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A Magazine for Avening,
Cherington and Nags Head



May 2022

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Summer is just around the corner and that means all those lovely summer village events are coming, starting with the Open Gardens on 15th May. Let's hope the sun shines and brings out lots of people, as it is in aid of a very good cause; The Mark Townsend Charitable Trust, which endeavours to enrich and brighten the lives of people in the local communities through grants for things like food hampers, school and counselling sessions. Then in June we have the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, followed by the Cherington Show in July, which is always a great and lively occasion.

It is important that we all support these village events, as they help to bring us all together and encourage the sense of community which is so crucial to village life, as well as help local institutions. We were saddened to hear that the Dinner Dance, due to be held on 7th May has been cancelled as not enough tickets were sold.

We hope you consider that The Villager is an important local institution! We are still looking for someone to join the team to concentrate on finding additional advertisements to help cover the costs of printing the magazine. It would not take up a great deal of time, but would be a huge help, so if you'd like to find out a bit more, please phone one of the editors below or send us an email. The Parish and Church Councils kindly give us grants but these don't cover all the costs, and we are all keen for the magazine to remain free to everyone in Avening, Cherington and Nag's Head. And if you are running a business in the area, please consider advertising; very reasonable rates and not only is it delivered to every household, it is also available to download from the Avening PC website, thus increasing the number of people who will see your advert.

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Many thanks to **Stephanie Hamilton** for this beautiful photograph of the flowers in the church at Easter – and also congratulations to the talented flower arrangers.

Keep sending us your photographs, especially since all the images will be in colour in the downloadable version of the Magazine.

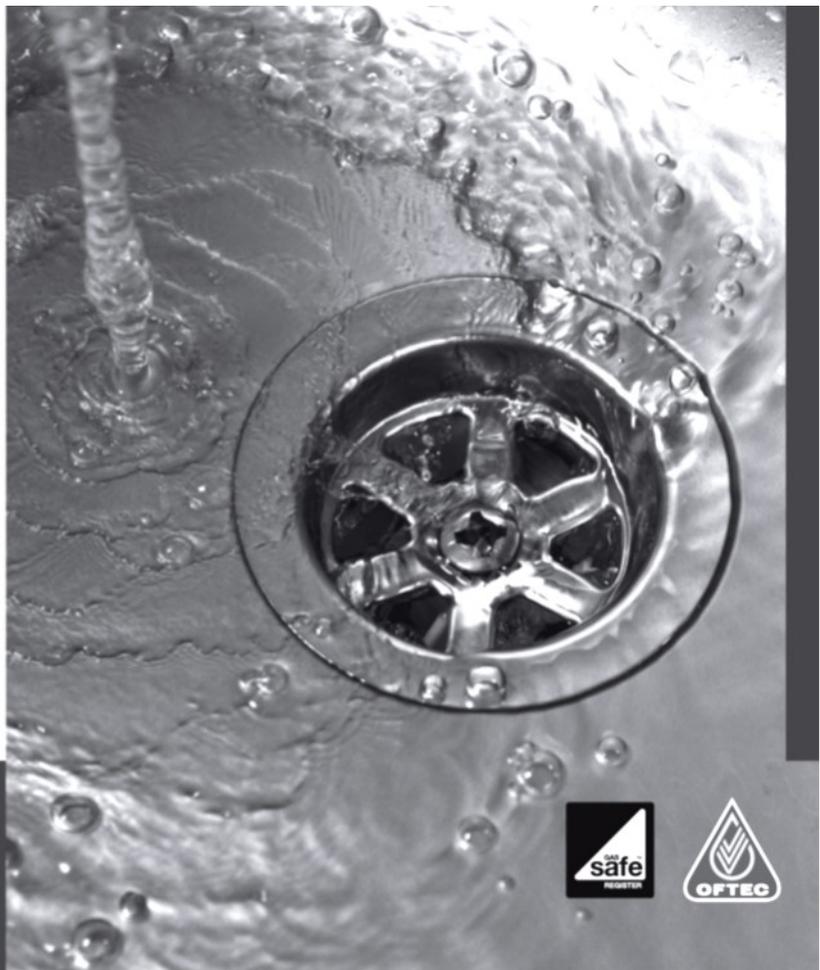
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Regular Activities in the Villages

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	
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
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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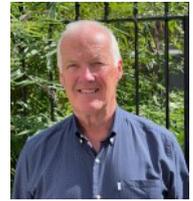
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Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



