

# The Villager

A Magazine for Avening, Cherington  
and Nags Head

April 2019

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# April 2019

Over the last few days the weather seems to have been making an effort to make everything seem more spring like. What a difference a little sun, a few bulbs and greening leaves can make to how we all feel. It really does help to dispel a little of the depression that many must feel, not only because of our own calamitous events in the UK, but because of the tragedies unfolding in New Zealand and elsewhere. I don't know how many readers saw the enchanting item on the News recently where an industrious little mouse was caught on camera tidying up a potting shed. The owner had begun to think the shed was haunted! Such a little thing seemed to lift the misery, which all the other headlines had created.

Easter is on the horizon and readers may be interested in some of the services and activities planned over the coming weeks, which it is hoped will appeal to all ages.

Finally, don't forget to look at the Chairman of the Parish Council's letter, with its reminders of forthcoming events in the village and its request for nominations for Villager of the Year.

*The Villager Editors*

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Many thanks to **Charles Rymer** for this photo, taken from Rectory Lane above Sandford Leaze.

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. You never know, it might turn up on the front cover...!

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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	12.00 to 1.00pm	opposite 65, Sunground	J. Clutterbuck 01453 542754
Community Cafe	Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30am	Social Club	
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 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

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Avening Church PCC Treasurer	Ann Brick	01453 834311
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Avening Social Club	Derrick Ind	01453 835752
Avening Youth Club	Revd. Gerald South The Door	01453 834884 01453 756745

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Cotswold District Councillor	Richard Morgan	
Friends of Avening School	Mel Pegler	01453 833191
Over 60s Lunch Club	Christine Howell	01453 833246
South Cotswold Community Wellbeing Agent		01452 528491
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



## **Local elections 2019**

This is the last chance to join the Parish Council through the May elections. Applications are available from the clerk and must be with CDC by 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## **Avening's Got Talent**

Date for your diary – **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1.30 – 4.00pm** – Free entry. Building on the success of the last two 'Annual Village Meetings', this year's will be even bigger and better. That's a bold statement, but we will be hosting the event at the playing field, which will give us lots more room for inflatables, lambs, ponies, tractors and local crafts. We will have a stage tent to showcase how 'Avening's Got Talent', so anyone who would like to perform a song, dance, tell some jokes, or display their products during the afternoon, let us know ASAP. For the children there will be Punch & Judy, and to keep the adults fed and watered during the entertainment we will have a Prosecco/beer bar (not free I'm afraid!), cream teas, and a hog roast. Current plans include some sporting activities, but we will need a bit of help from our slightly fitter friends to organise that bit. We will also have details on show of our simplified improvements plan for the field.

## **Villager of the Year**

This is your last opportunity to nominate anyone who you think has contributed significantly to village life in the last year (or longer). We're also looking for junior and student nominations for our younger residents. Please let me, the clerk, or any councillor know your nominations as soon as possible, but by 12<sup>th</sup> April at the very latest.

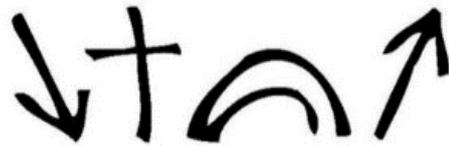
## **Footpaths**

Last month I highlighted some issues with local footpaths, and asked landowners to help keep them open. A landowner asked me to point out that this is a 2-way relationship. The public should always keep to the footpath, and keep dogs under control – basic country code stuff. We are lucky enough to have lots of fields around us, but where animals might be present dogs should ALWAYS be on a lead. I include the playing field here, as there have been incidents recently where children have been knocked over by boisterous pets and could have been hurt. Know your pet and keep it under control! Farms and woodlands are private property and are working environments so can be dangerous – sometimes it is necessary to be less flexible with access, so please adhere to any notices or instructions,

and be extra careful. Most landowners are only too happy to allow people to walk across their land but it has to be respected. The majority of walkers genuinely respect the countryside, but I don't think many would be happy if random people rocked up in their gardens and let their dogs poo everywhere, and pushed their boundary fences down!

