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Despite the welcome relaxation of some of the rules of Lockdown, we are still subject to a very restricted way of living, especially true for those who live on their own, or are still 'shielded'. The editors were sorry to learn of a very nasty accident that happened to Celia Carter, when she fell through a broken garden chair. We wish her a very speedy recovery from her injuries.

It is remarkable to see how our villages have continued to cope, support each other and introduce a bit of fun. Mini Open Air Community Cafes have been started, all Covid-rule friendly. So far the weather has been kind. The Angels have continued their recordings of music for the regular weekly audio church services, under the clever directions of Sarah Hale and the involvement of some of the children of the village in church services has been particularly wonderful. The School is flourishing, as is the Playgroup. The simple beauty of the posies hung on the gates at the bottom of the church path is a reflection of all the good found in our villages during this uncertain time.

On a slightly less positive note, there continues to be a slight worry about the future of the magazine, as some of our advertisers have been forced to withdraw, as a result of understandable financial difficulties. Can we ask readers to think of any who might take their place. Even more wonderful would be if any individuals or groups were able to offer some sponsorship.

FINALLY: PLEASE NOTE THE VILLAGER EMAIL ADDRESS FROM JULY 2020 WILL BE : editors@villagemag.online as shown below. We will continue to monitor the current address for several months, but ask you to use the new one wherever possible.

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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



My day - Tuesday 16th June:

27 phone calls; assorted emails, texts and messages; and some face-to-face conversations. Subjects include: fighting the planning application for 14 dwellings opposite the playgroup; drop-kerb safety review; highways issues; speeding bikes along our green lanes; applications for Covid grants; discussions with the Environment Agency (EA) about problems with the stream; discussions with the police; dog attack in the playing field; neighbour complaints; flooding at the school and village hall; some other items that aren't in the public domain – all while trying to complete a house sale!

I'm not looking for sympathy as this (thankfully) isn't a typical day, but this is just to illustrate the very wide range of subjects your Parish Council has to deal with. Our group has different skills and knowledge, but our overall driving force is to get things done that will benefit the village. This might include scrutinising documents or planning applications, physically undertaking work in the playing field, or reacting to an emergency to clear flood water from the hall – your councillors have done all these things just this week! So, if we don't react to your priority quite as quickly as you would hope, please bear in mind we are all volunteers and have to prioritise what we do – especially now that we are unable to meet up as a group.

A different dog problem in the playing field this month (although the usual subject refuses to go away!). One person has been slightly injured and another frightened by out of control dogs. The law states that pets must be under control at all times, so if your dog is prone to running off you must put them on a lead. If they need more exercise, the chances are you do as well so don't just let them run manically around the field, take them for a proper walk! Oh, and clear up after them.

Following 6 years of resistance the planning application at Sunground has been referred to the Planning Committee at CDC, which has given us one final opportunity to get it stopped. It will have huge implications for Sunground, Lawrence Road and the Playgroup, but unbelievably there has not been a single comment from any resident in Avening against any of the three applications dating back to 2014! We need your support to get this unsuitable, unsightly, and potentially dangerous development stopped, so please visit the CDC planning page and comment against reference 19/04221/FUL. If you don't use the internet, you can also forward comments to the clerk.

Highways have started a very intensive road re-surfacing programme - included in this is Star Lane to the A433 Tetbury Road at a cost of £282,335. Other potholes are being filled along the Nailsworth Road and on the A46. I met with Highways in early June and they have agreed to install a channel to direct spring water away from the lane at Farm Hill and at Cherington Lake on the Nags Head lane. It is unlikely to happen in this financial year, but the latter may benefit from some earlier remedial work to improve the existing gullies.

The stream has caused concern over the last couple of months – low rainfall has combined with man-made interference leading to dangerously low levels. The reason for the most

recent incident remains a mystery, but I am working with the Environment Agency to establish the cause. We will also identify what can be done to restore the stream once Covid restrictions ease. There is, of course, some good news – otters have taken up residence, we get sightings of Kingfishers, and Herons are well established in the area. We now need to ensure the whole ecosystem is healthy for these higher predators.

Like my hair, Avening is getting a bit shaggy! Following on from the great spring, the recent rains have been great for gardens, so please check your boundary hedges and shrubs to make sure they don't impede the road or pavements, and give them a trim where needed.

There will be more details later in the magazine, but our Community Café team have pulled off another master stroke – if the people can't go to the café, bring the café to the people. Inspired!

