

The Villager

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Cherington and Nags Head

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Avening Fete



Nanette Godfrey took this of Jean being sketched by Mark Kelland



The dam to provide the water for the duck races



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October 2021.

How exciting that at long last we have been able to return cautiously to some 'reality' by holding both the Avening Fete and the Cherington Show and that, even more wonderful, the weather was kind on both occasions. So many people came to support and the good humour and happiness were palpable. Even the endless requests for 'a squirt of hand sanitiser' were greeted by hilarity, but nevertheless compliance. Thank you everyone for making it fun and for swelling the coffers of our communities. Special thanks to and admiration for the Avening Duck Races team led by Ron, who somehow produced enough water for the races to go ahead.

All the village activities can only happen with the help of willing volunteers. It would be great to see the Cinema Club back up and running – but it needs the help of some people prepared to help run it. See the note on page 21 from Katy Upton.

You will also read about two weddings which were recently celebrated in Avening. The pictures are delightful and remind us again of how much we have missed being able to share in the joy of such lovely occasions.

By the time you read this, another Serendipity will have taken place - this time an event celebrating music in many forms by members of our talented communities.

We are sad that October will see the end of the Ministry of the Rev. Gerald. Both he and Jennie have done so much for the villages during this difficult time and we thank them for this and wish them well in their retirement. We hope that in due course both will be able to join in again with the many activities they have supported and nurtured here. The Café and the Angels will miss them in the meantime.

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Many thanks to **Derrick Pierce** for the photo of Avening Church Fete on the front cover of this month's Villager. 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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Avening Fete

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the fete this year and the art exhibition it was such a happy village event. Thanks go to the Playgroup for organising the children's area and to the PC for sponsoring the bouncy castle, the WI for their afternoon teas and all our stall holders and volunteer helpers. Luckily Ron Major managed to dam the stream for some fun duck races! We look forward to next year's fete on June 26th.

Stephanie Hamilton (Chair of Fete Committee)

And from George Buchanan:

Thanks to all those who contributed to and helped set up the Great Exhibition.



Our thanks to Hazel Redding, Ron Major, Jane Archer and Derrick Pierce for photos of the Avening Fete

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
Community Café	Tuesday	9.30 - 11.30am	Social Club	Gill Adams 07826 291759
Churchyard tidy up	Wednesday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Holy Cross churchyard	Churchwardens
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	7.30 - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Andrew 01453 835783
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30 pm	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	Social Club/ Memorial Hall	Liz 01453 833803
Avening PC	3rd Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Shani Baker 07415 039234
Charity Quiz	1st Saturday each month	8.00pm	The Bell	
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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



With the onset of Autumn and its associated shorter days and darker evenings becoming apparent it was so good to experience the Avening Village Fete after an absence of 2 years due to Covid restrictions. I think all of us that attended felt the pleasure and joy of meeting our neighbours in a fun environment. Congratulations to the ingenuity shown by the now famous Duck Race; a small dam and a leaf blower compensated for the lack of water and current, both of which had been sadly lacking in the days running up to the Fete.

Avening Village Awards – 2021

I had the pleasure of awarding the winners of the various categories in the Avening Village Awards with their certificates and prizes. The recent Covid lockdown had seen many villagers demonstrate what good neighbours and community minded people we are lucky to live amongst. The competition was fierce, but the results were: -

Villager of the Year – Junior Category (Two Winners)

Elsie Hawker: For helping to keep the school garden beautiful and contributing to the Community Orchard Design

Joe Hawker: For helping to keep the school garden beautiful and being selected as a Forest Green Rovers ambassador

Villager of the Year – Student Category

Ellie Sanders: For giving up her time to help run free dance classes over Zoom and writing a regular column in the Buzz newsletter

Villager of the Year – Adult Category

Mike Metcalfe: For giving up his time to help with the school garden, cleaning the churchyard, helping his neighbours and sharing his hobby of rug making and generally embracing Avening village life.

Avening Village – Special Community Award

Jennie South: For being instrumental in starting the Community Café and working tirelessly during the pandemic to keep the café spirit alive bringing the community together.

The results of the voting are collated on the evening prior to the event so we have to rely on the winners being in attendance. All went well except that Elsie and Joe didn't hear the announcements over the tannoy system – but I have managed to catch up with them since and hand over their prizes of an Amazon gift voucher each. Two delightful children who are a real credit to the village. Unfortunately, Mike Metcalfe was in hospital on the day – but I have made arrangements to present him with his engraved Wine Glass at the next Community Café morning. Very well done Mike, thoroughly deserved.

Avening Memorial Hall

Good news on this front, the Charities Commission have at long last approved the list of the new Trustees; which comprises all the Parish Council members together with the addition of Bob Scurfield who heads up the Hall Management Committee. This enables various outstanding issues such as maintenance and redecoration to be addressed, in what is coincidentally the 100th anniversary of the hall.

