

The Villager

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Cherington and Nags Head

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It is extraordinary to think that another month has passed since we all adopted our new Lockdown lifestyles. Whilst for some, this is a particularly difficult and perhaps sad time, here in Avening, we continue to see evidence of generous kindness all around us, making this period memorable. You will see in this edition examples of this in so many areas of village life. It is particularly wonderful to read in the school article of the many activities that children and staff have enjoyed. At a time when uncertainty surrounds the possible return to school for some of the children, we must surely admire the steadfastness of the members of staff who have kept the 'show on the road' for the children of the essential workers and others. No one should forget that the teachers themselves are members of that 'essential' group and perhaps, when we clap on Thursdays, we should include them in our applause.

We are also enormously grateful to the Café for sponsoring the colour centre spread in this and the May edition of the magazine. We wondered if any other village organisations might be interested in sponsoring a future edition? If you don't ask, you don't get!

Finally, we wanted to thank the many people who have told us of their enjoyment of last month's edition of the Villager. It makes all the effort that goes into its preparation and the work of our wonderful team of distributors, so worth while.

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Many thanks to **Jane Whaley** for her photo of a house in Avening decorated for VE Day. Keep sending us your photographs, especially since all the images will be in colour in the downloadable version of the Magazine

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Our churches are now closed ...



Avening and Cherington Churches

are fit and well but regret that it has not been possible to hold services in church or to keep the churches open.

To keep in touch with the latest situation and see details of our continuing worship:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14317/ for Avening

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14319/ for Cherington

or contact Gerald South on 01453 883456 or gp.south@btopenworld.com

Compline Service

Wednesday evenings

Derrick Pierce has started a ZOOM Compline-type service at 7.30 every Wednesday evening.

if you would like to join in you can you email him at derrickcompline@gmail.com.

This is a short service, lasting only about 15 to 20 minutes; If nothing else it is a chance for prayer and contemplation.

AVENING CHURCH FETE

**It is now planned to hold this on Sunday
September 13th 2020**

Regular Activities in the Villages

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
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	Richard Smith
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 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	Liz 01453 833803
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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VILLAGE & AREA WEB SITES

Avening Parish Council: www.avening-pc.gov.uk

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



Photographers can be quite competitive as a breed, but we can also recognise a great photo when we see one – like last month’s Villager cover shot. It was almost a metaphor for our current situation – reflecting the glorious weather we have had during lockdown; the beauty of the area we are lucky enough to live in; and the numerous small acts by many individuals to brighten up our days. All that in one picture – they really can say a thousand words.

The village did it again – the improvised VE day street parties were a huge tonic, described by Derrick in his church reading as being like a huge virtual hug. From a speculative email from Mandy circulated to our coordinator group, it exploded into a village wide celebration tapping into the pent-up demand to get outside and talk to people. Walking around our road and the wider village it was fantastic to see so many people in their front gardens enjoying a drink, renewing old friendships, and making new ones. Well done everybody – great job!

A full round up later of the Volunteer network we set up as part of our emergency plan (in reality we reacted to what was happening and what was needed), is available on the Avening website. I would just like to publicly recognise how valuable every one of these selfless individuals has been during the lockdown, but especially mention Clare who galvanised everyone together, and is doing a brilliant job in producing the weekly newsletters.

You will see details later about our grant application through Calor to replace the much-loved zip wire. I would ask you to share the details with all your friends and family – simply liking the page will help and costs nothing, but by making any small pledge it will boost our chances of winning the grant significantly.

I’ve been made aware of a rat problem in parts of the village, and I’m working with the environmental services at CDC to find the main sources so that an action plan can be designed to eradicate them. In the meantime, if you are affected it is advised to stop putting food out for hedgehogs and birds. Concentrated lavender oil has been suggested as an effective deterrent.

Horsley tip is now open, but you need to book in advance – only 1 person per car.

Don’t forget to share your new favourite walks – I’ve literally been flooded with the entry so far!!

As always in lockdown, please be considerate to your neighbours – keep outside noise to a minimum (music, machinery, children), avoid bonfires (especially on sunny/warm days). Stay safe.

***Tony Slater – email: chair@avening-pc.gov.uk: Web: www.avening-pc.gov.uk
For assistance contact Covid19@avening-pc.gov.uk or call 07415 039234***

The Bell at Cherington

Submitted by Click Mitchell. If anyone ever wondered how the Bell in Avening came by its name – here is the story.

There was a bell at Cherington whose tongue's melodious sound
Waked envy in the heart of men through all the country round. But most of all
at Avening where sons of valour dwell
And make six gallant youths aspire to seize this lovely bell.

For Avening had five bells alone so must its ring increase:
That these six gallant Avening youths might have a bell apiece.
So on a dark November night they laid their plans with skill
With ropes and bandages prepared, climb'd Cherington's high hill.

Through gates and doors they burst, and up the winding staircase sped
To the dark chamber where their bell hung silent on her bed.
Her tongue they deftly muffled straight, bound cords around her waist,
And bore her off, and joyed to see their prize in safety placed.

Then ranged her with their other five and bade her join and sing -
To celebrate their triumph with one merry festal ring.
But soon the folks of Cherington the law's strong arm invoke
And made their Avening neighbours pay right dearly for their joke.

The culprits sentenced for six months to fill a convict's cell
And back, behold, to Cherington, restored the captive bell.
Hence, all ye brace, a lesson learn from force and fraud abstain:
Nor ever seek by midnight pranks, a beauteous bell to gain.

Whate'er ye do, be just and fair, so shall ye live to tell
How honest toil and lawful play bring home the wished for BELLE.



The Bell is offering both food and drink to takeaway, Tuesday to Sunday 5.30 to 9.30, including draught beers, lagers and ciders if the customer brings a container with them. They will also be doing deliveries with last orders at 9pm **(01453 836453)**

Avening and Cherington Churches



Church as it has Never Been Before

In our lifetime it has never been necessary to close churches and suspend worship in them. Church really means communities of people, usually of very varied backgrounds, beliefs and doubts, who choose to worship together and to serve the wider community. How can this be when the buildings have been locked for over six weeks and the future is very uncertain?

As far as service is concerned, the people of our Christian communities in Cherington and Avening have been very active in offering support to others in the villages, but how about worship?

We have been putting audio services on our 'churchnearyou' websites using recordings of many of the same people who would have been reading and leading prayers, had we been in church. These services have also been greatly enhanced by the music from Rachel Mapp, a sixth-former and an



Avening organist, Claudia Ungar, a relatively new Cherington resident, members of the Avening Angels and from Georgina Leach, who grew up in Avening.

