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Continuing on from last month's editorial, the Editors are sure that you will all wish to thank Frances Conway for her fantastic input to The Villager over the last ten years. Frances has produced 'Village People' articles and has been responsible for many of the editorials, besides inserting reports sent in by residents of the villages and further afield — along with trying to keep us on the legal straight and narrow. Frances is herself the subject of this month's *Village People* on page 14. Thank you Frances, and we all wish you and Dominic well in your new home.

The departure of Frances to foreign lands, if that is what Tetbury is, leaves a hole in the editorial staff, so if anyone feels like having a go, please contact one of the editors (contact details below) and we can discuss what's involved. It can be a very interesting challenge and if a younger person were interested, it could be a very good thing to put on your CV as well as giving The Villager the perspective from another age group. Why not think about it?

This month, Pig Face Day is back after a break of about five years and there are many other interesting things happening in our villages, so please join in if possible.

One final thought, please support the people and firms that advertise in The Villager. The fees that they pay to advertise go a long way to ensure that the magazine can be distributed free to virtually every household in the two villages.

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Avening and Cherington Events

Come along and join in the fun at any of the regular or special events below - everyone is always welcome!

Both the Memorial Hall & Social Club can also be hired for private functions

SEPTEMBER

Fri 1st

Play Rangers Activity Day at the Playing Field, suitable for all U14s, but U7s must be accompanied. No registration so kids can come and go as they please - 10am-4pm, Free for all

Sat 2nd

Quiz Night at The Bell - £2 per person, max 4 per team

Tues 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Community Café at the Social Club - 9am-12pm

Tues 12th, 19th, 26th

Youth Club for ages 8-14 - Memorial Hall, 6.30-8pm (free)

Sun 17th

Pig Face Day - Fun for the whole village at this celebration of some ancient local traditions! See page 18

Wed 27th

Cinema Screening in Memorial Hall - 7.30pm start, £5

OCTOBER

Sun 1st

Deadline for applications for grants to the PC

Pig Face Day Sunday 17th September

Pig Face Day is going ahead on Sunday 17 September, and I've been delighted with the support I've received from so many of our Avening organisations. It promises to be a memorable and entertaining celebration with so many villagers involved.

Unfortunately, although we advertised the traditional Duck Race in our publicity posters, we've since been advised that it cannot go ahead as the stream is so heavily overgrown at the moment. I'm sure Ron Major and his team will be looking for volunteers to help clear it out before next year's Church Fete.

Apart from the various entertainments, villagers will have the opportunity to have a tasty and inexpensive Sunday lunch as well! I hope they all remember that cash is still King!

Roger Lindley



Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



August has continued to be a quiet month with very little happening in Avening of any note.

This month's Parish Council Meeting was similarly brief, concentrating on the few Planning Applications in the pipeline. We continue to make our comments to the District Council although we know in reality that they take little or no notice of our submissions.

We did not receive a Police Report this month, but I'm aware that there has been some criminal activity in the area involving house burglaries. Please keep alert to any unusual or suspicious behaviour or noises; especially important if you have neighbours who you know are away on holiday. Don't hesitate to dial 999.

We have raised concerns with the building contractors about construction traffic on Lawrence Road – please keep reporting any dangerous driving or parking to our Parish Clerk which will be followed up with the Police and Highways.

Grant Applications: a last reminder that any requests for grants towards a local event need to be submitted to the Parish Council by the beginning of October.

Pig Face Day Celebrations: will be here in September. Try to attend if possible as it's another opportunity to bring the Village together.

Villager of the Year: We look forward to receiving your dominations.

Let's hope we have some fine weather for the rest of the summer.

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



Avening Church of England Education Fund (ACEEF)

The trustees of ACEEF have limited funds available to assist Avening residents under 25 with their education. These grants are intended to help ensure that young people in the village are not deprived of the opportunity to receive good education suiting their aptitudes and abilities. This may mean financial help towards travel costs, books and equipment or uniform and work wear.

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.

Avening and Cherington Churches

How can the end of summer have arrived so quickly? We hope it has been a time of fun and restoration for everyone.