*Tony Slater*  
*Chairman*

## *Celebrate Easter*



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**9.30 am at Cherington Church**

**11.00 am at Avening Church**

**Easter eggs for all!**

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Thank you!



# Avening and Cherington Churches



## Living an uncertain life in an uncertain world

As this is being written it is not known whether you are now reading it in a country that still belongs to the EU: either way there remain many uncertainties about the future of politics and economics in our country.

Such lack of certainty often pervades our personal lives too. Spare a thought for those people some two thousand years ago who saw the person they most respected, the one who seemed to be bringing hope and love to a challenging world, being utterly humiliated, tortured and murdered in the most degrading way. To them at that time any chance of a bright future would appear to have gone: the world and their lives devastated.

We are now entering a period of the year when the events surrounding the life of Jesus, his death and resurrection come into sharp focus. What really did happen then? Read the gospel accounts and perhaps one or more of the many books that have been written about it, then form your own judgement. However, whatever it was that did happen, the result on those friends of Jesus was quite extraordinary: they changed from being dejected and demoralised to being a joyful and successful force for good. The Christian community they initiated has transformed the lives of countless others over the years since, including the lives of many of our Avening and Cherington villagers today.



So if you are feeling that there seems little hope, or even just that all is not well, the Easter story may provide some perspective and encouragement to see things differently. That may not necessarily be easy to do on one's own. Our church services (see below) and our church communities are here for all. Church is not for the holy and righteous, it is for each of us wherever we 'are at' and shares the Easter message with everyone. If you are not used to churchy things, why not give it a try? Our churches will be holding services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, the much valued Tenebrae service on Good Friday with the Avening Angels and Easter Sunday ..... not to mention the rest of the year.

## Annual Church Meetings

These are the occasions when our churches review the past year and look forward to the coming one. This can include the appointment of wardens and church council members.

## All Age Services

As we came to the end of Fairtrade Fortnight our service at Cherington on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March reminded us that there are many people in our world who are

treated unfairly: buying Fairtrade goods – bananas, coffee, tea, chocolate, wine, gold and many others – can help to ensure that the world becomes a fairer place.

The Palm Sunday service at Cherington (9.30 am) will also be a very family friendly one, not too long and with something for everyone.

### From the Registers

21<sup>st</sup> February     Funeral and burial of Eileen Ind (Avening)  
 10<sup>th</sup> March        Baptism of Sebastian Maggs (Cherington)  
 4<sup>th</sup> March         Marriage of David Hadden and Emma Hatherall (Avening)  
 17<sup>th</sup> March        Baptism of Lena Tindall (Cherington)

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

## Church Services and Events

April	Holy Cross Avening	St Nicholas Cherington
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12.30 Praying the Parish	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00 pm Lent Evening	
7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist
10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm Annual Meetings	
13 <sup>th</sup>		10.00 am Annual Meetings
14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Palm Sunday Service	9.30 am Palm Sunday Service
18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Avening)	
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am Good Friday Morning for Children and Families (Avening) 2.00 pm Tenebrae Service for Good Friday (Avening)	
21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 am Easter Eucharist	9.30 am Easter Eucharist
28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 pm Morning Prayer
May 5	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist
12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am Eucharist 5.30 pm Evening Prayer	10.30 am All Age Service

## Avening W.I.



On a bright but chilly day in March, fourteen members enjoyed a walk in the Old Arboretum at Westonbirt, taking advantage of the Bring a Friend offer. We saw some beautiful camellias and early rhododendrons in flower, as well as an impressive pink

magnolia just breaking into bud. We also spotted the Gruffalo and his friends hiding in the woods, before making our way to the café for lunch.

There was an equally impressive turnout of members for a friendly skittles match at the Social Club. The high scores bode well for our entry in the county competition which starts shortly.

Our March speaker, Graeme Payne, gave us an entertaining account of the history of the Royal Train, from the first journey by Prince Albert from Paddington to Slough to the present day. He had some amusing anecdotes about the varying requirements of the royal passengers through the years, and of the other passengers allowed to use the trains.