On 10th May the service had a different tone with a version in Powerpoint containing images and photos of many of those involved. There were contributions from some younger villagers: Coco, Rufus and Lola Rayner together with Francesca di Mauro provided our readings with some commentary on them (from Genesis and Revelation leading to our trust that God's loving purpose will survive all that we humans can throw at it); Lore and Isaac Barnett read poems relating the natural world to our spiritual insights; prayers, written and read by Katy and Albie Forbes, Leonora and Imogen Tudor and Poppy Fuller. Their prayers included many thank yous: for our



beautiful surroundings with trees, flowers and birds; for parents and teachers; "those who are working really hard in our hospitals, postmen, scientists, those who take our rubbish away"; and for being able to "wave at the people we know". Also some other thoughts and concerns: for those with not much money or space; those who are lonely; for an unwell grandparent; "worried about seeing my friends again but don't know when that will be"; "help us to show kindness to others so that they feel our love even though we can't hug them".

One of the comments received after this service was "Amazing

how children say so simply how we all feel “. Parents also commented on how valuable have been the discussions at home that went into preparing these prayers.

A big thank you to all who have given these services such a local feel. Some other comments have been:



“Thank you to everyone taking part affording a true feeling of togetherness - so meaningful in this not-so-together time.”

“We would like to say how much we appreciate the work that goes into the Sunday Services to help us still feel part of our spiritual community. The intercessional prayers were lovely and thought inspiring. We do very much miss the physical Church but interestingly there is something special about bringing the Church into our homes”.

“I have just finished listening to the Easter service and must say it made me feel very humble and sad for the situation we are in today but also thankful that we have such a caring and friendly environment of people willing to give their time and experiences to others”.

I have been delighted to learn that there are many who are enjoying these services who would not normally be able to, or wanting to, be in church on a Sunday. I would very much like to hear more about their reactions – if you are one of them please do give me a ring or send me an email.

We have also had some Zoom evening services, initiated by Derrick Pierce: these enable us to see each other live and to be together in time, if not in space.

To keep in touch with services and future developments in an evolving situation, please contact me or go to:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14317 for Avening Church

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14319 for Cherington Church

Gerald South, Parish Priest. 01453 883456 gp.south@btopenworld.com

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Farm Life



Archie, John and Sam Powell, taken in 2014.

“Why not start a blog?” This is a question I have been asked often when out and about on the farm. My name is Sam Powell; I am a fifth generation farmer at F L Powell and Sons, Court Farm Avening. Some of you may follow the farm Facebook or Instagram page that we

set up to show a little insight into what we get up to on the farm. So, to answer the question, in future months my aim in this column is to give an overview of both the trials and elations that occur in a typical farming year, the way we care for our herd and how we link environmental and agricultural practice.

I thought that it was best to use this month’s article to introduce myself, my family business and the people who contribute to the running of the farm, both past and present.

I was fortunate to inherit the business ‘F L Powell & Sons’ with my farther John, after the passing of my grandparents Archie and Edna Powell. Court Farm, situated in Star Lane, has been occupied by the Powell family for over 150 years, where we currently run an extensively-reared beef herd on a pasture-based system. Court Farm is also made up of land tenanted from Avening Court, of which I currently stand as the 5th generation of my family to be tenant.



Age about 18, Archie driving the first tractor on the farm.

My great, great grandfather Jabez Powell first came to the farm over

100 years ago as a blacksmith and farrier to the local community. He was succeeded by his son (Frederick Powell), who later branched out into milk production and established a milk round in the village. Frederick's children followed him into agriculture, with two of his sons Archie and Gerald joining the business 'FL Powell & Sons' in 1945. Their sister Gay Powell also assisting in the running of the dairy.



From this point the farm saw a big change; pigs were introduced, as well as a considerably larger milk round covering four villages and a contract to supply milk to Cadbury's and the Co-Op.

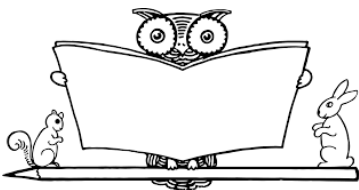
Archie continued running the farm after the retirement of his father and brother, later changing to beef production.

The farm currently operates with a commercial beef herd. Recently, there has been further change, with an increase of acreage and the introduction of rare breed pedigree Gloucester cows which we will be incorporating into holistic management.

I hope you look forward to reading a little more in the future about our farming life at F L Powell and Sons.

Sam Powell

Avening Church of England Education Fund (ACEEF)



The trustees of ACEEF have limited funds available to assist Avening residents under 25 with their education.

These grants are intended to help ensure that young people in the village are not deprived of the opportunity to receive good education suiting their aptitudes and abilities.

If you, or your children, are in need of such support, please request an application form by phoning 01453 883456 or emailing gp.south@btopenworld.com.

Forms received by 10th July will be considered by the Trustees at their next meeting.

Avening W.I.



The recent VE Day anniversary was a poignant reminder of another very difficult time and caused many of us to reflect on the events that affected our parents and grandparents. In comparison our present confinement at home is so much easier and more comfortable. The weather, local scenery and wildlife, in addition to friendly and caring neighbours, have all helped to brighten our days.

It seems appropriate to continue with the history of Avening WI through the difficult times in the 1940s:

‘The outbreak of war brought blackouts, petrol rationing and evacuees, all of which had a considerable impact on the WI both nationally and locally. The meetings began

to be held in the afternoons in the winter, as speakers would not travel in the blackout. It became increasingly difficult to obtain fuel for travelling, and the emphasis was on local talent. In 1940 the entertainment committee had blossomed forth into an excellent jazz band complete with costumes, so members were able to enjoy dancing.

Some of the topics chosen for talks reflect the food restrictions of the time such as “Making the most of the cheese ration”. Rosehips and blackberries were picked by the school children and the WI helped dispatch these to the cities. Food shortages continued after the war and the minutes record the receipt of food parcels in 1948 and 49 from New Zealand, which were shared between members.

Members continued to collect silver paper for the war effort. A sock-darning scheme was led by Lady Lee (50 pairs a week!) and money was raised for local hospitals and the Red Cross. By 1944 thoughts were turning to Europe and children’s garments were brought to meetings to add to a collection for children in occupied countries. A group of volunteers supplemented the supply by establishing a knitting group.

