

# The Villager

A Magazine for Avening,  
Cherington and Nags Head



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# September 2021.

Yes, dear reader – you are not imagining things – our front cover shows the scene in Avening, when dinosaurs walked the earth. We await contributions suggesting how this came about. Perhaps some may have other family snaps in their photo albums, which can throw further light on this phenomenon!

Returning to the 21st Century, we are looking forward with happy anticipation to both the Avening Fete and the Cherington Show. It is hoped that as many people as possible will support either, or better still, both events.

With the gradual opening-up of life, the Community Café has once again returned to the Social Club, with its wonderful offerings of coffee and cake and most importantly of all the opportunity of meeting old friends and making new ones.

There are a number of interesting charitable events featured, including the Macmillan Coffee Morning and a most enterprising wing walking event by three of the doctors in aid of Tetbury Hospital. They undertook this at the end of August, but perhaps our readers will feel able to help the hospital with donations in support of their efforts.

Finally, the editors would like to wish all the staff and pupils at both Avening School and Playgroup a very happy and hopefully healthy start to their school year this month.

***The Villager Editors***

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## **Photographs in The Villager Magazine**

Many thanks to **James Rymer** for the photo on the front cover of this month's Villager.. Can anyone explain how this dinosaur came to be terrorising Avening?

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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Credit: Liz Whitaker



Credit: Henry Arden

# CHERINGTON VILLAGE SHOW

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# Regular Activities in the Villages

Items struck through are temporarily suspended. Would organisers please let us know when they restart.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday	<del>7.30–9.30pm</del>	Social Club	<del>Social Club</del> <del>01453 833760</del>
Community Café	Tuesday	9.30 - 11.30am	Social Club	Gill Adams 07826 291759
<del>Churchyard tidy up</del>	<del>Tuesday</del>	<del>6.00–7.00pm</del>	<del>Holy Cross churchyard</del>	<del>Rev. Gerald</del> <del>01453 883456</del>
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	10.30am - 12.30pm	Social Club car park	
Cherington PC	Tuesday bi-monthly	6.00pm	Zoom	Richard Smith
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	<del>7.30–9.00pm</del>	Church Bell Tower	Andrew 01453 835783
Line Dancing	Tuesday	<del>8.00–10.00pm</del>	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Avening Youth Club	Every Tuesday in term time	<del>6.00–7.30pm</del>	Avening church	Rev. Gerald 01453 883456
<del>Over 60s Lunch Club</del>	<del>1st Wednesday each month</del>	<del>12.30pm</del>	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
<del>Avening Cinema Club</del>	<del>1st Thursday each month</del>	<del>7.30pm</del>	<del>Memorial Hall</del>	Katy 07806 614753
Avening W.I.	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Social Club/ Memorial Hall	Liz 01453 833803
Avening PC	3rd Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Zoom	Shani Baker 07415 039234
<del>Summer Skittles</del>	<del>Friday</del>	<del>8.00pm</del>	<del>Social club</del>	<del>Derrick Ind</del> <del>01453 835752</del>
Charity Quiz	1st Saturday each month	8.00pm	The Bell	
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4.30pm	tba	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090



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Avening Social Club	Derrick Ind	01453 835752



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### **VILLAGE & AREA WEB SITES**

**Avening Parish Council: [www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk)**

**Avening Church: [www.aveningchurch.info](http://www.aveningchurch.info)**

**Cherington Parish Council: [cheringtonpc.org.uk](http://cheringtonpc.org.uk).**

**Cherington Village: [www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk)**

**Cotswold District Council: [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk)**



# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



A relatively quiet period for the Parish Council as is usually the case at this time of year. But looking ahead there are positive signs that village life is poised to regenerate and thrive once again.

As the cautious return to the new post Covid normality unfolds, I'm pleased that plans to open the Community Café for two days each week is gaining support – Tuesdays and Saturdays. Volunteers will be needed, so step forward if you can and put your name on the list.

Similarly, the Memorial Hall is now open for business; and the committee looks forward to the return of all the groups and more that were users prior to lockdown. Enquiries can be made via Bob Scurfield 07498 952564 or Cllr David Bendall 01453 833479, or [david.bendall@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:david.bendall@avening-pc.gov.uk).

One more reminder - for Villager of the Year nominations, Adult and Young Person respectively. Don't miss the opportunity to nominate a deserving fellow villager for going above and beyond with their efforts for the village or individuals in need. Nominations to the Clerk of the Parish Council via the website.

Also – second reminder for the Village Fete, scheduled to return on 12<sup>th</sup> September which gives the opportunity to rekindle acquaintances and friendships within the village and have some fun at the same time. Let's hope for good weather on the day and sufficient water in the stream for the duck race.

Difficult to write a report without mentioning the Zip Wire; it has been heart-warming to see families enjoying the ride; and yes it will hold an adult and child simultaneously, so there's no excuse for not having a go and making it a family experience.