The church in Avening will be open from 8:30 to 10.30am on Wednesday, September 6th, the first day back at school and the beginning of the Playgroup term. Coffee and tea will be served, with plenty of cake, to ease our way back into the routine. The toys will be set out for younger children.

On September 17th we celebrate the dedication of our village church, almost 950 years ago. We refer to 'Avening Church' all the time, rarely using the church name. Ours is Holy Cross Church, and the Feast of the Holy Cross is in the middle of September. The Archdeacon of Gloucester, Hilary Dawson, will take the Holy Communion service for us at 10 o'clock that day, and we will party with cake and fizz in the church afterward. All are welcome.

Afterwards, there will be a procession down to the Memorial Hall, bearing the pig's head for the Pig Face Day event, an interpretation of the feasts provided for the villagers by Queen Matilda on the completion of the church (originally with pork from the wild boars in Hazel Wood). Holy Cross church in Avening is the only church in the country to have been commissioned by a queen.

There will be a schedule of the afternoon events elsewhere in the magazine. It sounds like a great day out!

We look forward to seeing you.

Elizabeth and Stephanie, Church Wardens

Church Services

Date	Holy Cross, Avening	St. Nicholas, Cherington
3 rd Sept. 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Special pet service
10 th Sept. 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
17 th Sept. 10.00 am	Holy Cross Day — SPECIAL Communion service	Holy Communion
24 th Sept. 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
1 st October 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
8 th October 10.00 am	Harvest festival Holy Communion	No service
Sat.14 th Oct 6.00pm		Harvest festival

District Councillor's Report



At CDC: There was no meeting in August, so nothing to report directly, but we are aware of a looming crisis in the planning department due to several officers resigning, where there was already a shortfall of staff. This will obviously affect residents who need to apply for property works in the coming months.

Readers may be aware of the forthcoming changes to parliamentary boundaries – a government commission was tasked with making all constituencies the same size of around 77,000 voters. These changes will apply from the next general election, but we effectively now have a new MP in our area of the 'South Cotswolds' (which includes the area from Cirencester to north Wiltshire) – James Gray. As CDC councillor in his new patch, I was invited to show James around the area, and took him on a driving tour of Grumbolds Ash and beyond, pointing out local highlights and where issues have arisen.



Cllr. Tony Slater with James Gray MP

James is very approachable, is very active in the community, and prides himself on responding to all enquiries from the public.

Avening: I briefed James on several issues in the village, notably the ongoing issues with the stream, and he was keen to help when appropriate. At the end of the tour, we entertained James and other invited guests at The Bell, who provided the usual excellent food and hospitality.

There was no Parish Council meeting this month either, so a little quiet in Avening. Patrick may have mentioned this in his article, but the building works by the Playgroup have continued to cause issues, and I am frustrated that the traffic management plan that we insisted upon is useless as it only covers activities on the site itself – definitely not what was intended!

