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June 2019

As always, June promises to be another busy and happy month for our villages. We can look forward to the Fete, with its multitude of events, the Photographic Competition, Open Gardens, Bear Hunt and the School Fete, to name but a few.

We should also like to remind readers of the Cinema Club, which at the moment shows films every month on the first Wednesday. From September this will change to the first Thursday of each month. Please continue to support this venture, which offers us not only the opportunity to see a wide selection of films, but also is another chance for a regular get-together with friends and neighbours. We need to support it to make it financially viable - 'Use it or lose it' is a useful adage to bear in mind.

There has been some discussion about the extensive work being done on Brook Field at the moment. Readers may be interested to read more about the project in this edition of the Villager.

Have a happy month!

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Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
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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 Cinema Club	1st Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Katy 07806 614753
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 Cinema Club	Katy Upton	07806 614753.
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Avening Youth Club	Revd. Gerald South The Door	01453 834884 01453 756745

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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

Avening Church: www.aveningchurch.info

Cherington Parish Council: cheringtonpc.org.uk.

Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

Cotswold District Council: www.cotswold.gov.uk

Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Other than a panic about power (or lack of it), I think the Parish Council show on 18th May went really well, and I hope everyone had a great time. It was the first time in this central location, and I have heard some really positive comments. It's good to reflect why we have this event – it originates from what was the annual parish meeting, where the PC invited local clubs and organisations into the hall for the public to see what was available in the village. The last time we had it in the old format, other than those presenting, only about 3 people turned up, which was obviously a waste of everyone's time and energy. In the last 3 years, following some head scratching and a 'eureka moment' we have developed the format into the event that we had on the playing field, and this year we had at least 250 people attend. That's hundreds of people talking to organisers, craftspeople, trades and artisans! I know that contacts were made, products were sold, and more importantly, memories were created. I hope that in years to come people will reminisce about events like these.

Of course there is a cost involved in making the show largely free (it works out at a around £2 per household from the precept), but I see it as an important investment in our future, both for Avening as a vibrant and attractive place to live, and for future generations who might carry on or reinvent these traditions. The reason it costs so little is because the vast majority of the show is created by volunteers – I give my wholehearted thanks to EVERYONE who played a part, as we really couldn't do it without you.

One of the tables at the show displayed our revised plans for the playing field improvements. We have been to a number of events over the last month, and dropped details in to every household - during this process we have received some useful feedback on the fine detail. This marks the end of the consultation, and we will now take the scheme to the planners so they can review the elements that need planning permission – we do hope you will show your support as the details are posted. Work will start on 10th June to make the north-east entry path suitable for disabled access, and the dog-proof safety fence will be installed as soon as we have completed the tender process later this month. Other work will progress once suitable outside grant funding has been confirmed.

At our request Highways have recently installed a number of drop kerbs in the Sunground area. I have received complaints that people are parking

across them, and also on the nearby pavements – one person was stranded on the road and couldn't get home without assistance. I do appreciate the difficulties with parking in the area, but it is an offence to block a drop kerb, and I have asked our PCSO to take appropriate action with offenders – please be aware that tickets may be issued!

By the time you read this, we will have had the European elections, and will soon have a new prime minister. Closer to home, following the local elections Richard Morgan continues as our District Councillor, although Cotswold is now run by the Lib-Dems. During the campaign, it was pleasing to see that the work we are doing in Avening was called out in three features in the Tetbury and District News – it's nice to receive external recognition. We now have a new PC team, who I know will bring different skills and a new dynamic. Having been re-elected as Chairman, I am looking forward to working with them all.

Tony Slater



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Avening and Cherington Churches



What's most important? Wealth? Holidays? Latest phone, car? How we look?



Surely not. Three years ago the Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek, embarked on a campaign to raise awareness of body image anxiety in young people and the pressures they face through social media, TV and advertising to look a certain way.