A number of villagers have contacted me with reference to overgrown hedges; particularly those that are adjacent to roads which in some cases force pedestrians to step off pavements and into the road. The birds have stopped nesting and their young have fledged; so now is the time to take responsibility and trim your hedges and remember that they have two sides. It is generally accepted that the maximum height of a hedge between neighbours should be no more than two metres. Neatly trimmed roadside hedges also improves the appearance of the village – a double bonus.

Whilst on a bit of a nature theme; I have noticed sadly that it has been a very good year for the spread of Ragwort – this is the daisy-like cluster of yellow flowers which grow up to 90cm in height. They contain toxins which can be fatal to horses (destroys their liver) and injurious to livestock. Whilst they are covered by the Ragwort Control Act of 2003 they are not a notifiable weed but landowners are obliged to remove Ragwort from forage and grazing areas. Ragwort has very shallow roots so can be pulled up easily. Most livestock have the inherent sense to ignore the growing plant, but if it is harvested in a hay crop the danger is very real. Worth a Google to get the full story. Each plant will

produce thousands of seeds with a germination rate of 70%; so if you can pull a few up when you see them and dispose of carefully it will help – but wear gloves to avoid any chance of an allergic reaction. I don't believe Ragwort was in Monty Dons' script when he asked us all to let some of our lawns go wild!

Keep safe and enjoy our village

**Patrick Mulligan**

**Chairman of Avening Parish Council**

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## Happy Birthday Gaye!



Gaye Powell, one of Avening's oldest residents, celebrated her 90th birthday on Friday 20th August and quite a few of her friends and relations came along to help her enjoy the day.

Gaye, who has lived in Avening all her life, was the youngest of the eight children of Fred Powell and is the only surviving granddaughter of Jabez Powell, who moved to the village from Hyde, Minchinhampton in the second half of the 19th century, according to Gaye's niece, Mary Hatherall. Her brother Archie, who died a couple of years ago, was the grandfather of Sam Powell, who entertains and educates us all with his 'Farm Life' column, in which he describes life on the farm that still bears his grandfather's name.



# Avening and Cherington Churches



## Avening Church Open Afternoon, 25<sup>th</sup> July



*Elizabeth gets a tour under way*



*Finding family history in the registers*



*Tom and Amanda play and sing*

We are so fortunate to have such marvellous church buildings here. It is not their main function to be museums but they offer so much history and architectural interest. Our open afternoon enabled many villagers to hear something of that history and see the ways in which the building has evolved according to the wishes and needs of the times: also on show were some individual items such as the 'Breeches Bible' in which Adam and Eve made themselves 'breeches' from fig leaves: later versions of the Bible changed this to 'aprons'. During the afternoon Gill Adams demonstrated the skills of flower arranging and we heard a delightful musical interlude from Tom Fryer and Amanda Sanders. Displays from village organisations included those from the WI, Art Group, Avening Angels and School. Many thanks to all those who made this event possible.

Here are some of the comments from the visitors:

*For me it was a welcome opportunity to look up and be reminded of the awesome historical features in our church - which can too easily be taken for granted by people like me who have known it since Sunday School days in the 1960's!*

*We very much enjoyed our visit and the informative tour and displays on the the history of the church. We first came to Avening in 1974 and still there were things that were new to us. It must have been an awesome journey for the stone masons from Durham to Avening in order to copy some*

*of the features of our church. No photos, motorways or the Internet to help them. Our grateful thanks for a*



*Art Group display*

*pleasant and informal afternoon (and for the ice cream!!)*

*We felt warmly welcomed and enjoyed a fascinating insight into the history of the Church.*

*I didn't think I would like the chancel without pews but now I have seen it, I think it looks very nice.*

### **"Tea and Tissues", 6<sup>th</sup> September**

If you are bringing your child to the first day of the new term please see advert elsewhere in this magazine.

### **Harvest Festivals**

**Avening: 10am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Cherington: 6.00pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

As many of us celebrate and give thanks for the good food that we enjoy, we also remember the needs of others. In the past this often took the form of distributing perishable items: these days an alternative approach is to donate to one of our local foodbanks. At the time of writing they particularly need any of the following: long-life milk, long-life sponge pudding, instant mash/tinned potatoes, rice pudding, long-life juice, jars of instant coffee, tinned meat, teabags (40s/80s), chocolate treats for children, tinned fruit (they have good supplies of cereal, pasta, tinned spaghetti and beans).

All such items brought to our harvest festivals will be forwarded to the Tetbury and Cirencester Foodbank who provide a much needed and valued service in our area.

Further details about our harvest festivals are to follow.

### **From the Church Registers**

27<sup>th</sup> July: Funeral of Bert Fisher (Avening)

11<sup>th</sup> August: Interment of ashes of Bert Fisher (Avening)

### **Church Services and Events**

5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Avening Church
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30 am	Tea and Tissues*	Avening Church
12 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Cherington Church
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Avening Church
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Cherington Church
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct		Musical Evening*	Avening Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10.00 am	Harvest Festival	Avening Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival	Cherington Church

\*for further information please see elsewhere in this magazine.

**Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington**

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# Puzzle Corner

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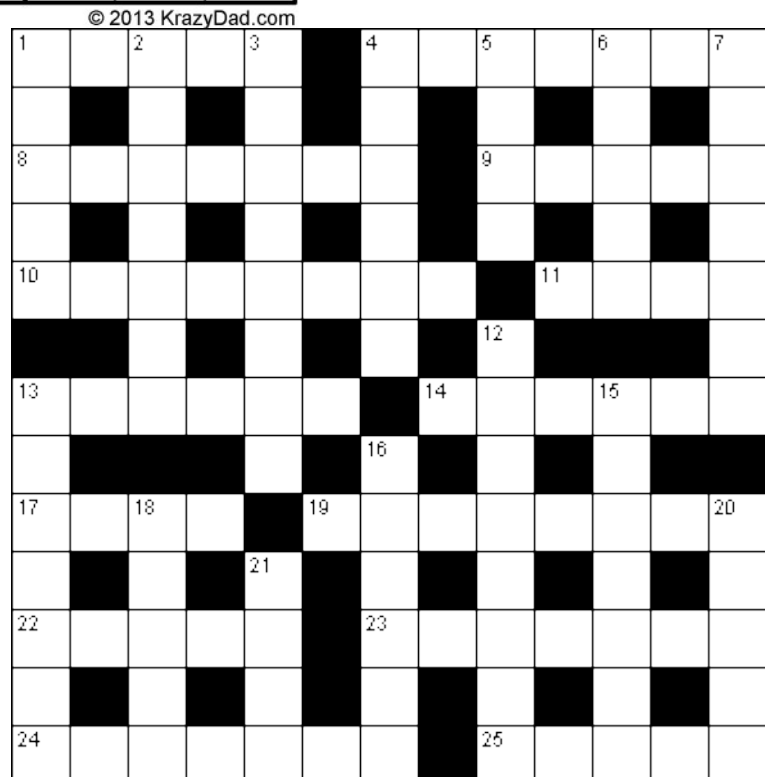
## Sudoku

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*

## Across

1. Topic (5)
4. Environment (7)
8. Layer (7)
9. Soda water (5)
10. Cheap passage (8)
11. Sport (4)
13. Six feet deep in water (6)
14. Invalidate (6)
17. Artifice (4)
19. Glorious (8)
22. Torpid (5)
23. Quantities (7)
24. Aged (7)
25. Covers a wide area (5)



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## Down

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| 1. Chores (5)               | 6. Latin American dance (5)       | 16. Bee house (6)                     |
| 2. Sincere (7)              | 7. Diplomatic (7)                 | 18. Velocity (5)                      |
| 3. Outside (8)              | 12. Famished (8)                  | 20. Measured portions of medicine (5) |
| 4. Respectful deference (6) | 13. Surreptitious (7)             | 21. Celestial body (4)                |
| 5. Computer memory unit (4) | 15. Brilliant musical passage (7) |                                       |

# Gilian's Poem of the Month

This one was written at the end of a very long, hot summer in the 1970's but will hopefully be as applicable this year, after another long, hot spell, still to come!

## Welcome Rain

Hot sun beats down upon the scorched, brown fields;  
No breath of air stirs over the poor parched land,  
Where tiny, withered husks are all the cornfield yields,  
Beside the wood where beech trees droop-leaved stand.  
No birdsong fills the breathless, burning air,  
The sere, cracked earth cries out in silent pain;  
No drop of water trickles through the stream,  
While cows and sheep seek shady spots in.  
But hush! Wind whispers, cloud-cloaks veil the sun,  
Each leaf turns up a pale dry underside,  
Then thunder rends the silence, wind gusts strong,  
And lightening gashes over the countryside,  
As huge, soft raindrops patter, one by one,  
Fall faster, downpour in a welcome tide,  
Filling the streambeds, swelling the fruit and grain,  
As cool rain brings tender, new, green shoots to birth,  
And thankful birds sing anthems of joy again,  
For sweet rain, refreshing the dry dust-weary earth.

*Gilian Bulmer - Davison*

## Sandford Trust

Small grants are available from the Sandford Trust, a charity for local young people going on to university or work based training. I would welcome applications from anyone living in the parish of Avening, on or before 10<sup>th</sup> September, after which the annual distribution of funds will be made.