***Tony Slater, CDC District Councillor,
representing Grumbold's Ash with Avening 077936699309***

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Puzzle Corner

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Sudoku

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

Answers on page 33

Across

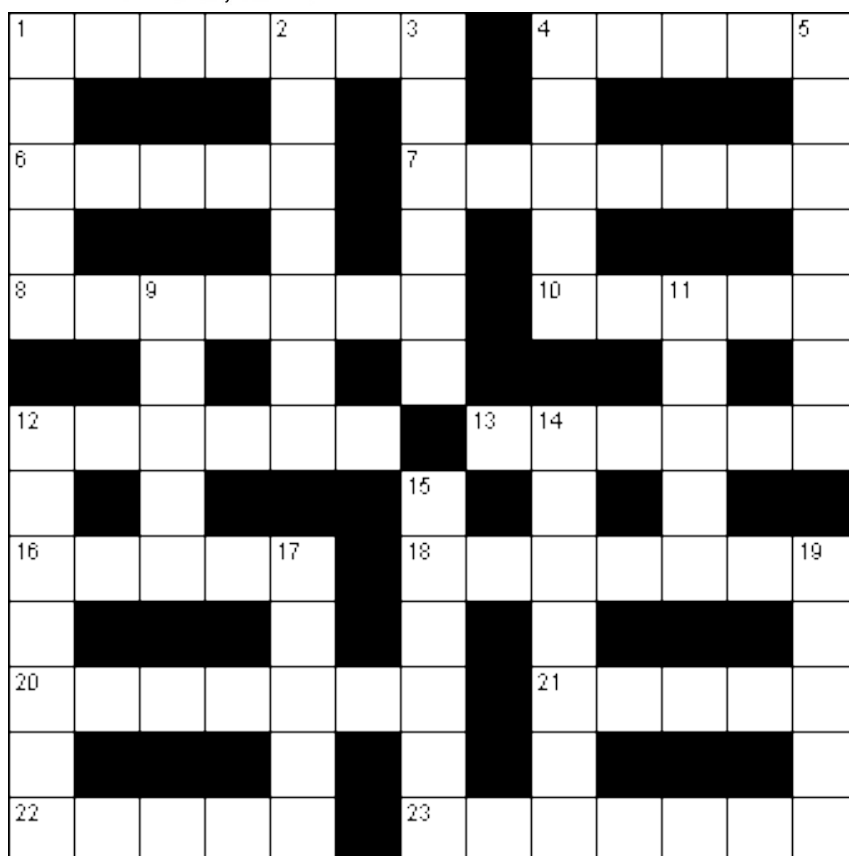
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4. Egyptian dam (5)
6. Italian isle (5)
7. Montgomery is the state capital (7)
8. Grand Canyon State (7)
10. Japanese city (5)
12. Capital of 16 across (6)
13. Capital of the Philippines (6)
16. European country (5)
18. Capital of Algeria (7)
20. North American mountain range (7)
21. Egyptian desert (5)
22. Tripoli is the capital (5)

Down

1. Capital of Ghana (5)
2. Capital of Kenya (7)
3. Biblical Mount (6)
4. San Antonio mission (5)
5. Falls (7)

9. Asian country (5)
11. Australian town, ____ Springs (5)
12. French wind (7)
14. State capital of Maine (7)

15. Topeka is the state capital (6)
17. Currency of Nigeria (5)
19. French river (5)



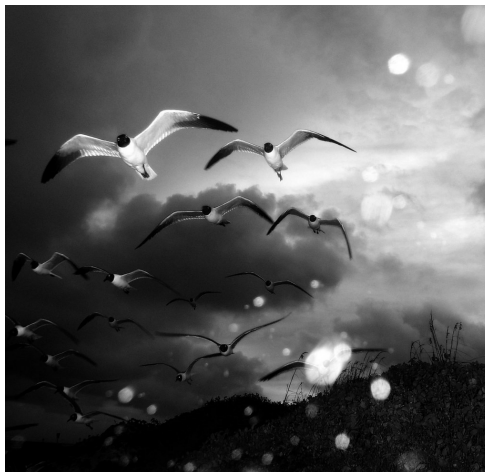
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Gilian's Poem of the Month

From My Hospital Bed.

My room is a small, blank cube, with a cupboard, a bed and a chair,
Sterile, stifling and airless — but what can I see over there?
A small, square patch of lightness amidst the dusky gloom,
Behind a curtain, brightness, in the corner of my room!
But when the curtain's drawn back there's no vista to be seen,
But only a concrete jungle, with ne'er a trace of green.
My window, which promised freedom, with fresh air, cool breeze, sun-shine,
Gives only a limited view of life, and escape cannot be mine.....
But wait! High up above man's world, a vision bright I see,
With towering castles in the air, and seabirds flying free!
Dark clouds, white clouds, blue streaks between, a fitting background found
For seagulls who glide, and swoop, and soar, as they circle round and round,
Against the dark and stormy clouds a pattern of white wings,
Dark silhouettes against the white....no wonder my heart sings!
Warm morning sunshine gilds them, and sunset's rosy glow,
As they soar aloft on angel wings where mortals may not go.
So each day I look for the seagulls, to keep my spirits high,
As they ride the thermals, up and up, in their element, the sky.
And when from sleep I wake to hear their harsh cries fill the air,
I dream that I'm back in Cornwall, living life without a care.....
The long days linger slowly here, as time meanders by,
But I have my escape to freedom, with the seagulls in the sky

Gilian Bulmer-Davison



You will be happy to hear that Gilian is now safely home and recovering — Eds

Della Robbins

1947-2023

With the kind permission of her family, here is the eulogy from Della's funeral service held on Monday 24 July.

