

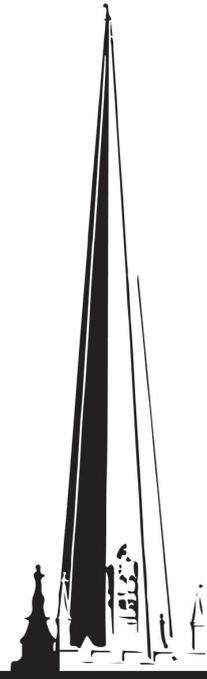


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# September 2018

Back to school, back to work - and back to weather as usual after all that lovely sun! (Plenty of reminders of it in our centre colour spread of Fete and Show photographs). So cheer yourself up by dressing up in appropriate medieval costume and celebrating Avening's unique Pig Face Day with a sumptuous feast on Saturday 15th September.

On the subject of celebrations, don't forget the Armistice Day events on 10th November. Volunteers are still needed to do readings, sing songs or generally help in any way they can. Further details in the magazine.

Finally, many apologies from the Editors for the rather embarrassing error that you probably spotted in the August issue of The Villager. It was hard not to notice a cover that seemed rather familiar and bore the words 'July 2018' emblazoned across the front. We will try not to let it happen again, but if you still have the version with the wrong cover (and repeat editorial, in case no one noticed!), hang on to it - it is sure to become a valuable collectors item!

*The Villager Editors*

## The Villager Magazine

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Many thanks to **Tony Slater** for this lovely photo illustrating the season of 'mellow fruitfulness'. If you have a photo of Avening or Cherington which you would like to share with us, please feel free to send it to us.

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# Regular Activities in Avening and Cherington

Please let us know if we have forgotten any regular event or if there is something you would like to have included here.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Mobile Post Office	Monday and Thursday	2.00 to 3.00pm	opposite 65, Sunground	J. Clutterbuck 01453 542754
Churchyard tidy up	Tuesday fortnightly	6.00 - 7.00pm	Holy Cross churchyard	Rev. Gerald 01453 834884
Cherington PC	Tuesday	6.00pm	Village Hall	Beverley 01453 832100
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Andrew 01453 835783
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Avening Youth Club	Every Tuesday in term time	6.00 - 7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Rev. Gerald 01453 834884
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
Avening Art Club	Thursday	2.00 - 4.00pm	Various	Mick 01453 836318
Avening W.I.	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Maisie 01453 834679
Avening PC	3rd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Caroline 01285 380041
Summer Skittles	Friday	8.00pm	Social club	Derrick Ind 01453 835752
Charity Quiz	1st Saturday each month	8.00pm	The Bell	
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4.00pm	Various	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090



# Your Village Hall Needs



**1914  
Roof**



**2018  
Appeal**



After almost 100 years service, the **Memorial Hall** is in need of some structural repairs, including a partial new roof. Many of the tiles will be re-used, but we will need to buy some new, expensive Cotswold stone tiles.

In addition to seeking grant funding, we are offering the opportunity for everyone to **'buy a tile' and remember a hero**. For just £10 per tile, tell us your story of a fallen family member from any conflict, or who fought and returned, and we will preserve it in a commemorative book for future generations to see.

**Contact the Parish Clerk, or download a form from  
[www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk)**



# THE PIG FACE CELEBRATION IS UNIQUE TO AVENING.....



so look up your medieval costume and be in the Church by  
5pm on Saturday 15th September.

There is to be a pork roast plus veggie burgers.....£4 per  
portion.

Bring a salad to share and your own bottle of mead wine  
(you can leave them in the Hall on your way).

Music and fun for us all to celebrate our beautiful Church!  
Saturday 15th September 5pm starting in the Holy Cross  
Church in the presence of His Majesty King William and  
Queen Matilda.

*This photo of Pig Face Celebrations in the 1960s shows Bevan  
Besr presenting the Pig — but can anyone identify the others  
in the picture?*

*Many thanks to Sandra Best for this photo.*

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Avening Church PCC Treasurer	Ann Brick	01453 834311
Avening Film Club	Kristiane Worsdell	01453 836515
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Over 60s Lunch Club	Christine Howell	01453 833246
Stroud Hospital	Reception	0300 421 8080
Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336
Women's Institute	Gwyneth Simpson	01453 836556



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

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

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

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

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

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

# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Did you know that our much loved village hall is a registered war memorial? We know it as the Memorial Hall, and it was built in 1922 in memory of the fallen of World War One. I am highlighting this in a very special year, because the old lady of the village needs some significant tender loving care to ensure she continues to be the centre of village life for years to come. Regular readers and hall users will be aware of the internal improvements made over the last couple of years – a new kitchen; refurbished reading room; new fire alarm system; PA and projection system, plus all the usual annual maintenance. We now need to turn our attention to the structure and fabric of the building, and the roof is top of the list. Early estimates indicate about £45,000, and along with other identified work, we are looking at some £50,000 of maintenance needed!