Roads

Always seem to be on the radar in some way or another. Anyone driving into Avening from the Nailsworth direction will have noticed that as you exit the last part of the 'S' bend, the white lines and cats' eyes are not exactly in the middle of the road, with the result that if you stay to the left of the lines there is a real likelihood that you will strike the curb – I have notified Highways of the problem and they have promised to get the contractors back to address the issue. Maybe by the time the magazine is published it will have been sorted.

Footnote – Who won the first prize of £150 in the Church Fete Raffle? – yes it was me! The first raffle I'd won in years. Caught me by complete surprise as I'd bought the tickets quickly without looking at the prizes. However, as seems appropriate I will donate the money in some way to the benefit of the village.

Patrick Mulligan

Chairman of Avening Parish Council

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Avening and Cherington Churches



“Tea and Tissues”, 6th September

It was good to see parents from Avening School enjoying a cup of coffee and a chat in church after leaving their children for the first day of term – an emotional time for both children and adults. How fortunate that, at some time in the past, the nave pews were removed enabling this space to be ideal for events such as this.



Harvest Festivals

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, 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.

Avening Harvest: 10.00 am on Sunday 3rd October. The service will be followed by a Harvest Drinks and Light Refreshments Party – all welcome. The flower arrangers would love fresh produce in the church on Friday and on Saturday morning to decorate the church for Harvest Festival.

Cherington Harvest: 6.00pm on Sunday 3rd October. The service will be followed by a Barn Dance at Carter’s Barn – all welcome.

Churchwarden’s Service. 5th October, 7.30 pm at Fairford

Each year the recently appointed Churchwardens attend a service with the Archdeacon to start their forthcoming year of service to the church. This year the service is at Fairford and you are welcome to come to support our Churchwardens: Elizabeth Buchanan, Liz, Fuller, Helen Di Mauro and Claudia Ungar.

From the Church Registers

27 th July	Marriage of Harry Histed and Harriet Pullen (Avening)
28 th August	Nathan Waite and Zoe Seal (Avening)
28 th August	Baptism of Harry Waite (Avening)
21 st September	Funeral and burial of Jean Cook (Cherington)

Church Services and Events

1 st Oct		Musical Evening	Avening Church
3 rd Oct	10.00 am	Harvest Eucharist	Avening Church
3 rd Oct	6.00 pm	Harvest Service	Cherington Church
5 th Oct	7.30 pm	Churchwardens Service	Fairford Church
6 th Oct	7.00 pm	Compline	Avening Church
7 th Oct	7.00 pm	Compline	Cherington Church
10 th Oct	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Cherington Church
10 th Oct	10.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Avening Church
17 th Oct	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Avening Church
24 th Oct	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Cherington Church
24 th Oct	10.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Avening Church
31 st Oct	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Cherington Church
31 st Oct	10.00 am	All Souls service	Avening Church

Thank You and Farewell

This is my last entry in The Villager as I retire on 8th October. My four years here have been eventful with very many memories that I will treasure. Jennie and I have been made welcome by so many of you since our arrival and we would like to thank you for all the support and friendship you have offered us. The future wellbeing of the villages and churches of Cherington and Avening will remain in our prayers. Meanwhile my last Sunday services will be our Harvest Festivals on 3rd October and, later that week, the quiet 'low key' evening service of Compline at 7.00pm, 6th October at Avening and 7th October at Cherington.

Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington

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AVENING CHURCH

From 10th October there will be a short service of morning prayer with hymns on alternate Sundays. This service will be based on the Book of Common Prayer. See the Church page for further details.

The short evening prayer service on ZOOM continues at 7.30 on Thursday evenings and is a Celtic type service.

Details from Derrick on derrickcompline@gmail.com. Or 07762702982

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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.