Della was one of 3 children, John Richards being her older brother and Marlene Smart her younger sister. She was born in The Forest of Dean and spent her first few years in Coleford with her mum Queenie Baker and brother John. She spent a lot of time with her 'Granny & Grancher Richards', who she thought the world of.

In her early years Queenie and Della moved from the Forest and took up residence on the Chavenage Estate in Lodge Cottage. Chavenage was to be at the heart of Della's life for years to come.

When she was 15 years old, Chavenage House advertised for a nanny for the Lowsley Williams children; Della applied for and succeeded in getting the position. This was the start of a role which saw her stay with the family for 61 years, and it was only when ill health took over that she could no longer make the short journey to Chavenage to her 2nd family to do the job she loved so much.

It was on the Chavenage Estate where she met her beloved husband-to-be Barry, who was also working on the Estate at the time. They married on the 10th September 1966 and soon afterwards made the short trip to Avening, where they set up home in Sunground and lived happily with their two children Mark and Claire. Mark and Claire also have a lot of childhood memories at Chavenage; feeding the lambs, riding the horses and many happy days playing in the stable yard—and also being chased by the bull one day whilst going to the allotment.

Della and Barry very much enjoyed ballroom dances and would go to many dances with friends and dance the night away. Della also had a huge passion for her garden and enjoyed all the different flower shows, open gardens and garden centres, buying new species for her garden which she was so proud of.

Another love was for all her animals; her bantam chickens, her fish in the pond which Barry built, her beloved African Grey parrot Tilly who still sounds like Barry and very occasionally swears like Barry! We also have her beloved tortoises, one of them being older than Mark, who have now set up residence with Claire in Nailsworth, and most of all her companion for life Oscar the Cairn Terrier. You may have seen her walking Oscar every day, until ill health took over and she was no longer able, but he was her best friend right until the end and is now being looked after by her granddaughter Jessica.

We took annual holidays to Tenby with all the extended family for many years, where we would take over a guest house run by family friends, Don and Joyce, and we all have so many happy memories of these times, we would load the dingy up in the morning ready for the day ahead and spend all day on the beach with all the

family before returning to the guest house, and we would do this for the whole week we were there.

Della was quite a private lady but family was everything to her. She loved her children, Mark and Claire dearly, and she was over the moon when Mark & Fiona went on to have their own children Jessica and Zac, she was so proud to be a grandmother and her love then extended to Jessica and Zac. As the years passed Jessica and Zac went on to have their own children Evie and Esme which made Della a great grandmother; she was over the moon and her love for all of us extended to be one big happy family. The great grandchildren brought the biggest smile to Della's face and she lit up when they visited.

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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.



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We look forward to seeing you.

Village People

Frances Conway

As you will have gathered from last month's editorial, Frances Conway, who has been a valued member of the editorial team for this magazine for ten years, is stepping down as she is moving out of the village - all the way to Tetbury! Before she goes, we thought you would like to know a little more about her.



Frances was born in London, where her father was a doctor who later became a very distinguished cardiologist. Her parents met at the hospital in Brighton, where her mother was working as the Almoner, or hospital-based social worker; she told her daughter some fascinating stories of the poverty and tribulations faced by people during WWII and in the days before the NHS.

Frances's own life, however, was very different. "We lived in this vast house in Chelsea," she explains, "where my brother and I lived on the top floor with our nanny, just like in Victorian days! It really was from another era, so unbelievably different from family life now or even how I brought up my own children. But it was a very happy and secure childhood despite that." She went to junior school in Kensington and at the age of 11 became a boarder at Godolphin School in Salisbury. "It was very old-fashioned, but I have to say I

loved boarding school," she continues. "I was very eager and keen and wanted to join in everything and loved all the sport."

Although she doesn't mention it, she was obviously very bright and did well there, going to university a year early, to study law at University College London. "I didn't really enjoy university as much as I might have done, possibly because I was too young, and I also decided when I graduated that the law wasn't for me. Luckily I had also had some secretarial training, and I got a job at the Old Bailey as the assistant to the Judges. That was a great job; very interesting, because I got to sit in some fascinating cases, but also great fun, as I was involved in all the traditions and celebrations involved in the court, such as the Lord Mayor's procession."