Applications should be made in writing, by the claimant, to:

Mrs Kelly Wilkinson  
Larch House  
Pound Hill  
Avening  
Gloucestershire  
GL8 8LZ





# Farm Life



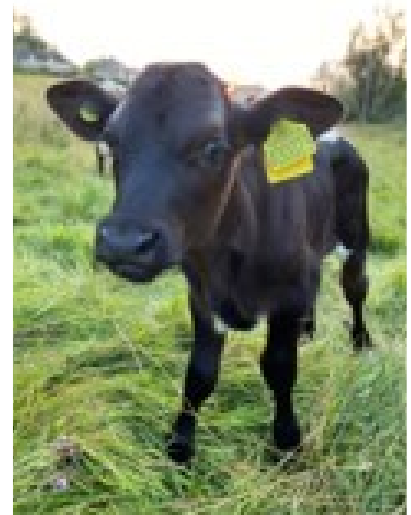
July and August have been a very busy and stressful time on the farm. After playing catch-up due to the time I was off with an injury, we were straight into hay and silage making. I'm really thankful to say that we now have some good quality hay safely stored in the shed. We make a mixture of small two-stringed bales and 4ft round bales. After spending what felt like weeks staring at the forecast, a week of dry weather finally came through and for the first time we cut all of our hay and silage fields in one go. Just over 100 acres were mown, dried, baled and stored in little over a week. In today's world that is not really a big effort, but with our hay-making equipment being by no means large scale or new, made it very stressful but also very rewarding!



Since I last wrote a column for the Villager, we have had two more births on the farm from our rare-breed Gloucester cows. The first of these was from the matriarch cow 'Fluer' who calved in the field and with some slight assistance produced a lovely heifer calf which we have named 'Avening Poppy'. The next calving was a month later by a first time mum who has produced our only male calf. As this is the first and only male offspring from our Bull 'Jimmy', we have decided that it would be nice to allow him to go on and become a breeding bull in the future, mainly because his bloodline will be another branch in the already close Gloucester gene pool. We've named him 'Maverick' and I

must say he's already living up to his name! I can't count how many times I have had to rescue him from a bush or a hedge where he's wandered off and got stuck, much to the distress of his mum!

Maverick brings the end to 2021 calving and it hasn't been easy. It does sometimes make you realise why they are a rare-breed! Conception was particularly difficult last year when we used AI and I hope with the Gloucester Cattle Society's help, we will be able to get better results next time around. Every calving this year has been assisted by either us or a vet; however this may have been due to the majority being first time mums. Despite the stress this rare-breed brings, seeing the calves playing together in the field does make it all worthwhile.



Other very exciting news on the farm is that we now have a farm office situated next to our tractor shed in Star Lane. This has been a labour of love and which couldn't have been completed without the help of Joe and Mike Maller, whose skill meant we ended up with something way beyond what we could ever have hoped for at the start of the project. Alan, my dad's brother, also played a key part in this, taking weekends out to ensure that all of the electrics were up and running in time. The farm office, apart from

carrying out the paperwork side of running the farm, will be used to store our chest freezers for the next new venture for our farming business — beef boxes!

We very much hope this will become a big part to our farming operation, selling our beef direct to the consumer. Small farms like us need to increase our margins in order to survive, by selling to the consumer and cutting out all of the middle men.

The beef we will sell will be from our native-breed herd of cattle and in the future our rare-breed herd of Gloucesters too.

Months have been spent planning this new venture, right from the legislation of selling a food product to the packaging and labeling.

Give our social media pages a follow to keep up to date with news of this, or email us at: [flpowellandsons@outlook.com](mailto:flpowellandsons@outlook.com)



**Sam Powell**

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## **Calling All Cake Bakers, Cake Buyers, Cake Eaters!!**

A favourite recipe from wonderful cake baker Wendy Eldridge, born and raised in Cherington, who has been running the cake stall at the Cherington show for many years

### **Sticky Lemon Cake**

175gms SR Flour  
175gms Caster Sugar  
175gms butter or margarine  
5tbsp milk  
2 eggs  
Grated rind of large lemon

#### **For the Topping**

75 gms caster sugar  
Juice of the lemon

Beat together the flour, sugar, butter ,milk, eggs and lemon rind.

Put in a greased and lined 450gm loaf tin. Cook at 180 or 160 Fan oven, gas 4 for 40-50 minutes until golden and well risen.

Meanwhile heat the sugar and lemon juice together. Pour over the cake when cooked but still in the tin. Leave until cold. Ease carefully from the tin.

See you at the Cake Stall at the **Cherington Village Show Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>** with lots of wonderful homemade cakes to buy or enter your own creation in the Show Competitions. For more details see <https://www.cheringtonshow.com/>







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## **LONGFIELD WRITE A WILL MONTH**

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**£90 donation for a single basic Will**

**£160 donation for a pair of basic 'mirror' Wills**

**[longfield.org.uk/write a-will](https://longfield.org.uk/write-a-will)**

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## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

On my first day as your parish priest I enjoyed a walk around the boundaries of our two parishes. As I now approach the end of my time here, I am planning another walk, but with a different purpose – to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Charity.



This will be a Macmillan Mighty Hike on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September covering sections of the Wye Valley and Offa's Dyke Path, about a marathon in distance.