We are hoping to see lots of villagers and friends at our next Fun Quiz at the Social Club on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 7 for 7.30 pm. Teams of four may compete and the cost is £4 a head, which includes a ploughman's supper. Don't worry if you do not have a full team, there are usually people to make up the numbers if necessary. All proceeds will go to Longfields in memory of Eileen Ind.

The speaker at our meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April will be Rose Hewlett who will be giving tips on how to trace the history of your house. Rose's infectious enthusiasm brings history alive so, if you fancy becoming a 'house detective', come along to the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. We are a very friendly group and our membership is now at an all-time high of 42. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

*Helen Haiselden*

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		6	9		7	3		
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	4		6		3			8
			8	9		4		

Answers on page 32

## Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 - 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

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## Across

1. Consigns (8)
4. Upkeep (4)
8. Majestic (5)
10. Young swans (7)
11. Svelte (7)
12. Short letter (4)
14. Musical interval of eight tones (6)
16. Plant fibre (6)
19. Long narrative poem (4)
21. Kind of nonfictional prose (7)
24. Nonattendance (7)
25. Sound (5)
26. Large woody plant (4)
27. Mental state induced by suggestion (8)

## Down

1. Ridicule (8)
2. Still legally acceptable (5)
3. An extreme attainment (6)
5. Alarm (5)
6. Facilitate (4)
7. Order of business (6)
9. Outstanding (5)
13. Famished (8)
15. Empty (6)
17. Confronted (5)
18. Seldom (6)
20. Ski run (5)
22. Public transport (5)
23. Immense (4)

# AVENING PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 2019

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“MY FAMILY AND OTHER ANIMALS”, “WATER”  
“CAPTURING THE CHARACTER”, “WILDLIFE”



# Avening Playgroup

As Avening Playgroup is a small, local charity we are always very grateful to receive donations of any kind. Recently, we were very lucky to have been given a wooden kitchen, which the children love to play with in the Wendy House, and a car for them to ride on, as well as a selection of smaller toys. Thank you very much for these donations. We have also been extremely fortunate that some parents have given up their own time to put up the repainted murals and to clear all the brambles around the playgroup. Once again a big thank you to them all. It is very much appreciated.



*Tree display*

We are required to have a committee to run the playgroup, and we are badly in need of committee members. Whilst 60% are required to be parents of children at playgroup, the other 40% can be anyone who would be able to volunteer their time to support us. We are currently in desperate need of a Treasurer, and will need a new committee Chair in July. If you could spare a few hours a month to support us in either of these roles please contact the playgroup, we would be very grateful indeed!

Since the last article the children and staff have been looking carefully at what is happening to the trees and flowers in the playground. We have been watching the daffodils and leaves on the trees start to grow and get bigger. The children have been drawing daffodils and painting blossom doilies, both of which have been put on our tree display.

The children have also had fun taking part in 'Funky Fingers' activities. These help

*Wet dogs!*



the children to build up their upper body and finger/hand strength in order to prepare them for writing. They have been threading beads onto string and spindles, placing small pegs in peg boards, picking stickers off a sticker sheet and sticking them onto paper and tracing over lines and the letters in their names. We have also been doing activities from the 'Let's Move' programme which is aimed at developing and strengthening the children's balance and co-ordination. They particularly enjoyed the 'wet dog' warm up



*Pyjamas*

activity.

We have also been looking closely at shapes and the numbers 1 to 6. The children have coloured in shapes, traced over numbers, rolled a dice and found the correct numeral to match the number of spots as well as doing lots of shape and number puzzles.

As many of the children at playgroup have siblings at Avening Primary School we decided to follow their lead and dress up in our pyjamas for Red Nose Day. They all thought this was very funny.

If you would like any information about our lovely playgroup or you would like to put your child's name down on our waiting list, please call us on 01453 832695 or email [aveningplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.com). We are open weekday mornings during term time.

*Angie Heslop*

## Friends of Avening School

Unfortunately we've had to cancel our Wine Tasting evening. (Dates that the supplier could do didn't work well with our dates.)

FOAS are busy preparing for our annual Bear Hunt which takes place on Saturday 15th June. Maps will be on sale from the school grounds from 11am.