**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**

Support Needed: ZIPWIRE for Avening Play Park

For those who have supported us – a big thank you! For those who still have to login to our Calor Project page – please hurry as our **Crowdfunder closes on 15 July**. Our Calor grant application depends on public support of the Crowdfunding project page at the following link: <https://communityfund.calor.co.uk/avening-playing-field>

Where we stand now? (as of 22 June):

Pledges – 44, Likes/Shares – 65

Avening position on Calor Leaderboard – 28th (total points – 505)

Funds raised to date - £836

This is a great achievement, but to be in the top 22 finalists and be in with a chance of getting a grant we need to boost our score by around 270 points – just 27 more supporters! Don't forget that even a pledge of £1 is worth 10 points and "likes" and "shares" all add up!

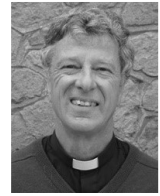
Please visit our project page and "like" or "pledge" and also share with families and friends to ask for their support!

With many thanks,

John Hetterley, Avening Parish Council

AVENING CHURCH FETE
It is now planned to hold this on Sunday
September 13th 2020

Avening and Cherington Churches



At Home and at Church

Churches may now be opened for individual prayer and quiet time even though the return to public worship is still some way off. Unfortunately it is not as simple as just unlocking the door: there are important restrictions imposed so that spread of infection is avoided.

For small churches such as ours this means being open no more than twice a week for limited periods. At the time of writing Avening and Cherington churches will be open from 9.30am to 11.30 am on Saturday mornings. We will keep this arrangement under review and it may be adjusted in due course. The current opening times will be on our churchnearyou websites – addresses below. Please also be aware of the government guidance which includes the need for hand cleaning, for physical distancing and mention of those who are particularly vulnerable and are not being encouraged to visit open churches.

One of the positive outcomes of recent weeks has been more time spent worshipping in our own homes. Whilst it is very special to be praying in a beautiful building that has been in such use for hundreds of years, we might remember that Jesus spent much of his time with God while outdoors, wherever he happened to be. He also had different forms of prayer, not just asking but also thanking, listening and reflecting. Prayer helped make him the person he was – so it can also be for us. Here is an early morning prayer:

God of my life, I welcome this new day, it is your gift to me, the first day of the rest of my life.

I thank you for the gift of being alive this morning. I thank you for the sleep that has refreshed me. I thank you for chance to begin my life all over again. Lord, this day is full of promise and opportunity, help me to waste none of it. This day is full of mystery and unknowns, help me to face it without fear or anxiety. This day is full of beauty and adventure, help me to be fully alive to it all. During this day may I become a more thoughtful person, a more prayerful person, a more generous and kindly person.

Lord, bless this day for all of us.

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 or for Cherington Church go to www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14319 for

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

Church Flowers

Many people have commented on the beautiful flower arrangements that have been appearing on the gates of the church in recent weeks. Many thanks to Gill Adams for these.



Requiem for the Ash



The ash trees still stand bravely at their posts,
Those once-proud sentinels of hedge and wood,
Raising imploring, gaunt and barren boughs
In hopeless supplication to their gods.
While all around the Spring floods back anew,
And summer robes of green clad other trees,
And nature strews sweet flowers round their feet,
And trumpets her brazen bounty on the breeze.

Frail scattered leaves cling to the bony twigs
As the ash trees shout in silent, pleading pain,
Their skeletons dark scars along the hedge,
Begging for life's return again in vain.
And as I walk beneath these cloudless skies,
I weep to see the ash trees' sad demise...

Gilian Bulmer-Davison

Compline Service

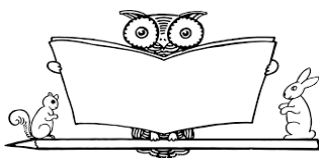
Wednesday evenings

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 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.

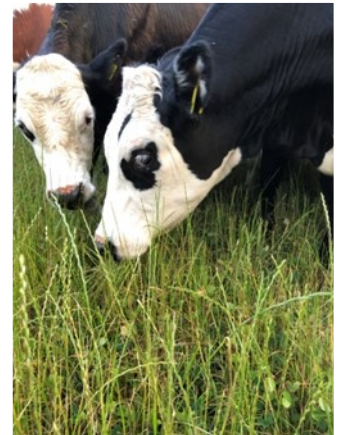
Forms received by 10th July will be considered by the Trustees at their next meeting.

Farm Life



Last month I gave a little insight into the history of our farming business. This time I will let you know what we have been up to recently on the farm.

To start with, I will go back to May, when we released our young stock from their winter housing. This is a job that reinforces that summer is around the corner and that whilst our workload lightens in terms of tending the housed stock, we know that in a few weeks we will be flat out making enough fodder to last us for the winter months. The change in routine offers a welcome break! What makes this year different for us is that we have initiated a new grazing regime called 'Mob Grazing' for our younger cattle.