I am hoping to well exceed £1thousand in sponsorship – why not 2 or even 3. If you would like to contribute, please go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gerald-south>

To see more details of the walk go to:

<https://mightyhikes.macmillan.org.uk/choose-a-hike/wye-valley-2021>

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till ten*

## *SERENDIPITY WITH LIGHT AND MUSIC*

*Children and babies especially  
welcome. Adults also. Bring a picnic,  
a blanket and sit on the Hill, or  
inside, before the music starts and  
during the interval. The gates and the  
door will be open all evening. THERE  
MAY BE WANDERING MINSTRELS.*

*In fact singers and musicians are  
invited to sign up at the start of the  
evening, or before the day. There will  
be a clipboard in the church porch  
and also in the Book Box on Old Hill.  
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be appreciated. ROCK, POP, FOLK,  
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## **Church Details**

Since the church was built in 1080, each century has left its mark on Holy Cross church. Doors have been blocked up or turned into windows, windows have been enlarged, clear glass replaced with stained glass.

If you look at the church from the road, you see the north transept jutting toward you. In the corner where it meets the chancel, toward the front (East end) of the church, there was once a 13th century chapel dedicated to 'Our Lady,' the mother of Jesus. These chapels are called 'Lady Chapels.' Looking at the outside wall of the church there, you can see a niche in the wall, called a piscina, where the priest would wash the chalice during the service. On the ground in that corner is evidence of foundations. Molten metal found there might indicate that the chapel was ruined in a fire, or maybe it was slipping down the steep hill?

For whatever reason, the Lady Chapel was repositioned behind the altar on the East end of the church. Craftsmen used the design of the wonderful chancel roof, extending it by another 2 bays.

Eventually, the chancel was enlarged by incorporating the chapel space, as we see it today.

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### **Consultants take dare devil challenge in aid of Tetbury Hospital**

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August three Tetbury Hospital consultants, Dr Henry Murdoch, Mr Ian Comaish and Mr Mike Rigby took to the skies and wing walked in a dare-devil fundraising challenge to raise money for vital medical equipment and to improve the hospital's facilities. They took individual flights over Rendcomb Airfield, a World War 1 grass airfield near Cirencester on the top wing of a Boeing Stearman biplane and experienced an exciting series of flypasts, zoom climbs, steep dives and banks at a flying speed of approximately 130mph and climbing up to 600ft!

Ian Comaish, who has been a Consultant Ophthalmologist at Tetbury Hospital for many years and has performed thousands of cataract procedures in the Day Surgery Unit says: "Everything I do at Tetbury, in the field of ophthalmology, is about helping people live their lives to the full. Life isn't half so much fun if we can't appreciate the visual – and what could be more visual than a biplane whizzing by with me on the top of it!"

Please help support this breath-taking challenge at [www.virginmoneygiving.com/iancomaish](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/iancomaish) or send a donation to Wing Walk Challenge, Tetbury Hospital, Tetbury, GL8 8XB

Tetbury Hospital is an independent charity delivering the best in care. The money received from NHS activity only supports their operational processes, so they continually need to come up with new and innovative fundraising ideas such as this one to buy new and replacement essential medical equipment and upgrade hospital facilities.

**For more information contact Lian Franklin, Fundraising, Marketing & GP Liaison Manager**

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## Toilet Twinning

Thank you to everyone who supported my 'Toilet Twinning' stall on Sunday 27th June - Serendipity Sunday. Unfortunately, Steve and I were called away that weekend but our daughter Rosie 'stepped up to the plate' and ran the stall for us. Along with some cash I had collected beforehand, the stall managed to raise enough to purchase one toilet. A large parcel duly arrived on our doorstep about two weeks ago containing a framed Toilet Twinning certificate for a latrine in the Democratic Republic of Congo - very much needed, I'm sure.

If you are interested in this worthwhile charity please check them out at [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org). As well as toilets, you can now twin your bin or tap!

A special thank you to Jenny South, who covered the stall for Rosie so she could have a break.

*Sue Swan, Miller's Cottage, Point Road*

### Fete Raffle Prizes: Sunday 12th September

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# Avening Community Café

All welcome for coffee, homemade cakes and a chat on Tuesday mornings in the Social Club from 9:30 – 11:30.

## What's on in September

"KNIT & NATTER" is here every week.

Sept 7th: "BACK TO SCHOOL" - Photo exhibition in the quiet room, including vintage Avening school photos (*Bring along your own favourite photo to share*).

Sept 14th: "DEMONSTRATION OF DIAMOND ART" by Louise Clark.

Sept 21st: "ART WITH MARK" – From 9:30 in the main room (£6 for two hour session, all materials provided).

Sept 28th: "CREATIVE WRITING" – with Atlanta Rayner in the quiet room from 9:30 (£5 for one hour session).