The war in Ukraine remains foremost in our minds as it continues to increase in intensity and suffering. There a number of villagers who have put their names forward to host some of the refugees; they are yet to arrive but hopefully will be with us in the village as soon as possible. I'm guessing that there are more villagers who would like to take in refugees but do not have the capacity in their homes. With this in mind; can I suggest that anyone who can do so, gives peripheral support to the families who are hosting. This will both add to the welcome that the village offers as well as relieving the day to day pressure on the host families over what is likely to be a long period. Offers of transport, a trip out, invite them for a meal etc – there are many ways we can collectively rally round and give that extra welcome and support. However, I think we need to be careful in so much that we help in a manner that maintains strict security – so no social media platforms used; lets rely on word of mouth only, to maintain the safety and confidentiality of our visitors. I'm happy to respond to telephone calls for anyone who wants to be put in touch. Similarly, the Tuesday Café can be used a forum for contacts.

Visitors to the playing field will have noticed that a children's slide has been put in – it's actually a wide slide so that it can accommodate both a parent and toddler at the same time (don't feel embarrassed if you fancy a go all by yourself!) There is also a small roundabout on its way as well – presently somewhere on the high seas from a foreign land – but should be with us in the next few weeks.

You also may notice that there are two small trees planted adjacent to the toddler area – these are two Oak trees planted to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee year. It will be a generation or two before anyone will be able to enjoy sitting under them – but we have to start somewhere.

If you are one of the motorists who have had to take evasive action on the road from Avening to Nailsworth you will be relieved to know that 'a man from Highways' has looked at the situation and has assured me that he will move the relevant white lines and cats eyes to the centre of the road.



This month it's the turn of Cllr John Hetterley to profile himself; over to you John: -

I was a Civil Servant for over 40 years, working in Bath, London, Germany, Weymouth and Bristol. I retired around 10 years ago and have lived in Avening for the last 5 years with my wife Sandra. We have two children living fairly locally. Sandra and I helped set up the Avening Community Café along with Jennie South, Clare

Bebbington and others over 3 years ago and have made many new friends as a result. I enjoy attending the weekly Art group with Mark Kelland which grew out of a café initiative. I was asked to join the Parish Council in 2019 and led two crowdfunding campaigns for a new zip wire during 2020/21. This proved so successful that the PC has now provided a new zip wire, slide, picnic benches and we have allocated funds for a small roundabout. I also oversee and review the PC budget and expenditure within the finance sub-committee; we allocate funds for community projects as well as day to day running expenses and maintenance – so let me know if you have particular issues you think need to be catered for .

A hint of Summer is in the air so I hope that we can all enjoy returning to better days ahead.

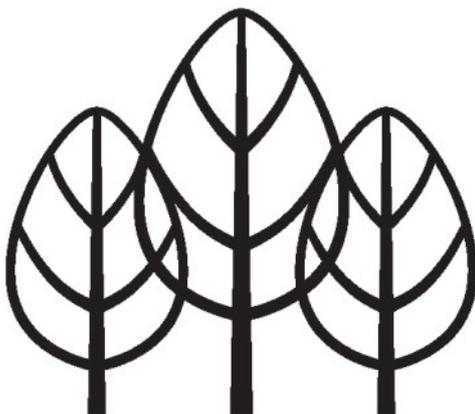
Keep safe and well.

Patrick Mulligan (Mob: 07713 068436)
Chairman of Avening Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is a chance for residents to ask the Parish Council questions.

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Avening and Cherington Churches

We were fortunate on Easter Sunday to have Revd. Guy Treweek to take the morning Eucharist and lead us in joyful celebration. Easter is always a wonderful season, and this year is no exception.

May Day, on the first day of May, sends us into the month in a holiday spirit. Then it is only 3 weeks until the half term holiday! In fact, the holiday at the end of May used to be called the Whitsun holiday, named for the white clothes worn by those newly baptised on the celebration of Pentecost. The feast of Pentecost recalls the arrival of the Holy Spirit to the apostles after the death of Jesus. Whit can also be interpreted as 'wit' or understanding. Pentecost is 40 days after Easter, and Easter changes date from year to year, so now we have a 'Public Holiday' to end the month instead. Whitsun this year is on June 5th.

Elizabeth Buchanan and Liz Fuller, churchwardens

From the Church registers

We welcomed **Ayla-Louise Lloyd Jarrett** into the Church family at her Christening in Avening on April 10th.

