

# **The Villager**

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# April 2022.

We were so glad that Tony Slater sent us such a striking photo for the front cover of this month's edition of the Villager, reflecting the colours of the Ukrainian flag. It is a simple way that, we, as a community, can express our solidarity with Ukraine and admiration for the astounding courage shown by so many of them in defying the savagery of the invasion launched against their country by the Russian State. The destruction wrought is terrible and the lives lost and destroyed is unforgivable. In fact, probably most of us can hardly believe the horrors we hear about and see as we watch the news each day. Surely such heroism shown, against all the odds, must triumph in the end?

In this edition, as usual, you can read about a variety of interesting and entertaining things going on in our villages. Perhaps one of the most unusual is the showing on 8th April of a film, Dancing at the Vatican, in the Avening Memorial Hall, narrated and introduced by Charles Sabine. This tells the moving story of a young girl from Buenos Aires and her connections with Avening.

Our younger readers will be looking forward to the Easter Egg hunt on 2nd April. Read all about it and other events, mentioned here, later in this edition.

Thinking about Easter and having enjoyed a short spell of beautiful weather, no doubt many of us may feel inspired to start preparing for one of the happiest of events - the Open Gardens on 15th May. A week earlier don't forget to dust off your dancing shoes for the Dinner Dance in the Church on 7th May.

*The Villager Editors*

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## Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Tony Slater** for the photo on the front cover of this month's Villager, chosen to honour the bravery and suffering of the people of Ukraine. 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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*Getting to know and acknowledging all of you*

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*Choosing your life's intentions and  
standards of integrity*

### **Enact**

*Stepping into who you're willing to be*

### **Grow**

*Mapping out and taking charge of  
your life's adventure*

# 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
<del>Bell Ringing</del>	<del>Tuesday</del>	<del>7.30 - 9.00pm</del>	<del>Church Bell Tower</del>	<del>Andrew 01453 835783</del>
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
<del>Avening Youth Club</del>	<del>Every Tuesday in term time</del>	<del>6.00 - 7.30pm</del>	<del>Avening church</del>	
<del>Over 60s Lunch Club</del>	<del>1st Wednesday each month</del>	<del>12.30pm</del>	<del>Social Club</del>	<del>Christine 01453 833246</del>
Avening PC	3rd Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Shani Baker 07415 039234
Avening Cinema Club	Last Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	avening Cinemaclub@gmail.com
Avening W.I.	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Social Club/ Memorial Hall	Liz 01453 833803
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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**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



At the time of writing this article, the war in Ukraine continues, with devastating loss of life and suffering imposed on its people. We are a small village in a beautiful part of the Cotswolds which could not seem further away from the realities of war; but on behalf of the village I would send our prayers and hopes for peace to the people of Ukraine.

Historically, Avening has also seen its share of suffering through war. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Memorial Hall, built to commemorate local young men from Avening and Nags Head who gave their lives in the two World Wars – a total casualty list of 59 men; 48 from Avening and eleven from Nags Head. The Trustees have plans to carry out repairs and refurbishments to the building which hopefully will be the foundation of its existence for the next one hundred years. However we need two things. As always, one of them is money; our funds are lower than our expected expenses – so any contributions and fund-raising would be most welcome. The second is suggestions as to how the village would like to celebrate this centenary year – please contact the Parish Clerk on the website with your ideas.

With the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in mind – just a reminder that as a village we are still seeking suggestions from the community. It is worth noting that if this involves road closures, it may well involve a fee and probably a notice period of at least one month.

Road Issues – The County Council have unfortunately refused to fund/give an additional Grit Bin for the Sunground. They claim budget white lines and cats eyes on the Nailsworth road as you exit Avening are still pending. I have sent a reminder to Highways and received an acknowledgement that the issues will be dealt with.

Just a reminder that we would welcome the addition of one extra Parish Councillor onto the committee; so if you are interested and would like to discuss it further then please give me a call.

This month it is the turn of **Christine Howell** to present her profile as one of the serving Parish councillors:-

*I have lived in Avening for 40 years, moving here with my husband Paul and my eldest son John who was two at that time; my second son Graham came along 18 months later. I have run a pensioner lunch and helped at the café, big breakfast and other charitable events in the village. I have just retired as chef at Horsefall House and have time to be a proud grandmother to my granddaughter Briley Marie Spice Howell.*

*I have served on the Parish Council for four years and hope to continue to serve the village for as long as I am able.*

Finally, a big welcome to Jo and James at the The Matilda which is now open again for business; it's good to have an additional social focal point in the village and I wish them every success.





