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At last we are starting out on our journey back to some sort of normality. Spring has arrived, the clocks are going forward and the Café is starting up again under the Rule of 6 in people's gardens. We hope that this feeling of cautious optimism will be further boosted when you read the Community Café entry this month and see some of the plans that are being made.

Other positive news is relayed in Tony Slater's item, writing as our Parish Council Leader. He rightly acknowledges the wonderful work done so cheerfully and unobtrusively in our community by so many. This has meant that the life of our villages has continued during Lockdown with a generous spirit of support for many people who might otherwise have felt lonely and dispirited.

There was some excitement recently as Avening took centre stage in the filming for a series on the young Elizabeth I – see photos on page 19. It is hoped that, at some point, it may be possible to see a video of some of the action that took place during those few heady days of fame for Avening. It would be marvellous to be able to show it, perhaps as a special Film Night presentation. We live in hope.....

In the meantime the Editors would like to wish our readership a joyous Easter. Thank you for all your contributions, like the great example of Avening History on page 32. Please keep them coming.

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Many thanks to **Hazel Redding** for the beautiful photo on the front cover of this month's Villager of the churchyard gate, garlanded by **Gill Adams**.

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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Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30-9.30pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Community Café	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 bi-monthly	6.00pm	Zoom	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 in term time	6.00-7.30pm	Avening church	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 Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Zoom	Shani Baker 07415 039234
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	4.30pm	Avening Church	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090

Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Regular readers may recall that in January last year I announced my intention to stand down as PC chairman at the AGM, but almost immediately afterwards the world fell apart – we couldn't meet at all initially and were advised not to schedule an AGM, and in any case it wouldn't have been right to hand over to someone new during those circumstances.

However, we made it through and as we are fast approaching some sort of exit from the Covid carnage, we are now able to host the AGM on 5th May via zoom – please note the April and May PC meeting will be merged and will also take place on 5th May. It is now a much more appropriate time to hand over the reins to a new leader to carry on the work we have started, but who can do so with their own new ideas. If all goes to plan this will be my penultimate update to you as chairman.

At the hall AGM the committee successfully elected a leader, Bob Scurfield, and Treasurer, Sarah Champion – I wish them every success in their new roles, and with the rest of the enthusiastic committee ready for action I am sure they will be able to make the hall a welcoming and safe space for all users as soon as it can be reopened.

We received our batch of mixed native saplings and these have now been planted in various areas mostly around the playing field. Many thanks to the volunteers: Alan Watson, Sandra and John Hetterly, Cas Boddam-Whetham, Mike Metcalf, Bill and Julia Tu, Pete Barton, and Christine Howell.

Still no update from the Environment Agency regarding the new dam and earthworks at Aston Farm, but I continue to chase them. CDC planners seem to be waiting for the EA, but they did say the estate disagrees with the EA findings. The stream is already quite low for the time of year, and I'm confident it will reduce to a trickle in the summer unless restorative work is completed.

Cllr Mulligan and I had a good meeting with the Highways manager where we reviewed many of our road hotspots. Some immediate actions were agreed, and longer-term projects added to the list for action – as always money is the limiting factor and some of these works may not proceed until the 2022/23 financial year, but we will continue to liaise with Highways and our County Councillor to progress the improvements and repairs as soon as possible. Highways have also agreed to install additional signage from The Triangle towards Westend to help combat speeding vehicles in that area.

There was a win for us with the new properties to be built by the Playgroup – with the help of our District Councillor Richard Morgan, we persuaded CDC to incorporate some green technologies into their designs. These homes will be prioritised for Avening people, so to ensure we benefit it is important to register your interest ASAP. To do so go to the GRCC website – I have placed the full link on our home page, and we will provide more information in the coming months.

We have some lovely people in the village, and the community spirit is growing. Mike Metcalf has been busily digging Jim Hill's veg patch so that Jim will find it easier to plant

his potential produce. There are a growing number of 'Wombles' collecting litter – Lynne Adams belongs to a local group of collectors, and Amanda and Ellie Sanders can often be seen with pickers and bags in hand. The spring litter pick has taken place, and was organised by Pete Barton. Several people including Mandy Slater pick up other people's dog poo (still at unprecedented levels in the field and church yard!), and John Partridge has cleared the many deliberately discarded bags up the MacMillan Way. Thanks to them all - but would the person/people who actively fills the bags and then just leaves them under a tree please use the bin that is no more than 100 yards away!!