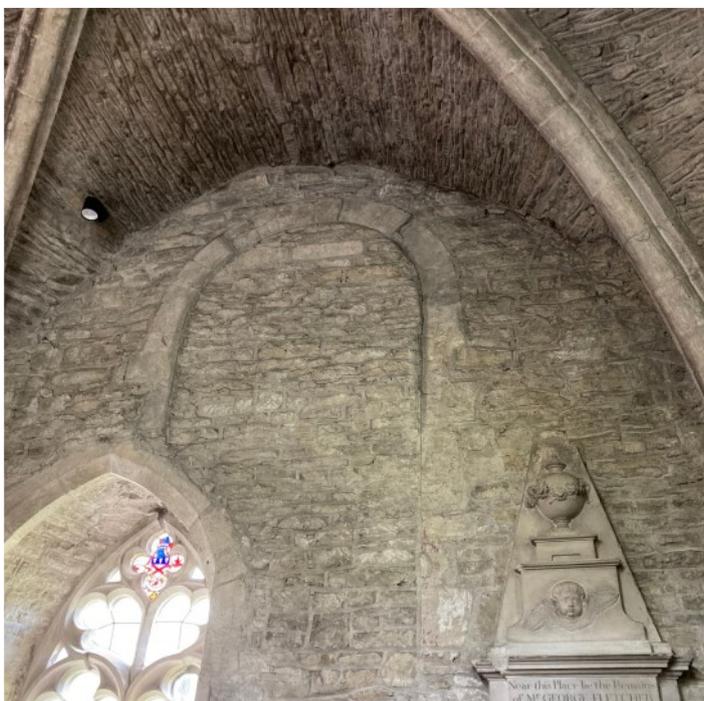
Church Services

Date	Holy Cross, Avening	St. Nicholas, Cherington
1st May 10 am	Holy Communion with Baptism	No service
8th May 10 am	No service	Holy Communion
15th May 10 am	Holy Communion	No service
22nd May 10 am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
29th May 10 am	No Service	Holy Communion
5th June Whit Sunday 10 am	Holy Communion	Service of thanks for her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Church Detail



If you stand at the gates to the churchyard looking up at the church you will notice a small, blocked-up window towards the East end of the church. During the 13th and 14th centuries, many of our church windows were made larger or more decorative as technology and funds allowed. This small window is one of the original Norman windows, and there are later windows either side of it. When you go into the church there is no sign of that skinny window by the altar. What is there is a Norman arch over a surprisingly large blocked-up window, not skinny at all. It would have let in significant light. The reason is that the 'reveals' at the sides of the skinny window slant away from the window, and because the walls are very thick the resulting shape is much wider on the inside than on the outside.



Elizabeth Buchanan

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.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please get in touch with our Churchwardens:

Elizabeth Buchanan: 01453 833 016

Liz Fuller: 01453 835067

Puzzle Corner

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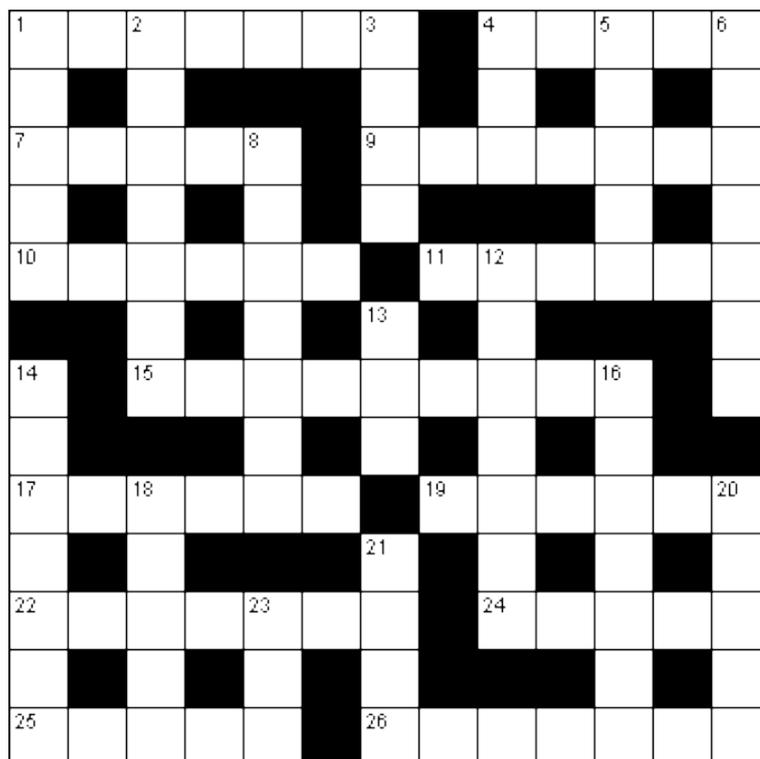
Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 - 9. If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

