease progresses, some of the challenges and distress it presents can be overwhelming.

Thank you to those who came and if you or indeed anyone else would like a further chat about some of the suggestions that came up on the night, or anything you have been thinking about since please get in touch: Cas: casbw@btinternet.com or Jennie jennie.south@btopenworld.com

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Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 5th November	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Thursday 7th November	Avening Cinema Club showing Wild Rose	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Friday 8th November	WI Quiz	Avening Social Club	7 for 7.30pm start
Tuesday 12th November	Discussion of results of Youth Survey	Avening Memorial Hall	Following Youth Club at about 7.45pm
Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th November	Cherington Christmas Fair	Toad Hall, Trull Farm	10am-4pm 11am-3pm
Tuesday 19th November	Community Café 1st Birthday	Avening Social Club	9.00-11.30am
Thursday 21st November	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 28th November	WI Proposed Christmas Shopping Trip to Stratford on Avon	Bus leaving from layby opposite school	9.15am
Friday 6th December	FOAS and Playgroup Fair	Avening Memorial Hall	2.30-5.30pm
Friday 6th December	Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Avening and Party	Party at Social Club after Fair (see above)	After fair finishes

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