Mob Grazing is a sustainable farming method and a modern version of a traditional grazing technique. The principle of Mob Grazing is to set out an area of land into small paddocks and you then graze these one at a time with a large number of stock. The cattle get moved frequently around these paddocks, typically lasting about a week in each one. The reason they are moved regularly is so as to not over-graze the pasture, leaving about half of the grass to start to photosynthesis. As each paddock is not over-grazed the grass plant then tillers, meaning that it is forced to produce more shoots. The objective of adopting this method is to reduce the amount of artificial fertiliser needed.



Cattle are very selective in their grazing habits and under normal conditions would leave any plants/forage that they deem undesirable. This way of grazing cattle has the added benefit of building up biodiversity in the pasture, this is because they are forced to eat weeds that often become invasive and under other grazing systems would rely on chemicals to control.

So far the young stock have adapted very quickly to this way of grazing and at the end of the week in a paddock can be seen queuing up to be moved on to the next one. This cycle continues for the grass growing months (March-Sep).

Although this might sound boring to some, it's a big step in moving the farm away from artificial fertilisers and towards a more eco-friendly farming system.

Other news is that I have received a number of positive comments about our wild flower meadow (Brook Field). It's great to see that some wild flowers have emerged, so far this seems to be predominantly Ox-eye Daisy. At the beginning of April we mowed the field to allow the wild flower seed to establish without being choked by the already grown grass. The plan going forward with this meadow is to leave it to nature as much as possible, with a small number of young cattle to graze it after the flowering period in



the early autumn. We will use them as a management tool to create seed gaps with their hoofs and trample in any seed.

The plan for the next few weeks is to hopefully make some fodder, although the long period of dry weather has reduced the grass growth considerably with a lot of farmers seeing low yields. At least the rain we have had recently will encourage some growth and we will be able to make either hay or silage soon. As they say 'A farmer is never happy'!

Sam Powell



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Avening WI is celebrating its 90th birthday this autumn and we have been taking the time during the lockdown to look back over the years. Ten years ago Shirley Hand, Di Wall and Gill Thomas searched the records and produced a booklet of the first 80 years, and Shirley is now in the process of adding the past decade to our story.

It has been stated that “If you remember the Sixties, you really weren’t there” and unfortunately this seems to be the case for Avening WI. Both the Committee Minute Books and the Monthly Meeting Record books for 1961 to 1975 are missing. What was going on? Who were the members? If anyone has any information from that period when the village grew greatly in population and great social changes were taking place, we would be glad to hear from them.

The Queen’s Silver Jubilee in 1977 was celebrated in true Avening style with a four day event. The WI was particularly involved with the floral display and catering. During that year they also produced a recipe book with members’ favourite dishes, which was sold for 50p. Members also helped to decorate a carnival float for Julie Crewe, who was the Carnival Queen, and a drama group was formed.

The photograph shows Avening WI celebrating 50 years in 1980 and shows some familiar faces. Meetings continued to attract about 40 members and the programme included car maintenance lessons.

Into the Nineties and there were many social activities taking place including scrabble, whist drives, safari suppers, quizzes and sugarcraft classes. An Easter Fayre was held to raise money for storm damaged trees at Westonbirt.

At the present time we continue to stay in touch with newsletters, telephone calls and emails, and some members are able to meet up in small socially distanced groups. The committee managed a Zoom meeting and we are waiting for guidance to know when and how we can safely start meeting again. We are not anticipating that our normal meetings will be able to resume until at least September.

We would like to thank all involved in the production and distribution of The Villager for still providing this wonderful magazine for everyone in Avening in these difficult times.

Helen Haiselden

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This will be a three day exhibition held in Avening Church, later this year.

Age Groups:

Children under 14 years of age:

Categories: My Family and Other Animals
port
Landscape.

Adults - from 14 years and older:

Categories: Humour
Sport
Capturing a Moment
Portrait of a Person or Place.

Dates: to be announced.

For more information contact George Buchanan (01453 833016) or email:
buchanan.pg@gmail.com



Gemma'
*drawn by Georgina
Leach (from Avening)*

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 30

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3. Encounters (5)
4. Improved (6)
5. Crevice (7)
6. Jumped (5)
7. Thin (7)
12. Kind of syrup (7)
13. Despots (7)
15. Cure-all (7)
16. Assisted (6)
18. Play (5)
19. Planet (5)
20. Happening (5)

Across

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| 1. Tempest (5) | 10. Boasts (5) | 19. Meeting place (5) |
| 4. Perplexes (7) | 11. Compared (7) | 21. Mountain range (5) |
| 8. Fall back (7) | 12. Pact (6) | 22. Flair (7) |
| 9. Portion (5) | 14. Pique (6) | 23. Passed by (7) |
| | 17. Certify (7) | 24. Begin (5) |

Letter to the Editor

I am a resident of Sandford Leaze and during the lockdown have found a passion for gardening which has provided me with great solace during this difficult time. Unfortunately, as I am still very much a novice gardener, I am not actually very good at it (yet) and as a result have set up the 'Avening Gardening Advice' Community Page on Facebook. From walking around the village I can see that we are fortunate to have some very talented and accomplished gardeners in our midst and I would love to be able to pick their brains and I am certain that I am not alone in this. I am hopeful that this new forum may enable me and others to benefit from the amazing knowledge of our community.