Answers on page 30

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1. Moment (7)
4. Graphic (5)
7. Steps (5)
9. Love story (7)
10. Gives up (6)
11. Topics (6)
15. Nutritionist (9)
17. Nearly (6)
19. Movie genre (6)
22. Transport system (7)
24. Dye (5)
25. At a subsequent time (5)
26. Recite (7)



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| 1. State indirectly (5) | 6. Chest of drawers (7) | 16. Paradise (7) |
| 2. Accomplish (7) | 8. Sorrow (7) | 18. Slightly wet (5) |
| 3. Limited period of time (4) | 12. Monstrous (7) | 20. Scope (5) |
| 4. Vitality (3) | 13. Fuel (3) | 21. Song of praise (4) |
| 5. Animal toxin (5) | 14. Angry dispute (7) | 23. Armed conflict (3) |

Gilian's Poem of the Month

Chalice was a 15.2h.h. chestnut Anglo/ Arab, and a very special horse. He came to me as a scared and nervous yearling, and remained with me all his life until he died at the great age of 31 years. In that time he won many rosettes and trophies for dressage, show jumping, and cross-country, both with myself, at Riding Club, and two of my daughters, at Pony Club, and was always a joy to handle and ride. So when he died I planted a copper beech tree, whose leaves are the colour of his coat, in his favourite spot, as a lasting memorial to a faithful friend for 30 years.....



To Chalice

Cow parsley foams away beneath my feet,
Bright celandine and daisies star the grass,
White may hangs heavy on the hawthorn bough,
And dew bejewels my footsteps as I pass.

Here, on this hillside, high above the farm,
Chalice would stand, to view his realm, and dream;
Look down o'er patchwork fields to distant woods,
Across the leafy valley with the winding stream.

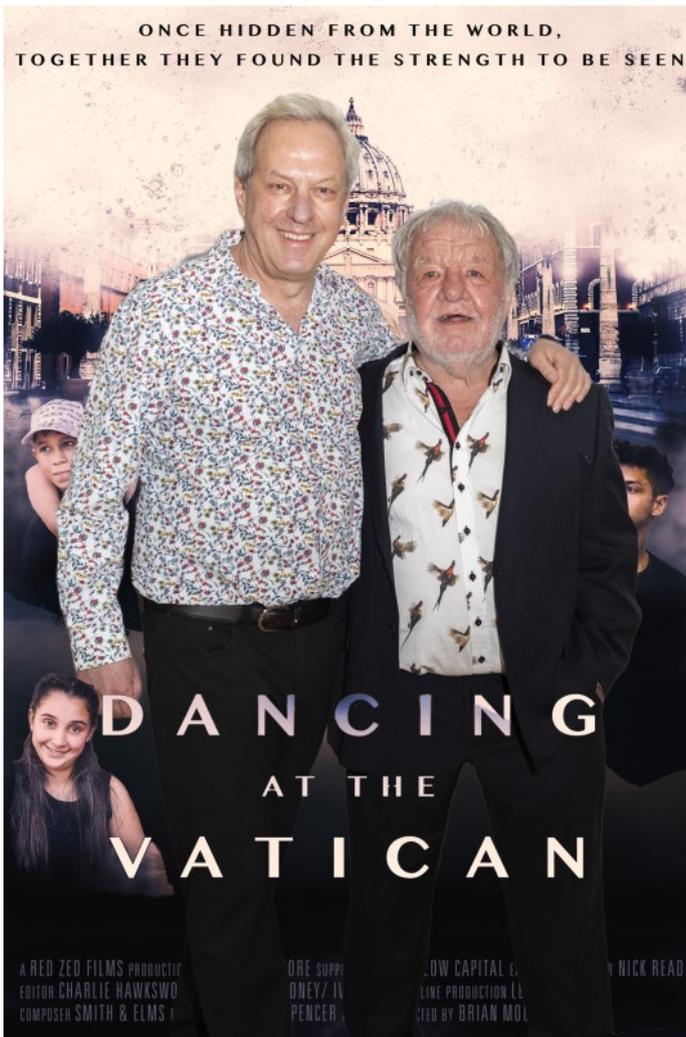
Here, my old friend, your soul can be at peace,
Your fiery spirit rise to soar and fly..
High on this hillside, here 'twixt heaven and earth,
Caught in the flight of birds across the sky.

Here I will find you with each Spring's new birth,
Or when the fires of Autumn light this tree.
Here in the Summer sun, or Winter rain,
You will forever be a part of me.

So here I will lay my beautiful to rest,
Where cuckoo call floats on the noonday air,
With blackbird to sing his morning hymn at dawn,
And thrush, at close of day, his evening prayer.....