We can't do this alone, and we are following a number of lines to raise funds: The main source will be from grants – local council funds are available for these schemes, but being a war memorial, this opens other avenues as well. We are also reaching out to the community, and are pleased to launch a scheme for families to 'buy a tile' in memory of a relative who fell during any military conflict. Details are shown later in the magazine, but the idea is that for a donation, your details and story will be entered into a commemorative book for all to read. You will, of course, be helping to preserve the hall. In researching the ownership of the hall (confirmed as the PC), we came across a copy of the original conveyance document – it's amazing how many familiar names are on the deed – Playne, Calcutt and Lowsley-Williams to name a few. I've put a copy of this document on the website, and the new History Pages will soon feature the stories of our heroes from WW1.

We are closing in on a supplier to provision the new fence around the play equipment at the field, and the PC have confirmed the south west gate to the field will no longer be available in order to complete the safe zone. It will also be a dog free area.

The first big event after the holidays is the Queen Matilda Feast or Pig Face Day on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5pm in the church, and then in the hall for the feast - a pig roast at £4 a head. Bring your own mead, which can be left in the hall beforehand. Mandy and I are honoured to be chosen as Queen Matilda and King William, and we look forward to welcoming many of our citizens for the celebration. The PC is supporting the event, and are subsidising costume hire from Cotswold Costumes, but the offer is limited, so book as soon as you can.

***Tony Slater AKA King William of Normandy***

**Saturday 10th November**

**Avening Armistice  
Celebrations**

**5pm**

**Avening Church**

**Son et Lumiere in Remembrance of  
the ending of WWI**

**6.30 - 11pm**

**Avening Memorial Hall**

**Celebrate the music and dance of the  
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representing a variety of village groups - but  
there is always room for more.**

**If you would like to take part please contact  
Jane (jwhaley1@aol.com) or Mandy  
(mandy@talktalk.net)**

# Avening and Cherington



## There are some special things going on in September .....

### .... Start of a new term

If you are leaving your youngster for the first day of term it is a very significant moment – as you walk away from the school on 4<sup>th</sup> September come and have a drink and a snack up in the church ‘café on the hill’. The invitation is also open to all parents – and indeed anyone else, 8.45 to 10am. We are calling it ‘Tea and Tissues’ but you are more than welcome even if you are not feeling the need for the tissues.

### .... Queen Matilda and Pig Face Day

The Avening village history goes back many centuries and includes the period at the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> century when our church was built in unique circumstances. On 15<sup>th</sup> September we will celebrate some of the events of that time, firstly in church at 5pm and then moving to the hall for a medieval feast organised by the Parish Council. Do join their Majesties.

### .... Harvest

Also on 15<sup>th</sup> Cherington will celebrate harvest festival with a service in church at 5.30pm followed by supper in the hall.

### .... Outdoors

Many people find that their most profoundly spiritual moments are when they are in the great outdoors. Forest Church is a modern movement, with roots in the long Christian tradition of engagement in nature, such as the Celtic and Franciscan approaches. It offers the opportunity to relate to God and the depth of existence in and through our connection with the natural world, without the normal constraints and formalities of a service in a church building.

We are planning such an event on the afternoon of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. By kind permission of Avening residents Estelle and Ant St John Smith, it will be held in their wood which is about a mile’s walk from Avening village but may also be accessed by car. Activities will be ‘child-friendly’ and there will be some time for refreshments so bring a drink and a snack, although marshmallows for cooking on the fire will be provided. There are plenty of logs to sit on but you may like to bring a camping chair.

### .... Café Church

There will be another café style service at Avening on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 11am. This very informal approach offers an opportunity to meet with each other, share some thoughts and offer some worship alongside a cup of coffee (or

tea) and a piece of cake.