The page also provides a platform for people to showcase what they have achieved in their gardens and maybe pictures of some of their most prized blooms.

I am hopeful that The Villager might support my endeavours in trying to build this Gardening Community Page and maybe similar to 'Wild about Avening', which I know has been a tremendous success, there might be a regular feature in The Villager featuring the best shared tips and some of the photos sent in of local gardens and flowers etc.

The link for the page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2387600704865607/?ref=share>

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Avening Angels During Lock-down

At the beginning of March this year, we were forced to abandon Avening Angels' choir practice as the Covid 19 epidemic rapidly became a pandemic and lock-down started in earnest.

So, in the spirit of 'Never let a good crisis go to waste!' I decided to embrace lock-down and joined the 'Great British Home Chorus' with Gareth Malone running daily YouTube sessions. Whilst recording my parts for this, I thought that it might be possible to organise something similar for Avening Angels. At this time, I had also become a go-between for my mother, in isolation, and her choir from Hawkesbury, who were managing 'virtual' sessions via YouTube and Whatsapp! I was so excited that this worked – the results were really excellent – but I didn't know if it would work for AA or if any of the members would trust me to mix their parts – quite a responsibility!

Easter was fast approaching and our usual Tenebrae service on Good Friday had been cancelled. I emailed all choir members to see who was interested and received such a positive response that I decided to go ahead with our proposed song, Man of Sorrows, which we sing to a guitar. So first step was to create the backing track. I recorded the basic song, verses and chorus, then sent this out to all members of the choir with a guide to recording. By this time, I was working from home and had a little more time to play



Sarah dons the headphones for another recording

around with the recordings and later I also took some holiday and unpaid leave which gave me lots of free time to pursue this. My son, Julian, has mixed his own music for a long time now and after much badgering from me he suggested I use **Audacity***, a free, online audio editor.

You would think it might be quite simple to record your voice whilst singing along to a backing track but it requires two devices; one to listen to the backing track and one to record your voice only. It is actually quite hard to get your head around dealing with two devices at once and getting your singing in time and

sounding reasonable. I am sure we all had many goes at this to start with.

On the upside, it has been so funny hearing everyone's stories about creaking chairs, coughing, heavy breathing and coming in at the wrong time! I think we have all learned a lot about technology during this time and I have certainly enjoyed the challenge of synching the parts and getting the balance good enough to sound like our real choir. I also want to thank all choir members for trusting me to listen to their unedited, unaccompanied recordings, not knowing what the finished version would sound like. Jane Archer has also provided wonderful introductions and accompaniments for many of the recordings with her clarinet and whistles, which has really enhanced the finished pieces.

Some of the comments accompanying recordings have been very amusing (those of you

who made these comments might recognise them!!):

“A couple of technical hitches!”

“Another croaky attempt attached”

“My singing might depress you!”

“I must definitely work on my breathing (and everything else!)”

“Don’t worry if it’s too late, just bin it and sorry about the squeaky chair right at the beginning and end, hope you can lose it”

One of the challenges for me personally has been helping my mother, Gilian, to master an iPad for the first time in her life, made doubly difficult whilst she has been self-isolating. This has entailed me standing in her garden and recording her singing onto my mobile phone though her living room window. Unwanted recording additions have been ticking clocks, birdsong, dogs and lawnmowers!

I am now using **Reaper****, a more advanced recording and editing tool, to mix the parts, which has enabled more accurate synching and adjustments. I am now back at work and have a good AA Template set up on Reaper which allows me to add each singer’s part to their allotted place, balance the voices as if we were standing as a choir and line up the parts fairly quickly.



Gilian recording her part

Who would have guessed that at my age I would be learning how to synch voice recordings with a backing track and render this to an mp3 version suitable for most devices? It is actually really absorbing and I have spent many hours in lockdown glued to the computer, headphones on – essential when replaying parts for the 10th time - to avoid annoying my family who have vowed that they never want to hear these hymns again!!! EVER!!

Massive thanks to everyone who has contributed to these recordings, you have been awesome. I feel I know you all a lot better through listening to your recordings and am amazed at the trust you have put in me to do this. Thank you for entertaining me and giving me some great laughs through lock-down.