Gilian Bulmer-Davison

Dancing at the Vatican



Charles Sabine and Archie Hardman In front of the poster for Dancing at the Vatican. Thanks to Tony Slater for the photo.

On 8th April, Avening Memorial Hall was the venue for a special screening to villagers of a short film called Dancing At The Vatican. The film was written and narrated by Avening resident and former TV reporter and war correspondent, Charles Sabine OBE, who kindly hosted the screening. It tells the story of the incredibly brave journey undertaken by dozens of South American sufferers of Huntington's Disease in 2017 to an audience at the Vatican with Pope Francis.

Huntington's Disease is a fatal genetic brain disorder affecting nearly 1 million people globally and is found especially concentrated in pockets of South America. The disease has been stigmatised for many years and Charles, who comes from a family with Huntington's Disease, is a co-founder of a movement called Hidden No More, which has campaigned tirelessly to raise public awareness of the condition. History was made at the audience with the Pope, who would become the first global leader to ever publicly recognise the disease

and speak the words 'Huntington's Disease' aloud.

The film, which includes local footage of Charles in countryside near his home in Avening, focusses on the emotional journey taken by the sufferers of the disease, culminating in their joy at meeting the Pope as they celebrated by uninhibitedly dancing in the revered cloisters of the Vatican. It is an intensely moving documentary which left many with moist eyes in the audience at the Memorial Hall. The undoubted star of the movie is a charismatic young girl called Brenda from Buenos Aires, who suffers with HD but who has been sponsored and supported remotely by the generosity of Avening villagers, led by Archie Hardman.

Dancing At The Vatican is available on YouTube and has its own website <https://www.dancingatthevatican.com/> which provides background information on the film and on Huntington's Disease.

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

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Church Flowers



The flower people would like to invite families and friends to help with the flowers at church, over the summer. You may have noticed recently a 'sign-up' sheet on the table just inside the church entrance. If you would like help out for two weeks at a time, during June, July or August, this would be very welcome.

All that is needed are two arrangements of flowers and foliage, one in the nave and one in the chancel, on a table or in a window. Especially in the summer months, there is such an abundance of colour and texture in gardens and the lanes round the village, it is a great pleasure to stroll round on a cool evening and make a couple of bunches of plant material while you are wandering round, enjoying the special light, before the sun goes down. A small selection of plant material will make two lovely arrangements in church.



Doing the flowers is such a joyful occupation, sometimes challenging but we love to do it. We would like to pass this joy onto other members of the community and especially the next generation. In particular, at festival times like Christmas, coming to church to decorate is one of the highlights of the year. It becomes quite a meditative experience, working with the flowers and foliage to create a beautiful and celebratory effect, appropriate to the time of year.

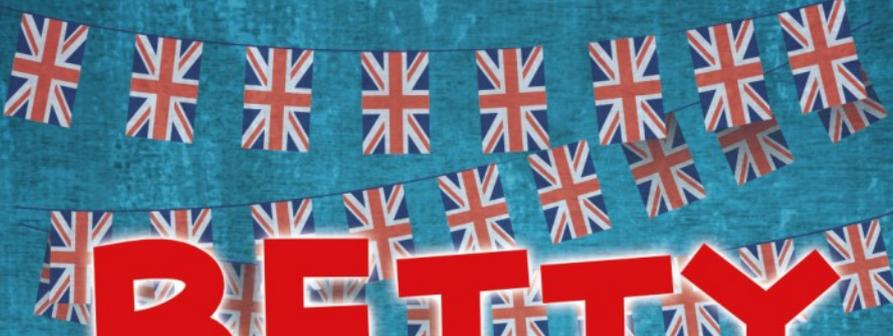
You do not need to be a member of the church congregation to help with the flowers.

Thanks to Stephanie Hamilton for these photographs

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Avening Playgroup



To start with we would like to thank everyone who donated to and/or attended the Easter Egg Hunt at the beginning of April. The children really enjoyed finding the Easter eggs hanging in the trees and bushes, as well as doing the actions that were on some of them. We also had some very positive feedback about the longer trail where you had to look for teddy bears and find different letters from their names to form the name of a rhyme. Many of you also commented that the route for the teddy bears trail revealed some beautiful views and houses which some of you were not aware of.

The proceeds from the day will be going towards developing the playground. The painting has become rather worn and dull, so needs brightening up and we

have had to take the trampoline out of action as it is damaged. We have recently purchased a new water tray ready for the warmer weather and some camouflage netting and material to make dens.