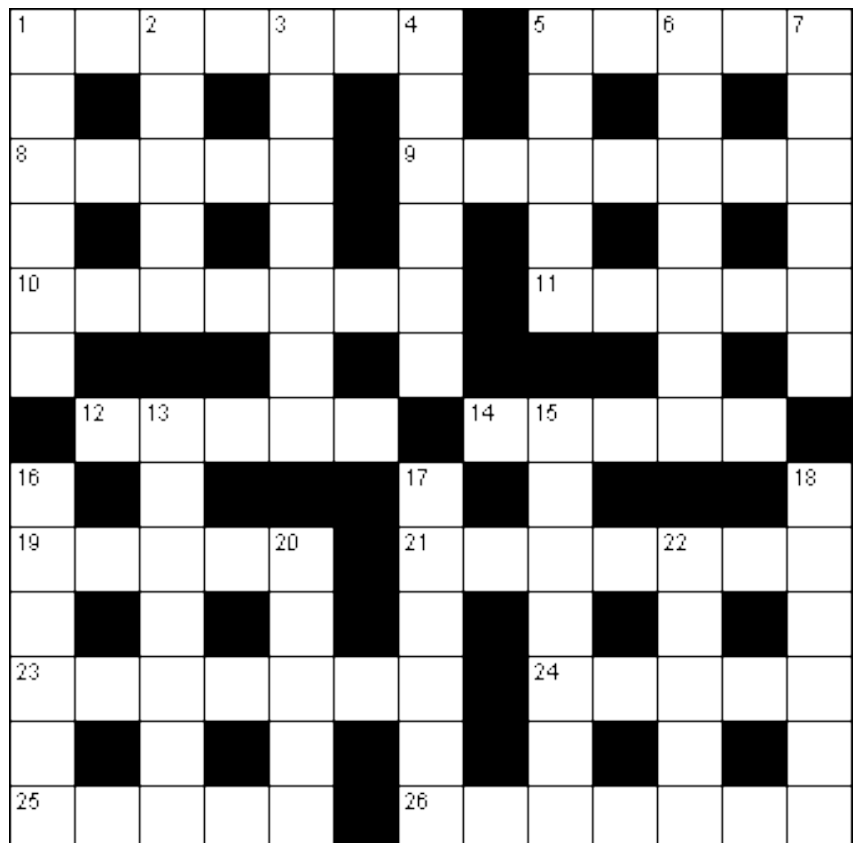
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8. Dog-like mammal (5)
9. Free from blame (7)
10. Entrap (7)
11. Music speed (5)
12. Compare (5)
14. Book of maps (5)
19. General kind of something (5)
21. Unaffected (7)
23. Pasta strips (7)
24. Impromptu (2,3)
25. Part of a church (5)
26. Defraud (7)

Down

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| 1. Reverberated (6) | 6. Quandary (7) | 17. Visitors (6) |
| 2. Rolls of film (5) | 7. Nocturnal wildcat (6) | 18. Comestible (6) |
| 3. Oblivious (7) | 13. Type of rock (7) | 20. Figure out (5) |
| 4. Jubilant (6) | 15. Percussion instrument (7) | 22. Legally acceptable (5) |
| 5. Valuable item (5) | 16. Schedule (6) | |

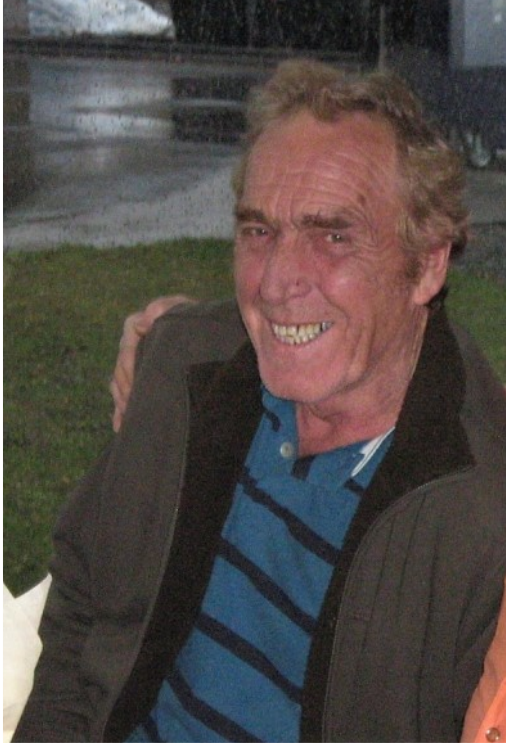


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Paul Howell

13/11/1950- 8/9/2021

The following is taken from the address given at the cremation service of Paul Graham Howell which took place at the North Wiltshire crematorium on 20th September.



Paul was the youngest of eight children born to Katie Adela and Fred Howell. He was born on the 13th November 1950 in Sunnyside Maternity hospital, Cheltenham. The family lived in Standish near Stonehouse; from there they moved to The Hut at Lark Hill, Long Newnton, where Fred worked on a farm. From there they moved on to Silver Street in Tetbury and then on to Romney Road, again in Tetbury.

Paul went to Primary school in Long Newnton and then was supposed to attend Sir William Romney secondary school in Tetbury, but I am told that he would find any excuse not to turn up at school. One of his favorite means of escape was to wear his jeans to school, especially on Tetbury market day. At registration, of course the teacher would send him home because jeans were not school uniform and not allowed in school, so Paul

promptly shot off to the market to see the cattle being sold.

Paul left school aged 15, and worked at Witchell's Farm, then Mr J. Benton then among others Blanches, Bray's before returning to Benton's. He also worked for Tetbury Steel.

Paul took early retirement (if you can call it that) because he then started farming on his own with a flock of ewes which he kept, with his son Graham, in some fields on Hyde Hill, a short distance from his home in Avening. Both Father and son enjoyed working with their own sheep.

Paul met his wife, Christine whilst playing skittles for the Long Newnton Larks and after about 18 months they married on 9th June 1979. Their son John was born on 7th March 1980 and Graham was born on 14th July 1983.