Bishop Rachel said, "Over the last few years I have been speaking publicly about this issue and promoting the message that who you are, is more than how you look. I launched a social media campaign challenging negative body image and encouraging young people to look within to discover true value and beauty. This has given me a great opportunity to speak with young people about my

own identity in Christ and my desire for every person to discover their worth and potential as a unique individual created in the image of God.

She has described one experience at a 'Messy Church' event:

"The previous week, the suicide of a popular young woman in the wider community – apparently as a result of low self-worth – had rocked the community. Leaders were counselled to use the activity sessions to simply listen to what people needed to say. Before the session was over, one woman had confessed to living with abuse for years and asked for help. Anonymous prayer requests collected for leaders to intercede over in the coming week were dominated with cries for help about mistreatment at work. An emergency meeting of the core team was called to plan how to respond pastorally to this unprecedented outpouring."

"We're asking for action! 'Say1thing' is an initiative as part of the #Liedentity campaign, which asks the simple question: What do you value about your best mate?"

Bishop Rachel has for some time been encouraging people, especially youngsters, to tell a friend why it is they like them. Now she is encouraging the same on social media: "We are living in a society where our value is being determined by what we look like, rather than who we are from the inside out. So we are encouraging all people on social media to change this message by posting

a picture of their friends or family and sharing one thing they value about that person with the hashtag #Say1Thing.

Few things can be more important than ensuring that all members of a community can live out their lives free from undue stress and unnecessary challenges to their mental health. Let's do all we can in our villages to ensure this is so.

All Age Services

At our May service we heard the story of Zacchaeus who climbed a tree in order to get sight of Jesus. As one whose past action had been somewhat 'dodgy' Zacchaeus had certainly not expected Jesus to invite himself to supper: this proved a turning point for him. Jesus invites all, even the most unlikely people, to follow his way.

Our next service will be at Cherington, 10.30 am on Sunday 9th June.

Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington
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From the Registers

- 26th April Interment of ashes of Richard Whiting (Avening)
- 28th April Baptism of Edward Curtis (Avening)

Church Services and Events

June	Holy Cross Avening	St Nicholas Cherington
2 nd	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist
4 ^h	12.30 Praying the Parish	
8 th	12noon Visiting bell ringers	
9 th	8.00 am Eucharist Fete	10.30 am All Age Service
15 th		10 am PCC meeting
16 th	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist
23 rd	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 pm Morning Prayer
30 th	Café Church Service	
July 2	12.30 Praying the Parish	
7 th	8.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist
14 th	11.00 am Eucharist with Baptism	

Avening W.I.

Following a last minute cancellation of our May speaker due to illness, we were extremely lucky to secure an excellent replacement. Ian Caskie, a volunteer on the SS Great Britain, came to speak about the history and recent developments of this amazing ship. His inspiring talk and enthusiasm left many members keen to arrange a visit in the near future. The new 'Being Brunel' exhibition which allows you to enter the great man's head and experience significant moments in his life, sounded particularly intriguing.



Skittles match

After a very close fought match our skittles team have made a good start in this year's Gloucester Federation competition with a win against Upton St Leonards WI. We are now due to meet Tibberton and Taynton in the next round.

Our May walk was rather wet, but nevertheless very enjoyable. Several members walked along the canal from Chalford to the Daneway admiring the

wild flowers and beautiful trees. We also spotted a proud mother swan sitting on her newly constructed nest. After a good lunch in the Daneway pub we returned via Chalford village, enjoying views of the cottage gardens.

We still have some seats available for our coach trip to Hilliers Garden on Wednesday 19th June. The trip will cost £25, which will include travel and admission to these inspiring gardens. Please telephone Sue Osborne on 839327 as soon as possible if you would like to join us. The coach will be leaving the layby opposite the school at 9.15am and plans to return at 6pm. All welcome.

Other events planned for June include a walk around Miserden; a Group Meeting with Tetbury and Kemble WIs at the Goods Shed; and the Avening Church Fete where we will be serving Cream Teas and other refreshments.



A wet walk!