Our summer fete raffle is reliant on generous donations, so if there are any businesses in the village that would like to donate a prize, then all donations gratefully received.

*FOAS Committee*



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# Avening School

## We are curious at Avening School!

As we head swiftly towards the Easter holidays, it is with pride and satisfaction that we can reflect on the spring term which has been packed full of trips, visitors, sports tournaments and celebration.

World Book Day was a roaring success with the school being transformed overnight into the Indian jungle. As children entered through the gates on Monday morning, they walked underneath vines and greenery to jungle sounds being played through an amplifier in the playground. We had tigers, panthers, jungle girls and boys, elephants, bears, snakes, monkeys and a crocodile congregate in the hall for morning assembly where children were introduced to the story of *The Jungle Book* and then sorted into their houses ready for a day of activities. Throughout the day, each house enjoyed a session outside in the school garden creating jungle themed craft and listening to 'The Jungle Book' being read to them as they toasted marshmallows over the campfire and drank jungle juice. There was also a dance and movement session in the hall; a singing session; and an art class where the children all contributed in their houses to a gigantic jungle collage. At the end of the day, the whole school performed a dance routine in front of parents and family. It was a very special day!



A week later, the Hawks (y3/4) headed over the River Severn to South Wales to visit the Roman museum, amphitheatre and baths in Caerleon. Not only did the children get to visualise and explore the baths and barracks, they also took part in a lesson at Roman school in costume.

Our Avening netball players competed at a High5 netball tournament against other local schools at Kingshill in Cirencester. At the beginning of April, a group of swimmers from the school will take part in the annual small schools swimming gala in Cirencester.

Our nature experts made us proud this week as they won the first round of the Nature Quiz at Callowell School! A fabulous effort by all and amazing team work as well as invaluable support and encouragement from Mrs Amos.

Our Fledgling pre-school sessions are now in full swing. They run each Friday afternoon in the school garden from 2-3pm. Please contact the school office for more information.

We have plenty still to look forward to before the end of term with the Kestrels class (y1/2) journeying to 'We the Curious/@ Bristol' for a day of experiments and discovery; a dance festival at SWR; a special Easter assembly followed by the annual school Easter egg hunt and Avening school talent show on the last day of term.

Happy Easter and see you in the summer term!

*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*



## **Avening and Cherington Christian Aid Big Brekkie**

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## Message from Gloucestershire Constabulary

Stalking is one of the most frequently experienced forms of abuse and it can terrify and destroy the lives of victims. Around 1 in 5 women and 1 in 12 men have experienced stalking in their lifetime in the UK. (Suzy Lamplugh Trust 2016)

We're already running radio adverts and have engagement vehicle events planned across the county in April to coincide with National Stalking Awareness Week (W/C 8<sup>th</sup> April). We'll also be promoting the campaign through social media in early April.

A text description, images, posters and radio adverts for the campaign can be viewed and downloaded at the following web address: [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DwiEu\\_0v9fdQ0PzbW7CybizX2tCN9MHZ](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DwiEu_0v9fdQ0PzbW7CybizX2tCN9MHZ)

Our engagement vehicle will be parked in the following locations next month. Members of the public can speak to a specialist stalking and harassment officer as well as officers for any other policing concerns. All events will run from 10am to 3pm.

- Sat 6th April - Tewkesbury - Morrisons
- Sun 7th April - Cinderford - Co-operative Dockham Road
- Mon 8th April - Moreton-in-Marsh - High Street
- Fri 12th April - Stroud - Waitrose car park
- Sat 13th April - Gloucester - Westgate Street near the Cross
- Sun 14th April - Cheltenham - High Street outside M&S
- Sun 21st April - Cirencester - Brewery Court Yard

## TETBURY ART SOCIETY SPRING EXHIBITION

Held in the MARKET HOUSE, TETBURY

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> MAY

10am - 5pm Free Entry

Exhibition of member's art in various media and subjects, come along and enjoy the variety of the exhibition. Most pictures will be for sale, there is also a chance to buy unframed pictures as well.