Chris and Paul enjoyed their holidays camping at Brean with the boys and on the journey they would always listen to Paul's favorite Country and Western music. They also enjoyed many other holidays both in the UK and abroad.

For the last 6 years the absolute light of Paul and Chris' life has been their granddaughter, Briley.



Avening School

New Beginnings

The new term is in full swing here at Avening School, with the children feeling delighted at being back together again without the barriers of the bubble system and a sense of normality returning to the school day. We were so excited to welcome the new reception children starting in the Eagles Class on the first day. They have all settled in beautifully and already feel part of our school community.

The new Owls class (y5/6) have barely sat in their seats and already they are off out on their residential visit to PGL Liddington where they will take part in a variety of activities ranging from raft building to archery. They will also be taking part in the ever-popular crate challenge, where they will build and climb crates while attached to a rope and strive to build the biggest structure.

The Kestrels class (y1/2) will also be venturing out of the classroom in a couple of weeks as they visit the John Moore Museum in Tewkesbury as part of their term topic on 'The Great Fire of London'. They will get a chance to visit a Tudor House where they will learn how the houses were built and what materials were used.

There will also be some visitors coming into school in the next few weeks. Dan the Skipping Man will be leading skipping sessions with each class and FGR will be resuming their PE lessons with the Eagles and Owls classes as well as running an after school sports club for KS2 pupils. The Hawks will be visited by a first-aider who will give them first aid training as part of their 'keeping fit' topic.

We will be opening our doors on Friday 15th October between 9.15am – 12pm for our annual School Open Morning. There will be guided tours led by members of our school council as well as coffee and cake. Come and look round our wonderful school!

We are also thrilled to announce that our much-loved Fledglings pre-school session has re-started on Friday afternoons, 2-3pm in the school garden. For more information, please contact the school office and for more information about this busy place of learning, please see our school website: www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk

Alex Adcock

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Gilian's Poem of the Month

October is my favourite month— let us hope it will live up to it's golden image this year!

Golden October

As breathless dawn, with untouched dew, gives way to hazy skies,
Through veils of pearly mists of morn I see the sun arise.
Frail, gossamer cobwebs span the path, sere seed heads stiffly stand,
Pale mushrooms nestle in the grass, as colour floods the land .
The Harvest fields, awash with sun, stretch over the far hillside,
As golden light spills down upon the autumn countryside .
Rich colour blazes in the Wood, as far as eye can reach,
Pale gold, flame, russet, clothes the trees, with bronze upon the beech ;
Bright berries star the wayside hedge, as Nature's bounty flows,
With hips, and haws, and bryony ropes, black - berries, purple sloes,
And rosy apples, juicy plums, all swelled by gentle showers,
While in every cottage garden blooms a tapestry of flowers
As drowsy afternoon drifts into dusky evening light,
A flaming sunset paints the skies with glorious colours bright .
This last throw of the golden dice, soft sunshine's final fling,
It is the last fanfare of Autumn, before Winter's gloom steals in.
So as the year rolls onwards on swiftly beating wings,
Give thanks for these October days, and the wonders each day brings ...

Gilian Bulmer - Davison



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A Happy Weekend at Avening Church



Harriet and Harry

It was an unfortunate year in 2020 for couples hoping to be married with family and friends around them but with the relaxation of some Covid restrictions church weddings have resumed and the 27th and 28th August saw two weddings and a baptism. The first wedding was that of Harry Histed and Harriet Pullen, whose earlier home is in Woodstock Lane where her parents still live: that enabled Harriet's journey to the church to be on foot with her father.

The second wedding was that of Nathan Waite and Zoe Seal, whose family go back generations into Avening

history. Amongst the many guests was their young son Harry who was baptised on the same day.

We thank our flower arrangers who worked hard to decorate the church for these two occasions. Our prayers and very best wishes go with these two couples as they start their married lives together.



Nathan, Zoe and Harry

Gerald South

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Avening Community Café

August was a busy month at the Café. We were delighted to see lots of parents with children having a break from school. We welcomed Angie from Avening Playgroup who attended twice and kept the younger listeners enthralled with her story-telling in the quiet room. Finally, on Tuesday 31st August, we celebrated summer with a flourish, with sun hats, lollies and fabulous music from our talented local musicians: Jim Hill, Alan Hogg, Jane Archer, Tom Fryer and Beth Ford.



What's on in October

Oct 5th "KNIT & NATTER" – here every week. Bring your own craft to share.

Oct 12th "THE COMMUNITY ORCHARD" – Phoebe and Clare will be at the café with an update on progress.

Oct 19th "ART WITH MARK" – two hours from 9:30am (£6 per session, all materials included). We welcome Avening WI who will be in charge of the kitchen today.

Oct 26th "CREATIVE WRITING" – with Atlanta Rayner in the quiet room from 9:30am (£5 for one hour session).