At playgroup we have been looking at:

Making up our own stories and simple sounds

- the children have taken it in turns to make up a sentence in a story and we have been looking at our names and what sound they begin with.

We have also looked at items that rhyme

Shapes and positional language - we have discussed what the shapes in the shape bag look like and how many sides and corners they have. The children have used shapes on the light panel to make pictures and have coloured many different shapes. We have looked at where Elmer was positioned on the chair, above, below etc.

Easter- as well as the Easter egg hunt that the committee organised as a fundraiser, we had our own little Easter egg hunt on the final day of term. The children were also busy making Easter cards, decorations and face masks.



The children have also enjoyed playing on the tablets and with the water.

If you would like to register your child at Avening Playgroup, please call Angie on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com to put their names down and to book a time to have a look around the setting. We are open mornings during term time.

Angie Heslop



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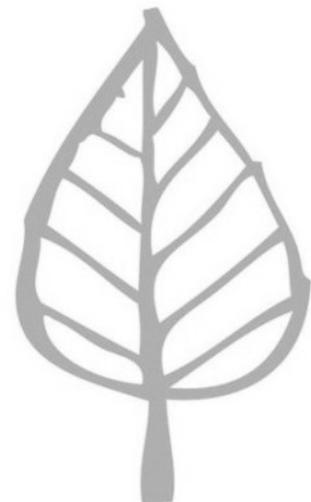
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- May 14** **Tango Calor – a Night in Buenos Aires:** Tango Calor is one of the most exciting tango bands performing in the UK. Expect an evening of songs and wonderful stories. Tickets £14.50. 7.30
- May 28** **The Tom Petty Legacy:** Great show of this American song writing icon who, together with the Heartbreakers, is recognised as one of the finest live bands to have come out of the US Tickets £20 7.30
- Thursdays** **Film Night:** This month's films include Belfast, Death on the Nile and the 1930s classic Maytime. For dates and times see our website.
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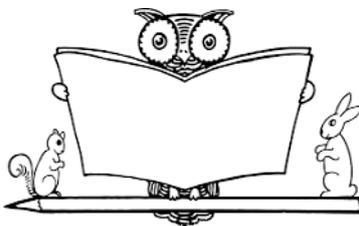
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If you, or your children, are in need of such support, please request an application form by phoning 01453 833016 or emailing buchanan.el@gmail.com

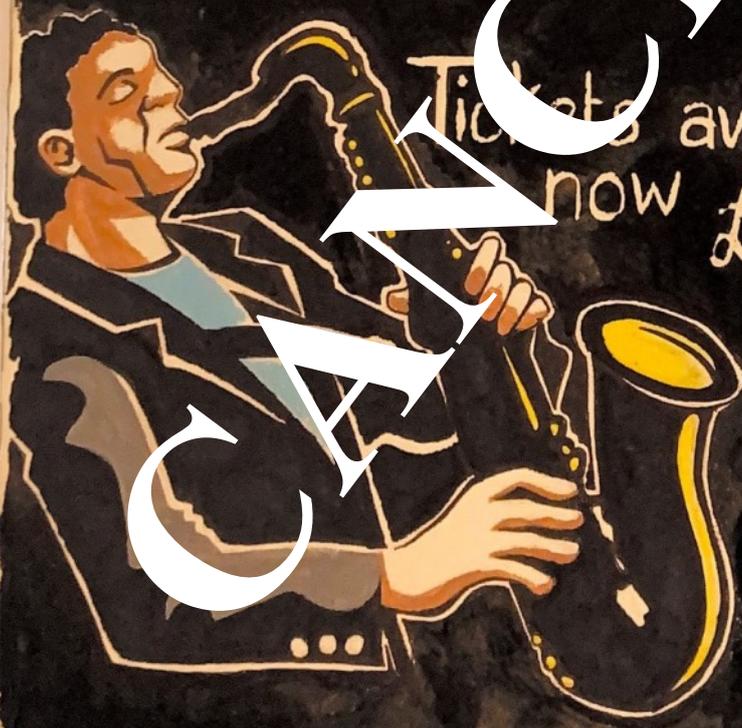
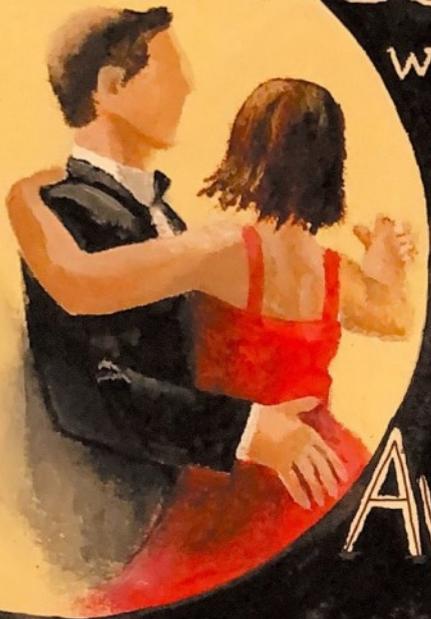
Forms received by 1st July will be considered by the Trustees at their next meeting.