**Churchyard tidy-ups** at Avening continue on alternate Tuesdays, 6pm to 7pm - volunteers very welcome.

**Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington. 01453 834884  
gp.south@btopenworld.com**

### From the Church Registers

15<sup>th</sup> August Funeral and burial of Brian Cook (Cherington)

18<sup>th</sup> August Wedding of Josh Wilson and Charlotte Adkin (Cherington)

### Church Services and Events

Sept	Holy Cross Avening	St Nicholas Cherington
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wedding	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist
4 <sup>th</sup>	8.45 am Tea and Tissues	
4 <sup>th</sup>	12.30-1.00 Praying the Parishes (Avening Rectory)	
4 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm Churchyard tidy-up	
9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am Said Eucharist 5.30 pm Evening Prayer (Said)	9.30 am Eucharist
12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm Compline	
15 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm Matilda & Pig Face Day	5.30 pm Harvest Festival
16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist	-
18 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm Churchyard tidy-up	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00 pm Forest Church	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Morning Prayer
30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am Said Eucharist 11.00 am Café Service	2.30 pm Baptism
<b>October</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Harvest Festival	9.30 am Eucharist

## From the Vickery Family

Julie and family would like to send a heartfelt thank you to each and every villager, who took the time to send cards, flowers and good wishes to us during a very sad time.

A special thank you to Reverend Gerald South, Celia Carter and Lydia Clever for making the service extra special.

Seeing the church so full and hearing people's stories and memories of Derek was something none of us will forget, just like none of us will forget him.

All our love

The Vickerys

(The grandchildren and great-grandchildren blew bubbles up to Heaven for Derek and Nicola)



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# Son et Lumiere

## Saturday 10th November

The Parish Council are organising a special music, film and biography experience by the Church on Saturday 10th November for us all to join in and realise the enormity of this night 100 years ago just hours away from the Armistice.

We are looking for 6 young men and two women aged 16-25 to read on the night. Please get in touch with Click on 01453 836442 if you would like to do so.