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.....Follow us on Facebook for one-off events and other news.

John Hetterley
For Avening Community Café



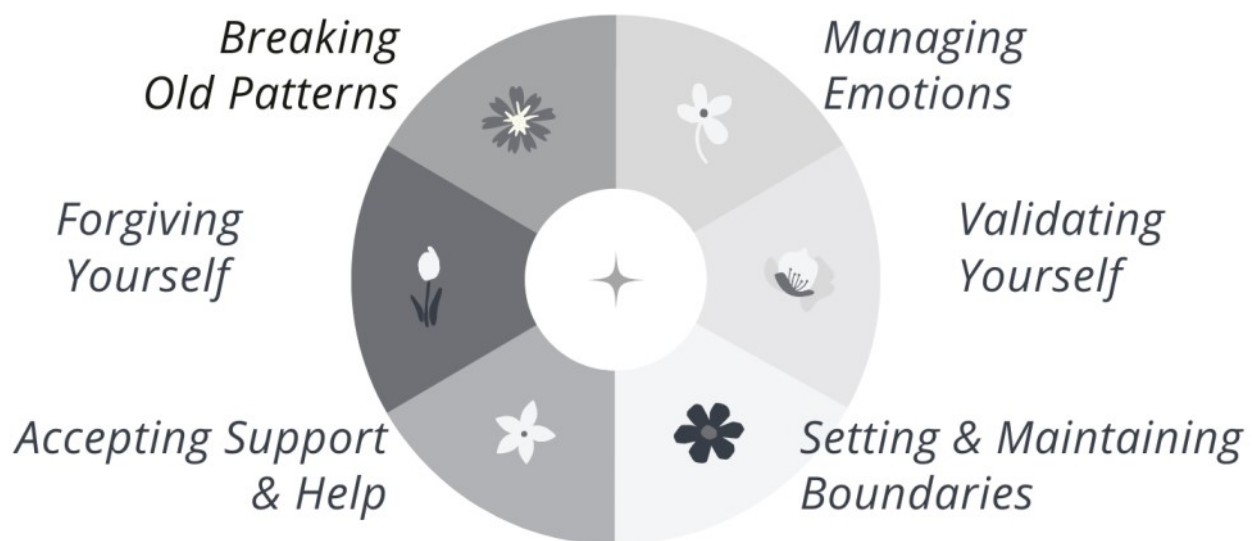
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Avening Playgroup

It has been lovely having the children back at the playgroup and welcoming the new families to the setting. It is still early days but they are all settling in well and becoming familiar with the playgroup routine.

The topics we have looked at so far have concentrated on 'ourselves' and 'feelings'. We have been:

- Describing ourselves and our friends
- Talking about our interests and what we are good at
- Drawing ourselves
- Painting ourselves step by step
- Making paper plate faces
- Looking at the feelings chart and talking about how the person is feeling



The children have also enjoyed meeting 'Beat Baby' – a small cuddly toy. We have a book of rhymes that we use when Beat Baby comes out and we clap our hands when singing them. This helps the children to establish and maintain a steady beat which in turn can support the development of both gross and fine motor skills. The children love it when Beat Baby makes an appearance and they enjoy singing and clapping to the rhymes.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 14th September and the following members were appointed for the officer positions:

Chairperson – Liz Fuller

Secretary – Naomi Tudor

Treasurer – Moonyeen Watkins

We have also welcomed some more parents onto the committee and have had to say goodbye to others. The new members will shortly be made official once the necessary paperwork has been filed.

It was lovely to see such a great turn out at the Church Fete last Sunday and I would just like to say a big thank you to Stephanie for organising it. A big thank you also to the staff and committee members who helped on the bouncy castle, coconut shy and toy stall.

If you have a child who will be three years old during the coming school year and you would like them to join our playgroup, please contact us on 01453 832695 or email us at aveningplaygroup@gmail.com.

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



Angie Heslop

Avening Cinema Club

Avening Cinema Club Needs You!!!

Now that the Memorial Hall are taking bookings again, and the Rural Cinema Project is back up and running, we are finally in a position to potentially restart screenings!

However, I am currently expecting baby number 3 and with that imminent arrival I think the time has come for me to hand over the Avening Cinema Club reins to someone with a little bit more time on their hands! I can do a full handover with any willing volunteers, and be on hand to help out at screenings (baby arrival permitting!). This would also suit a couple or handful of people wanting to join forces to run the club.

Please spread the word and contact Katy Upton for more information:

Phone: 07806 614753. Email: katywingrove@hotmail.co.uk

The film club is a not for profit community event. Any profit made after screening/licence costs will be donated to local charities.

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FOAS

Haunted House Hunt

31st October 2021

We need your help Avening

Last year as an alternative to 'Trick or Treating' the Friends of Avening School organised a Haunted House Hunt around the village for the children to enjoy. It was a 'spooktacular' success last year so we are 'resurrecting' it again this year.