I'm always available on the phone or at the Tuesday Café if you want to discuss any of the issues mentioned or have any others that need addressing.

Keep safe and well.

***Patrick Mulligan (Mob: 07713 068436)***

***Chairman of Avening Parish Council***

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# **Avening Open Gardens**

## **SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022**

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# Avening and Cherington Churches

Spring has truly arrived, and we have leapt forward in time with the beginning of Summer time. We move into April with Palm Sunday on the 10th, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. There is a service in Cherington that morning at 10 o'clock when palms will be blessed and distributed.

Good Friday, on the 15th, will be kept with a beautiful meditative Tenebrae service in Avening church at 2pm.

Then, on Easter Sunday (April 17th), Christ's Resurrection will be celebrated at 10am in both Avening and Cherington churches, with great joy and thanksgiving (and chocolate eggs).

'Real' Easter Eggs are now available in Avening. These good quality chocolate eggs come with a booklet with the Easter story and activities for youngsters. To order eggs, contact Elizabeth on 01453 833016 or Buchanan.el@gmail.com. Price £4.50.

There are so many reasons to make the heart sing! Have a happy April!

*Elizabeth and Liz, churchwardens.*

## From the Church Registers

On March 20th.

We welcomed Barnaby Robert Rowan Evans into the church at his Christening in Avening

## Church Services

	Holy Cross, Avening	St. Nicholas, Cherington
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>10.00 am</b>	Holy Communion	No service
<b>10<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>10.00 am</b>	Palm Sunday Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April GOOD</b> <b>FRIDAY 2.00pm</b>	Tenebrae	No Service
<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>EASTER DAY</b> <b>10.00am</b>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
<b>24<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b> <b>10.00am</b>	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
<b>1<sup>st</sup> MAY</b> <b>10.00am</b>	Holy Communion	No service

# Church Detail



To enter Avening's Norman church, you will first pass through a porch built in the early 14th century. About 100 years later, a floor above was constructed with access from the outside of the porch. This upper room would have been used by the parish priest. The upstairs floor would have hidden the top of the energetically carved Norman doorway into the church. In the 16th century a lower, Perpendicular, stone doorway was inserted into the original door. Now, with the upper floor removed, we pass through the 'new' doorway without a thought for the original chevron-carved arch and the richly decorated columns above us.

*Elizabeth Buchanan*

## New Priest in Charge

On 22nd March Howard Gilbert was licensed as Priest in Charge of Avening and Cherington in a beautiful and moving ceremony in the Lady Chapel of Gloucester Cathedral.





# Puzzle

		8				4	2	6
	9		2	4			5	7
2						3	9	
			1				4	3
3		2	9		6	1		5
6	1				7			
	2	7						8
5	8			2	9		3	
9	6	3				5		

## 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 32*

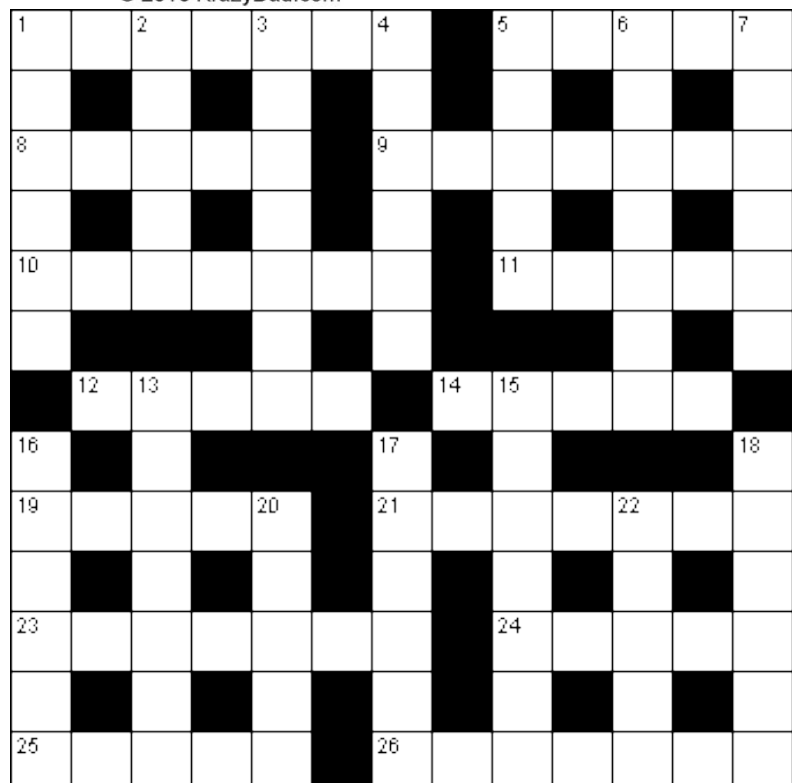
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## Across