April will see the final edition of The Buzz – Clare Bebbington, the team, and contributors have kept us entertained through the long winter months with their upbeat stories and features when we couldn't meet at the Café or even outside. We should soon again be able to join 'rule of 6' outdoor cafés so do contact the team if you can host one or would like to attend – it's great for meeting new people (and for having a mooch around other people's gardens). The Café committee have done a brilliant job in keeping our spirits up!

The big budget film production at the church has now finished, and other than a couple of gripes I think most people really enjoyed the attention in our village and were interested in the process. I can't wait to see us on screen, and perhaps we could have a 'Premiere' in the hall when it's complete?

***Tony Slater – email: chair@avening-pc.gov.uk: Web: www.avening-pc.gov.uk
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Celebrate Easter



Sunday 4th April

9.30 am at Cherington Church

11.00 am at Avening Church

Services will be in the churchyards

Easter eggs for all!

May your Easter be a very joyful one

Avening and Cherington Churches



Sunday Services

We have recently returned to some live services, held in our churchyards: online services continue and you can find them each Sunday (and the remainder of the week) at:

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

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

The churchyard services planned for April are below: should there be any changes in the Covid restrictions, the latest arrangements will be found on the websites above.

2 nd April	10.00 am	Good Friday service*	Cherington Church
4 th April	9.30 am 11.00 am	Easter Day Service Easter Day Service	Cherington Church Avening Church
11 th April	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Cherington Church
18 th April	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Avening Church
25 th April	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Cherington Church

* We have usually held the very moving Tenebrae service in Avening Church on Good Friday. Sadly we cannot do that safely this year but a service will be recorded and put on the websites above for your use on Good Friday. We are especially grateful to the Avening Angels for their contribution to this service – and indeed for their many recordings that have enriched both our live and online worship over the last year.

Mothering Sunday

... an excellent day to resume our live services, which were held in our churchyards. It was good to see so many people at both churches as we remembered our mothers (and fathers) as well as those families where the relationships between parents and children have not been ideal or even non-existent. Thank you to all those who came and especially to those who prepared the gifts of flowers which were given out to mums and the delicious simnel cake – not to mention the colourful decoration to the Avening church gate. We were also privileged to hear a reflection from Rachel, the Bishop of Gloucester, which she had recorded especially for our parishes: we are most grateful to her.

A different view of the Chancel of Avening Church

As was mentioned in the March Villager, the church council has been discussing the use of the chancel area of Avening church – that is the part between the tower and the main altar. In recent weeks the Archdeacon has given a temporary licence (15 months) for the pews which were in the chancel to be moved elsewhere in the church so that more varied ways of using the space can be explored. With the help of many volunteers this move has now taken place and the chancel has been restored to its

previous state (pre 1900) as an open space with the original walls and floor revealed. When services inside the church resume this area will be used for some of them, using the wooden chairs already in the church. If you have any thoughts on this change then the Churchwardens or myself would be very pleased to hear from you. At the moment the church is open on Wednesdays from 9 to 3pm.

Filming at Avening Church

During the week beginning 15th March the church and churchyard were used as sets for scenes in a film entitled "Becoming Elizabeth" which deals the period before Elizabeth I became Queen. Within a couple of days the church was transformed by the scenery team with ingenious ways of disguising items such as heating pipes and radiators: false walls appeared as did a cobbled floor. The film is being produced by an American company but it is hoped that it will eventually be available in this country. The two filming days were especially hectic with so many actors, support staff and even horses. We hope all this activity did not cause too much inconvenience to you. (pictures on page 15)

Thank you to all those who helped to prepare the church beforehand and to those who acted as stewards during the week – another example of Avening's community spirit.

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Easter – is it More Than Eggs?

I am increasingly aware of the varied images that people have of 'God'. These include the 'super-person in the sky' constantly watching out for our misdeeds; the resentful and vengeful one trying to trip us up; the distant one who doesn't have much time for ordinary folk like us; the one whose main concern is who we share our bed with. Do any of these overlap with your impressions? Or perhaps the whole idea of 'God' is far removed from anything that makes any sense for you.