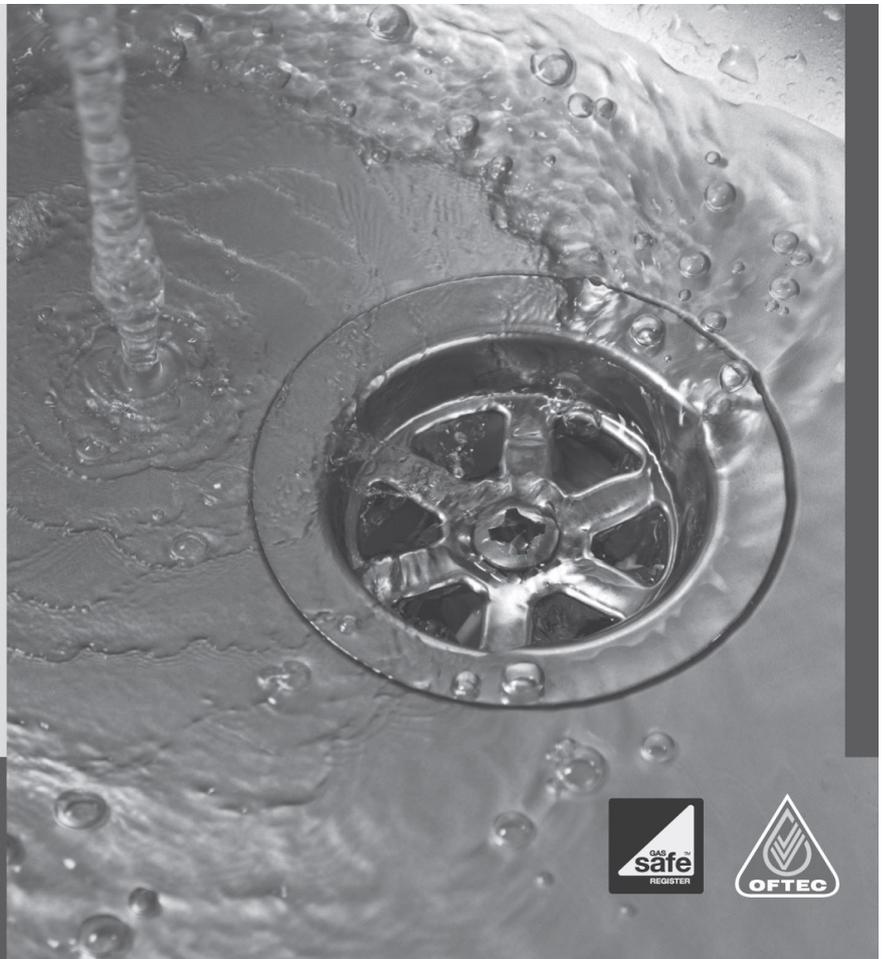
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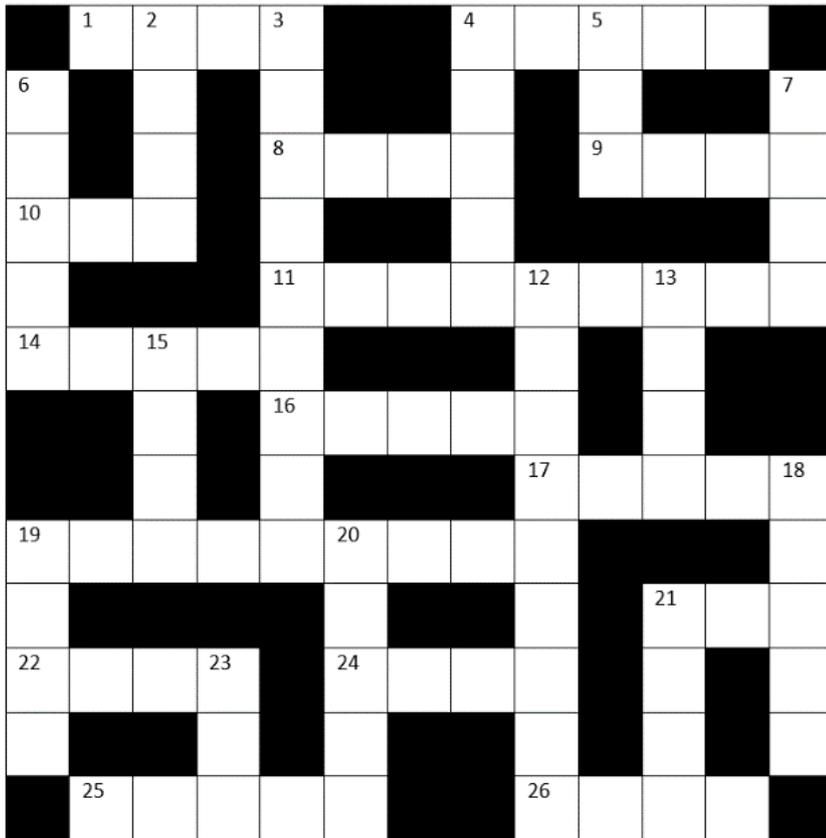
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# Puzzle Corner

(Answers on page 36)

Many thanks to our volunteer guest compiler! Bit trickier than usual



## Across

- 1,4 This church sounds thoroughly angry [4,5]
- 8 Sure to be reformed as the operator [4]
- 9 Red 5 used on a Cherington field and at 2D [4]
- 10 French man goes to a pole and gets nothing [3]
- 11 Leg tinge I suffered can produce a big bang [9]
- 14 18 of these on 6 Common [5]
- 16 Crown held by Croatia radio [5]
- 17 Conventional but looks as though the PA system is deficient [5]

- 19 Chanted circle in this Avening area [9]
- 21 Enemy loses tail and acquires an unknown cunning creature [3]
- 22, 24 Goes on about the boss between villages [4,4]
- 25 Cruise on it or put it in the bin [5]
- 26 Dismay losing a princess is prepared for items of food [4]

## Down

- 2 Not a circular cricket ground [4]
- 3 Child with a mangled grey snout [9]
- 4 Deli grocer provides head to tail Queen's dog [5]
- 5 Rob becomes spherical [3]
- 6 Cumin, chives and parsley contain a local abbreviation [5]
- 7 Sounds as though this gin would take a long time to make - or drink [4]
- 12 He is to his 23's 23, colloquially [9]
- 13 Something that distorts time [4]
- 15 Creature said to have the biggest part [4]
- 18, 21 Is this where to get apples in Cherington? [5,4]
- 19 Dispatched and heard to be with an aroma [4]
- 20 Decapitated sibling is something else [5]
- 23 Resonance involves a close relative [3]

**Sudoku  
will return next  
month**

# “Tea and Tissues”

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

8.45 to 10 am

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



*Toys will be set out for younger children.*

## 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 if you drop them off at 5, Orchard Field. 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.

## FOREST CHURCH

For those of all ages who love being outdoors.