1. Buccaneers (7)
5. African equine (5)
8. Serious (5)
9. Disregarded (7)
10. Abhorrent (7)
11. Beer mug (5)
12. Intense (5)
14. Thicket (5)
19. Regular hexahedrons (5)
21. Residence (7)
23. Greed (7)
24. Deportation (5)
25. Choose (5)
26. Journeyman (7)

## Down

1. Rector (6)
2. Kind of puzzle (5)
3. Deluge (7)
4. Grabbed (6)
5. Regions (5)
6. Edges (7)
7. Fervent (6)
13. Vegetable (7)
15. Remnant (7)
16. Abrasion (6)
17. Photographic equipment (6)
18. Aft (6)
20. Change position (5)
22. Ways out (5)



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# **Gilian's Poem of the Month**

## **April**

April is the sweetest month, capricious as a child,  
Sometimes weeping tears of rain, at others warm and mild.  
But when she smiles upon us, with skies of heavenly blue,  
And sunshine lights the primrose banks with diamond drops of dew,  
And when we find coy violets, hid shyly in the grass,  
Or hear the skylark's tumbling notes, borne on the winds that pass,  
And when, as evening softly falls, the thrush's song arises,  
And with heart-rending loveliness our weary souls surprises,  
Oh! Then we know sweet April as a month of happy laughter,  
A promise of those Summer joys, which soon will follow after.....

*Gilian Bulmer-Davison*

## **AVENING CHURCH FETE CHANGE OF DATE**

Due to the avalanche of lovely village events in the first half of the year it has been decided after discussion with all the relevant participants to move the Annual Church Fete and Art Show from June and it will now take place along with the Duck Races and Dog Show on:

**Sunday September 11th**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

More info to follow.

# Down Memory Lane

## A New Beginning

In the autumn of 1955, my Stewart family moved from Brockworth to Avening.

There were six of us then. Alf Stewart (Pop); Peggy Stewart (Mother); Niel Stewart (13 years); Kevin Stewart (me, 9 years); Karen Stewart (5 years); and Martin Stewart (2 years).

The plan was that we should have a more fulfilling life in the country and to some extent it did work out that way. My parents had secured the lease for the property known as The Gardens at Avening Court. This comprised of the old walled garden, a four bedroomed cottage, three very large greenhouses and a tennis court. All this for £80.00 per annum.

Pop continued to work nights at Gloucester Aircraft, and in the garden during the day. This probably contributed to the first of several strokes which eventually led to his death at the age of 57.

The village was a very different place then, everything the family needed was available without going to town.

Starting at the bottom of the village; Dennis Tufley at the police station, Boulton's coal yard and Pike House garage. The School, the church, Mr Soper's Cotswold Stores, Marshall May's Bakery, The Co-op, the Post Office, Mrs Fletcher's shop on the Cross and not forgetting enough pubs for a small town.

During the holidays I got to know the Powell family at Court Farm. Fred, Archie, Gerald and Gaye made me welcome, and soon put me to work putting the tops on milk bottles. It amazed me how much effort went into producing the milk which arrived on our doorsteps.

As soon as we arrived in the village, I started at the village school. This was quite a culture shock for me! I had attended a brand new school at Brockworth where the toilets were made of porcelain and flushed. Wooden seats with buckets underneath came as a bit of a shock. Very soon a new toilet block was built at the back of the school. School dinners came from a central kitchen at Gloucester. We knew when they had arrived because the whole school smelt of cabbage!