Well, those images above don't make any sense to me either. What a travesty that they have been perpetrated through much of Christian history and still remain so prominent.



The Easter story gives us a much more realistic and positive approach to meditating on the nature of the divine – although we must accept at the outset that our human perspective can only be very limited: rather like quantum theory and my golf, if you think you've got it gripped then you certainly haven't. On Good Friday we see some of the tragic depths to which humanity can fall: people murdered in a most gruesome and public fashion and, in one case at least, a person who had dedicated much of their life to bringing care, love and healing to those around him. At the heart of

the Christian faith is the feeling that God was there sharing that pain and utter humiliation – but not only then, also with us when we are at the lowest points of life. The resurrection stories show the bigger picture that, out of the worst, can come the best. We are a part of that story, living with a God whose intention is to be with us and to bring us, in life and death, to become our true selves. On Easter morning the tomb is empty but the spirit of the one who was laid there is alive within us.

Some biblical insights: Jesus said: *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* (John 10:10)

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in them. (1 John 4:16)

What are your thoughts? I am always happy to hear from you.

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Cherington Parish Council

The Parish Council Web Site is <https://cheringtonpc.org.uk/> and along with meeting, financial and council business news you may use it to address comments both to council members and to the clerk.

Gilian's Poem of the Month

A change of theme for April!

Many of you who walk along Westend will be familiar with Dudley, the old grey horse, who hangs over the gate, hoping to waylay any passers-by for a chat or a titbit! This poem was actually written for another old, grey horse called Nero, but it could so easily have been about Dudley !

The Old Grey Horse .

The old horse patiently stands by the gate,
Longing for someone to come,
As he turns his tail to the winter winds,
Or basks in the summer sun,
For he's slow and stiff and weary now,
His hunting days long gone.
His coat is matted , and caked with mud,
Thorns tangle his tousled mane,
But his eyes are bright ,and his ears still prick
To hear a voice in the lane,
Though he'll never know that glorious thrill
Of the sound of the horn again . . .
She comes with running footsteps,
His friend who visits him there,
With apples, and carrots, and soft, kind hands
That fondle his face with care.
And he whickers a loving welcome
To the girl with the long , brown hair . . .

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Avening Community Café

Writing today in time for the Villager deadline on March 18th is a stark reminder that it was the 17th March 2020 that the café last opened in the 'old familiar way' in the Social Club. A year ago I wrote 'although things will be on the back burner for a while we will be ready to hit the ground running when we open our doors again, meanwhile the café is going to be 'out and about' in little ways to brighten your days in the coming weeks'. Well, the weeks turned into months and we have certainly been out and about in ways many and various. We are not able to plan in great detail for a proper re-opening but we do plan to revisit some of the tried and tested imaginative café lockdown 'day brighteners' that we know everyone enjoyed.

Garden Coffee Breaks - Back by popular demand! We are planning to relaunch the Community Café Garden Coffee Breaks on Tuesday April 6th with a few tweaks to the organising to cope with more variable weather. Last year we did not start these until June. Contact Jennie if you would like to know more and perhaps be involved as a host, a guest or both. This is open to all – no need to have been involved in any café things before. It would be great to meet some of Avening's new arrivals.

Plants on the Wall: Thanks to Elizabeth Buchanan assisted by Gill Adams, the 'Avening Garden Centre' is opening up again outside 14 and 18 High Street as the growing and the weather get going. So if you are dividing perennials, have surplus seeds or rooted cuttings do pop them on the wall, swap for anything else you fancy, or perhaps donate to the café 2021 charities.

One of the café Lockdown positives – and there have been many – has been the walking and indeed the new ideas for walking routes. We have Beverley Rymer to thank for developing some themes, adding some historical background and photographs and producing leaflets for the pub, pump, farm and barn walks. These can be accessed on the Avening Parish Council website. The café Womblers, organised by Litter Picking Pete (Pete Barton), were in action again in March and many thanks to those who braved the elements to cheer Spring on its way and put out bunting, hung up garlands - decorative ideas a-plenty to welcome in spring and cheer us up.