Then Frances got married and moved away from London to settle first in Uley and has lived in various villages in Gloucestershire ever since. She stopped working for a while to bring up her two children, Nick and Lucy, but when her marriage broke up a few years later she went back to work, mostly in the legal sphere, but also with stints teaching students at Cirencester College to be Peer Advisers as well as being a tutor for the ESOL course (similar to Teaching English as a Foreign Language).

"My degree gave me part 1 of a legal qualification, but I never completed the second

part to become a fully qualified lawyer - as a single Mum I didn't really have the time - so I worked as a Family Law Executive with local solicitors, concentrating on family law, with a little crime thrown in (!), which I enjoyed enormously. I tried to help people so their experience of things like divorce was not as bad as it sometimes can be. It was very interesting and rewarding.

"I spent the final part of my career with Citizens Advice, again specialising in family law," she continues. "Despite the subject matter, I never found it depressing. People are fascinating; they came from all strands of life but we're all the same underneath. I finally retired when I was 70!"

Frances has been married to Dominic for over 30 years, having been introduced at a party by some mutual friends, and between then they have 4 children and 6 grandchildren. They moved to Church Farm in West End in 2006 and have loved living in Avening. "What's been fun is that we've done quite a lot and tried to join in life in Avening and been made very welcome," she explains. "It's



Frances and Dominic Conway

a nice village to live in and the people are very positive. I like the fact that it is a very diverse community with a wide range of ages and there are groups and people who work hard and are very supportive throughout the village. We will be very sad to leave but we feel it's the right time to downsize and go somewhere a bit easier. I'm particularly sad to leave the house, which I really love, and has so much history. Do you know we have a 'coffin way' through the house? The hall runs in a straight line from the front to the back door, and from there we have a path that goes right down to the church. It was designed so that if a funeral party couldn't get round the bend to New Inn Lane because of snow they could walk right through the house instead! I actually heard of an old lady when we first came here who remembered the last time it was used!"

What does Frances think about her 10 years as a Villager editor? "Oh, I've enjoyed it enormously! When I was asked to join the team I knew nothing about the mechanics of putting a magazine together but I reckoned I could learn. I wanted to do it partly as a way to be more involved in village life. I'm not creative, but I love writing - I wrote lots of stories as a child - and I enjoyed learning how to do these things on the computer. It's nice when people are interested enough to send their articles and It's given me tremendous satisfaction to be part of the team.

"And," she adds, "you never know, you may get me writing a new column: 'Letter from Tetbury'."

Yes please, Frances - and thank you for all your valuable work on the mag. We'll miss you! Eds.

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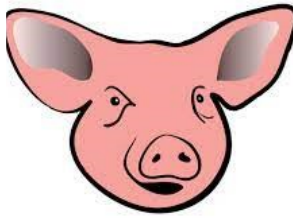
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Pig Face Day Celebrations

Sunday 17 September 2023

After a break of five years, Avening's Pig Face Day is being celebrated on Sunday 17 September 2023.

The programme of events is as follows :

Avening Church of the Holy Cross (10.00 – 11.30)

Eucharist Celebration by Archdeacon of Gloucester

Dedication of the Church

(all welcome)

Progression of Pig's head to Memorial Hall

(Children in Fancy Dress very welcome)

Memorial Hall (11.45 - 14.00)

Avening Singers (11.45)

Queen Matilda: The Play by Avening School (12.00)

Avening Silver Band (12.45- 13.45)

Music compilation by Mel Young

Refreshments

The Bell Inn (from 12.00)

(Drinks may be carried into the Hall)

Avening WI (from 12.45-14.00)

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Avening Playgroup

Great news! We have been successful in recruiting a Deputy Early Years Manager and are delighted to welcome Louise King to the team from the start of the autumn term. Louise has lived in Avening for the past seven years. She has two grown up daughters and is also a Grandmother. Louise has worked in the Early Years sector for 24 years. She managed two playgroups prior to joining Stonehouse Children's centre as an Early Years Practitioner and Community Family Worker. She then managed the nursery, working closely with the head of the school. The staff and committee are very much looking forward to working with Louise and we hope she enjoys working with all of us and the children.