Sept 20<sup>th</sup>: (Monday evening) - "BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE CAFÉ" - A look at how we operate the Community Café. A chance to familiarise yourselves with the Café checklist and see how the coffee machine works etc, taste the coffee and have a chat.

Can you spare a couple of hours occasionally to help out? Would you like to make up a team with your family, friends and neighbours? Do you have other commitments on a Tuesday morning, if so would you like to help with a café on a Saturday? You are welcome to join us at 7:30pm on Monday evening 20<sup>th</sup> September in the lounge bar of the Social Club, to have a coffee and a chat. Please share your ideas and enthusiasm with us - we know there is a lot out there in Avening!



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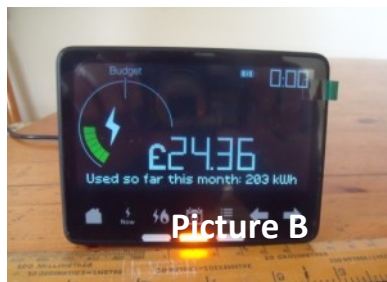
## A Message from Citizens Advice: What are Smart Meters?

Smart Meters are being rolled out to all homes to meet the future demands of the gas and electricity system brought about by the changes in the way we live over the next 25 years.



**Picture A** is a Smart Meter. It looks like a normal digital meter and you can still take a reading from the meter which will be shown in the green window in the middle of the meter. **Picture B**, although often incorrectly called a Smart Meter, is an In-House Display Unit (IHD) giving a digital display of the data measured by the meter.

The Smart Meter via the IHD provides information not currently available with a normal meter. It provides information on the customer's usage and costs on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis. It enables, on some IHDs, the customers to monitor their daily usage against a customer set target. And it also sends readings to the energy supplier directly.



There is a wide range of estimates as to how much money Smart Meters save the customer. The main lesson is that Smart Meters provide information on which customers can alter the way they use their gas and electricity. By changing

what they do in the home, savings could be made. If after having a Smart Meter installed, the customer takes no action on the information of cost and usage provided, there will be no savings. However, if you see the effect on your IHD when you switch on, for example, a 150 watt bulb in a light - you will never have such a large wattage bulb in the home again and will switch quickly to low energy bulbs everywhere in the home. These sort of actions could save money.

Smart Meters via the IHD provide the customer with usage information at any time. It is no longer necessary to scrabble under the stairs to read the meters. Additionally, the Smart Meter sends the customers' meter readings directly to the energy supplier when required without any intervention from the customer. This eliminates the need for estimated bills. Customers with Smart Meters only receive bills based on actual readings.

Smart Meters will provide a wider range of electrical tariffs such as a cheap night time charging tariff and maybe a mid-afternoon 'top-up' tariff - all supportive of the increased use of electrical cars. We can expect increasing use of Smart Appliances like fridges and freezers which can be controlled by the Smart Meter only to take electricity when there is low demand and it is cheap. Increasingly, new houses will be predominantly fitted with Smart Meters and old meters when they are replaced will have Smart Meters fitted preferentially. Eventually most homes will have Smart Meters

**(Note that eligibility may vary to the details shown in this article and savings require customer action )**

**(For further information on Smart Meters, contact Citizens Advice on Freephone 0808 800 0510/0511)**



# Avening Playgroup

We hope that you have all had a lovely and peaceful summer break. Once again there has been lots to do at the playgroup to prepare for the next term. Staff have been familiarising themselves with the changes to the following statutory and non-statutory guidance:

- Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage
- Keeping children safe in education
- Development Matters

At Avening Playgroup we use the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) to plan suitable developmentally appropriate learning opportunities for the children. This framework is mandatory for all early years providers in England and is for children from birth until the end of their Reception Year. It gives the children a broad range of knowledge and skills, which are spread over seven areas of learning and development, to ensure that they are 'school ready'.

There are three prime areas:

- communication and language
- physical development
- personal, social and emotional development

There are then four specific areas that providers must also support the children in:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

Staff use the non-statutory curriculum guidance for the EYFS - 'Development Matters' to support them in their delivery of the EYFS learning and development requirements.

During the summer term we sent out questionnaires for the families to fill in and were very pleased with the results. Out of all the questionnaires that were returned 48% of answers were rated as excellent, 38% as good, 1% as satisfactory and 4% of the questions received no rating as the families had not yet experienced them e.g. lunch clubs. We also received some very nice comments, so thank you to the families for taking the time to fill them in and return them to the playgroup. We will use the feedback and continue to gather more so that we can keep improving our fantastic village playgroup. As always do let us know if you would like to be involved with providing first class childcare and developmental support for some of our youngest villagers.

We have also got some good news in that we have been successful in taking on a fourth member of staff and are just waiting for confirmation of the start date. We look forward to introducing them in next month's Villager.

I would like to say a big thank you to Emma from Eagle Mill for donating some pipes to the playgroup. We will be placing these on the fencing for children to race cars down and for waterplay.