[www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk](http://www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk)

# An Exciting Event

Sunday 17th March and there was an air of excitement in Cherington, for those of us that knew, as a Royal baptism was taking place in the afternoon. Apart from Rev. Gerald, none of us knew who would be in attendance. Hilary Hodges and myself were honoured to have been asked to take a small part in the service. We were thrilled and nervous at the same time. The church was looking beautiful with flowers arranged by Ann Tarlton and Christine Williams. It was such a happy, low key, family afternoon. To have The Queen pay a second visit to our lovely church, also The Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their first visit, Princess Anne looking very happy in her Grandmother role to the children of Peter and Zara: it was an afternoon I will never forget and a thrill for the villagers outside the church to be part of.

*Wendy Eldridge.*



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Everyone who's come along to the café knows what a success it is: new friendships are being made and old ones renewed; numbers far exceed our expectations; there are great volunteer 'crews'; and we've been able to introduce a lively programme of activities in response to your suggestions and ideas. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> we have a chance to thank our funders and supporters, who demonstrated their trust in us and commitment to the café when our success was far from guaranteed. None of this would have been possible without them so please come along and thank them in person – it will give our supporters a chance to hear how their money and other offers of practical help have made a difference to you and the village.

That's just the start of our events for April. There will be a free Easter cupcake with every drink for customers on April 16<sup>th</sup> (two free cupcakes if you are under eight or over eighty – note....it's good to share!). And by *very* popular demand there will be bacon sandwiches for the Early Birds (up to 9.30am) at the café on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be the regular Book Swap on April 9<sup>th</sup> and a second Knit and Natter on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We remain open to new ideas: Chandy Rodgers ran a Seed Swap in early March and we hope to have more to inspire Avening, Nags Head and Cherrington's gardeners as the growing season progresses. We'll have a few more 'themed' cafés too (Choctastic Tuesday went down a treat). So don't hesitate to keep suggestions, ideas and offers coming – come and chat at the café itself, or via our Facebook page (Avening Community Café).

See you on Tuesday!

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To let us know, please telephone Elizabeth Buchanan on 833016 or email [buchanan.el@gmail.com](mailto:buchanan.el@gmail.com)

# Avening and Cherington Cricket Club

It is that time of year again when thoughts turn to the sound of balls on willow. Arranging fixtures, compiling tea rotas and starting ground preparations are now about to be in full swing.

The Club has retained most of the players from last season when promotion to the first division of the Cotswold & District Cricket League was achieved. However, more players are still required especially younger ones who would like to develop their cricketing skills and play for the Club.



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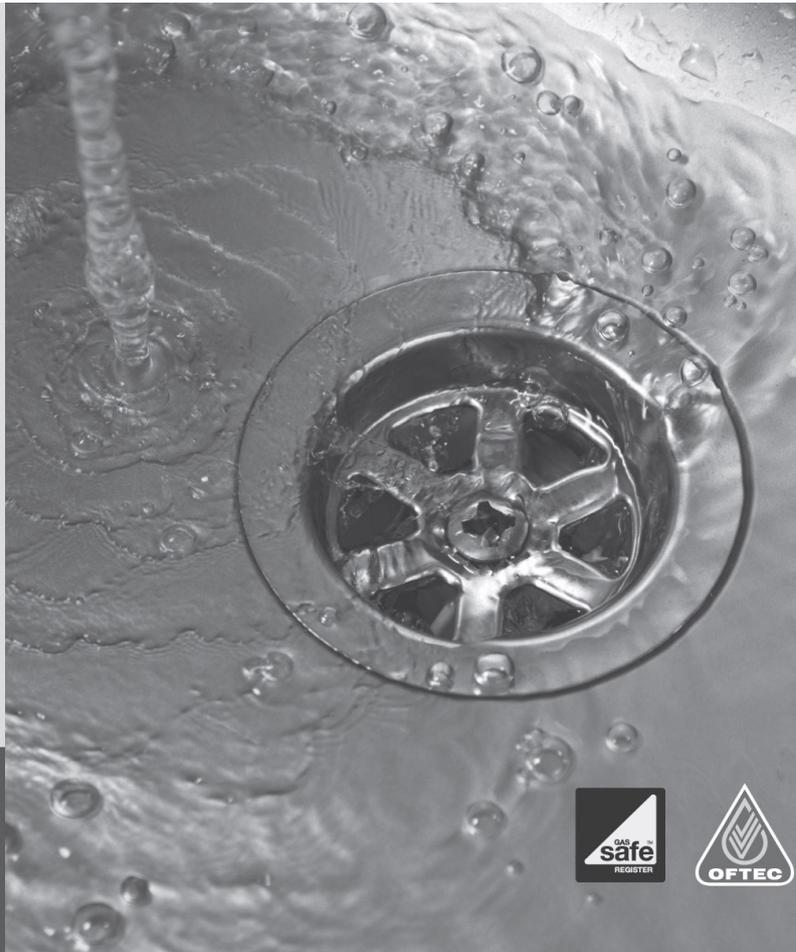
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# Riley Reminisces