I have created a **Soundcloud***** account for Avening Angels, with 11 tracks from the last 3 months in lock-down, which you can listen to and ‘like’ or ‘follow’ here: **soundcloud.com** and type in **Avening Angels** (beware there is a group called Avening Angels! Which is definitely not us!!) <https://soundcloud.com/user-269341141> Avening Angels

Sarah Hale

***Audacity** – a free, easy-to-use, multi-track audio editor and recorder.

****Reaper** - a complete digital audio production application for computers.

*****SoundCloud** is an online audio distribution platform based in Berlin, Germany, that enables its users to upload, record, promote, and share their originally-created sounds.

Avening Community Cafe

After ten Café Zooms, we collectively pressed the 'Leave Meeting' button and ended our ten-week run of virtual Cafes as Lockdown eased and the prospect of real, two-metre apart, human contact became a possibility. The Café had survived Lockdown Part I thanks to everyone who had logged on, persevered with unfamiliar technology and navigated the difficulty of working out how not to speak over each other. Time for Lockdown Café Part II.



As has been the case in so many of the Café's adventures, it was a step into the unknown. But as it turns out, the sequel is a triumph. The idea is simple: We can't hold a Café at the Club, but our customers who are missing the buzz of a Tuesday morning can host coffee mornings in their gardens for friends they've met since the Café opened in November 2018. These 'Chums Round Tuesdays' are relaxed, informal and everything that we think the Café does best: great

coffee, good company and capturing that sense of community that is at the heart of the village.

Hosts to date have included Tony and Mandy Slater, Maura and Pete Barton, Bob and Wendy Jennings, Elizabeth Buchanan, Tony and Mandy Slater, Mick and Diane Metcalfe, Cas Boddam-Whetham, Julia and Bill Tu, Karen Bowen Nielsen, Clare Bebbington and Gill Adams. It might be a long time before we re-open at the Club, but the spirit of the Café is strong and lives



on in these six-person-max, socially-distanced garden parties. One of the silver linings of the Lockdown is that more people can get involved in the Café, said one of our regular customers. So if Tuesdays don't work for you, try a Mates Round Monday, a See You Saturday, Friends On Friday or er... umm.... (not enough caffeine this morning)!



If you're at a loose end on a Tuesday morning, someone in the village will be brewing up so get in touch with us if you'd like the idea of good company over a cuppa – nothing can beat it.

We have donated a further £275 to each of our two Café charities The Mark Townsend Trust and Stroud Women's Refuge. The Plant Stall (outside 14 High Street) has been nothing short of remarkable, raising another £175, with sales of the Little Book of Baking and – luckily – a stone cat donated by Marilyn Filis



bringing the total to well over £300. The Little Roadside Library (outside 6 Old Hill and 44 High Street) continues to attract some cracking reads, with a complete turnover of 'stock' since Lockdown began.

The Book Group met in June to discuss *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessey* by Rachel Joyce – the companion to May's good read (and hints at how much we enjoyed it!). We'll continue to share Atlanta Rayner's writing challenges for anyone who wants to get their creative juices flowing.



To capture all that has happened, and all we have planned, we commissioned Katy Upton to create a new picture for our profile page. We're Staying Together, it says. We most certainly are.

Clare Bebbington

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Avening Playgroup

Good news! Avening Playgroup has now reopened and I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen. Our first day back since having to close on 20th March was on Wednesday 17th June. We will be open on Mondays,



Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.15 until 12.15. We have managed to recruit a member of staff who will remain with us until 17th July when we break up for the summer holidays. Olivia has just completed her Foundation Degree in Early Years Studies and has been working in Early Years since 2016. So we would like to say a big welcome and thank you to her and hope she will enjoy her short time with us. The children are already enjoying spending time with Olivia and it is lovely to hear the laughter and shouting of children at play, once again in the setting. It has been absent for far too long!

Before we reopened I was sending an email to all our families, keeping them up to date with what was happening at playgroup and sharing links to websites and ideas for activities they could do with their child. Some of these were:

- Learning the sounds and formation rhymes for the letters i, n, m
- Reading stories and talking about what is happening in them as well as looking at the characters
- Acting out the stories either by dressing up or using teddies and dolls
- Learning different rhymes
- To incorporate counting into everyday play

I also set a few challenges:

- To make a robot
- To make an alien and give it a funny name
- To draw a picture of their family



I received amazing pictures of a blue robot, an alien called Sparkles and a family portrait.



At playgroup we are focusing on ourselves and feelings as both adults and children are facing very challenging times with lots of changes. The children have just spent twelve weeks at home with their families and are now back at playgroup which is looking very different from when they left it in March. There are also some different rules which they are having to get used to, as well. So, it is good to talk about how we are feeling!