Meetings were going to be held at Old Quarries but these had to be cancelled because of security, although no one knew why. It was only after the war that it was discovered that many National Gallery paintings were being stored there. It

has been reported that the WI had a private viewing before they were returned to London. Members were also invited to contribute to the consultation on post-war education, which led to the 1944 Education Act sponsored by R.A.B. Butler of Gatcombe Park. The image on the previous page shows the cover of our recent edition of WI Life featuring a poster of Rosie the Riveter from the Second World War.

June will be another month of cancelled meetings and events for us, but we are staying safe and looking forward to more normal times in the future.

Helen Haiselden

The Great Exhibition



An exhibition of works of art created during Lockdown.

Photographs

Drawings

Paintings

Sculpture

Prizes!

Dates: To be arranged. Rules and details contact George Buchanan 01453 833016. buchanan.pg@gmail.com

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.

Answers on page 42

For answers to Rev. Gerald's quiz in last month's Villager, see page 31

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1. Peril (8)
5. Rim (4)
9. Similar (5)
10. Extinct elephant (7)
11. Aromatic seasoning (7)
12. Wild feline (5)
13. Gaped (6)
15. Winner (6)
19. Go in (5)
21. Farmer's calendar (7)
23. Italian red wine (7)
24. Inexperienced (5)
25. Luxuriant (4)
26. Fierce (8)

Down

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| 1. Envious (7) | 7. Used as an anesthetic (5) | 19. Surpass (5) |
| 2. Mediterranean fruit tree (5) | 8. Leave out (4) | 20. Rip (4) |
| 3. Norm (7) | 14. Achieves (7) | 22. Dissonance (5) |
| 4. Type of plum (6) | 16. Vast (7) | |
| 6. Shortage of rainfall (7) | 17. Wealthiest (7) | |
| | 18. Of the sea (6) | |

Rosie Kent Walks and Dances for Longfield

In the April Villager you may have read about young George Hookham's non London marathon at the end of April to raise money for the great work done by Longfield Community Hospice Care. Other Avening residents came up with challenges too, including Rosie Kent who works at Longfield. On 26th April when the London marathon would have been taking place Rosie planned to walk 2.6 miles and do 26 dances at different, local stops on the way, videoing herself en route. Sounds a bit technical but fun and demanding and we have to admire her for coming up with the idea, and doing some 'training'!

She set off from Longfield, in her uniform dancing to 'You'll never walk alone' - a short car journey and then she walked for the rest of the local circuit. She had not only planned amazing scenic stops for each dance but she matched the song to the location. To 'Don't sit under the apple tree' she danced in an orchard, in bluebell woods surrounded by teddies, yes you've guessed, it was 'The Teddy bears Picnic'. So choosing the stops, selecting the tunes and dance routine and then to this add dressing up! She had a different outfit each time, wigs, scarves, frilly skirts, stripy socks all of which she had to carry with her, and all this in the blazing heat.



Those who spotted her enjoyed 'socially distanced' watching and, in the video she took recording her endeavours, they could be heard in the background cheering her on her way 'keep going Rosie!' It took her six hours in all, in blazing heat, to complete the challenge and it took its toll on her knee – but she is thankfully recovering now.

Rosie set herself a fundraising target for Longfield of £200. She is delighted to report that at the last count the total is around £325! Rosie is very grateful and thanks all who supported and encouraged her efforts for Longfield. Very well done Rosie!

Here is the link if anyone wants to donate to this excellent cause and help Rosie's total along: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rosie-kent> or you can donate via the longfield website: <http://www.longfield.org.uk/>

Jennie South

The Life of Riley – The RAF Years

Riley Vincent, who passed away in January 2020 at the age of 96, spent the war years serving in the RAF in the Western Desert. He recounted a number of his tales from that experience for us in The Villager. At his funeral part of his obituary was given by Squadron Leader Mike Stocks of the RAF. Rather belatedly, we publish it here.

Mr. Edward [Riley] Vincent became Aircraftsman Vincent on joining the Royal Air Force Entry 40 of the Trenchard Brats 'Apprentices' at Royal Air Force Halton, over 80 years ago, an organisation that he cherished for the rest of his life. Even after leaving he kept a watchful eye on the Service and many that knew him well believe that even, in his 90s he wished he was still in a blue uniform. He kept abreast of the changes in the RAF and was one of the most avid readers of the RAF newspaper and wider news agencies relating to aircraft.



He was always happy to talk to Servicemen about his experiences but also very interested in the RAF of today. For a different generation, it transpired that experiences were so similar, just separated by the jet age. All of his 'Engineering standards' have been maintained to the principles of air safety. These still keep many young men and women alive by making sure the aircraft does not fail in flight.

In today's Armed Forces there is significant choice in what area of speciality one chooses; Riley was not in this fortunate position. He explained to a serving RAF officer (who was horrified to hear) that then the boys were split in half and some went to engines and others to the airframe trades. Also, there were many stories about the Old Workshops, the technical teaching areas and the twice daily march up and down Armoury Hill in Training. These are familiar, if not the same, to the

new arrivals at RAF Halton. Halton has not changed much and airmen still study in a building with the unfortunate name of Kermode hall, which for generations of RAF airmen has caused amusement.

Riley would talk of all those chaps he joined up with – as so many of his intake lost their lives in various roles in the RAF. Very philosophically, he said that after being in the hospital at Halton for 3 months where the Senior Medical Officer said he was lucky to be alive, he was living on borrowed time – not bad for a chap in his late 90s.

Following his time at Halton and a simply superb training, off he went to the Desert Airforce. He laughed when we talked of being in the desert and how little has changed with the current generation of servicemen. He was rightly proud of what was achieved and of being part of the desert Air Force. There are hundreds of stories about his time and for those who knew him hours of laughter and the odd tear were shared talking about it. From the time he 'acquired' an American tool kit that followed him for the rest of the war, to dragging an aircraft out of the sand with ropes, aided by a bunch of locals he got to help. He was out with the long-range desert group, the forerunners of the SAS, grabbing parts from downed aircraft.

Riley was not always complementary about commissioned officers, especially if they brought an aircraft back full of bullet holes that he had to help patch. This is where his love of the Hurricane Aircraft rather than the Spitfire was born, as it was easier to fix and get back in the sky. After the Desert, RAF life carried on and he would proudly say, with no sense of irony, "All four-engine bombers are the same, just read the notes and get in there". He was a man with the courage of his convictions and the confidence to sit in the Air Engineers seat on an aircraft he had stripped down to the bare essentials and signed up for 1 flight only- such knowledge of what was actually possible. A mark of him as an RAF engineer is typified by the story of him arguing with a young officer pilot and the pilot being told by the Station Commander that he would never know as much about aircraft as Riley! His tales of trips to RAF St Athan in South Wales are amazing; apparently whilst the aircraft was designed to fly on 4 engines you can manage with less!