Peter Smith was the Head Teacher. The school was well run but the standard of teaching was barely adequate. When I started at secondary school in Tetbury it was soon apparent that the children who attended primary school at Tetbury or Chipping Sodbury had a head start on the children from Avening.

Recently I have been catching up on Avening life by reading the village magazine online. One article in particular grabbed my attention, the re-opening of the kitchen (October 2019). I was there when the original kitchen was opened in 1956. Mrs. Hedges and Mrs. Sparrow provided us with wonderful dinners, and on opening day we feasted on pigs in blankets, baked beans and mashed potatoes. The smell of





*The view from my bedroom window in The Nags Head*

cabbage was no longer a problem.

Years later I met Peter Smith at the Ragged Cot, he seemed much nicer then, after a couple of pints of beer!

As Pop's health deteriorated, he took a job at Chamberlains in the office next to the bowling green. Sometimes, when Jack and Betty Herbert took a holiday, my parents looked after the Nags Head for them. Eventually when they moved to the Bell and Castle in Horsley we moved into the pub. In those days

landlords were allowed to have another job, this took some pressure off Pop but after another stroke Mother went to work at Amberley Post Office and Pop looked after the Pub.

**Kevin Stewart**

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# Avening School

## A School Filled with Superheroes



There have been plenty of opportunities to dress up this month at Avening School with our annual World Book Day celebration and also Superhero Day in aid of Comic Relief. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, the school turned into Wild Cat Island as we celebrated the classic children's book by Arthur Ransome, *Swallows and Amazons*. While the rest of the school took part in activities such as shelter-making challenges, origami boat building and designing their own maps and islands, the Eagles class focused on the picture book *The Camping Trip* by Jennifer Mann. With a tent in their classroom, they enjoyed learning all about camping, making pancakes and s'mores as well as craft activities and practising a song to sing to parents at the end of the day. Meanwhile, the other classes each developed a re-telling of the story of *Swallows and Amazons* through dance which they

show-cased to parents and the rest of the school in the playground in the afternoon. It was such a memorable day and every child took home their very own copy of the book with their name printed inside. This was made possible thanks to the generosity of The Avening Church Education Fund, Friends of Avening School and the school itself.

Two weeks later, we had a school filled with Superheroes in every sense of the word to raise money for Comic Relief. In addition to the traditional Marvel characters, we had some truly inspirational variations on the idea of a 'Superhero', including Marie Curie, Emmeline Pankhurst, President Zelenskyy and Greta Thunberg. We also had children dressed up as The Ukraine. During the morning, we were entertained and exercised in equal measure by Dan The Skipping Man and his assistant Jack who ran skipping sessions with each class and then concluded the morning with a skipping assembly with the whole school.



As well as plenty of fun inside the school, the children have been out and about lately

with the Hawks (y3/4) paying a visit to Slimbridge as part of their topic on 'Rivers' and the Eagles class (yr/1) travelling to Birdland for a dinosaur talk and some fossil digging.

Looking forward, we have plenty of exciting events coming up, with the Avening Talent Show making a much-anticipated return just before the Easter holidays. The acts that have signed up so far include: harpists, gymnastics, dance and singing. We will also have the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term.

Mental Health and Well-being are an integral focus of our school and we are proud to have been recently selected to become a Trailblazer School, supporting children with mental health needs.

Fledgling's pre-school sessions continue on Friday afternoons 2-3 in the school garden. For more information, please contact the school.

**Alex Adcock**

*For more information about this busy place of learning, please contact the school or see our school website: [www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk)*

## Easter Bin Collection



These are not affected by the Easter holiday, so the food waste will be collected as usual on Thursday 14th April and the recycling, garden and general waste on Thursday 22nd April.

## Organist Wanted at Avening Church!

Do you play the Organ? Do you know someone who does?

We are looking to employ someone who will play on alternate Sunday mornings.

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# Avening Playgroup

As I write this the committee and staff are busy preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt and Trail on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April which will take place in the school garden and Avening Memorial Hall. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather and hope to see many of you there.