Spring Fling in New Inn Lane

And then a bit further ahead, we offer another May Music session on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 7.30pm on Zoom. Tom Fryer, a great café supporter and musician, together with Gill Adams are planning the line-up – local instrumentalists and singers and even some from further afield.

Please let Tom (tom@sparkspublishing.com) know if you would like to busk for us on

Zoom that night.

Do come and join us, sit back and listen perhaps even sing along at home on mute. Let Clare Bebbington know and she will send you the Zoom link ccbebbbs@gmail.com

The Buzz: As things start to open up again we say, with a good deal of sadness, a goodbye to The Buzz. Started last October, with 2 editions each month, The Buzz was intended to keep in touch and bridge the gap from October to Christmas but as Lockdowns extended there have been twelve editions. Distributed electronically with a few hard copies available thanks to a grant from GCC, it has been such a good read and we will miss it! Thanks go to Clare Bebbington, whose idea it was, her co-editors Amanda and Ellie Sanders and of course to all the many contributors – it has captured the buzz and the spirit of the Café community so well!

Jennie South

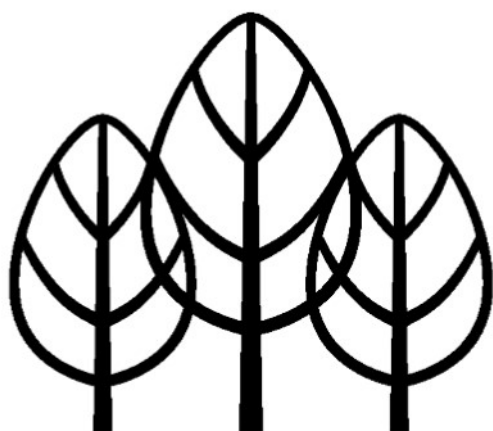
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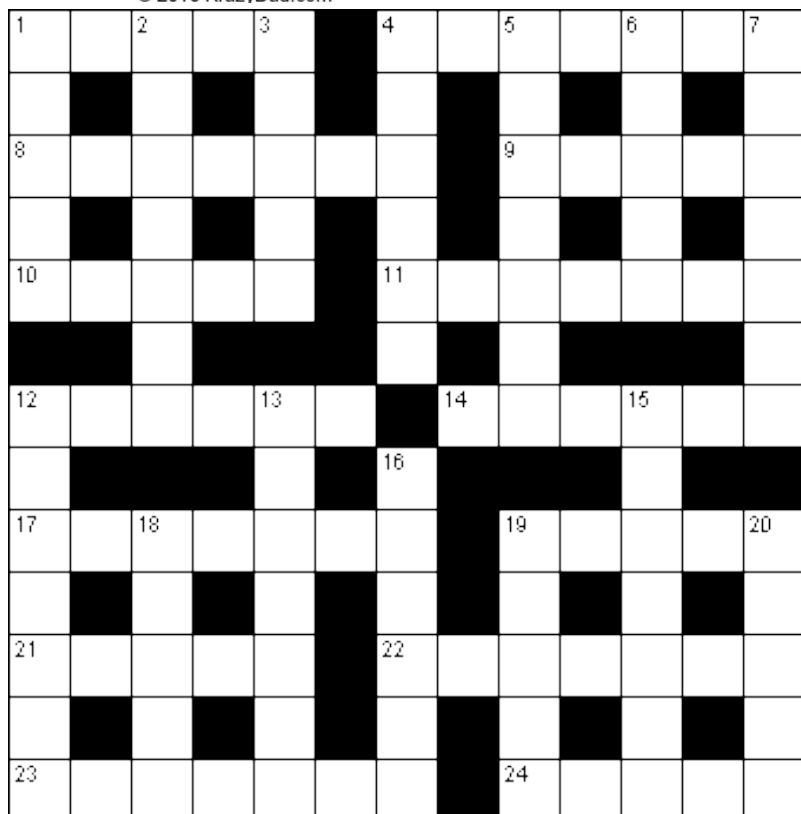
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10. Boasts (5)
11. Compared (7)
12. Pact (6)
14. Pique (6)
17. Certify (7)
19. Meeting place (5)
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22. Flair (7)
23. Passed by (7)
24. Begin (5)