As I said at his funeral, I will always smile when I think of him, and my Service is simply better for having had him serve in it. It was an honour to have known him.

Squadron Leader Mike Stocks RAF



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The Avening Community Coronavirus Team



Every Saturday the Community Coronavirus Team publish a newsletter with information about resources and activities during the lockdown. This can be found on both the Avening council website and Avening Facebook page, as well as through the Neighbour Network. On this page we publish a summary of the latest publication and some of the most important information, but would advise people to take a look at the newsletter themselves if they have not already done so. It's a great read and full of interesting and fun bits of information. The newsletter to be published on 30th May will probably be the final one. If you'd like to share your thoughts on what the next steps should be, or if you have any comments and suggestions for the remaining newsletters, please contact Clare Bebbington (ccbebs@gmail.com). Above all, we want to stay safe and stay together!

Neighbourhood Network Newsletter #8

A little piece of magic popped through our letterbox on Thursday, just as I began to think about Newsletter #8. *Over The Moon News* is written and edited by pupils of Avening School to 'celebrate all that's good in the world and to share positive news and wonderful people'.

There has been a lot of focus on mental health during the pandemic, with charity Mind leading the way with its clear and helpful information hub <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/>, But even Mind would find it hard to beat the advice in *Over The Moon*: 'Spend some time looking up at the sky rather than down at your screen.'

Learning that Lego is making visors for frontline healthcare workers gave me an excuse to spend a happy half hour rummaging around their website (www.lego.com). I like knowing the Belgium Potato Growers Association is asking Belgians to eat chips twice a week. I loved finding tips about how to help hedgehogs or spot butterflies. There are games and jokes. If the news gets too depressing I can think of nothing better than switching it off, getting a packet of Smarties, separating them into colours, counting each, and discovering whether there are indeed more pink smarties in a packet than any other colour!

It's a delightful, happy read – a tribute to the junior 'hacks' who put it together and especially to headteacher Jane Rushton and the other teachers who have kept the school open.

Rubbish and Recycling in Avening

First, a shout-out to our bin men, who have stuck with it over the past nine weeks, shifting an extra 330 tonnes of rubbish during lockdown in the Cotswold District Council area alone.

All your questions about weekly rubbish are answered on <https://>

www.cotswold.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/, which also lists roads missed during the weekly collections. Bulky item collection is running as usual – call 01285 623123.

The Terracycle recycling boxes for crisp packets and toothbrushes and toothpaste packaging which used to be at the School (supported by collections at the Café) are no longer available. Common sense suggests it is unlikely that toothbrushes will be recycled any time soon. It is worth keeping crisp packets if you can, for recycling once collections resume.

Household Waste Recycling Centres In Gloucestershire

Details are on: <https://www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/household-recycling-centres-hrcs/> You now have to book for almost all HWRCs, so do check before you load up – and you have to be quick if you want to bag a slot anytime soon!

Nearby Recycling Bins (information accurate as of 21st May)

- Most clothes recycling bins are closed. This includes the Salvation Army and other bins in Tesco, Tetbury and the clothes and textile recycling bins next to Tesco in Nailsworth. The clothes and shoes bin at the junction of Spring Hill and Northfield Road is open.
- The disposable cups and coated-cardboard milk and soup carton recycling bin is open at Tesco in Tetbury. All other bins there are closed.

Returning Medicines

Lloyds Pharmacy in Nailsworth started taking unused medicines again last week.

Essential Information

Neighbour Networks

There are neighbour networks for many roads and streets around the village: Avening Parish Council has an up-to-date list. If you do not have one set up, or want to check if one is planned, please contact parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

Mobile Post Office: Closed until further notice

The Mark Townsend Trust: plays a big role in helping people in the village and those who are finding it difficult to fund essential items of food may apply to the Trust for food vouchers. Contact the Trust on 01453 832799. They also have a list of organisations for anyone placed in a vulnerable situation:

<https://themarktownsendcharitabletrust.com/coronavirus/resources/helplines/>

Food Bank: Place non-perishable donations in the boxes outside 14 High Street.

Trusted Online Sources

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UK Government: www.gov.uk

Letters to the Editors

Dear Friends,

Eight weeks ago we set up a plant stall and a roadside library outside our respective homes, two popular features of the Community Café that we were determined to keep going. At the beginning we had no idea if anyone would join in – or indeed how long we'd be doing it! Since then we've taken our boxes and pots out every day and watched as books were borrowed and donated, and seeds and seedlings grown and shared.

What neither of us anticipated was what this would mean for us personally. There have been chats over the wall and new friends made. We haven't just exchanged plants and books, but also advice and support. Sometimes the highlight of the day will be a child riffling through the kids' book box or a green-fingered friend delighted to find tomato plants while the garden centres were shut.

So many of you are tumbling through our list of supporters: The gardeners who have dug treasured plants from their gardens to share with us – and then chosen plants from the wall to take home; the new gardeners, who have decided to give it a go, using our plants and seeds; all of you for your donations of seeds and seedlings, cuttings, produce, money and even cuddly toys and doggie biscuits.

The roadside library has grown, with some superb novels, blockbuster page-turners, cookery books and an eclectic mix of non-fiction. Cherished books have turned up (a much-loved complete run of the Just William stories was a particularly heart-warming surprise). Recently, we've set up a box for guides and wildlife books to support the Big Wildlife Watch. In short, something for everyone.

So thank you from both of us. We've raised £300 for the Mark Townsend Trust and Stroud Women's Refuge, but as valuable is your friendship and support.

Thank You!

Elizabeth Buchanan and Clare Bebbington

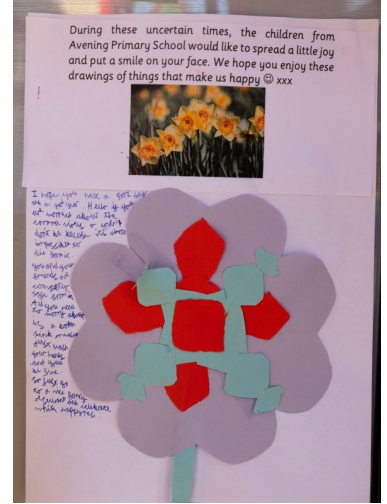
The editors were very grateful to receive the following and to know that The Villager is appreciated by others. Thank you.