I am currently preparing the Prospectus and Welcome Packs for new families wanting their children to start in September. Of course, we don't yet know what September holds for the Early Years Sector, but when we receive further guidance I will inform all concerned.

Angie Heslop

An Extra Note of Thanks:

The Playgroup Committee would like to add an extra chorus of thanks and appreciation this month. We can't say enough good things about the tireless work Angie has done in getting the playgroup ready to reopen. The various (and ever changing!) rules and regulations we have needed to follow, coupled with our own risk assessments and thoughtful preparation of the setting has been no small task. We are thrilled with the outcome of all this hard work as are all the children who returned with squeals of laughter this week. Three cheers for Angie and all those on our staff and Committee who have helped and supported, often at short notice, in getting our lovely Village playgroup back up and running!

** Are you interested in being involved with a vital charity within the village that is caring for some of our youngest residents? Please do reach out to Angie or Naomi on aveningplaygroup@gmail.com or naomi.tudor@gmail.com if you think you could help **

STOP PRESS AND URGENT

Whilst we are very fortunate in having the help of Olivia until the end of the Summer Term we are still looking to employ a new Play Assistant with a level 2 (or above) qualification in Childcare from the start of the Autumn Term.

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Avening School

Goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year Six!

It has been so wonderful to have more children in school, as we welcomed back pupils from Early Years and years 1 & 6 from the start of June. School life is very different now, with four separate bubbles of no more than 15 children, which do not mix at all during the school day. Tables are distanced, staff are cleaning in between lessons and any reading books borrowed are quarantined for 3 days before being put back on the shelves. Children arrive at staggered times in the morning and leave in the same way in the afternoon and as much learning as possible is taking place outside. Despite the social distancing measures in place, the children who have returned were so happy to reunite with their friends and teachers. The children of key workers also continue to attend, in their own bubble.



We are making the most of technology, by holding assemblies and governors meetings via video conferencing apps. We also hope to be meeting the parents and children of our new September intake virtually in the next few weeks too. This is all ensuring that the return to school is as safe as possible for the children in our care, for staff and parents, and for the wider community.

We also continue to communicate with all our children who are working from home with work packs sent via email and on our school website, weekly phone calls from teachers and the school newsletter, which is sent out each week.

Emotional well-being and mental health is a top priority at our school and to enable us to focus more on this we now have a new outdoor space known as the ELSA Pod (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), which we are currently purchasing furniture and resources for with the help of £500 generously donated to us by Tesco.

As we approach the summer holidays, FOAS are keeping with tradition and planning to hold their annual Bear Hunt on the weekend of 11 and 12 July with all the appropriate risk assessments in place for the current Covid-19 situation.

Although the majority of the usual summer term events have been cancelled, we have managed to go ahead with socially distanced bikeability on the top playground for small groups of Year 6. We are so grateful to be able to give as much normality as possible to our y6 pupils who will be leaving our school this month to move on to their new secondary schools in the autumn term. This also gives them an opportunity to enjoy their

last few weeks together and even though a lot of their end of term celebrations won't be able to take place, we will ensure they all have the send-off they so deserve. We would like to take this opportunity to say a very heartfelt farewell to our funny, caring, dedicated and inspirational year 6 pupils and their families who will always be a part of the historical tapestry of our school and we look forward to hearing all about your future endeavours.

Alex Adcock

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

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Wild About Avening

I want to start with a huge thank you to the wonderful group of citizen scientists who took the time and effort to take part in the Big Village Wildlife Watch. It was so incredibly kind of you to make the effort and I am pleased that you enjoyed taking part.

All of the results have now been compiled and will be sent to the local environmental records centre so they can contribute to a better understanding of our county wildlife too. This was just a snapshot of our wildlife, gathered by a small number of people, so I imagine the true scale of our village's wild world would be even more impressive.

There are a lot of tables of information to get through but hopefully you'll enjoy seeing how wild Avening is!

Table 1: Total numbers of species recorded

Number of species recorded from the Wildlife Watch weekend	Other species submitted outside of the Wildlife Watch	Total number of species recorded in our village
159	39	198

Table 2: Number of each species group recorded

	Number of species recorded from the Wildlife Watch	Number submitted outside of the Watch
Birds	59	7
Mammals	11	4
Invertebrates	84	20
Reptiles	3	0
Amphibians	2	1
Plants	0	7

Table 3: Number of birds of conservation concern from the village

	Recorded during the Wildlife Watch	
Red-listed birds	9	Skylark; Linnet; Yellowhammer; Mistle thrush; Grey wagtail; Song thrush; Herring gull; House sparrow; Starling; Corn bunting
Amber-listed birds	13	Willow warbler; House martin; Swift; Stock dove; Lesser black-backed gull; Common quail; Mute swan; Tawny owl; Greylag goose; Black-headed gull; Bullfinch; Dunnock; Mallard; Kingfisher; Dipper

Note: Birds are listed as of conservation concern by the RSPB with Red-listed being of most concern and green of least concern.