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The filming of 'Becoming Elizabeth'



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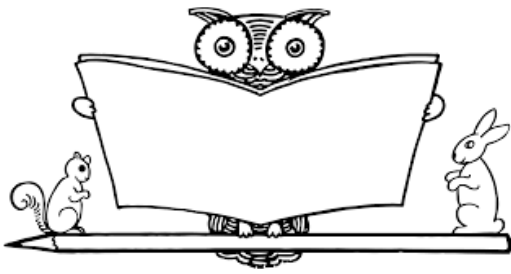


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As we move into the start of spring, our focus turns to our plans for the coming year and what we need to do before the growing season starts.

I've mentioned a few times that our farm is made up of predominantly permanent pasture, which has been in situ for well over 60 years and in some fields even longer. As well as this, our recently planted herbal leys provide a variety of grazing options for the year. This will consist of mob-grazing, where the cattle are moved every few days to strip-grazing, where the cattle are given a new

'strip' every day. Set stocking is another option and is the most traditional method of grazing, where very simply, the cattle are put into a field and removed when the grass has been eaten down. Although this is the easiest method, it definitely isn't the most productive and is reserved for the older parkland pastures where either electric fencing is unsightly or impractical.

We have to make a decision as to where the cattle will graze in the summer and Dad and I have lengthy discussions to work this out. Around half of the farm will be used for either hay or silage production to give us enough feed for the winter. So as soon as the fields are dry enough we aim to remove all of the cattle to fields which are less favourable for hay-making and more suited to grazing, which tend to be on the banks of the Avening valley. The absence of cattle allows the fields to be worked on in preparation of growing as much grass as we can. The composted manure left by the cows will be chain harrowed; this also pulls dead grass from the sward and allows the new grass to grow in its place. We also roll the field to push the roots of the grass back into the soil for better root to soil contact. Rolling also reduces the potential for the contamination of soil getting into the hay or silage that can cause an illness called listeriosis in cattle. Any grass churned up through the winter by the cattle will also be repaired at this time of year by over sowing the bare patches with new grass seed. After all of these jobs have been carried out, the fields are then 'shut up'. This now means that they are then taken out of the grazing regime and are left empty and untouched to allow Mother Nature to do her best and grow a good crop of grass.



Our herd will be put into three groups for the coming spring and summer, the split based on a different type of grazing for each.

Our commercial cattle will be grazed on the newly established herbal ley, by either mob or strip-grazing. This will increase daily live-weight gains and also help to manage the ley.

Our rare-breed herd of Gloucester cattle will graze the more traditional pastures by 'set stocking' as the breed lends itself to this type of traditional grazing. They will then come back up to fields nearer the farm yard for calving in July!

The last group is our youngest group made up of the calves currently in our livestock shed. These will be let out into a small paddock for the first few months. As they have not yet been out at grass, it's always a bit nerve-wracking on turn-out day as they have absolutely no concept of fences, meaning we often end up having to chase the odd one or two that have ran straight through it!

It's always remarkable how an animal's natural instinct kicks in straight away and after a few laps around the field they find a source of water and put their head down to enjoy the first taste of grass. These will progress onto the mob-grazing system later in life.

Like all farmers at the moment, we are 'chomping at the bit' for the weather to get warmer and the fields to dry. As they say "preparation is key"!

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Avening W.I.



It is lovely to see all the signs of spring appearing around the village and some displays celebrating its arrival. Our WI planter continues to provide a splash of colour near the phone box and we are all feeling hopeful about a return to normality soon.

We had optimistically booked speakers from March onwards for our meetings and were very pleased that our March speaker was able to deliver her interesting talk on Zoom. Twenty two of our members enjoyed the excellent presentation by Mandy Bradshaw entitled 'Finding the angle at Chelsea'. Mandy 'The Chatty Gardener' is a professional journalist who writes gardening articles for various publications including the Cotswold Life magazine. Each year she is required to submit an application to attend the Chelsea Flower Show on Press Day, when the

world's press, celebrities and other officials can take advantage of the lack of crowds. She then has to decide which photo shoots to attend and who to interview, as well as spotting any other interesting photo opportunities and trending stories. Much of her focus is on gardeners, growers and designers with a Cotswold connection and we saw photos of some wonderful displays by Chris Beardshaw, Paul Hervey-Brookes, Jekka McVicar, local water sculptor Giles Rayner and charities such as The Meningitis Trust. This year will be a very different one for the show which is planned to take place in September.