Let's look at the beauty of the natural world and say thank you to its creator for it – and have some fun as well.



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

in West Ruggers Green Wood\*, Avening  
(by kind permission of Estelle and Ant St John Smith)

Bring a drink and a snack – we will provide marshmallows for cooking on the fire. Plenty of logs to sit on but you may like to bring a camping chair.

Either meet at 2.00pm at Avening Church for the mile walk or meet there\* at 2.30 pm.

\* for directions please see [www.wildwoodlandcelebrations.co.uk](http://www.wildwoodlandcelebrations.co.uk) or phone 01453 834884

# Avening W.I.

Just a brief report for this month as we do not have a full programme of activities during August. However, we continued to provide lunches and teas under our “Bite to Eat” scheme. A very lively 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party tea at Cherington Village hall was much appreciated by the guests as was the Stroud Macular Society lunch which has become a regular event in the Avening Social Club.

We held a Social Evening for our members with an excellent “bring and share” supper. We invited Ross Frowen the author of 10,000 Bowls of Soup to talk to us about the project inspired by his son who had worked with many of the refugees who had escaped mostly in dinghies from war torn Syria and Afghanistan landing on the Greek Islands where the local authorities were overwhelmed by the sheer number of arrivals. Of course many of you may know that the project to produce the book was entirely carried out by Avening residents. At the end of the evening many books were sold to the members and a cheque given to Medecin Sans Frontieres who are now overseeing the care of most of the refugees.

We do not often mention all the activities that we could and take part in that are organised by the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs. Looking through the latest newssheet they include Bowls, Batik, Croquet, Drummimg, Clay Pigeon Shooting and Archery taster days. An annual holiday is arranged and this year it is to Malta. These activities are all very well supported.

I am pleased to report that the number of our members has increased to 40 this year.

Our September speaker is Dick Robinson whose illustrated talk is entitled “The Amazing WW1 Diaries of Sister Edith Appleton OBE”. Edith was Dick’s great aunt and she never spoke of her wartime experience. She trained at Barts and later served as a QA sister in Flanders and France throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. She wrote a fascinating daily diary, discovered by Dick after it had lain in a drawer for 50 years, which was published in 2012 by the Imperial War Museum. Excerpts have been broadcast on radio and television.

The talk will take place during our meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall. Visitors are very welcome to join us.

***Gwyneth Simpson***

# Avening Playgroup

We run sessions every morning between 9.15 and 12.15 and offer lunch clubs on certain days. We are also able to offer a longer day until 3pm on Thursdays.

If you have a child who will be three years old during the coming school year and you would like them to join our playgroup, then please contact us.

## Avening Playgroup

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# Cherington Show

## A Wonderful Time Was Had By All!



The Cherington Show this year was again a bumper success. With a record number of visitors, we had many coming to enjoy the animals. Rudi the Otter was with us again, the sheep, the ducks, the beagles, the vintage tractors, the children's games and amazing stalls from designer clothes to home made cakes and more, and of course the dog show.



Amazingly we ran out of the barbecue, Pimms, ice creams and for the first time ever, raffle tickets too.

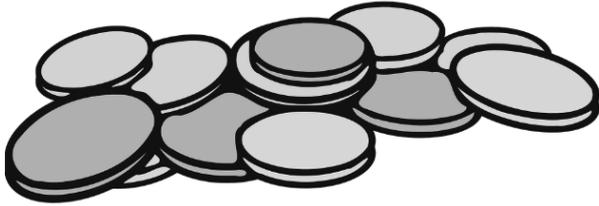
There were people everywhere! It was so lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves.

We have a plethora of people to thank for putting on this show, too many to thank individually, but everyone, and we mean everyone in the village had a part to play, and played it most magnificently. Thank you to all those in Cherington and beyond who work hard to make the show happen, and thank you to all the lovely visitors who came and enjoyed the day! The money raised will go towards supporting the Cricket Club, Church and Village Hall.

The mop up meeting is on September 3rd at 7 pm in Cherington Church.

***Kate Gegg & Zac Curtis.***

## Our Parish Church — How Much Does it Cost?



How much are the average daily outgoings of Avening Parish Church? £5?, £10?, £20?

No, last year nearly £100 went from the funds each day, well over £2500 each month and this year is not likely to be less.