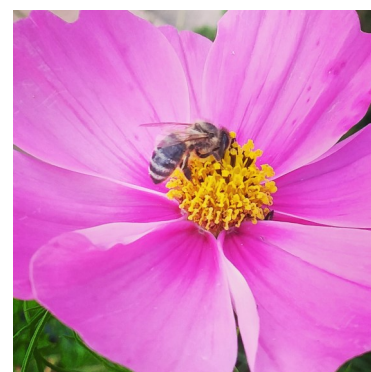
Table 4: Other species of conservation concern (protected by various wildlife legislation)

Otter	Dingy skipper butterfly	Common lizard
Hedgehog	Slow worm	Bullhead (fish)
White-clawed crayfish	Grass snake	Bats (Pipistrelle; Brown long-eared; Horseshoe & many more)

So, once again thank you to everyone who took part in the Wildlife Watch and to everyone who has contributed to the Wild about Avening Facebook page. If we were to run the Wildlife Watch again next year it would lovely to think that more people might get involved and that we could get some more children out there reconnecting with nature.

It is absolutely amazing to see what a wealth of wildlife we have in the village and it just shows how important it is that we protect and care for our little patch of the natural world.

Phoebe Carter



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The Sorelle trio joined forces after touring with the Oxford-based company Opera Anywhere on their production of Puccini's all-female Suor Angelica. Following a sold-out debut concert in Nailworth, Sorelle were invited to perform at the Stroud Shakespeare Festival and have enjoyed entertaining audiences in Stroud, Oxford and London since.

"Sorelle from the sitting room" will be available for a limited time only from 7pm Tuesday 14th July. Premiering first on Facebook ([facebook.com/TheDoorStroud](https://www.facebook.com/TheDoorStroud)) and then available to watch again from 8:30pm on Youtube. So don't miss out on the opportunity to see this fantastic new collection of both classic pieces and some of the hidden gems of women in Opera, add the date to your diary and join the Facebook event today: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1490360607835814/>

With this concert Sorelle are pleased to be supporting The Door Youth Project (Stroud, Gloucestershire) which is continuing to bring hope to young people and their families during this complicated and confusing time. Your donations will help provide much needed mental health support, positive role models, and safe spaces for those most in need. The Door can be contacted via their website, www.thedoor.org.uk, or @TheDoorStroud or via Facebook. Also visit the Avening Youth Club site.

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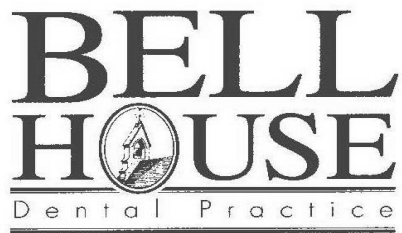


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We have received so many generous donations during the past few months to help us continue our support to the local community throughout coronavirus.



THE MARK TOWNSEND CHARITABLE TRUST

Whilst we haven't thanked each person publicly, as we usually do, know that we send our thanks privately and massively appreciate everything that you all do to help us help others.

Unfortunately, and obviously at this point, we have had to cancel our 2020 Open Gardens. We couldn't find a way to work with current and ever changing restrictions whilst ensuring complete safety and the best possible day for all involved.

However we are currently looking at dates for 2021 and will share that with you all in due course.

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Community Support

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The County Council have opened a fund to support people who are in financial hardship as a result of events caused by COVID - 19. The fund provides practical support to eligible adults and families for food gas/electric top ups as well as household items such as furniture including white goods and other appliances.

More information and how to make an application to the Fund is available on www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/GloucestershireCovid-19 Emergency Living Fund.

Keeping Your Dog on a Lead

If you have a boisterous or nervous dog, put it on a lead when people are in the vicinity. Not all people like dogs and some dogs get nervous around strangers.

Crime

The crime figures are currently unavailable.

There has been a lot in the press regarding scams related to the Covid outbreak. Take care and never give out your bank details.

Planning Applications & Tree Works

19/04221/FUL Application for the building of 14 new houses at Sunground is going to committee. Please go on the planning portal to express your views. Do Avening need 14 new properties on such a small plot and so close to Playgroup?