## The Western Desert

Our detachment of six remained as a team, and as well as my normal duties, I had been elected cook, with rations which were picked up from Daily Indenture Depots. Bread was out of the question and our flour had to be sieved. A type of biscuit prevailed and one tried all sorts to make it palatable. Everything generally came out of tins, but fish was very often on the menu. A well-aimed grenade thrown into the Med would supply all sorts of fish - some known, some unknown! Whatever, we ate it and we lived. When things were quiet, we would have a 'springbok' hunt, chasing a type of deer with our Jeep. It was the only fresh meat we ever had but luckily our crane-driver had butchery experience.



How did we cook? Petrol drained from crashed aircraft into a four-gallon tank is the short answer. A forty-gallon drum with the top cut off was our oven. To say we lived like gypsies would be to insult the gypsy. Water was scarce and as we had to transport all our necessities, washing was not a priority. A dip in the Med when possible just left a

deposit of salt on the skin. We usually filled our water bottles in the morning and apart from making tea and a hot drink with our supplies, that was our daily ration. Despite the cooking all of our team survived in the best of health!

When I first was posted to the Western Desert Air Force we were very poorly equipped. Still, a few Gloster Gladiators remained, then to be equipped with Hurricanes which had seen better days but soon the Lease-Lend operation came into force with fighters (Tomahawks, Kittyhawks and War Hawks) and eventually a few Spitfires. With medium bombers Maryland, Baltimore and Bostons, we were able to make inroads. But true to bad planning, we did not have the proper tools to service them. We borrowed what we could from the Yanks nearby and managed until our own supplies were satisfactory.

Eventually the War Zone in the Middle East ceased with Rommel being driven out. Preparation for the invasion of Sicily was underway. Our detachments were disbanded and we were transhipped back to the Canal Zone to various units. Luckily our "gang" stayed together to work out our remaining tour of duty at 108 M.U. Our Unit was employed building MK1 Anson aircraft and converting them

to flying radar schools. Conditions were now much better, we could now bathe in the Bitter Lakes and entertainment was laid on.

Unfortunately, things became a little ugly as we were now overdue for repatriation to the U.K. An arsonist emerged from the Unit and set fire to our outside cinema. A short while after, the Reading Room came in for the same treatment and the Special Investigations Bureau were called. Because of our overdue return to the U.K. we were suspect, but the arsonist was still at large. After more fires, more interviews, we were still suspect but luckily, he was caught stuffing the piano in the NAAFI. We were saved and away at last.

Away by ship from Alexandria to Marseilles, thence a long and arduous rail trip across war-torn France to Dieppe (we were given a cushion to ease the ache on one's bottom!) there to wait our turn on a ferry for Newhaven in the UK. At a clearance point we were relieved of our khaki uniforms and issued with new RAF blue uniforms. We were then issued with railway warrants and ration cards for three weeks embarkation leave.

The month is now November 1945 and the end of a very adventurous and dangerous time of my life. Would I have changed it? The answer is a definite "No"!

*Riley Vincent*

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# Avening Youth Club



The theme for April is The Environment

## **2<sup>nd</sup> April – All About Eco Bricks!**

Learn about how you can recycle your plastics in a fun and creative way!