We are all looking forward to welcoming back the children on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and to meeting the new children, and their families, who are starting then as well.

If you would like any more information about our playgroup or to reserve a place for your child, please email [aveningplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.com)

*Angie Heslop*

## **The Great Exhibition**

**On the weekend of the Church Fete,  
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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS**

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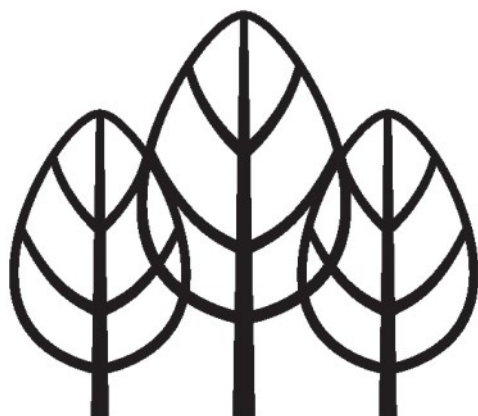
Contact George at: [buchanan.pg@gmail.com](mailto:buchanan.pg@gmail.com)

**Life Class:** During the afternoon of the 12th September, there will be a succession of distinguished models sitting in the Church. Artists and photographers are welcome.

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# Avening School

Obviously, no entry from the school for this month as they are all enjoying their summer holidays – but you might want to note the following:

## *“Tea and Tissues”*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September*

*8.30 to 10.30 am*

*However you're feeling after leaving your youngster at school come for a cuppa up at the church.*



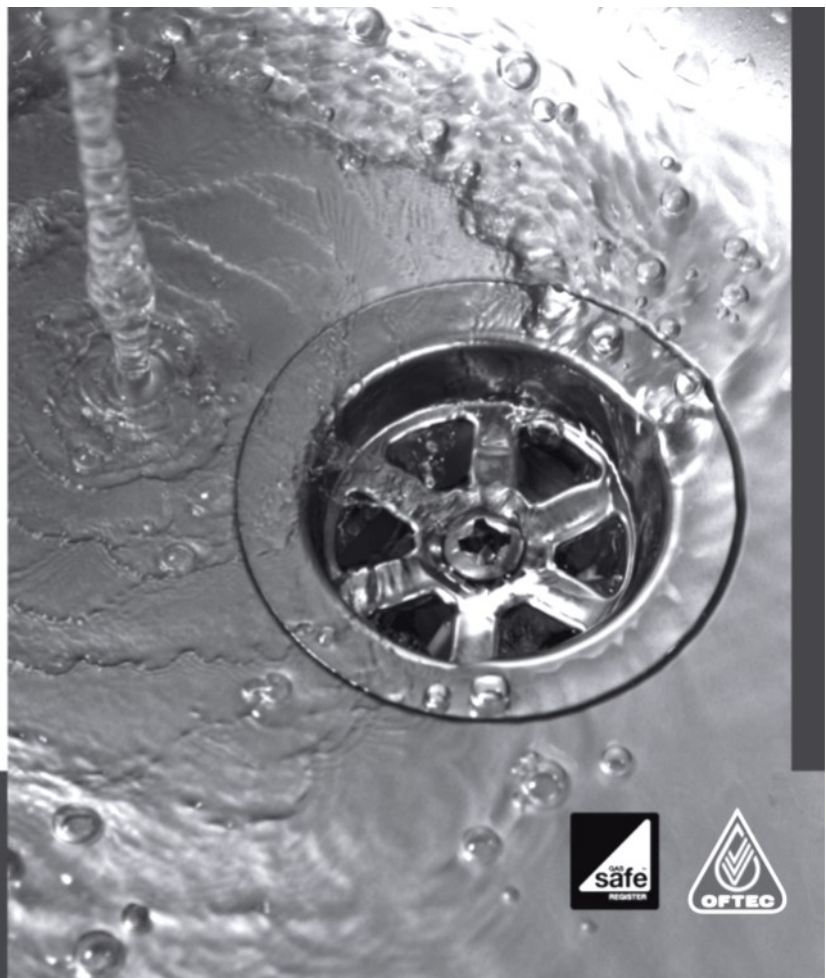
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Avening Youth Club, run by The Door, is cancelled for the moment.

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## The Village Notice Board

As local groups and organisations now start to plan some events for later in July a reminder that the village notice board, on the side of the Memorial Hall, is a good way of publicising village events and items of local information. Posters, ideally size A4 or A5, can be put up for you on this board. To discourage using unnecessary plastic there is no need to laminate them thank you. Please continue to give them to Jennie South directly, email [jennie.south@btopenworld.com](mailto:jennie.south@btopenworld.com) for printing and displaying or leave in the church porch in the envelope provided. They will be taken down once they are out of date. Other posters may be removed and recycled once they are faded or to make space for others.

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But our walls definitely need more decoration.