Congratulations to you all on this edition, starting with that uplifting picture of dear Jim playing his trombone amidst the bluebells - so utterly heartening! I particularly loved the Corona Poem and have distributed it to my family, and importantly my cousin in a Care Home - I admire it so much I wasn't expecting an edition at this time, so thank you all so much.

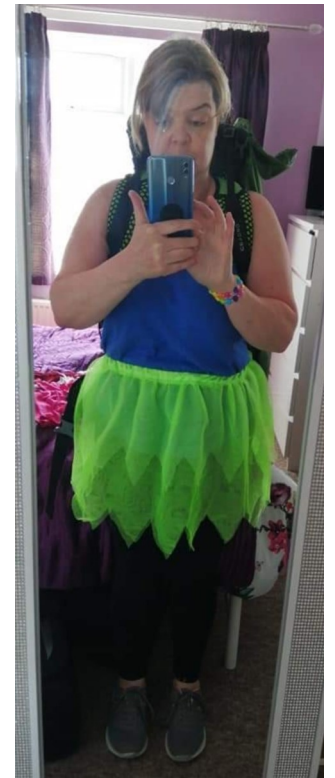
Liz and Peter Workman

Life in Lockdown and VE Day Celebrations

Many thanks to Emily Davies, Clare Bebbington, Kate Gegg, Tony Slater, Nigel Bowsher, Rosie Kent, Gerald South, Paul Cable and Sue King for these photos - keep them coming!



Seems everything is 'staying home'!



Rosie preparing for her marathon dance



Avening Community Cafe

These colour centre pages were kindly sponsored by the Avening Community Cafe







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Avening Walks

DID YOU KNOW that you can download 8 walks around Avening and a map from our website www.avening-pc.gov.uk/avening%20walks.htm; The walks range from a simple stroll around the village to a strenuous 3-hour trek via Minchinhampton and Gatcombe - what better way to explore our beautiful area during the lockdown.

We haven't published any new walks for quite a few years, so why don't you let us know your favourite walk by noting down the route, highlight any interesting features on the way, and tell us why it is your favourite.

Email the details, or write to the clerk (parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk) - there might even be a small prize for the best one!

Happy walking (but stay safe).



The Avening Postboxes

One of the benefits of the lockdown has been to appreciate how fortunate we are to live here; in particular, there are plenty of walks to be had without having to get in a car, or worry about coming into contact with crowds. And so many people make an effort to enhance their gardens that it is a pleasure just to walk around our villages.

Having more time on my hands must have made me more observant than usual, but I have to confess that until now I had assumed that all the Avening postboxes would be emptied at around the same time. I'm sure that I must have rushed off to Tetbury with a last-minute birthday card in the past, having missed the 1715 collection at Woodstock lane. But now I see that I could have posted it at either the Queen Matilda or Rectory lane for it to go at 0900 the next day.

Was I the only one not to know this? I carried out a survey: one person thought I was an idiot, the other said they had lived here all their life and hadn't realised it either. On that basis, it's probably worth an article in the Villager, spelling out the collection times:

<u>Queen Matilda:</u>	0900 Mon-Fri, 0700 Sat
<u>Rectory Lane:</u>	0900 Mon-Fri, 0700 Sat
<u>Woodstock Lane:</u>	1715 Mon-Fri, 0900 Sat
<u>Nag's Head</u>	1600 Mon-Fri, 1015 Sat

That said, I'm a little dubious about the Rectory Lane postbox as it advises villagers that there is also a 1600 collection at the Avening Post Office. Anyone looking for that Post Office is likely to be disappointed: I believe it was last located in my house in the High Street over 25 years ago.

Unfortunately our postboxes are in a very sorry state and I've asked the Parish Council if they could see about them getting de-rusted and repainted, something that is meant to occur every five years. Somehow a shabby facility emblazoned with E11R seems disrespectful to Her Majesty... whereas Queen Victoria's post-box at Nag's Head is in pristine condition!

Roger Lindley

**The online version of the Villager now has
all photos in glorious colour!**

Age UK Gloucestershire

The Age UK Gloucestershire team is just a phone call away and we're keen to support all older people in the county during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have an immediate problem or need help or information about shopping, community support local to you, prescriptions, benefits and finances or health/social care, our **Help Team** is on hand from **Monday to Friday (9am–4pm)**. Call **01452 422660** to speak to one of our team, who will be able to help.

We know that social distancing is really difficult for many people, and lots of you are missing having someone to talk to regularly. We now have a **Freephone Friendship Line** for anyone who would like a **friendly chat** with one of our staff or volunteers. Please call us **0800 2980579 Monday to Friday (9am–4pm)**;

We have lots of accurate up-to-date information for individuals and community groups. Visit our website www.ageuk.org.uk/gloucestershire to find out more.

If you're online, you could join our **Facebook** Group, **Gloucestershire Springboard** to meet new friends, and join in activities together.

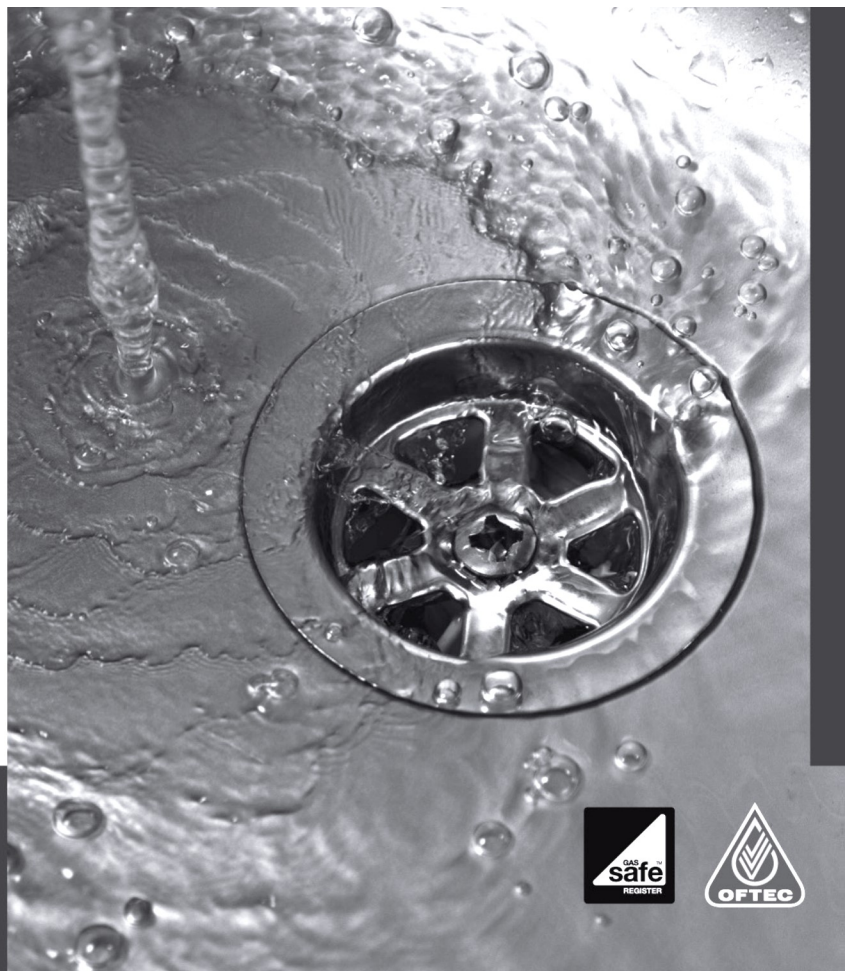
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Avening Community Cafe