Where does it all go? In very round figures over a third on maintenance of the church building and the churchyard, a quarter or so on general running costs (including insurances, heating, church services) and about a third to the work of the Diocese of Gloucester. This last outgoing is used by the Diocese to pay those clergy who receive an income (many do not), to house clergy, provide pensions and training, together with the many administrative costs of running the Diocese. It is worth noting that many paid clergy are working and living in deprived areas and providing for their local community in a way that no other organisation does.

Where does all this money come from? From Church of England central funds? - No. From Diocesan funds? – No. from thin air? – No. It is all locally raised from the regular giving of those who support the church, from fund raising, from fees charged for weddings and funerals, and from other donations and bequests. Nevertheless it is looking likely that there will be a significant deficit in the church accounts by the end of this year.

The management of all this is a big undertaking for the small group of volunteers who are involved in the running of our parish church and thanks go to them for their time, energy and commitment.

If you value the presence of the church in Avening and across Gloucestershire, even if you do not choose to worship here regularly, and would like to contribute to the financial demands outlined above there are several ways to do this. It could, for example, be a one-off donation or a monthly direct debit, which greatly helps in budgeting expenditure.

To arrange this please contact the Treasurer of Avening Church, Ann Brick, 7 Hawthorn Ridge, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos. GL6 0TF, Tel. 01453 834311 or speak with one of us.

***Gerald South and the Avening Parochial Church Council***

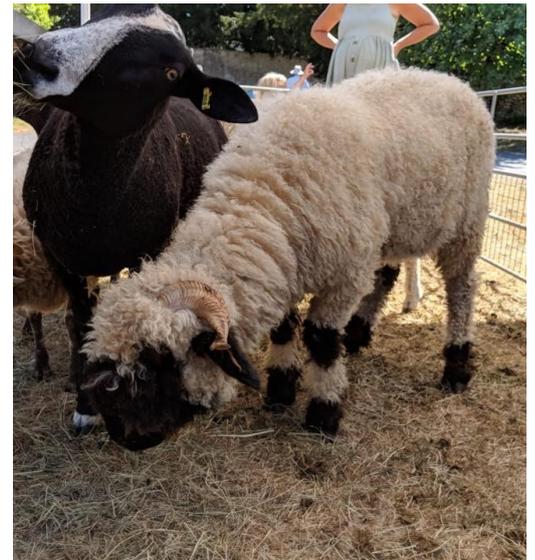
# May: Avening AGM and Show



# June: Avening Fete



# July: Cherington Show



*Many thanks to Charles Rymer, Tony Slater, Elizabeth Buchanan, Jane Archer and Henry Arden for these photos. And apologies for not having anything from the school fete - but no one sent us any photos. Maybe next year? Eds.*



# Avening School

## Welcome to a new year at Avening School!

September has arrived and with it a new academic year lies ahead with so much to look forward to. We would like to say a huge hello and welcome to our brand new reception class and an equally huge welcome to our new staff member Miss Ellis who will be the Kestrels (y1/2) new class teacher. The rest of the school all take a leap forward into a new year group and one of the first things to happen within the new classes is our school council election. The school council is elected at the beginning of every new school year. Throughout the year, they make important decisions towards the running of the school and independently come up with and ideas and suggestions on how to make improvements within the school. Last year's school council took part in the interviewing process for the new Kestrels class teacher.

We have plenty to look forward to this term with new class topics, brand new after school clubs as well as the firm favourites. Included in this is our young voices choir who will be learning the songs for the annual young voices concert which will take place at the Birmingham NEC in January. Mr Wilkinson will waste no time in arranging the sports fixtures for the year ahead and our Fledgling sessions will resume on Friday afternoons at 2pm. Fledglings is a one hour session run by the amazing Mrs Carter from our reception class and open to all pre-schoolers and their parents/guardians on Friday afternoons at 2pm in the school garden.

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

**Alex Adcock**

### Sandford Trust

Small grants are available from the Sandford Trust, a charity for local young people going on to university or work based training. I would welcome applications from anyone living in the parish of Avening, on or before 14<sup>th</sup> September, after which the annual distribution of funds will be made.

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# Avening Youth Club



Hope you've all enjoyed your Summer break. We're looking forward to seeing you all again and hopefully welcoming new faces now that September is here again! New for this school year is our Young Leader scheme. See below.

September is Friendship Month. Here's the programme:

## **4<sup>th</sup> September - Re-create your summer**

A chance to re-create your summer holidays with all sorts of craft materials.