Unfortunately, we started this term with two members of staff down and had to close for the first couple of days. Luckily, that is all we had to close for. Everyone is now back in and we have been busy looking at springtime and gardening. We have planted bean and sweet pea seeds and we can already see some shoots. The children have been looking at what is happening with the trees and plants outside. They have drawn trees and daffodils in their mark-making books and have

produced some lovely fingerprint blossom trees with Shannon, some daffodil collages with Angie and some flower collages with Liz.

Shannon also cooked up some spaghetti and mixed it with soil. The children had lots of fun pretending it was worms in the soil.

We have also looked at animals and their babies, and have been trying to remember the correct names for different baby animals.

The children have enjoyed listening to the story of 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo' and



regularly ask

for the adults to read it. They have also asked to sing the song 'Sleeping Bunnies' on a daily basis. This has now extended into 'Sleeping Dinosaurs' and 'Sleeping Unicorns'.

The children have also taken part in 'Funky Fingers' activities to develop their fine motor skills. These activities have included: playdough, pegboards, lacing, cutting and drawing along lines as well as peeling stickers and placing them onto paper.

We now have a water butt in the playground – thank you very much to Shannon and Tom for setting it all up. After





the rain we had on Wednesday it is now full and the children have enjoyed filling the watering cans to water the plants and the seeds we have planted.

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 for the 2022-2023 school year, please call us on 01453 832695 or email [aveningplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.com). We are open weekday mornings during term time.

Our last day this term will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April and we will return on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April after the Easter Holidays.

Happy Easter from all at Avening Playgroup.

*Angie Heslop*

# Avening Community Orchard

## Apple Pruning Workshop

Pictures from the very successful apple pruning workshop organised by Dr Phoebe Carter on Saturday 19th March. The participants did a small tour of some gardens with mature trees and a young orchard to learn how to prune in various scenarios.



**Join us for  
Avening Playgroup's  
Easter Egg Hunt and Trail  
On  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
In the School Garden  
and Memorial Hall  
1 until 4pm**

**2 trails to choose from or have a go at both!  
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# Springtime Dinner Dance

with Jim Hill and his band

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May  
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Avening Church



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# CHERINGTON DATES FOR THE DIARY!



**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April:**

All Village Meeting re Show 2022

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June:**

Queen's Jubilee Hog Roast

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June:**

Jubilee Service of Thanks

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June: Plant Sale**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Cherington Show**

Full details to follow but put the dates in your diary now!



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*Save the date for a special night out!*

*Dinner Dance in Avening Church*

*Saturday, May 7th*

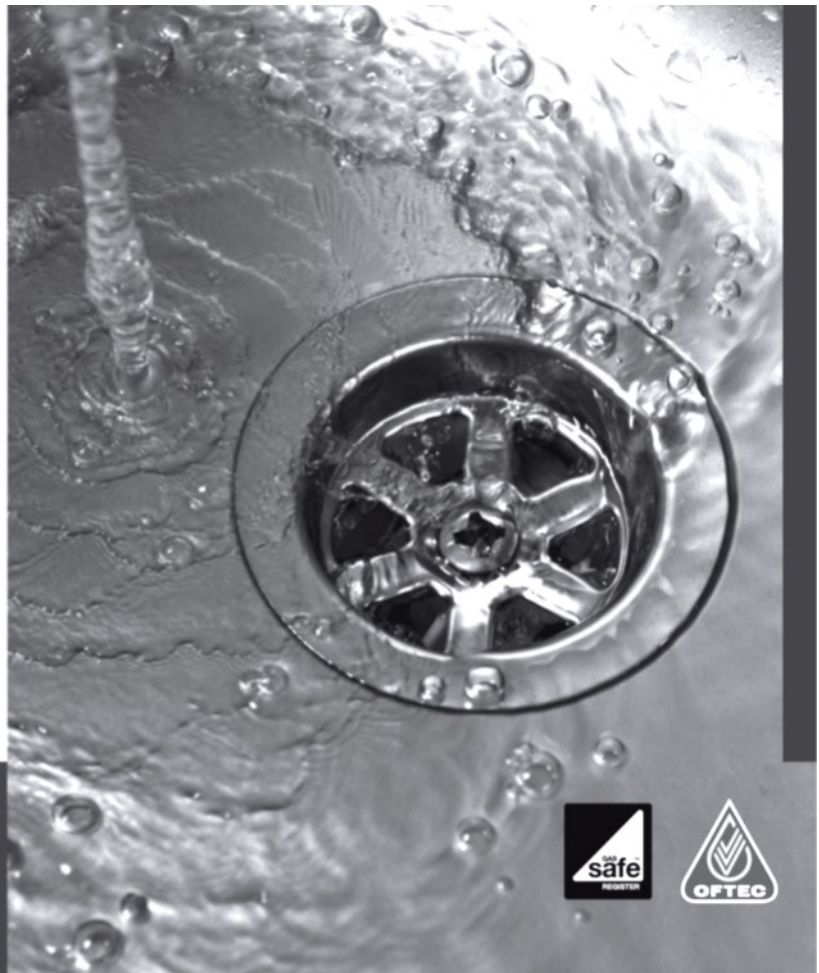
**In the last edition of the Villager the wrong date was shown for this event. Please note that we shall be dancing and dining on Saturday 7th May, not 8th. See poster in this edition of the Villager**