The speaker for our June meeting will be Rachel Shackleton with a talk entitled 'What's in the hedgerow? – building immunity naturally.' Rachel is a herbal medicine practitioner and naturopath who is passionate about maintaining health and wellbeing through natural remedies. This will take place on Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Anybody wishing to join us will be most welcome.

Helen Haiselden

Exciting news! Terracycle and Colgate recycling at Avening Primary School

Did you know? Each toothbrush you use and throw away takes over 400 years to degrade! There are eco-friendly alternatives available but if you don't want to make the change then help Avening School and the planet by recycling your old toothbrushes and tooth cleaning products at school. Bring in any of the items seen below and pop them in the Terracycle box or leave them in the bag that will be left on the gate. When the box is full we send it for recycling and get much needed money for the school.



***Any brand of toothbrush/
toothpaste can be recycled – not
just Colgate***

***We are a registered public
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***You can also drop items at 56
Sandford Leaze***

Other Recycling Tips

- Save your empty crisp and biscuit packets and take them to Tesco Tetbury where you can now recycle them with old plastic bags. The container is just outside the main doors.
- Paper coffee cups/cups from kids parties/Tetrapak – All these can be collected and recycled at Tesco in the small car parking area on the left as you drive in.

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.

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Across

1. Young person (5)
4. Sharp pointed implements (7)
8. Butterfly larva (11)
9. Exhilarated (8)
10. Yield (4)
12. Humble (6)
13. Ineffectual (6)
16. Movable barrier (4)
18. Drover (8)
21. Glorious (11)
22. Scaling devices (7)
23. Surface boundaries (5)

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Down

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| 1. Luxury craft (5) | 6. Big (5) | 14. Mass of frozen water (7) |
| 2. Articulated (7) | 7. Earnest (7) | 15. Furniture items (6) |
| 3. Innocuous (8) | 11. Sudden unexpected event (8) | 17. Diffident (5) |
| 4. Disturbances (6) | 12. Sorcerous (7) | 19. Days of the month (5) |
| 5. Snakelike fish (4) | | 20. Fiend (4) |

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“CAPTURING THE CHARACTER”, “WILDLIFE”



Avening Playgroup

We are very pleased to announce that we have recruited a new member of staff. As from 3rd June 2019, our Deputy Early Years Manager will be Liz Blick. The staff and committee are very much looking forward to working with Liz and we hope she enjoys working with all of us!

After the Easter holidays the children planted some cress seeds and then watched them grow. There were lots of discussions about how seeds grow and the children came to the conclusion that water and sun certainly help. Once all the seeds had grown the children were able to take them home to show their families.

On the theme of growing we have been looking at life cycles, in particular those of the butterfly and the frog. The children have coloured in pictures of eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis and butterflies. They did exactly the same for the various stages in a frog's life cycle and then they stuck them onto paper in the correct order.

The children have also completed butterfly dot-to-dot pictures and symmetry paintings, which now accompany the lovely daffodils and blossom on our tree display. There have been lots of stories involving frogs and butterflies, and lots of drawings of them, as well. They have also been looking for caterpillars in our garden and one child found one at home, made a home for it and brought it into playgroup for the other children to see.



This week the children have really enjoyed building dens, especially on the climbing frame, and have pretended to have picnics in them. There has been a great amount of mark making – it is amazing what a new box of playground chalks and a bucket of water with a brush can do to encourage their imagination. I have never seen the playground so colourful!

The children have also been busy preparing themselves for the Avening Parish Council Show. In keeping with the frog theme they have been learning a frog counting song and have been performing it excitedly at playgroup. I hope they will enjoy it just as much on the day!

For more information about our lovely playgroup, please call us on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com. We are open week day mornings during term time.

Angie Heslop



We're going on a bear hunt...join us on an adventure around Avening to spot some amazing bears...we're not scared!

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For more information visit facebook.com/friendsofaveningschool or email aveningbearhunt@outlook.com

Cherington Show - Exploring the Fun Dog Show

We are delighted to be able to speak with one of the competitors of the Cherington Show Fun Dog Show, which is being held this year on Sunday 21st July from 1.30pm to 5pm, with the Fun Dog Show itself at 3pm.