Share your summer stories with your friends.

## **11<sup>th</sup> September – Team Challenge Night**

Scavenger Hunt – Which team will work together to be the first to find the hidden treasure?

## **18<sup>th</sup> September – Fantastic Friends**

A chance to take part in an act of random kindness challenge for your friends

## **25<sup>th</sup> September– PARTY Night**

Celebrating all things friendship with a party night!

Youth Club is for anyone aged 8 to 14, from Avening, Nags Head, or Cherington. We meet every Tuesday in term time from 6 to 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall. **Once you're 13 we'll ask you to be a Young Leader and help out (don't worry, we'll give you training).**

Cost is just £1 a time to include a healthy snack. Just come along and see what's what if you haven't been before. We'll make you welcome.

**For parents or carers:** The Youth Club is run by The Door (find their website at [www.thedoor.org.uk](http://www.thedoor.org.uk)). They provide qualified and experienced Youth Workers. You just need to leave an emergency contact number when you drop your young person off. If they come on their own, we need them to give us a number to contact.

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We're asking anyone who values our region's historic churches to take part in GHCT's sponsored Ride + Stride event on September 8th. It's a great way to explore the local area with the fascinating history of local churches as a focal point. The money raised is split between the Trust and a participant's chosen church.

"Whether you're planning a full day cycling between a hundred churches, or a short driving tour to two or three, anyone can participate in Ride+Stride", said Glenn Duff, Regional Organiser. "All the region's churches are marked on the map at [ghct.org.uk](http://ghct.org.uk) to help people plan a route."

Ride + Stride welcomes cyclists of all abilities, as well as walkers, horse-riders and drivers. Just as important are those who take part welcoming others to their church – perhaps getting sponsored to play music, clean the church or mow the churchyard. If your church doesn't have a Local organiser, perhaps you could co-ordinate the activity?

Contact Glenn if you'd like to know more about taking part, to order a banner advertising the event or to update the information for your church: [rideandstride@ghct.org.uk](mailto:rideandstride@ghct.org.uk) or call 01452 538271.

The event takes place on Saturday 8 September and full details can be found at [www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride](http://www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride)

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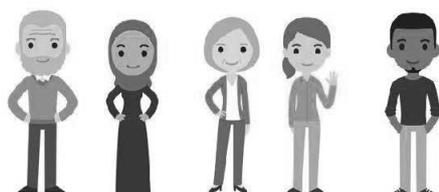


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# Locally-Based Charities

This table gives information about charities which are based in and around Avening and Cherington. Periodically, we will give a more detailed outline of what each organisation does.

Please let us know if any information is incorrect and also if you know of any other charities which should be included - we know there are plenty for this list.

<b>Charity</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Further Information</b>
Friends of Avening School (FOAS )	FOAS raises money to help with various projects and activities at the school.	01453 833191
Horsfall House	Provides nursing care for residents, a Day Centre 6 days a week Home Care and meals on Wheels in the local area.	01453 731227
Hop, Skip & Jump Foundation	Provide high quality respite care for children and young adults with disabilities and SEN	hoskipandjump.org.uk 01453 836390 marcoms@hopskipandjump.org.uk
Mark Townsend Charitable Trust	Providing help for young people with mental health issues	themarktownsend-charitabletrust.com 01453 832799
Friends of Little Stars	Fundraising and support for Little Stars School for underprivileged children in Varanasi, India	Kieran Archer 01453 832992 littlestarsschool.org
Avening Church of England Educational Fund	To support and promote the education of those under the age of 25 resident in the parish of Avening.	Stephanie Hamilton, 07796 981308
Longfields	Supporting any adult affected by life-limiting illness to live well; to die well; and to care well.	01453886868 <a href="mailto:day.services@longfield.org.uk">day.services@longfield.org.uk</a>

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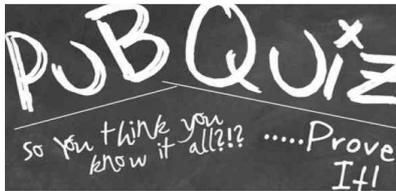
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We have no fixed ideas about how this might evolve but we need to start somewhere and at this stage we really do need ideas and input from across the village. We are going to gather at the **Social Club on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** to make plans for an October launch. **Please join us.** If you have ideas and suggestions to share but can't make this date, please email [jennie.south@btopenworld.com](mailto:jennie.south@btopenworld.com) or tel 01453 834884 or tel Eileen Ind 01453 835752 before 18<sup>th</sup> Sept please.