The Avening Morris Dancers performing at a German nudist colony; longer than intended walks on the banks of the Severn; Grayson Perry and Mr Patel's newsagents; rats and hedgehogs; old yeast and elusive flour....our Tuesday Zoom Cafés can be lively places, the more so now we've figured out how a dozen or more people can chat online without descending into cacophony and chaos.

We've also held our first online afternoon tea craft session thanks to Lil Adams, who led us through 90 therapeutic minutes of soap carving and gentle online companionship. We held the second of our Community Café Book Clubs – a delightful discussion on the merits of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Chalford author Rachel Joyce.

But as monthly highlights go, it would be hard to beat the 120 cheese scones and 70 cupcakes baked for over 30 customers on VE Day. Sandra Hetterley's union jack and poppy cupcakes hit just the right commemorative notes and the cheese scones (thanks for the recipe Mum!) seemed to get a big thumbs up. The final tally was over £260 raised for the two charities picked by Café customers, The Mark Townsend Trust and the Stroud Women's Refuge. And the baking didn't stop there: Sue Osborne, Mandy Slater, Cat Strauss and her daughter Ailish all made cakes and biscuits for Avening School. It's surprising how much baking is done now the Café is closed!

The plant stall's success outside 14 High Street is fast becoming the stuff of Café legend - £300 has been raised so far thanks to Elizabeth Buchanan's tender care.



The Editors have received this photo taken by the Tudor family with this thought :“I think the tea pot rather sums up our feelings on enjoying the Cafe goodies”.

The glacial movement of tomato seedlings around the village barely has time to pause on her front wall before being snaffled up by one green-fingered gardener or another. Even though the garden centres are now open, there will still be plenty of home-grown seedlings for pots and borders and (we hope) some good produce for swapping later in the season.

The Café will open only when it is safe for our volunteers and customers, and certainly not before government advice allows us to. This means we are likely to be

closed for a while longer. With this in mind we've created a special Lockdown Menu featuring all of our old favourites from Atlanta Rayner's Writing for Fun to Green Café activities such as Pete Barton's Litter Pick.

So please join in however and whenever you can. If you'd like to give Zoom a go, Jennie South can help you get online. If you've got a good idea, please share it. If you'd like to join in our craft sessions or book club, please get in touch. Share your seedlings and plants, or bring your kids and good reads to the Café's roadside library outside 6 Old Hill. We aren't able to meet at the Club, but we are most definitely staying together.

Clare Bebbington



Avening Community Cafe

**Answers to the May crossword,
designed by Rev. Gerald.**

Across

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Avening; | 16. Cirencester |
| 5. The Bell | 19. Tea |
| 9. Specialty | 21. Animals |
| 10. Tafia | 22. Nice one |
| 11. Matilda | 24. Close |
| 12. Hair cut | 25. Chipolata |
| 13. Sum | 26. Rushton |
| 15. Shipmasters | 27. Lay bare |

Down

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Assumes | 12. Hampton Hill |
| 2. Event | 14. Morrisons |
| 3. Icicles; | 16. Chancer |
| 4. Galvanisers | 17. Neatest |
| 5. Toy | 18. Rectory |
| 6. Entries | 20. Average |
| 7. Efficient | 23. Obama |
| 8. Lean tos | 25. Can |



Avening Playgroup



Although the playgroup has been closed, I have never been busier. I have been catching up on lots of paperwork but each time I tick something off my list there seems to be about ten extra things to do.

Especially, at the moment when the committee and I are working hard to put plans and risk assessments in place, should the government go ahead with plans to allow us to start

reopening. It is not just as simple as opening the gates. We have to plan for:

- social distancing
- cleaning of the premises and equipment, not just at the end of the day but throughout the session as well
- availability of staff
- how to ensure individuals hand hygiene
- what to do if someone becomes ill
- removal of certain equipment and resources

and those are just listing a few!

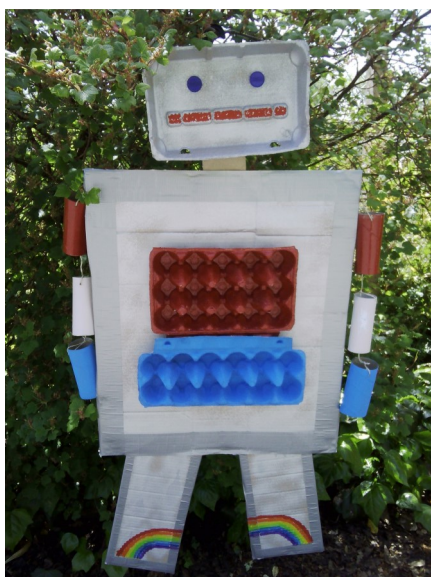
We would like to reassure all the families who attend Avening Playgroup that we are doing everything possible to try and open and to do so as safely as possible.

We have also been reviewing finances as we are not eligible to furlough staff and have been missing out on the fun and fundraising opportunities we would have enjoyed over the Easter break and throughout the summer.

As usual, I have been sending out a weekly email with different ideas for parents and children to do together at home. This has included:

- A weekly sound with a rhyme for letter formation. So far we covered s, a, t and p. We encourage the children to find items beginning with the sound and to count how many they can find.
- Singing and rhymes. I have listed different rhymes in the emails to encourage parents and





children to sing them together.

– Going outdoors and taking time to listen to the sounds and collect different things to make a bug hotel.