Thanks so much for taking time out of your busy Dog Show training regime. Can you tell the readers a little about yourself?

'Well, my name is Hector Arden, and I live in Cherington. I suppose some people would call me a 'Sprocker' but I'm pretty sure I'm human, just like my Dad. We go everywhere together - in the car, on the farm, on the sofa, out to drinks and dinner, and especially training for the show. When I'm not with my Dad, I love to spend time with my cousins Goddess Venus and Prince Harold, and we have a great time sniffing lots of things.'



What is it you like most about the Cherington Show?

'Oh, I've only been twice before. It's been going for sooooo long! I was born a couple of years ago, but I think the show is in it's 75th year this year. That's ancient! But I loved last year that there were so many dogs there both competing in the Fun Dog Show and just wandering around. I loved meeting new friends! There's also loads of dog bins and water bowls dotted around, so I was never thirsty.'

So you love that it's dog friendly. I really was asking what stalls or attractions did you like the most.

'Ah. That's more difficult. Being my first year last year, I didn't know what to expect. I did enjoy clearing up the lovely tasting cake crumbs from the floor around the tea tent, licking up drops of ice-cream which were melting in the heat, and hanging around the BBQ until I heard that they also sold something called 'hot dogs', so I high tailed it out of there! Down on the village green, I really liked taunting the rare breed sheep and birds, but the College Beagle pack stationed there soon told me off. I wasn't so interested in the designer clothes, jams, books, vintage items, plants, kids fun area, tractors and so on, but the smell coming from the cooked crafts in the village hall was great!

So what's your favourite class at the Fun Dog Show itself?

I would love it if there was a 'glossiest coat' class, or 'most hyperactive' class as I'm sure I would win. As it is, I have been practicing very hard for the 'most waggiest tail' class.

Any tips for other dogs who may be reading this and thinking of entering?

Yes. I find that when parading through the village when Dad takes me to visit people, it is very important to practice swinging my bum left and right while my tail counter swings in the opposite direction. Keep it up all the way, and when you arrive at your destination, work that tail hard in a waggy sprint as you greet the person you are seeing. I call this technique 's'wag'ger'. I learnt it from Dad.

Hector, thanks for your time, and good luck with your training.

The Cherington Show is in it's 75th year this year, and still going strong. Come and spend the afternoon with us on Sunday 21st July 2019, from 1.30pm (BBQ only from 12.30pm). £2 per car, with parking at both ends of the village. The road will be closed to through traffic on the day. Loads of things to do, as above, plus much more.

See our new website www.cheringtonshow.com for details of horticulture and craft competitions including kids, as well as other information. Be sure to follow us on Facebook too! Search for our page 'Cherington Show'.

We look forward to seeing you then!

A Bite to Eat?



Arranging a Group Lunch, Christening other social event ?

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Avening School

Bears, Bicycles and Bunting!

After a busy half term for all children, particularly Years 2 and 6 who did their SATs, there is so much to look forward to in the run up to the end of the academic year. The y6 children will be putting their helmets on and getting on their bikes as they take their cycling proficiency course. There are sports events happening in abundance, with matches and tournaments in rounders, tennis, athletics and cricket. We also have 'Chance to Shine' cricket coaches coming in to run cricket workshops for the whole school, giving all children the opportunity to experience the sport. We also have our annual school sports morning coming up with pupils competing in their school houses for the winner's trophy.

After many months of being out of action, we are delighted to announce that the surface in our top playground has finally been replaced with the essential work being funded by Sports England, just in time for the warmer weather. We also have plenty of activity happening in the school garden at the moment with weekly forest school lessons, after school forest school club and of course our weekly Fledglings session for pre-school children on a Friday afternoon. Please contact the school office for more information on Fledglings.