## **9<sup>th</sup> April – Recycle your Easter**

*(First week of the Easter Holidays – Session running to replace cancelled session on 12<sup>th</sup> March.)* A special Easter Challenge

## **16<sup>th</sup> April – NO YOUTH CLUB – Easter Holidays**

## **23<sup>rd</sup> April – Outdoor Challenge**

Using the outdoor space at the hall, take part in an outdoor challenge

## **30<sup>th</sup> April – Trip to the park**

Weather permitting; we are going to the park for some fun games!

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.

**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.

**Want more information?** Contact Rev Gerald South on 834884 or Becky at The Door on 01453 756745. **Check out the Facebook Page.**

## **A Bite to Eat?**



### **Arranging a Group Lunch, Christening other social event ?**

Avening WI 'Bite to Eat' scheme may be able to assist with your catering needs. We can provide and serve a selection of freshly prepared sandwiches, scones, cakes etc; a fork or finger buffet; or a two course meal.

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If you think you would benefit from Community Connexions or know someone who would, please call us on 0345 680 5029 for more information or visit our website [www.communityconnexions.org.uk](http://www.communityconnexions.org.uk)

Without volunteers, Community Connexions would not be able to provide the breadth of services or help as many people as we do. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Elaine Pearson-Scott on 0345 680 5029 or email [Elaine@communityconnexions.org.uk](mailto:Elaine@communityconnexions.org.uk) or

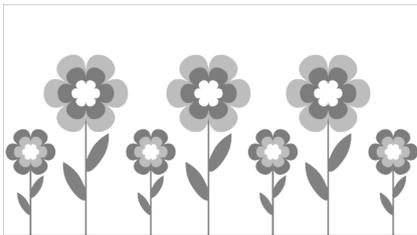


# Looking Forward to Summer?



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# Avening Cinema Club

Due to a change in the release date of the Mary Queen of Scots DVD we are going to have to change the film choice for our **April** screenings. I know this is very short notice but we will have to show our second choice film instead which was **First Man**. We will come back to Mary Queen of Scots another month.



## First Man

A look at the life of the astronaut, Neil Armstrong, and the legendary space mission that led him to become the first man to walk on the Moon on July 20, 1969.

**Starring:** Ryan Gosling, Claire Foy, Jason Clarke  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 7.30pm**

**Avening Memorial Hall - Admission £5**

Cinema-goers are encouraged to buy their drinks from the local pub both before the film and during the interval.

The film club runs on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Please do check our Facebook page or contact Katy Upton for more information, and for the chance to vote on films.

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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>
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
Avening Playgroup	To provide funded early education for two-, three- and four-year -old children.	01453 832695 Angie Heslop; avening-playgroup@gmail.com.
Friends of Avening School (FOAS )	FOAS raises money to help with various projects and activities at the school.	01453 833191
Friends of Little Stars	Fundraising and support for Little Stars School for underprivileged children in Varanasi, India	Kieran Archer 01453 832992 littlestarsschool.org
Hop, Skip & Jump Foundation	Provide high quality respite care for children and young adults with disabilities and SEN	hoskipandjump.org.uk 01453 836390 marcoms@hoskipandjump.org.uk
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
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Mark Townsend Charitable Trust	Providing help with whatever life circumstances may incur.	www.themarktownsenedcharitabletrust.com 01453 832799

# Cherington Parish Council

## New Planning Applications

21 January 2019 :19/00236/FUL: New vehicular access. 2 Cherington. Status: Awaiting decision. Cllrs agreed this would help with parking issues. Cllr Mitchell had written to support the application.

9 January 2019: 19/00121/TCONR: Felling of Sycamore trees adjacent to car park. Land to rear of car park and village hall. Status: Decided: No objection.

15 December 2018: 18/04867/FUL & 18/04868/LBC: Erection of pool house. Cherington Park. Status: Awaiting decision. The council had no objection.

For further information please visit [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk) and search on the Planning pages.