Also, the CBeebies website has lots of activities and games for children. Jolly Phonics and Numberblocks activities can be found online, too.

This week's challenge is to make a robot from cardboard boxes and rolls. Can't wait to see the photos! Here's one I made at home.

It is hard to believe that, as I write this, we are in our eighth week of lockdown and we are all having to cope with the additional pressures of social distancing and spending long periods of time in our homes with the whole family. The Family Information Service advice line offer some practical parenting support and provide parents with a confidential space to talk. To contact them call 01452 427362 or 0800 542 0202; Email: familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk; Facebook page: Family Information Service – Gloucestershire; Webpage: www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

This year's Child Safety Week runs from Monday 1st to Sunday 7th June 2020. The theme is **Safety makes sense!** Child Safety Week is the flagship annual campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust. This is being promoted throughout Gloucestershire. For more information go to <https://www.capt.org.uk/child-safety-week>

Although, Avening Playgroup is currently closed, you can contact us by email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com or you can visit our website at aveningplaygroup.co.uk.

STOP PRESS AND URGENT

Avening Playgroup are working hard to ensure the setting is ready to open as soon as possible after the half term holiday. However we do have some staffing challenges as not all of our staff will be able to return while social distancing measures remain in place.

We are therefore looking to employ a new Play Assistant with a level 2 (or above) qualification in Childcare. Please get in touch with Naomi or Angie at aveningplaygroup@gmail.com if you are interested in working at this lovely playgroup setting.



Avening School

Mucking in with Nature!

We have been very grateful for the good weather at Avening School during the recent weeks as it has enabled us to make the most of our outside space. The school has continued to remain open for a small group of children and the school garden has never looked so good! The children and staff have planted

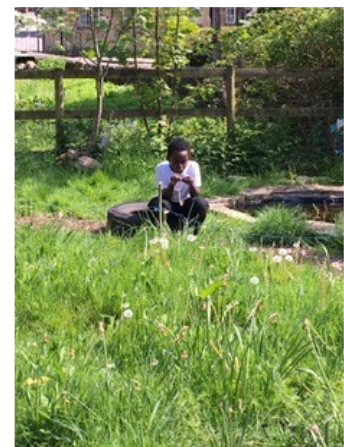
sunflowers, wild flowers and vegetables. They have also completed lots of Forest School challenges, such as leaf rubbing, pattern-spotting and bug hotel building. We have also been able to water our beds and planters thanks to a very kind donation of a hose pipe from one of our neighbours.



You may also have spotted the village phone box, which has been decorated with rainbows and messages from the children. Thank you to Clare Bebbington for the idea and for putting up the display.

The school is now preparing for a wider reopening to also include children from EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6. Staff are removing furniture, taping social distancing reminders around the school, providing individual packs of equipment for the children and reorganising classrooms, amongst a whole array of other safety measures that are being put in place before more children return.

The class teachers have also been catching up with their classes in Zoom classroom meetings, which have helped to bring the school community together and brought smiles to faces. In the virtual meetings, the children have been sharing some of the wonderful home learning that they have been doing. Take a look at the Hoot newsletters on the website to see some photos of learning at home and at school during these challenging times.



We feel so fortunate to have support from parents and the wider community during these challenging times and hope that as we move towards summer, the good weather continues and we are able to spend more time outside and utilise the joy and inspiration that comes with being out of doors. We look forward to updating you all on our news and progress next month.

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

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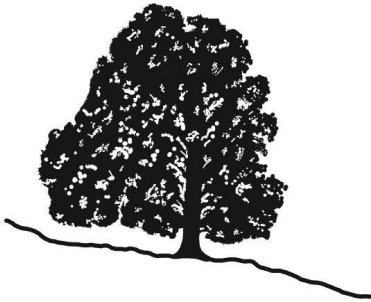
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Wild About Avening

May was a great month for wildlife sightings in Avening. The Swifts came back to the village on May 4th and have been making their presence known with their characteristic and wonderful aerial acrobatics and excited screeches. I spotted a Hummingbird hawkmoth, saw our first baby Slow-worms of the year, and found a



Glow worm larva (read below). We have had Little Egrets, Dippers and Kingfishers spotted on the stream. We had hedgehogs turning up in brand new hedgehog boxes that had been built for them in lock down. One also turned up trapped in a plastic bag so please do have a look around your gardens for netting, plastic or other items that could potentially harm our hedgehogs. Another hedgehog was rescued as it was out in the daytime which is never a good sign. I took it to the Oak and Furrows Rescue Centre where they found he was exceptionally dehydrated. After a few days they also realised he was blind so he is now living the life of luxury in a totally enclosed and safe garden.

We have some incredible photographers and wildlife enthusiasts in the village so a huge thank you to everyone who has sent photos in for the Wild about Avening Facebook page and helped brighten up each day. Keep them coming!

Glow worms

Last month I was incredibly excited to find the larva of a Glow worm on one of my walks around the village. Glow worms aren't actually worms but are beetles. In



June and July the females (which look very like the larvae), glow brightly from their bottoms in order to attract a mate. Once they have mated, the female lays eggs and then dies. The larvae hatch and feed on slugs and snails. They inject them with toxins that paralyse and dissolve the internal organs of their prey, allowing the Glow worm larvae to drink the digested remains! To make extra sure they don't lose out on their meal the Glow worm larvae hitch a ride on the back of their prey waiting for the moment of paralysis. Nature is indeed 'Red in tooth

and claw'.

Glow worms, like much of our wildlife, have declined in recent years because of pesticide use, changes in land use and a rise in artificial lighting. I would be interested to find out if any of the long-standing residents of Avening remember

seeing Glow worms more frequently than today?
Please do let me know.



The natural world today is very different from that which our great grandparents knew and there is a theory (shifting baseline theory) that each successive generation is seeing nature in their lifetimes as normal. This means that what we see as pristine nature would be seen by our ancestors as incredibly degraded and what we see as degraded will be seen by our children as normal. Sobering thoughts and a good reason to keep making positive changes to help wildlife were you can.

Thank you for everything you do to help.

Phoebe Carter

Many thanks to Hazel Hopes for this still from a video taken in her garden on Tetbury Hill, Avening), of their visiting hedgehog (eating food left as camera bait!). She says the hedgehog spends roughly four hours foraging a night and they have also noticed the slug population has declined accordingly!