We are looking for Souls who would like to join in with some Halloween fun, and get their creative witches and wizard's hats on to help produce some of the displays!

A 'Haunted display' can be any size from a single stand alone item to an entire house. Each 'Haunted display' needs to be based on a theme for people to guess (a bit like charades).

The spooky themes can be from TV, Film, Music, Theatre, Art or Stories.

Some themes we had last year included Macbeth, Ghostbusters, Hansel & Gretel and The Wizard of Oz

However, if you feel that making a 'Haunted display' is not for you, there are many other ways to get involved or help support us, such as sweet donations for the 'Trick or Treat' goodie bags; help run a stall; or make a donation towards our fundraising efforts.

For more details on making or hosting a 'Haunted Display', please contact

The Head Witch at foasavening@gmail.com

Or visit www.pta-events.co.uk/aveningfoas





Avening

Christmas Market

Calling all small businesses, local makers, Artists & Crafters.

FOAS are holding a Christmas Shopping Market on

Saturday 27th November 2021, 2pm – 6pm

Pitch rentals starts from just **£10**

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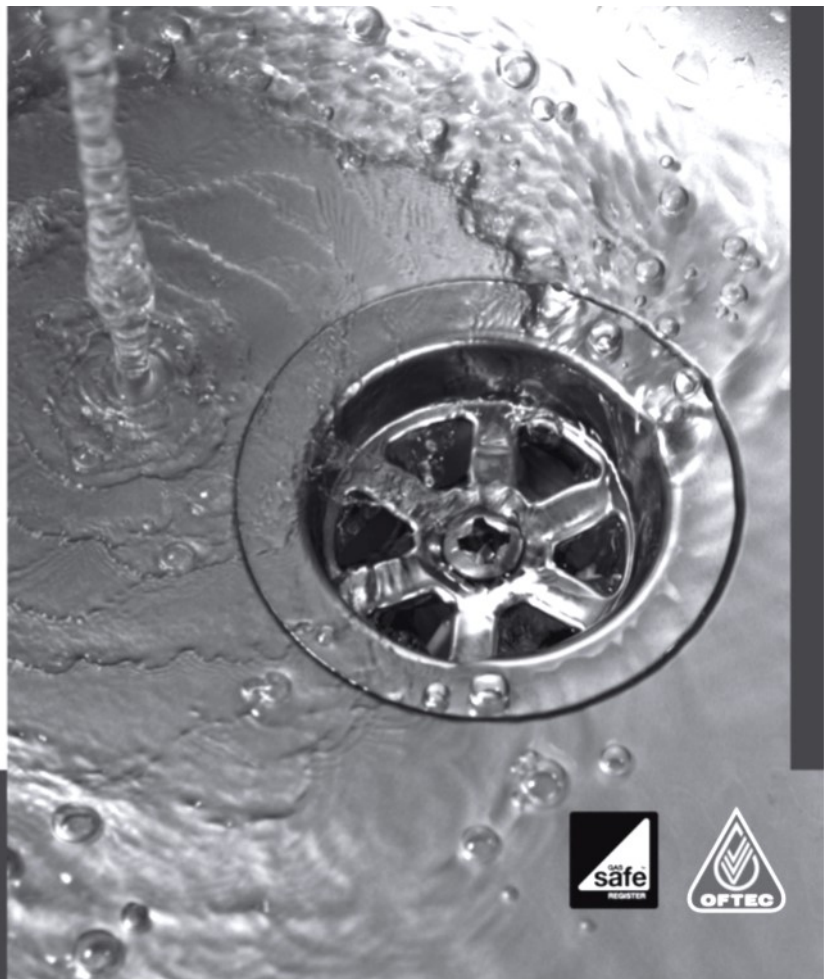
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Prisons Week, 10 to 16 October.

What does the Church do to help prisoners and those released from prison?

Prisons Week is when Christians join in prayer for all prisons and prisoners. As Anglican Bishop for HM Prisons in England and Wales and a member of the All-Parliamentary Group on Women in the Penal System, Bishop Rachel (the Bishop of Gloucester) supports chaplains in prisons, as well as developing relationships and being involved with people and issues across the breadth of the Criminal Justice System.

She heads up a Prison Team and is also a Patron of both the Prison Fellowship, and The Welcome Directory and the President of the Nelson Trust and an Ambassador for the Christian charity Restored. Bishop Rachel leads a campaign called Fighting for Women's Justice and believes the women's justice system needs to change. It costs approximately £47k per year to keep a woman in prison, but Women's Centres can provide a holistic trauma-informed approach of rehabilitation for about £4k a year, with much research showing this is the most effective way to stop reoffending. On release from prison, many women find it difficult to secure suitable accommodation for themselves with their children and so the whole family suffers. Bishop Rachel uses her voice in the House of Lords to speak out for the transfer of more funds to holistic rehabilitation schemes like Women's Centres, rather than keeping women in prison.