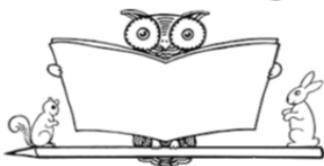
Our Avening musicians are getting ready for one of the highlights of our school calendar, the annual musical soiree held towards the end of term. The children will be showcasing their musical talents with performances on violin, guitar, piano and singing.

FOAS are looking forward to dusting off the bunting and hosting their third annual Bear Hunt on Saturday 15th June which aims to raise vital funds for the school to help pay for essential classroom resources. If you are interested in hosting a bear, donating a cake to the event or to find out more information, please visit facebook.com/friendsofaveningschool or email aveningbearhunt@outlook.com.

For further information about this busy place of learning please see our school website: www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk For further information about this busy place of learning please see our school website: www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk

Alex Adcock

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.

If you, or your children, are in need of such support, please request an application form by phoning 01453 834884 or emailing gp.south@btopenworld.com or from 5 Orchard Field GL8 8PE.

The form should be completed and returned by 7th July.

Avening Church of England Education Fund (ACEEF) Application for an Education Grant

The trustees of ACEEF have limited funds available to assist Avening residents, who are 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.

Please complete this form as fully as possible, continuing on the back if necessary. Then send it, by 7th July, to: ACEEF, 5 Orchard Field, Avening, Glos. GL8 8PE or complete and send electronically to: gp.south@btopenworld.com If the person (or people) who would benefit from a grant is under 16 the form may be completed by a parent or guardian, otherwise it should be completed by the applicant themselves.

Name of person completing this form and, if different, name(s) of those who would benefit from a grant:
Address:
Phone: email:
Age(s) of those who would benefit from grant:
Amount of grant being applied for: £
If your application is successful who should the cheque be made payable to:
Details of how a grant would be spent (Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary)
Any other fundraising that has been, or will be, supporting this need



Christian Aid Big Brekkie

Avening and Cherington villagers help to change the world over breakfast!

We served over 80 breakfasts at The Big Village Brekkie on 11th May - one of hundreds taking place across the country - and raised £320 for Christian Aid. Thank you very much to you all for coming. Further donations still welcome and can be popped in to 5, Orchard Field, Avening.

This year Christian Aid has a special focus on health care. In Serra Leone – a country that has been scarred by civil war and the



worst Ebola outbreak in history – people are working hard to rebuild health services. But without enough clinics and trained nurses, childbirth can be a life-threatening time. £200 can help pay for a delivery bed so women can give birth comfortably. £60 will buy a starter kit for community health worker. With a bicycle, torch, raincoat and boots they can visit their patients in all weathers. I hope you can begin to see how the money we have raised really will help to make a difference. Thank you!

However, like last year, the Big Brekkie was more than just a Christian Aid fund raiser. It was a great opportunity to meet over breakfast, enjoy spending time together and do some important 'community building'. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the WI and FOAS who lent us mugs and tablecloths and of course a great team of volunteers who cooked, shopped, washed up and generally stepped in for all the jobs that needed to be done for such an event. Thanks to them all and here's looking forward to the next one!

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Forever Young Over 60s Lunch

This is one of Avening's success stories, 19 years and still going strong.

Christine Howell started the group initially with the help of Lynn Uzzell and now with Jean Scotford. They work tirelessly to cook a 2-course meal on the first Wednesday of each month at Avening Social Club.

A few of us have seen people come and go but many of us still enjoy the meal and the chance to catch up with friends.

I would like to thank Christine and her helpers for all the wonderful meals that we have all enjoyed over the years and of course to everyone who comes along for a good chat and makes it a very enjoyable occasion.