Cherington Parish Council

The Clerk to the Cherington Parish Council can be contacted via email:
cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

A Wartime Childhood at Chavenage

I was just two months short of my 3rd birthday when the war started in 1939. I lived at Chavenage Green with my mum and dad, who worked on Chavenage estate.

My dad had always been involved with the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, which was a Territorial Army regiment, but because he worked on the land which was classed as a reserve or essential occupation he was relieved of all of his duties with the R.G.H, so he promptly joined the Tetbury Home Guard Troop.

One of my earliest memories is of one early summer day in 1940, seeing a large group of soldiers laid out on the grass beneath the oak tree on Chavenage Green; unknown to us they must have been survivors from Dunkirk.

I remember one Sunday afternoon an old tramp came along the garden path to our door and asked for a glass of water which my dad gave him. When the tramp had gone, dad said 'there is something very odd about that tramp - although he looked oldish his eyes were very young looking bright and clear and blue'. Some days later the tramp was caught in the quarry at the top of Wotton-Under-Edge hill, he had been signalling to German aircraft.

We also had a young girl come to live with us she was evacuated to the country from London, her name was Joanna.

When I was 5 years old I started school at the National C of E School in Tetbury. I have two vivid memories of my wartime school years, one is of when we went to the Institute hall for a vaccination, if you were good and did not cry, you were rewarded by a single dolly mixture sweet. The second memory was "Radio Malt day". Radio Malt was a thick brown syrupy malt substance with vitamins etc. to help with the war diet. The whole school was stood in rows and the teacher came along with a large jar of Radio Malt and a spoon, each child received a spoonful, the only trouble being that everyone licked the same spoon which was not cleaned between children.

One day a large number of American soldiers arrived they set up tents under the avenue of trees between the green and Chavenage House. We children were in heaven, we had never had so much chewing gum and sweets!!! Then one morning when we came out of the house every American had gone! This must have been in the time leading up to D-Day.

Mum and Dad made friends with an R.A.F. man and his wife who were stationed in the area. I called the man soldier and his wife lady, they came from Sidcup in Kent. early in May 1945 they invited us to Sidcup for a weeks holiday and on May 8th Dad, Mum and I went into London and while we were in Hyde park celebrating V.E. day with thousands of others a soldier came and spoke to us - he was Arthur Thomas whose home was Chavenage.

Tony Bond

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Although our Youth Club is closed, The Door is still available for those members and their families who need help. Here is the message from their website:

“Staying at home in Social Isolation is taking its toll on all of us. Whether you're a young person struggling with learning at home and missing your friends or a parent trying to juggle the demands of working from home and educating your children, The Door understands where you're coming from. We are the leading youth charity in Stroud with nearly 30 years experience of supporting young people and their families when times get tough. One of our highly skilled professionals is there for you”.

The Door can be contacted via their website, www.thedoor.org.uk, or @TheDoorStroud or via Facebook. Also visit the Avening Youth Club site.

Crowdfunding for Avening Play Park Zipwire

Our **Crowdfunder Project goes live on 4 June**. The Parish Council has applied for a grant of £5,000 from the 2020 Calor Gas Rural Community Fund to seek funding towards a new zipwire for the Play Park. The total amount we need is £8,000.



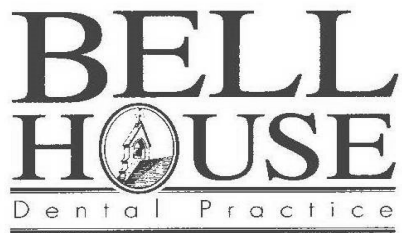
Calor is working with Crowdfunder Ltd and will use the amount of public support received against the crowdfunder project to determine which projects go forward as finalists. This will be done on a points system – 1 point for a “like” or “share” and 10 points for each pledge (but note that each user may only support a project once).

Please support the project through “liking”, “sharing” or if you are feeling generous, pledging money over the 6 week supporting period (**4 June to 16 July**). The link to our project page is: <https://communityfund.calor.co.uk/avening-playing-fieldfarm>

Remember, every point counts towards making it to the final stage so please start liking, sharing and donating!

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Avening Parish Council



The Parish Council Meeting was held via Zoom on the 20th May 2020. The meeting was open to all residents of the Parish.

Community Support

The community support continues with local coordinators ensuring that residents keep have a contact point should they need help or support. A big thank you to Clare Bebbington for her weekly newsletter keeping us all updated. Also, thanks to the volunteer network.

If you need support and don't have details of your local contact, please contact the clerk on 07415039234 or email on parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

Bonfires

We have received several complaints about bonfires. Please think of others and be considerate when preparing bonfires. In this time of lockdown we are fortunate to live in a beautiful place, which is spoilt if you have to stay in doors with the windows shut.

Crime

The crime figures are currently unavailable, but our PCSCO has asked that I remind everyone to be aware that there has been several thefts from sheds in the district.

Recycling Centres

Pyke Quarry Recycling Centre Horsley will be open Tuesday 26th May. To visit you must book a time slot online. It is requested that only one person per car. The staff will be unable to help you lift anything heavy, so please make sure you can manage alone.

Planning Applications and Tree Works

20/02240/FUL Pimbury Park: Change of use to equestrian, erection of stable block and replacement dwelling {Revised scheme to alter design of dwelling, garage, and stable block}. No objections

20/01251/FUL Tallet Barn Hampton Hill GL8 8SB: Erection of extension. No objections

Revised - 20/00887/FUL - Brook House Hampton Hill, GL8 8NS: Alteration to existing window/door openings, repairs to garden wall, formation of new entrance onto Old Hill. Objection to development of the wall to form a large entrance onto Old Hill.

20/01338/TPO - 13 Sandford Leaze Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8PB: Ash – remove branches to allow more light and balance. No objections.

20/01634/TCONR - Sandford House: Fell two Hawthorns, Ash and cut back Cypress trees. No objections.

20/01615/TCONR – 43 High Street: Fell three Sycamore trees. No objections

Decision Notices

20/00539/FUL Hill House 7 - 9 Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT: Removal of a window and brickwork below and replace with French doors opening out onto front garden - Permitted.

Potholes

Report the potholes directly to Highways on 08000 514 514.

Agendas and Minutes can be viewed at www.avening-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

Church Floodlighting



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Dates for your Diary

tbc	Avening Photographic Exhibition-tbc	Avening Church	
Sunday 13th September tbc	Avening Church Fete tbc	School and Church	2.00pm.

Cherington Show

The committee have sadly made the decision to cancel the Cherington Show, which was due to be held on Sunday 19th July.

It is hoped that an alternative fundraising community event can be held later in the year.

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