The summer holiday always gives us the opportunity to catch up with all the odd jobs that we need to do at playgroup and this holiday has been no exception. We have had our septic tank emptied; the areas around the swing and under the pergola have been measured for new fencing; Shannon is reorganising the homecorner; the bushes are due to be cut back and new furniture, as well as resources, have been ordered. Hopefully it will all be in place by the start of term! The building company have also displayed pieces of the children's artwork on one of the boards surrounding the building site.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the playgroup on Wednesday 6th September.

For more information about the playgroup please call 01453 832695 (term time only) or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com

Angie Heslop



Family support charity Home-Start Cotswolds are delighted to announce that their popular postnatal group, 'Baby and Me', is returning to Tetbury!

The group, which is for parents with babies aged up to 6 months, is a great opportunity to build your confidence as a parent, share experiences and learn more about your baby's development. Each week we cover a different topic (such as feeding, play and communication, baby massage and sleep), in a friendly and supportive environment.

'Baby and Me' will be held weekly at Christ Church, Tetbury, GL8 8ET, 10.30am to 12 noon on Thursdays, from 28th September to 23rd November (not 2nd November). To reserve your place, please call 01285 885391 or email groups@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk

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Avening WI



Avening WI display at Kemble Roadshow

Before we took our usual summer break from our busy schedule of events, a group of AWI members attended a WI Roadshow at Kemble House, organised by Kemble and Ewen WI. The idea was for WI's to showcase what their group does, to other WI's and members of the public. The variety of things on our display reflected the fact that we are a very active WI. The weather was lovely and Kemble House garden provided the ideal setting for us to enjoy a delicious cream tea.

Good luck to our skittles team who won their last match in the GFWI Plate Competition and will now face Kilcot and Gorsley in the final. We don't claim to be first class skittlers, but we do have fun!

Our group walking the Cotswold Way completed the section from Cleeve Hill, the highest point on the trail, to Pegglesworth, on a very blustery and wet day. The climb at the end of the walk from Dowdeswell to Pegglesworth was steep and by then the sun was shining; we were very glad to reach the cars and sit down!

As this is a quiet time for AWI, I thought I'd take the opportunity to write about the National WI, and in particular its role in campaigning. The NFWI has a longstanding history of undertaking educational work and campaigning on a diverse range of issues. It was established to ensure that women are able to take an effective part in their community, to learn together, widen their horizons, improve and develop the quality of their lives and those of their communities and together influence local, national and international affairs on issues that matter to members.

The first campaign in 1918 called for a 'sufficient supply of convenient and sanitary houses, being of vital importance to women in the country'. Over the past 100 years campaigns have ranged from raising awareness of HIV and AIDS to women being eligible for jury service; from equal pay to climate change; on mental health issues and violence against women. The active campaigns include: 'Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife'; 'Thinking differently: Autistic and ADHD women'; and 'Stop Modern Slavery'.



Cotswold Way walkers Cleeve Hill in July

The WI has a powerful campaigning voice. It is the largest women's organisation in the UK and has a membership of over 200,000. The campaign issues are proposed by members and then democratically selected, with every member having a vote.

If you would like to know more, visit thewi.org.uk/campaigns.....it makes interesting reading.

At our September monthly meeting Stella Stonestreet (Barnes) will be telling us about 'My Life as a Writer'. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome.

For more information about Avening WI or any of our events please contact our secretary Helen at aveningwi@gmail.com or president Liz on 01453 833803.

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Small grants are available from the Sandford Trust, a charity for local young people going on to university or work based training. I would welcome applications from anyone living in the parish of Avening, on or before 8th September, after which the annual distribution of funds will be made.