## Parish Council Elections, Thursday 2nd May

Cllr Sharpe was thanked for her time and work for the village over 8 years service as a councillor, this being her last meeting. Nomination packs can be downloaded from <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections/current-future-elections/>

## Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Saturday 6th April at 10am in the Village Hall. Items for discussion will include a welcome newsletter for new villagers and measures to improve access to the Village Hall. It is hoped that there will be reports from the local police team, as well as the County and District Councillors. An agenda will be placed on the notice board and on [cheringtonpc.org.uk](http://cheringtonpc.org.uk). Residents are invited to raise any issues for discussion.

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# Avening Parish Council



The minutes of the meeting will be published shortly, but some of the items discussed are summarised below:

## **Crime**

There were no reported crimes in February.

## **Fibre Optic Cable Laying**

Following the public meeting, a further meeting was held with Gareth Williams, Gigaclear's CEO. They have accepted that the planning of works was not carried out to the best of their ability and they have apologised for any unnecessary disruption.

New letters will be sent to land owners where access is required, following their internal reviews.

## **Memorial Hall**

The roof project continues. Quotes have been obtained with very little difference between Cotswold Stone tiles and reproduction, with Cotswold tiles having a much longer life. Grants will now be progressed for replacement of the north face, and minor repairs completed to the south.

Changes are being investigated to the heating controls as the cost of the utilities is very high.

## **Dog Fouling Again**

This is still proving to be a problem. It is a legal requirement to clean up after your dog in public space, this includes the playing field.

## **Dog Waste Bin at Nags Head**

The district council has agreed to the siting of the bin. It is awaiting installation.

## **Playing Field**

Complaints have been received regarding dog mess and boisterous dogs on the playing field. Advice has been taken and it is the owner's responsibility to keep dogs under control. Dogs that jump at people should be kept on a lead. Any incident of unruly dogs should be reported to the police on 101.

## **Villager of the Year**

Nominations are still required.

## **Local Elections**

There are currently three vacancies for Parish Councillors. If you are interested in standing, please contact the Clerk for more information.

## County Council Budget

Council Tax will increase by 4.99%. Total County budget for 2019/20: £429.6m.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 18 April** 2019 7.30pm in the Jim Parsons room at 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)

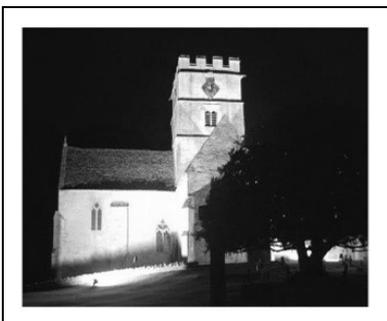
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## The Great War Remembered

The latest production from The Minchinhampton Players is 'Alice and the Great War'. Written by local author, Alan Vaughan, the play is set in 1918 and centres on the romance between Alice, a local girl working in the munitions factory at Brimscombe, and Roy, a young Australian pilot based at the Aston Down aerodrome. It is touching and funny and suitable for all ages.

The second half of the show consists of poetry and prose pieces and concludes with a rousing singalong of World War I songs – audience participation distinctly encouraged! Performance dates: Friday, 5th and Saturday, 6th April at 7.30 pm with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30 pm. Tickets cost £10 from The Market Stores, Minchinhampton.

## Church Floodlighting



The church looks beautiful at night when floodlit.

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**10th March** in memory of **Dennis Howell** on the second anniversary of his death, from Nick, Lisa and families

**31st March** in memory of **Sarah Evans** on what would have been her wedding anniversary

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Wednesday 10th April	Avening Annual Parochial Church Meeting		7.00pm
Saturday 13th April	Cherington Annual Parochial Church Meeting		10.00 am
Friday 19th April	Good Friday Children's Fun	Holy Cross Avening	10.00– 11.30am
Thursday 2nd May	Local Parish Council Elections		
5th to 7th May	Tetbury Art Society spring exhibition	Tetbury Town Hall	10.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday 11th May	Christian Aid Big Brekkie	Avening Memorial Hall	8.30- 10.30am
Saturday 18th May	Avening Annual Parish Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	tbc
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