Our weekly coffee morning Zooms are gaining in popularity and during March we celebrated with two members who had 'special' birthdays, Yvonne Crew and Vicky Viveash. We hope to resume some small group activities and walks in the near future. We always welcome new members and for more details please email our secretary Soo at aveningwi@gmail.com.

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Avening School

Together Again!

How wonderful it is to have our whole school back together again. After three months of remote learning for many of our pupils, the sheer joy at everyone being together in their classroom bubbles is immeasurable. In beautiful echo to the children returning, we had eggs supplied to the school in incubation by 'Living Egg', which hatched just prior to the re-opening at the beginning of March. The children who were in school at the time of the hatchings were then responsible for the care of the chicks which were a welcome addition to the class bubbles when they were reunited and provided great excitement and joy at a time when it was needed most.

In order to reflect on how families and pupils found remote learning, a parent survey was sent out to parents towards the end of February. The answers and comments that came from the survey enabled school to look at what worked and what could be improved, if needed again in the future. Overall, the findings were very positive and reflect the excellent job that not only school staff, but also parents have done to keep their children's education going over the lockdown period. The fact that the children at home were learning and making progress during this incredibly challenging time could not have happened without the input of parents in the background ensuring that the children were organised and supporting learning in so many ways. They really are the unsung heroes of the moment and deserve national recognition.

This year, we moved our World Book Day celebrations back a week, when the children were all back in and held a 'happiness day' in school. Focusing on why, how and which books make us happy, children came in dressed in whatever makes them happy; we had princesses, army cadets, dogs, sports kits and sparkly dresses to name but a few. We also had a visit from travelling storyteller Bill Church who delighted the children with his tales from around the world and each child made a blossom for our happiness tree displayed in school. Staff also uploaded recordings of them reading from books that they enjoy onto Teams for all children to access at home, replacing our annual bedtime story session. Unable to provide refreshments in person as they do each year, our fabulous FOAS team provided each child with a pack containing a sachet of hot chocolate and a biscuit so that they didn't miss out.

On top of all the excitement at being a complete school community once again, we have had Hollywood come to Avening this week. Filming for a television series has been happening in and around Avening church, which has been a source of great fascination for the children and staff. On the first day of filming, KS2 children stood outside in their bubbles and watched some of the filming as well as speaking to some of the cast and the Assistant Director who answered questions from the Owls pupils.

The children are currently counting books and recording and analysing data as part of their learning about the census. With a few weeks until the Easter holidays, there is plenty to look forward to including our annual Egg hunt and plans for a school production to take place in the summer term.

Puzzle Answers

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5	1	3	9	6	8	2	4	7
8	9	7	5	2	4	1	3	6
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9	3	1	8	5	7	4	6	2
7	2	8	4	9	6	3	1	5
1	5	2	6	8	3	7	9	4
3	8	6	7	4	9	5	2	1
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Tetbury Goods Shed

Check out the Goods Shed Wednesday night online sessions on Facebook. Each week we will have a performer of some kind - classical, jazz, folk, drama - who will introduce the music they are to perform as an introduction to some of their video material. Performers so far have included A Whole Lotta LED, pianist Clare Hammond, the Spitfire Sisters, James Morton's Pork Chop and actor Gerard Logan reading a children's story. The sessions remain available after the Wednesday evening performances and are totally free. We hope to be able to welcome back many of the artists when we can finally open again - but this will give you a taster of what is to come! Just search Facebook for Shed Sessions and join us for a half hour of escapism! Also a reminder that you can still join The Goods Shed 200 Club for the chance of winning monthly prizes of £100 or more. Further details are on our website www.shed-arts.co.uk.



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Avening Playgroup

I am extremely happy to report that we now have a third member of staff. Shannon started on Monday 15th March and is settling in well. She holds a level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce and has worked in Early Years Settings since leaving school. Shannon is also a Mum herself. I would just like to say a very big welcome to her and hope she enjoys working with the children and their families, as well as the staff and committee.