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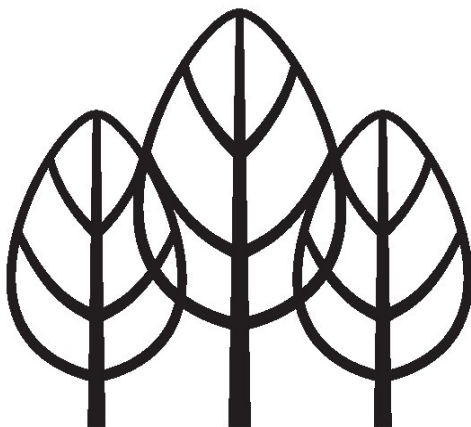
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Avening Community Café

Come along to enjoy hot drinks and homemade goodies at the Café on Tuesday mornings in the Social Club from 9 – 12. Mobile Post Office on site from 9:30 – 11:30.

The end of July saw the beginning of school holidays and we welcomed some younger members to the Café. Thanks to Angie from Playgroup for stories and a finger puppet theatre for the younger children during August. Also, thanks to Bob for running a Women's World Cup sweepstake.

We were pleased to see the return of a group of Bath rambblers who now plan their walks in this area to coincide with Café opening hours! It was good to have Tony Slater back for another IT help session in August.

"Art with Mark" resumes on 19 September, so come along and release your inner artist! - £3 a session, all materials provided. Tony will also return on 19 September holding a "digital photo helpdesk" – how to get the best photo results from your phone/camera.

The Café will be supporting the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on 26 September when all profits will go to this worthwhile charity.

We received a pleasant surprise at July's Avening Cinema when Sue and Sophie presented the Café with a cheque as part of their policy to donate cinema profits to local organisations/charities. Many thanks for this very kind gesture.

John Hetterley, for Avening Community Cafe



Art with Mark

AVENINGCINEMA CLUB



Avening Cinema Club would like to thank its members for continuing to come out to enjoy our showings and support this local offering! We are proud to make donations of £300 to the Avening Café and the Mark Townsend Trust, two local

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Cookery Corner

Blackberry Jelly



This year the blackberries are early, sweet, juicy and very plentiful, so I thought I would share my mother's tried and tested recipe for delicious blackberry jelly (i.e. jam without the pips). Since she was born back in 1928, the recipe is in imperial measures, but I've give approximate metric measures here as well.

- Pick blackberries and rinse them through, removing any stalks, leaves or wildlife!
- Weigh the blackberries and put them in a pot with 1/4 pint (0.57 litres) of water. Bring to the boil and then turn the heat down and simmer until the blackberries are soft — about 20 minutes simmering probably, depending how ripe they are.
- Strain the blackberries. The traditional way is to use a jelly bag, but to be honest, I find that a right fiddle, so I just use a large sieve. Theoretically you should leave them to drain overnight and not press or mix the blackberry mush, in order to ensure that the final result is very clear, but I am usually too impatient for that and don't leave it for longer than an hour or two, pressing the final bits of juice out with the back of a wooden spoon; seems to work OK. Throw away the blackberry mush carefully - blackberries stain everything they meet!
- Measure how much juice you have got and put into a large saucepan. Add 1 lb (454 gms) of granulated sugar per pint (0.57 litres) of juice and add the juice of 1/2 lemon per pint(ish). Bring it to the boil, stirring with a wooden spoon to make sure the sugar is not stuck on the bottom.
- When it has come to the boil, turn down to a medium heat and leave it boiling gently until the juice reaches 220°F (104.4°C). I find a jam or meat thermometer invaluable — there are various ways to 'test for setting' but nothing works as well as a thermometer. It must get to at least that temperature — half a degree less and it may not set. This will probably take at least an hour. You don't have to sit and watch it but be careful when it is nearing the final temperature as it can suddenly boil over when it gets much past setting temperature.
- A scum forms on the boiling liquid which doesn't improve the taste, so gently scrape this off towards the end of the boiling process.
- While it is boiling sterilise jars (about 1.5 standard jam jars per pint of juice) by filling them with boiling water, then place in a moderate oven to dry and keep warm
- When the jelly has reached boiling point, take off the heat and leave to cool down for about 15 to 30 minutes before pouring into the warm jars. Leave uncovered

until set, then put a circle of greaseproof paper on top of the jelly and seal. You don't have to buy official jam pot paper seals and cover: I usually just make my own paper circle and use the original tops on the pots.