20/01600/FUL - 20 Sandford Leaze – Insertion of rear dormer window. No objection

20/01569/FUL- Land Parcel, West End - Extension of Barn. No objection

20/00887/FUL- Brook House – Amended Plans. No comments

20/01140/FUL Pimbury Park – Amended Plans. No comments

20/01679/Comply – 19/01020/FUL – 17 Nags Head Kane – Erection of 2 storey extension & single side extension- Comply with materials. No comments

20/01615/TCONR - 43 High Street Fell 3 Sycamore trees to allow more light. No objection

20/01857/TCONR – Rodways Place, Point Road – Remove limb on Box Tree balance & trim crown. No objection

20/01922/TCONR –The Bannut Tree, New Inn Lane. – Re-Coppice Hazel Tree. No objection

Decision Notices

20/01251/FUL -Tallet Barn Hampton Hill GL8 8SB - Erection of extension – Permitted

20/01338/TPO -13 Sandford Leaze - Ash remove branches. – Permitted

20/01698/TCONR Avening Recreation Ground – Reduce Horse Chestnut – Permitted

Your help is needed to stop the unsuitable and potentially dangerous development for 14 dwellings opposite the Playgroup. Please add comments ASAP at the CDC planning portal ref 19/04221/FUL

Zipwire Funding

On behalf of The Parish Council, John Hetterley has been busy trying to raise funds to replace the Zip Wire at the playing field. He has put in a bid to Calor Gas. Please go on the website and click 'like' to get 1 point. If you can afford to donate, spread the donation amongst your family. Each donation is worth 10 points even whether it is £1 or £10.

<https://communityfund.calor.co.uk/avening-playing-field>

Potholes

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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

Cotswold District Council Health & Fitness Survey 2020

Cotswold District are running a survey to help them understand attitudes towards activity and exercise and our local leisure centres and facilities and what they can do to help. The link is <http://www.tinyurl.com/activecotswold2020> and the more people who respond, the more likely we are to get improved facilities. The survey closes on 17th July.

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 11th July – Sunday 12th July	FOAS Bear Hunt	Avening Village	10am – 2pm
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.

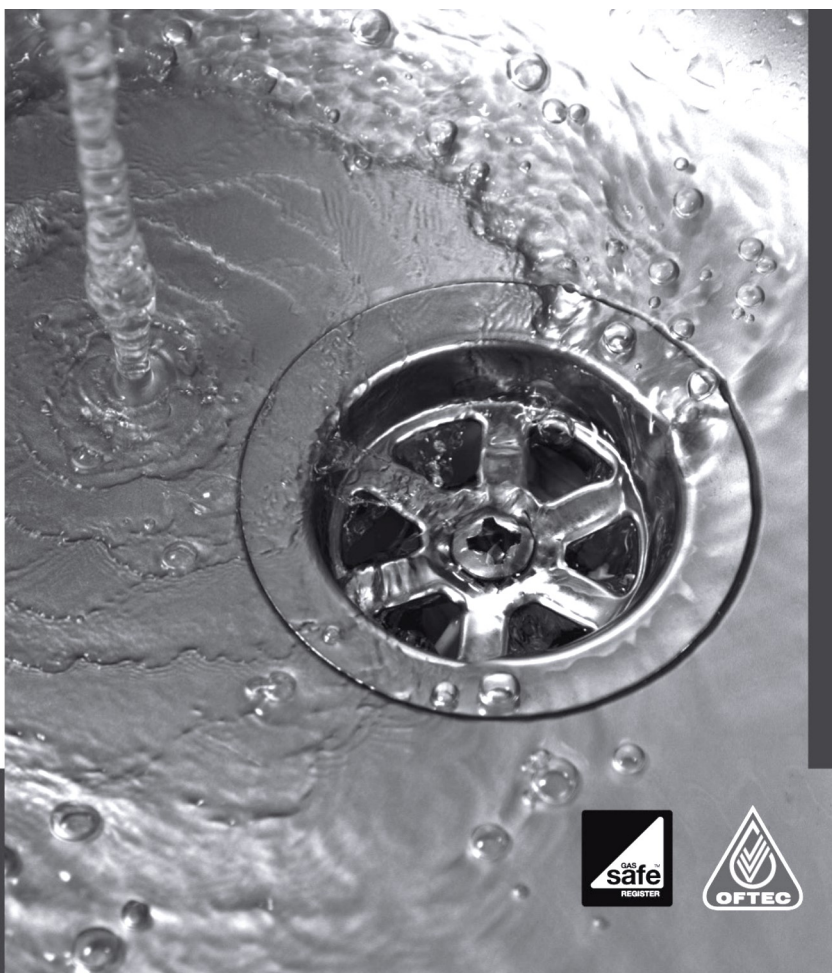
It is hoped that an alternative fundraising community event can be held later in the year.



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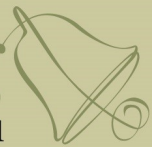
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