As from 22nd March 2021 we will be using antigen Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) to enable the staff to self-test at home. They will carry this out twice weekly - 3 to 4 days apart. All safety measures already taken to reduce the risk of infection will remain in place and be strictly adhered to. We thank all the children and their parents for their ongoing support with this.



Since returning to playgroup on the 8th March the children have made Mother's Day cards and been practising their cutting and mark-making skills. As I write this they are focusing on springtime and looking at how the trees are changing. We are also looking at animals and what their babies are called, for instance, a baby cow is a calf as is a baby elephant. They have been decorating sheep and making pictures of trees with blossom on them. They have also made some lovely daffodil collages.

A group of children have also enjoyed looking at the dinosaur book and have been putting the correct names to the dinosaurs.

While we were closed both Angie and Liz made use of the time and caught up with a lot of training. Some of the training was originally planned for the 2020 spring and summer terms but was cancelled due to COVID-19. Angie has now completed Level 1 and 2 Makaton, updated her Safeguarding and Food Hygiene training and Liz has almost completed SENCo training and has also updated her Safeguarding training.

A big thank you to the members of the committee and their families who erected the new climbing frame recently. Our old climbing frame was showing signs of wear and tear and we were able to purchase a new one with money kindly given to us by the football club. The children have loved the challenge of the monkey bars – the new frame does not have a platform over the bars, but the children have learnt new climbing skills to get over them.





Our last day this term will be Thursday 1st April and we will return on Tuesday 20th April after the Easter Holidays. Happy Easter from all at Avening Playgroup.

If you would like any information about our lovely playgroup or you would like to put your child's name down on our waiting list, please call us on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com. We are open weekday mornings during term time.

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Avening Youth Club



Avening Youth Club, run by The Door, is cancelled for the moment.

Full details of how to access all of The Door's services can be found at www.thedoor.org.uk and on Social Media @TheDoorStroud.

Want more information about Avening's Youth Club? Contact Rev Gerald South on 883456 or Isak at The Door on 01453 756745.

Avening Parish Council



The Parish Council Meeting was held via Zoom on the 17 March 2021 and was open to all residents of the Parish.

Community Support

With the roll-out of the vaccinations progressing well, we now have a light at the end of the tunnel. If we continue to stick to the rules, we may just get a summer resembling something normal. In the meantime, if you need support the Parish Council website has a list of volunteers or email covid19@avening-pc.gov.uk, or phone The Buzz on 07403006106.

Getting Involved with your Community

If the pandemic has taught us anything, it is the importance of community. The Parish Council are looking for support to run the Memorial Hall and the Playing field.

The Memorial Hall AGM was held on the 11th of March via zoom. A new but small management committee was formed. New members are still needed. If you think you can spare a little time, please get in touch for more information.

The Playing Field committee has been formed but it would be good if more people were involved. The committee will be consulting the village to see what the current and future needs might be so that investment can be used for maximum benefit.

Police Report

The report was unavailable this month.

County Council Report

Cllr Hirst was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded his report. A couple of items of interest :

- GCC has successfully bid for £1,353 towards improving rural bus transport.
- An additional £7m towards the ongoing school improvement programme.
- GCC has been awarded £1.5m grant funding for a school holiday activities and free food for school children eligible for free school meals.

Parish Council AGM

To comply with legislation whilst trying to keep the community safe, the April and May meetings will be amalgamated with the Parish Council's AGM on May 5th. There will not be a meeting on April 21st or May 19th

Dog Fouling

People are still not cleaning up after the dogs, making walks in the village and playing field unpleasant for everyone. If you witness people not picking up please report to Cotswold District Council on their website:

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/environment/litter-street-cleaning-and-dog-fouling/>

or tell a Parish Councillor.

Planning Applications & Tree Works Since the Last Issue

New Applications – Planning

21/00513/comply - Herons Mead, West End. Compliance of condition 3 of permissions 20/01127/FYL & 20/01128/LBC – No Objections

21/00510/FUL – 11A High Street. Change of use of commercial floor space at live/work unit to residential use - No Objections.

Decision Notices

21/00232/TCONR - 14 Star Lane. Remove Willow, Ash and Horse Chestnut, coppice mature Hazel stems – No Objections.