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# Avening Community Café

In March we celebrated St Davids Day with all things Welsh – bara brith, Welsh cakes and Glamorgan veggie sausages! On International Womens’ Day we welcomed the WI who ran the café and provided some tasty bacon rolls. Also, well done to Avening School children Elsie and Annie, who baked cakes to sell at the café and raised around £70 for the Ukrainian Appeal.



We were pleased to review the past year at the Café AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> March and look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

*Presentation of prizes for numbers quiz on Tuesday 22.2.22*

## **WHAT'S ON IN APRIL**

**“KNIT & NATTER”**: Every week. Bring your own craft to share.

**Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Litter pick**: Those interested meet at 9am outside Social Club with your gloves. Finish at the Café with a free coffee.

**Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Quiz** plus seed and plant swop.

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup> ‘ART WITH MARK’**: 9:30 to 11:30am, £3 per session, all materials provided. Also decorated egg competition.

**Apr 26<sup>th</sup> ‘CREATIVE WRITING’** – with Atlanta from 10 to 11am, £2.50 per session.

All welcome for coffee, homemade cakes and a chat every Tuesday. Mobile Post Office on site from 10:30 – 12:15. Also visit “The Book Box” on Old Hill

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**John Hetterley**  
**For Avening Community Café**



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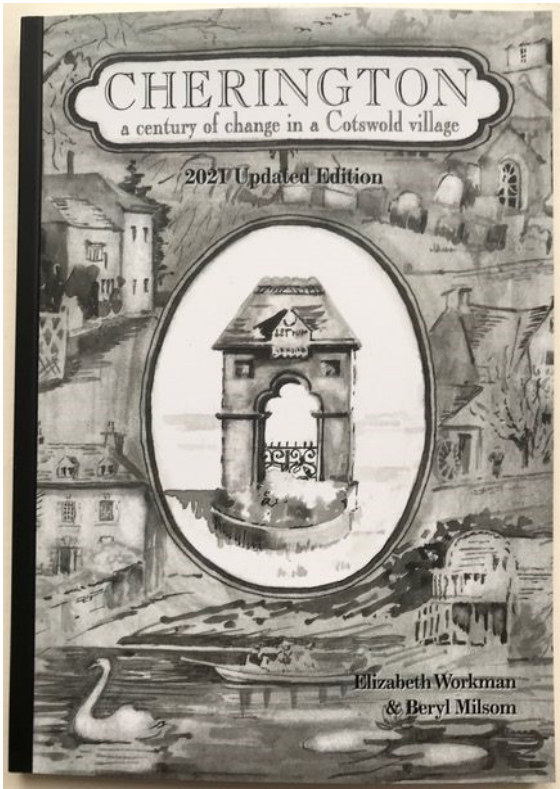
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*Local walkers supporting Longfield's walk in 2017 – fun for everyone*

## Walk for Longfield

Longfield Community Hospice will be hosting a spring walk at 10.30 am on Sunday 15 May and encourages locals to sign up for the perfect family day out.

The 'Walk for Longfield' will offer a choice of 5 or 10K routes, setting off from Longfield's beautiful hospice grounds in Minchinhampton and crossing Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons. Having taken in the stunning views, a cuppa and home-baked cakes will await you on your return. This is a great family event, which caters for adults, children and pets - dogs are welcome too!

All walkers will have the chance to hang a message in memory of their loved ones in Longfield's picturesque grounds.