The Welcome Directory lists faith communities who are willing to be a place of welcome and support for people leaving prison. When people are well supported in their new community they are less likely to reoffend. Might Avening be able to provide some support? For more information contact admin@welcomedirectory.org.uk.

As an example of this, here is an outline of the experience of another Rachel. Rachel served a sentence at Eastwood Park Prison and told her story in the House of Commons at an event to highlight the importance of finding suitable accommodation for women released from prison. She said, "I tried to escape from my abusive partner, who was dealing drugs many times but had never been able to get away. I found that if I did as I was told, the beatings happened less often." Rachel was drawn into her partner's drug dealing. "I got arrested and ended up on a conspiracy to supply class A drugs charge. I got sentenced to four years in custody and was going to be away from everything I knew for two years. I was scared, I was terrified. My daughter had to go and live with my parents – I know I'm very lucky to have had them. In Eastwood Park, I met Jo from The Nelson Trust Women's Centre and built a relationship with her. She would come and see me every week and I felt I had someone to talk to and share my experiences with. I got on with my sentence and counted down the days till I could be with my daughter again. Throughout my whole time away, I was concerned about my release – how was I going to get a home for me and my daughter? I wanted my life to be back to normal again." Rachel was able to get a home, which the Diocese of Gloucester provided through The Nelson Trust Project Reunite Gloucestershire, to rebuild her relationship with her daughter and finally be a mum. She now has a job, a strong relationship with her daughter and a foster daughter. See her full story at <https://youtu.be/qy8WS3KF0Uc>.

Rev. Gerald South

Avening Angels

Would you like to sing at the Avening Church iconic Christmas service of Nine Lessons and Carols? If so, Avening Angels would like to hear from you!

This very friendly, easy-going community choir meets on Sunday afternoons and is always happy to welcome new members. No experience needed, no need to read music and no auditions. Just come along to a rehearsal and join in the singing and the fun!



Contact Derrick (01453 835090) or Jane (07812137161) for further details.

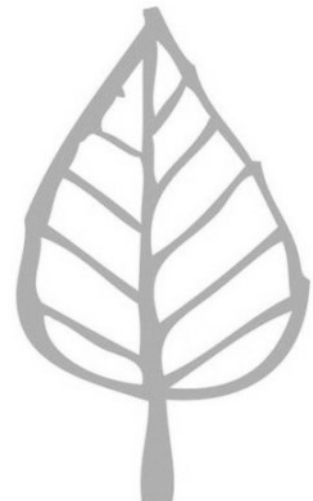
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Avening Youth Club



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.

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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Very many thanks to all those who sponsored me on the marathon Macmillan Marathon Mighty Hike on Saturday 11th September.

I managed to get to the end having seen much of the beautiful Wye Valley and the ups and downs of Offa's Dyke along the way. I was also most impressed by the organisation of the event, involving over 1300 walkers, and the large number of volunteers.

At the time of writing the sponsorship for my walk is, including gift aid, approaching £2000: that makes it even more worthwhile, thank you

Gerald South



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Church Details

The South Door of the Church.



Originally, there was a South door into Avening church, as well as a North door. Can you imagine strolling down the footpath from Church Farm to enter the church through that South door?

Then, in the 1700s there was a West Door, the South door having been blocked up, and buttresses added outside the church wall there. You can still see some of the stonework for that door, inside and outside the church. Eventually, the West door, too, was blocked up and a window inserted above it.

In the early 20th century, stained glass windows were inserted on the south side of the nave, two by Christopher Whall and one (in the middle) by Edward Payne, both leading artists in the Arts and Crafts Movement.

Elizabeth Buchanan

At last we have been able to have a full meeting of Avening WI members and we were very pleased that so many were able to attend. We even had four new members signing up at the meeting and we now feel positive that our group can continue to thrive and expand.

The speaker at the September meeting was John Crowther from the local Help a Hedgehog Hospital, who gave an interesting talk on the problems that hedgehogs face and what we can do to encourage them into our gardens. It was sad to hear that numbers of hedgehogs are still declining in the UK, one indication being that you very rarely come across squashed ones on the road despite a rise in traffic. Two of the things that can be done are to check long grass areas before strimming and to check bonfires carefully before lighting them. The work of the hospital has continued throughout the pandemic, although fundraising activities have been curtailed. If you are interested in helping or need any advice please check the website www.helpahedgehog.org

Our Bite to Eat team have swung back into action and had a very successful afternoon serving teas at the Avening Church Fete. A continuous stream of customers kept us busy and it was great to see so many villagers out and about again. If you are interested in using our Bite to Eat service please see our advert in this magazine.