Springtime
Dinner Dance

with Jim Hill and his band

Sat 7th May
7 PM - 11.30 PM

Avening Church



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CHERINGTON DATES FOR THE DIARY!



Saturday 4th June:
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Sunday 5th June:
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Saturday 25th June: Plant Sale

Sunday 24th July: Cherington Show

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Avening Community Café

In April we were pleased with the turn out for our litter pick; hopefully the village looks a little cleaner, at least for a while!



Thanks to Norman who organised the Easter Quiz and for everyone who took part, with a special welcome to the young families and children who seemed to enjoy themselves. Our “Recyclables Board” was launched in April for people to

advertise unwanted items that others may find a use for. Look out for further details of the Café’s indoor street party to celebrate the Queens Jubilee at the end of May.

WHAT’S ON IN MAY

‘KNIT & NATTER’ – Every week. Bring your own craft to share.

May 3rd : Celebrate May Day.

May 10th : Norman’s Quiz.

May 17th : ‘ART WITH MARK’ – 9:30 to 11:30am, £3 per session, all materials provided.

May 24th : ‘CREATIVE WRITING’ – with Atlanta from 10 to 11am, £2.50 per session.

May 31st : JUBILEE Café – Feeling patriotic? A red, white and blue theme. Help the Café celebrate the Jubilee this week.

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” (Old Hill) and “Plants on the Wall” (High Street).

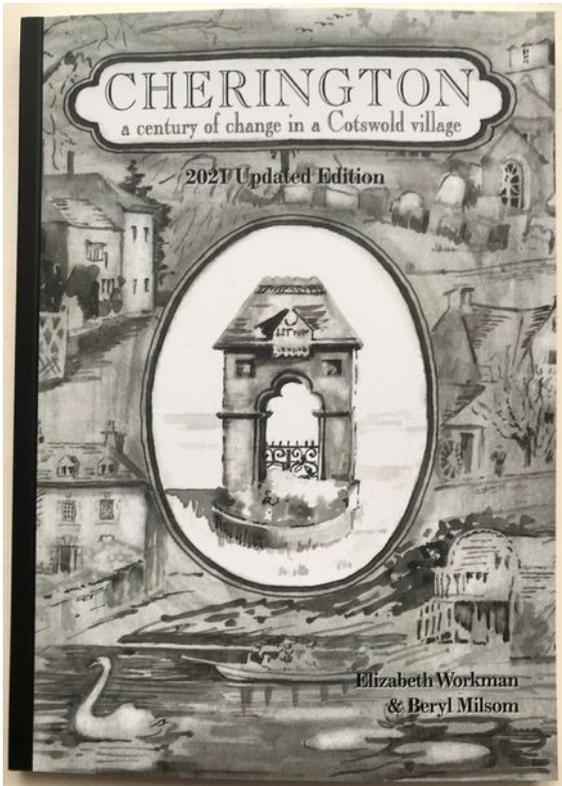
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*John Hetterley
for Avening Community Café*



Church Floodlighting

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.



The Updated Edition of the Cherington Book is now available !

If you would like a copy, please email liz@theworkmans.co.uk

They are just £10, which goes towards printing costs and village funds.

Run the Rainbow!



LONGFIELD
Community Hospice



Longfield Community Hospice is organising the perfect messy day out for all the family, with its 'Run the Rainbow' event taking place at Cotswold Airport on 17 July.

Be prepared for powdered paint, foam, music and even inflatables, as you run, walk or skip through the Run the Rainbow challenge. One thing's for sure, it's going to be colourful!

Featuring a 5K route suitable for the whole family, it's the perfect summer day out and a great opportunity to raise money for Longfield. On the day of the event, all participants registering between 10.40am - 11.40am will receive a pair of sunglasses and a sachet of coloured paint. There will be a fun warm-up to music at 11.45am with everyone setting off on the course at midday.

This year Longfield aims to support more than 1200 patients with life-limiting illnesses, carers and family members, through both the Wellbeing Centre in Minchinhampton and through care in patients' homes.