As part of the Cherington Show competitions, we have included in the handicraft section (Section F No 73) a competition for a picture, of any medium, any subject and the winner's picture will be displayed in the Village Hall.

We have so many talented local people that we would like to applaud them by displaying their work in the Hall.

Please sign your picture so we know who you are.

For more details about entering this competition or any of the others go to:-

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The church looks beautiful at night when floodlit. If you would like to have this in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event, contact **Piers Hansen** on **07770 745642**. The cost is £10 for 2 hours.

# 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.

*Mike Mitchell*

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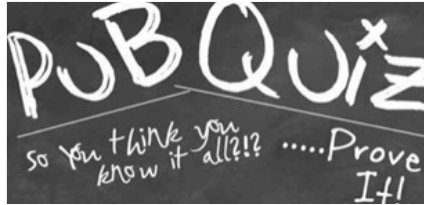
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## Avening W.I.

Unfortunately, the weather was against us for our planned Treasure Hunt around Minchinhampton but we still had an enjoyable afternoon. Shirley Hand and family had devised an interesting circular walk, with items to spot en-route, from her house in Minchinhampton. Several members set off in groups, shortly to return with very soggy sheets of paper after a heavy deluge of rain.



We therefore moved swiftly on to enjoy a tasty lunch prepared by the committee, with lots of catching up between members who had not seen each other for a while. We are hoping to incorporate the Treasure Hunt into one of our monthly walks later in the year. We are also hoping that the weather will be kind for our next event, a walk around Cherington followed by tea and cake in a member's garden.

Our recent garden visits raised over £400 for various charities under the NGS scheme, and in addition several members held tea parties in their gardens resulting in a donation of £150 for NHS and Social Care charities. We have also been able to offer ongoing support to the Stroud Women's Refuge, with donations of clothes when required.

The exciting news is that we are planning a face-to-face monthly meeting on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. This will be our first 'proper' meeting for 18 months and will take place at Avening Social Club. Our speaker will be John Crowther from the Help a Hedgehog Hospital. His talk is entitled 'The Plight of the Hedgehog' and will explain the rescue work done by the organisation and tell us how to encourage and look after hedgehogs who visit our gardens. Following the talk there will be a small selection of merchandise to buy, with all proceeds going to the hospital funds.

We look forward to welcoming members old and new as we start our return to normality.

For more information please contact our secretary Soo at [aveningwi@gmail.com](mailto:aveningwi@gmail.com) or our President, Liz, on 01453 833803.

*Helen Haiselden*

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# Avening Parish Council



## Playing Field

The zip wire is finally installed and being well used. If you haven't seen it, drop by the playing field and maybe give it a try.

The Playing Field's sub-committee are now analysing the results of the consultation and will decide what item of play equipment to purchase with the remaining funds.

**Please be aware that dogs are forbidden in the fenced children's play area.**

## Police Report

The Police report was unavailable this month.

If a crime is in progress or you think a crime is in progress dial 999 or for less urgent problems dial 101. Non urgent crimes can also be reported online.

## Low Flow on the Stream

The Environment Agency have established that the low flow on the stream is not caused by the water extraction at the Golf Club. They are continuing to investigate the cause of the problem.

## Parking

Parking is difficult in many areas of the village. Please ensure that when parking your vehicle, you are not obstructing visibility at junctions.

## Overhanging Vegetation

As the autumn approaches, could residents please check that any garden vegetation overhanging public footpaths and roads is cut back.

## Church Fete

The Parish Council will have a stand at the Church Fete. Please drop by and have a chat. We will be happy to answer any questions.

## Planning Applications & Tree Works Since the Last Issue

### New Planning Applications

21/0288y/FUL: Land at The Sunground – Variations of Conditions. – The PC are concerned the plans encroach onto land not owned by the Housing Association. They will request a meeting to establish clarification.

21/03044/FUL: 18 Star Lane – Extension of existing garage and ancillary accommodation – No objections.

21/03047/TCONR: Bannut Tree, New Inn Lane – Work to Trees - Support

### Decision Notices

21/02014/Comply: Herons Mead - Compliance of conditions 3,4 & 5. - Approved

## Potholes

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

**The next meeting will be on 15th September in the Memorial Hall. Agendas and minutes can be viewed at [www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk). The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: [parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk)**





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# Dates For Your Diary

Monday 6th September	Start of term	Avening Playgroup and School	
Monday 6th September	Tea and Tissues	Avening Church	08.30 – 10.30
Thursday September 9th	WI Meetings recommence	Avening Social Club	19.30
Friday 10th – Sunday 12th September	The Great Exhibition	Avening Church	
Sunday 12th September	Avening Church Fete	Avening Churchyard and in front of school	14.00 – 17.00
Sunday 19th September	Cherington Show	All around Cherington	13.30 – 17.00
Saturday 25th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Avening Church	10.30 – 12.30
Friday 1st October	Serendipity with Light and Music	Avening Church	18.00 – 22.00



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