21/000565/TCONR – Avening Court. Fell dead Horse Chestnut, Silver Birch and Cherry trees. Reduce Beech tree and remove limb on Hornbeam. – No objections.

Potholes

Report the potholes directly to Highways on 08000 514514 or at the GCC Report It website.

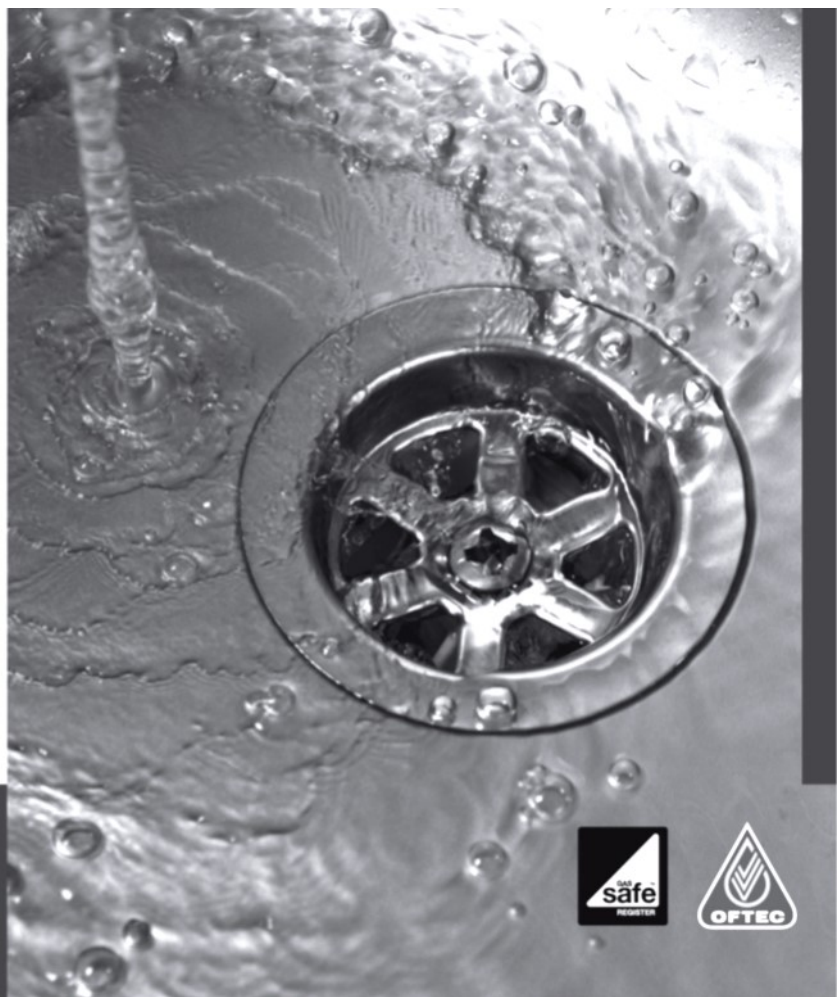
Agendas and minutes can be viewed at www.avening-pc.gov.uk. The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

The next meeting will be on 5th May after the AGM - via Zoom



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Down Memory Lane

Following on from Beverley Rymer's article on the Village pubs I thought you may be interested in some photos I have, taken by my father Arthur Jellyman of the Bar at the New Inn. Living at Pound Hill the New Inn was his "local". Sadly the inn closed its doors for the final time on the 21st January, 1962.

Sue Russell, Tetbury



Landlady May Howley at the bar she ran the pub with her husband Fred.



"Jockey" Ayres playing quoits.

*'Jockey' Ayres,
Rene Farmiloe,
George Harding
and Eric Sparrow.*



Cherington Village Hall Reopening

While the Cherington Village Hall has been closed in recent months, the committee had been working hard to ensure that it is open for bookings as soon as regulations allow. We have done everything necessary to ensure that it is safe for all to enjoy when it reopens.

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd May	May Music Evening	Zoom	7.30 pm
Wednesday 5th May	Avening Parish Council AGM	Zoom	tba
Sunday 12th September	Avening Church Fete	School and Church	



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