To sign up for the event, visit longfield.org.uk/event/run-the-rainbow
Use early bird promo code NEWS20 for a 20% saving.

Registration is £20 for an adult (16 and over) or £15 for a child or sign up to raise sponsorship. The registration fee entitles you to participate in the fun 5K race, sunglasses, a pouch of powdered paint and a medal on finishing.

This event is kindly sponsored by Taylor Wimpey.

Avening WI

The past month has been a busy one for Avening WI.

Our bunting-making skills were in demand again when Cherington Village Hall Committee asked if we could make some bunting to decorate their newly refurbished hall. Thirteen members arrived at the hall and had a wonderful session making an amazing fifty-six metres of bunting. We soon had a well-oiled production line going with fabric-cutters, ironers, stitchers and finishers all working flat out. Some Cherington ladies provided us with very welcome coffee, tea, soup, bread, cheese and cakes to help us in our task. It was also Vicky's birthday so we had a surprise birthday cake.



Thank you to all those who came and supported the Village Quiz organised by Shirley Hand and family. As usual it was a very enjoyable evening which raised £226.50 for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Our WI entered two teams in the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs quiz competition and both teams did well in our heat, with one team coming joint first with Dursley to go through to the finals in September.

The Bite to Eat catering team have also been busy with events including a buffet for a Golden Wedding party and canapes for the recent film showing of 'Dancing at the Vatican'.



Our skittles team have been getting some practice in at the Social Club in preparation for our first match in the Gloucestershire tournament. We have been drawn against Churchdown WI in the first round. We also invited Nailsworth WI for a friendly match. The members were depleted by a surge in Covid cases, but we managed to make two teams of eight who played six rounds with a break for refreshments. It was a close match with only five points between the teams.

The Covid surge also resulted in us cancelling our monthly meeting in April but we have rebooked the planned speaker for next year.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday May 12th at 7.30 at Avening Memorial Hall, when we will have a talk entitled 'Wild Flowers of The Cotswolds – remedies, myths and legends' by Sue Smith and Sue Dodd.

New members and visitors are always welcome to join us. For further details please email 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 and on Social Media @TheDoorStroud.

Want more information about Avening's Youth Club? Contact Isak at The Door on 01453 756745.

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Mike Mitchell
Chairman Cherington Parish Council

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. 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.

Avening Parish Council



Playing Field

The new slide has been installed and we are awaiting installation of the low rotator. Sadly, someone damaged one of the benches. If you see this kind of behaviour, please report it to a Parish Councillor. This is a space for everyone to enjoy. Don't let it be spoilt by a few thoughtless people.

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

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is a chance for residents to ask the Parish Council questions.

Please come along to the Café on Tuesday 24th May at 10 am onwards.

Memorial Hall Centenary

The Parish Council thought it fitting to combine the Memorial Hall centenary with the Remembrance Day service on November 13th.

More details to follow.

Parish Council Meeting for May

The usual Parish Council Meeting will be held a week earlier than usual 11th May.

Planning Applications & Tree Works Since the Last Issue

New Planning Applications

22/01020/FUL: 1 Hampton Hill: Replacement of all doors and windows. – Approved

22/01210/FUL: 9 Spinners Cottage, Longford Mill: Replacement of ground floor kitchen window and lintel with aluminium bifold doors – Approved

22/00516/FUL: 18 Star Lane: Proposed extension of existing garage to form double garage and ancillary accommodation – Approved

22/01007/AGFO: Star Farm, Star Lane: Erection of agriculture storage building – Approved

Decision Notices

22/00803/AGFO: Farm Buildings, Mays Lane; Prior notification for the construction of an agriculture storage building – Approved

22/00417/COMPLY: Longford Mill: Compliance with condition 13 (water course protection plan) re 19/00276/FUL. – Approved

Potholes

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

The next meeting will be on 11th May 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

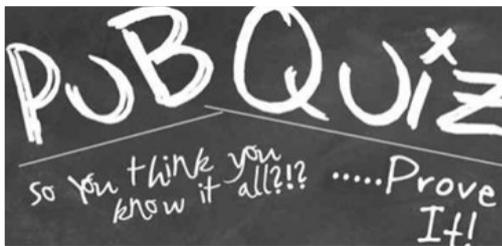
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Date	Event	Location	Time
Saturday 7th May	Dinner Dance	Avening Church	tba
Sunday 15th May	Avening Open Gardens	All Avening	1—5 pm
Tuesday 24th May	Annual Parish Meeting	Social Club	10 am
Saturday 4th June	Queen's Jubilee Hog Roast	Cherington	tba
Saturday 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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