A Covid-friendly event, with lots of fresh countryside air and outdoor space, it's the perfect opportunity to boost your physical and mental wellbeing.

All money raised will help fund Longfield's vital work providing care for adults in Gloucestershire with life-limiting conditions and support for their families and carers.

Register your interest at [longfield.org.uk/event/walk-for-longfield](https://longfield.org.uk/event/walk-for-longfield).

# Avening WI

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April sees the return of the popular village quiz run by Shirley Hand and family. This will be held at the Social Club 7 for 7.30 pm start and we hope that as many people as possible will come and support this fun evening. Teams of 4 compete and the cost is £4 per person to include a Ploughman's supper. All proceeds to support the people of Ukraine.

Our speaker for March, Clare Walsh, gave us an interesting talk and demonstration of Indian block printing and brought many examples of the blocks and beautiful material produced. She encouraged members to have a go and many people expressed an interest in having a workshop in the future to learn more about the process.

On International Women's Day several of our members ran the Community Café and, as usual, our bacon rolls proved popular. A display table highlighted the 2022 campaign to #Break the Bias and target gender bias, discrimination and stereotyping.



We chose the wrong day for our March walk when the rain poured down. Nevertheless, twelve members and two dogs braved the weather and we walked along the canal from the Stroud Brewery to Bowbridge and back for lunch. We watched canal volunteers starting to remove the huge tree blocking the canal, courtesy of Storm Eunice, and spotted the pair of swans who are starting to prepare their nest. We also looked at the unusual circular drainage weir near Bowbridge.



Our next meeting will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. We will be having a talk by Nigel Warwick of the Severn Freewheelers. This is a group of advanced motorcyclists providing a free out-of-hours courier service for hospitals in Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, North Wiltshire and Herefordshire. They carry

whole blood, pathology samples, patient scans/x-rays, human milk and other medical essentials between hospitals.

New members and visitors are always welcome to join us. For further details please email [aveningwi@gmail.com](mailto:aveningwi@gmail.com) or telephone our President, Liz, on 01453 833803

***Helen Haiselden***



## 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](http://www.thedoor.org.uk) and on Social Media @TheDoorStroud.

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## **The Church Electoral Roll**

### **What is it?**

It's a register of church members.

### **What does it mean?**

It's a way of confirming your commitment to the Avening Holy Cross community and entitles you to have a participatory role in the life of the church. It qualifies you to attend annual meetings, vote in any elections and stand for election. Being on the Electoral Roll does not entail signing up to any additional commitments.

### **Do I have to?**

No. You can still be a full and active member of the Church without joining the Roll, but it can provide a sense of belonging and identity with your church.

If you would like to join our Electoral Roll please request an enrolment form from Liz Fuller: [eliza.82@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eliza.82@hotmail.co.uk). or 01453 835 067. Alternatively there are copies of the form available inside the church.

If you have previously enrolled and wish to remain on the register for another year, you must also complete a form.

## **The Village Notice Board**

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. They can be delivered to John and Sandra Hetterley 2, Orchard Field or given to them directly. 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.

# Cherington Parish Council



The meeting on 1st March was very straight-forward, regarding the normal Parish issues for planning and finance. This month there were no new planning applications needing any form of debate. We did spend meeting time, however, discussing a planning application which was not in our parish boundary. Residents will have an interest in it, as they would pass it going from Tetbury to Cherington. There were concerns that this new build was not sympathetic to the local landscape. It's strange how city architects are asked to design houses in the countryside.

Cherington is a tight knit community and through the successful Cherington Show and the Parish Council precept, monies are used each year to keep the village up to date. We finance improvements to the Church and Village Hall and other worthy causes.

This year we have been talking about the renovation of our phone box, which we bought for £1 some time ago. It is surprising, having bought the phone box in reasonable order, that it will now incur large amounts of money to make it more presentable, but we have decided that it is worth it and we are going to slowly renovate the box as and when we can afford it. It will be an ongoing project - something for years to come.



Our first major expense will be to straighten it up, as this is important for its future use. Many villages house their defibrillator in the phone box, but ours, in the porch of the Village Hall, is already very accessible if needed. We've discussed instead other ways in which we might use the box. Perhaps residents might like to come up with creative ideas for its use? Maybe in a few years' time, the younger residents will ask what it was originally used for...