This month our monthly meetings are returning to our normal venue, the Memorial Hall, and on Thursday 14th October at 7.30 pm we will be having a presentation about the Avening Community Orchard project by Dr Phoebe Carter. We will also be celebrating the 91st birthday of Avening WI with drinks and nibbles. Visitors and potential new members will receive a warm welcome.

For further information please contact our secretary, Soo, at aveningwi@gmail.com or our President, Liz, on 01453 833803, or check our website www.aveningwi.wordpress.com

Helen Haiselden

Nailsworth Mills Bowls Club Wins!



Congratulations to Nailsworth Mills Bowling Club on winning the Bowls Challenge Cup in a match at G. B. Britton Bowls Club in Bristol on 8th August 2021. Since 1929 this annual tournament has taken place between Nailsworth Mills Bowling Club and G.B. Britton Bowls Club. The Challenge Cup came about through trading activities between E. A. Chamberlain and G. B. Britton, each taking it in

turns to host the fixture. G.B. Britton, a Bristolian company established in 1876, were contracted to supply British military footwear and E. A. Chamberlain supplied them with nylon mesh insoles for their boots. In the late 1940s and early 1950s Chamberlains used to bring ex-prisoners of war and displaced war refugees by lorry from Babdown Aerodrome (a refugee camp at the time) and many Polish, Italian and German nationals worked in the factory. Both E.A Chamberlain and G.B.Britton had lawn bowls greens for their employees' use and Chamberlain's family were responsible for creating The Nailsworth Mills Bowls Club on the Nailsworth Mills Estate on the Avening Road.

There are now 12 residents of Avening who are active members of this progressive playing and social club and the annual presentation awards this year are held in the Avening Social Club with supper supplied by the Avening W.I.

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Church Floodlighting

The church was be floodlit on:



10th September Remembering **Dick (Richard Chapman)** on the 5th anniversary of his death, from Angela, Kris and family

29th September in loving memory of **Irene Powell** from the family

The church will be floodlit on **29th October** in memory of **Don Hopes** from his wife and family

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
Chairman Cherington Parish Council

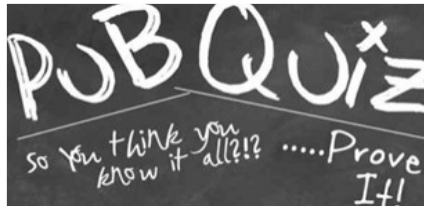


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Playing Field

You asked for more play equipment and seating. We are pleased to announce this is now on order.

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

Police Report

There were 3 crimes in Avening during August: 1 Burglary, 1 criminal damage and 1 theft.

- The burglary was at the school. Access was gained to the school shed and items taken and thrown into the stream.
- An attempt was made to take the keys of a postal van.
- 2 Vehicles were keyed in The Sunground.

Investigations are ongoing. If you know anything regarding these crimes, please report it.

If a crime is in progress or you think a crime is in progress dial 999 or for less urgent problems dial 101. You can also report non-urgent crimes online.

Church Fete

The Church Fete was a great success. Thank you to everyone involved.

Villager of the Year

Congratulations and a big thank you for everything you do!

Winners:

Junior Category – Elsie Hawker and Joe Hawker

Student Category – Ellie Saunders

Adult Category – Mike Metcalf

Special Community Award – Jennie South

Daffodil Planting

It was agreed to replace the daffodil bulbs that were damaged during the installation of the broadband cabling. Bulb planting will take place on 23rd Oct – bring a trowel. If you require more information, please contact Cllr Tony Slater.

New Planning Applications

21/02282/FUL Plum Patch Cottage, 7 Star Lane. Construction of a 2-bedroom earth sheltered dwelling. Approved

21/03419/FUL – 24 Point Road – Replacement windows and doors. - Approved

Decision Notices

21/02682/FUL: 27 Sandford Leaze – First floor side/front extension – Permitted

21/00679/FUL: 23 Tetbury Hill – Formation of lean-to roof over garage and erection of porch - Permitted.

21/02257/Comply: 25 High Street – Compliance of condition, render. – Permitted

21/02145/LBC: Norn House, Nags Head, Retrospective replacement of roof tiles – Permitted.

21/02306/TCONR: 9 High Street – Fell Cyprus Tree – Permitted.


Potholes

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

The next meeting will be on 20th October in the Memorial Hall

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

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Friday 1st October	Serendipity with Light and Music	Avening Church and Churchyard	18.00 - 22.00
Friday 15th October	School Open Morning	Avening School	9.15 - noon
31st October	FOAS Haunted house trail	Starting at the Memorial Hall	15.00 - -19.00
Saturday 27th November	FOAS Christmas market	TBA	14.00 - 18.00

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Thank you!

A really great 'Coffee and Cake' for Macmillan was held in the church on 25th September. Huge thanks to the fantastic cake bakers, the team behind the counter and washing up, the support from the WI, Avening Community

Café, the church and of course thanks to everyone who came and gave so generously. With some donations still to come from those who could not make it we have so far raised over £200.



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