It has a wonderful flavour so enjoy; it's particularly good with scones! In the sealed pot it should last as much as a year....if you can resist it that long!

Jane Archer

If anyone has a recipe that they would like to share, seasonal or otherwise, please do it send it along to us.

AVENINGCINEMA CLUB



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Avening Parish Council



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The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk



Are you struggling with damp and mould in your home?

Our Research and Campaigns team have been gathering evidence about the problem as we have seen a significant increase in the number of people coming to us about it.

There are many types of damp, the most common ones being rising, penetrating, construction and condensation damp. On our website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk) there is information that may help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do.

It is important to keep homes well-heated and well-ventilated to prevent damp and mould – you may be eligible for help to insulate and heat your home.

If you are a tenant it can be difficult to work out if your landlord is responsible - check your tenancy agreement for mentions of repairs and damp. A landlord will have to act in relation to damp if it makes the property unsafe for someone to live in. The landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out. If the damp has damaged items that the landlord is responsible for, such as carpets and window frames, they'll likely have to cover the cost of repairs.

If your landlord is responsible for the damp in your property but doesn't act, there are steps you can take, such as reporting them to the local authority. If you're in social housing you might also be able to use the landlord's formal complaints procedure.

If you cannot access the website or need further help after looking at it, you can contact us on 0808 800 0510 or email using the form on our local website (www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk).

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- Sept 8** **London Haydn Quartet:** A wonderful combination of Beethoven, Mendelssohn and, of course, Haydn. 7.30. Tickets £22, under 18s £15
- Sept 10** **Afternoon Music with Laraine Levin and Pupils:** An Afternoon Music Recital - a series of performances by Laraine Levin and her music students who play piano, flute and recorder and are between the ages of 7 and adults ranging in ability level. 3-5. Tickets: £8 adults. £5 under 18
- Sept 22** **The Making of Lucy:** Stroud Theatre Company uncovers the story of Rodmarton Manor, which Lucy discovered when she looks into her family history. With music, songs and dialogue. 7-9.30 Tickets: £12, under 18 £10
- Sept 24** **Tetbury Origins** – Family Learning Workshops and Guided Tour: Find out about when wool was the heart of the rural economy and go on a short, guided tour. 12.30 – 3.30 Tickets: £12



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Regular Activities in the Villages

Would organisers please let us know if there are any changes or additions to these events

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Community Café	Tuesday	9.00am - 12.00pm	Social Club	Gill Adams 07826 291759
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	9.30am - 11.30pm	Social Club car park	
Cherington PC	Tuesday bi-monthly	6.00pm	Cherington Village hall	Richard Smith 07884 265117
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Avening Youth Club	Every Tuesday in term time	6.30 – 8.00pm	Avening Memorial Hall	01453 756745
Avening Church- yard tidy up	Wednesday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Holy Cross churchyard	Churchwardens
Avening Art Group	Wednesday	10.00 – 12.00	Avening Park Farm	Community Café
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 church bell ringing	Wednesday	8.00- 9.00pm	Church bell tower	Andrew Lelliot Aslelliott37 @gmail.com
Summer Skittles League	Thursday/Friday	evening	Social Club	
Avening W.I.	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Social Club/ Memorial Hall	Liz 01453 833803
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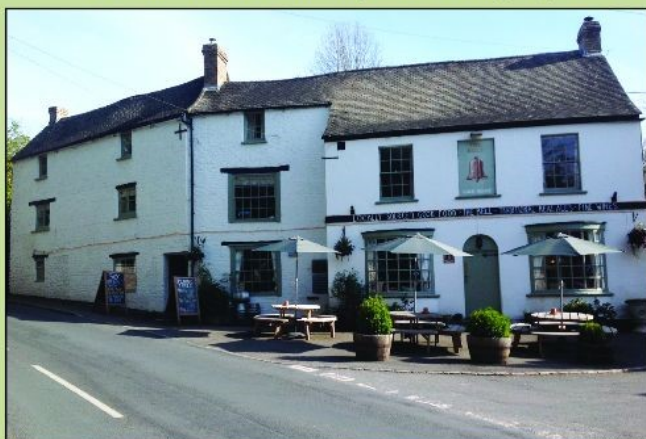


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