Cherington is celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee with a Party and a Hog Roast on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> – since our chosen caterer is busy on the Sunday. It might be a way of getting a few more people to come to our lunch and to 'make a weekend of it.' Let's pray for good weather! It will be held at Coxes Farm by kind invitation of Henry and Kitty Arden.

The Village Hall committee have been busy, trying to ensure the inside of the Hall is better equipped for anyone wanting to hire it. As it is quite small, it is perfect for groups that do not need to pay for a large room. The committee have worked very hard and updated the kitchen purchasing the basics (coffee machine, dish washer, refrigerator, and microwave,) for use when renting. There is also a new door, which now makes the Hall accessible for all. The Parish Council have agreed to a request from the Village Hall Trustees to help pay for the door, as the Hall is of benefit to all residents.

The next important date is Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May when we will have the Annual Parish Meeting for all residents. The next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 5th April .

The Parish Council Web Site is <https://cheringtonpc.org.uk/> and along with finding 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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## **Jubilee Celebrations**

If you are planning to hold a street party, don't forget you may need to apply for a road closure order. This is just a formality.

## **Memorial Hall Centenary**

The Parish Council are looking to celebrate the centenary of the hall later this year. Watch this space for further details. There is lots of renovation work to do on the hall. The Trustees and the Management Committee are busy prioritising the work. As always finances are an issue, but we are looking to get as much completed as we can within a tight budget.

## **Applications for Parish Grants**

Please ensure that any application for a parish grant is submitted in time for the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

## **Planning Applications & Tree Works Since the Last Issue**

### *New Planning Applications*

22/00803/AGFO: Farm Buildings, Mays Lane. Prior notification for the construction of an agriculture storage building. No Observations

22/00516/FUL: 18 Star Lane. Proposed extension of existing garage to form double garage and ancillary accommodation. Previous application 21/03044/FUL. Support

22/00685/COMPLY: Block G, Longford Mill. Compliance with condition 4 (contamination) re 19/00276/FUL External alterations and conversion block G to 8 residential flats. No Observations

22/00417/COMPLY: Longfords Mill. Compliance with condition 13 (water course protection plan) re 19/00276/FUL. No Observations

### *Decision Notices*

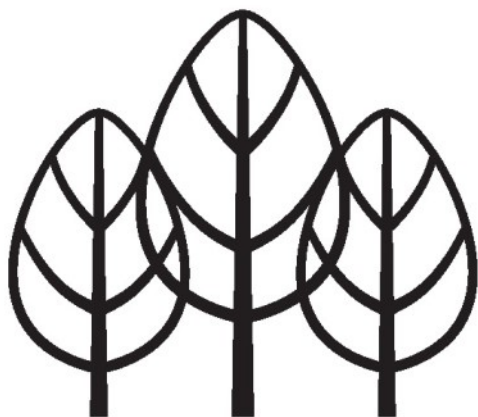
22/00595/FUL: 7 Lawrence Road. Proposed parking bay. Permitted.

## **Potholes**

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

The next meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> April 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)*



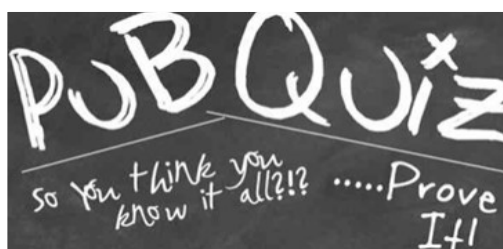
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# Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event	Location	Time
Saturday 2nd April	Easter Egg Hunt	Avening School Gardens	13.00—16.00
Friday 8th April	Showing of Dancing at the Vatican	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Monday 11th April	Cherington Show meeting	Cherington Village Hall	tba
Wednesday 27th April	Avening Cinema Club showing West Side Story	Avening Memorial Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Saturday 7th May	Dinner Dance	Avening Church	tba
Sunday 15th May	Avening Open Gardens		tba
Saturday 4th June	Queen's Jubilee Hog Roast	Cherington	tba
Saturday 25th June	Plant Sale	Cherington	tba
Sunday 24th July	Cherington Show	Cherington Village	tba
Sunday 11th September	Avening Fete and Art Show	Avening Church and School	tba



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