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***Gerald South***

## 'Dear People' - I Think That Means You!

Yes, 'Dear People!' – the opening to the eye-catching poster (copied below) recently displayed on the front of a house in Avening. It turned out to be the work of young Elsie Hawker, a pupil at Avening Primary School. How heart-warming it is to see the action she took in response to her concern for the wellbeing of our fragile world.

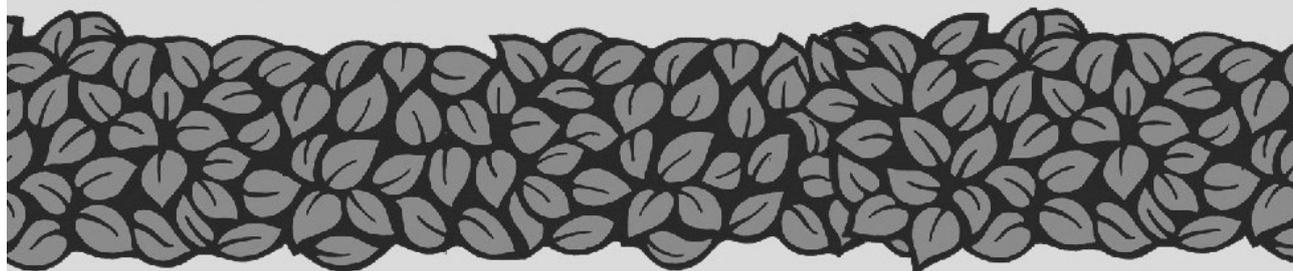
This poster and my subsequent conversation with Elsie reminded me of the 'Down to Earth' article by Marilyn Jones on page 30 of the March edition of The Villager. Marilyn highlighted many of the destructive consequences of plastic. She shared possible ways of reducing the amount of plastic we use. Her idea of a whole village approach to 'plastic free' may be a while off here but meanwhile I offer another small change that would help. It is the refill service offered by outlets such as Shiny Goodness Ltd ([www.shinygoodness.co.uk](http://www.shinygoodness.co.uk)) the health food store in Nailsworth. They offer, for example, refills for washing up and laundry products as well as shampoo and shower gel. You might also try out a bamboo toothbrush!

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# Avening Parish Council



## Hospital Car Service

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## Waste and Recycling Service Review

Cllr Bendall reported on a workshop he had recently attended where opinions were sought on a number of proposals in relation to waste and recycling collections.

The proposals related to various suggested changes to the way waste is separated and how often it is collected. The Parish Council's view was that the collections should not become less frequent and that there should be a maximum of 3 collection bins per household for rubbish, recycling and garden waste.

## Planning Applications

Ref. No: 18/02374/FUL: Erection of single storey extension and garage - Fern Cottage 5 Mays Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NX

*No objections raised*

Ref. No: 18/02467/FUL: Insertion of two gables - Woodhouse Farm, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8NH

*No objections raised*

Ref: 18/02674/FUL : Full Application for Change of use from boathouse to single dwelling including, repair and refurbishment, extension, garage and parking (Revised Scheme) at Boat House Gatcombe Water, Avening, Gloucestershire  
*Councillors felt that the size and scale of the garage was inappropriate for an unspoilt wooded valley.*

Ref: 18/02779/FUL: Full Application for Construction of three first floor balconies at Minchinhampton Golf Club, Avening, Gloucestershire GL6 9AQ

*No objections raised*

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 20 September** 2018 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Agendas will be displayed on the village notice boards. Minutes of our meetings are available to view at [www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk)

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Tuesday 4th September	Start of new school year	Avening School	
Saturday 8th September	Ride and Stride for Gloucestershire Historic Churches		See ad for details
Tuesday 11th September	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Thursday 20th September	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	.30pm
Saturday 15th September	Pig Face Day	Holy Cross Church	5.00pm
Saturday 22 September	Forest Church	West Ruggers Green Wood	2.30pm
Saturday 10th November	End of WWI Centenary Celebration	Avening Memorial Hall and around the Church	tbc
Sunday 11th November	End of WWI Centenary Celebration	Cherington Bonfire	tbc



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Threading	Facials
Tinting	Spray tans
Manicures	Ear Piercing
Pedicures	Makeup

### Massage Treatments

Swedish  
Aromatherapy  
Hot stone  
Indian head