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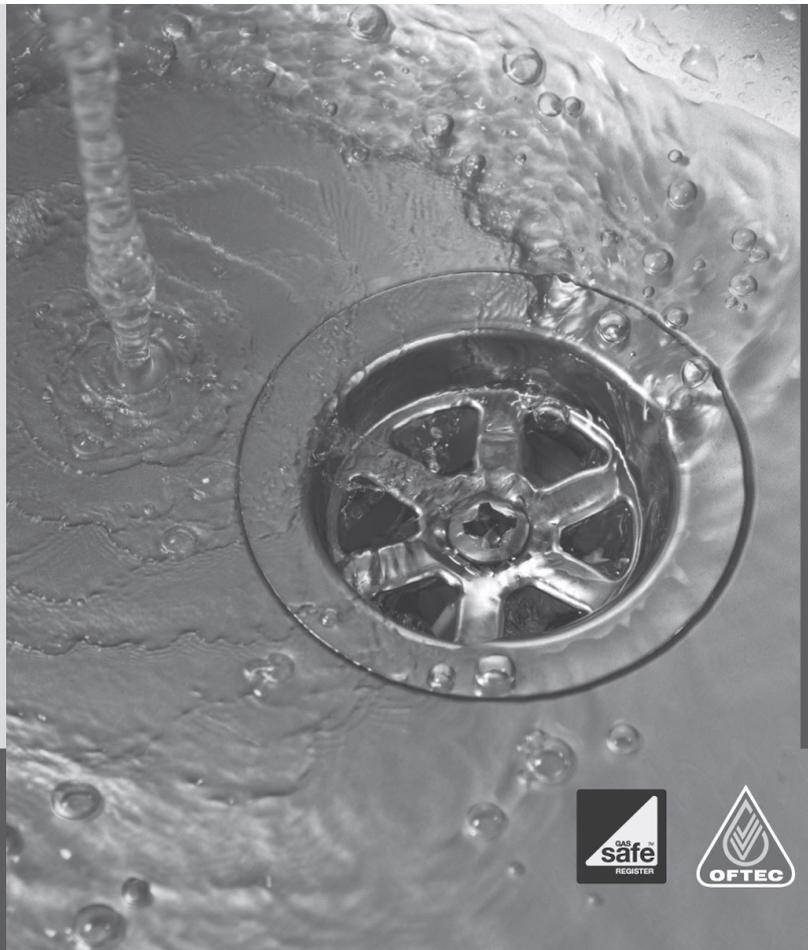
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Brook Field (Water Meadow)



Implementing change will unfortunately always raise questions, gain curiosity and cause a stir in a village of this size.

It's been uplifting to hear positive comments but unfortunate to also receive so much negative feedback about the Brook Field over the last couple of weeks.

After Avening Court was taken over and the land was acquired by the owner of the Court, it has been both my goal as Estate Manager, along with our village farmers Sam and John Powell, to turn this piece of scrub waste land into its former beauty residents have spoken so highly of.

As you will have seen, considerable amount of ground work has undertaken and the deemed unsafe dead trees over hanging the road have now been removed even making driving along the road a little clearer and safer. The hollow trunks have been donated to the Barn Owl Centre in Gloucester.

What we intend to do is turn this piece of land into a Nature Reserve-cum-wild flower meadow for the people of Avening, erecting a brand new fence, plant new trees and fix up the old wall that surrounds it. The wild flower mix has been carefully selected to provide a colourful display of native flowers which will provide a nectar source for invertebrates whilst not including species prone to invading water courses. A small number of young stock will graze the field after the flowering period, much as the farm used to in the past.



We would like to take this time to thank you all for your patience and to those of you that have given us such astounding feedback. We just ask others that you give us a little more time whilst we transform this land from an eyesore to a piece of land that will look both aesthetically pleasing and safer for all the village to enjoy as they enter and leave Avening.

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The Foodbank is incredibly grateful to everyone offering food donations, funds and time. In the last 12 months just over 31 tonnes of food were donated (that's the weight of a petrol tanker!). Food donation points are available in Tesco Extra and Waitrose in Cirencester and Tesco in Tetbury. Please always check our website for items we are most in need of.

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Going Green – the Great Biscuit Giveaway – Ascot comes to Avening!

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Sandra Hetterley and Clare Bebbington at the Café's Pop Up Stall at the Village Party

count of the number of biscuits we handed to visitors to give them a taste of what the Café has to offer. Certainly, younger customers (or ‘Biscuit Hoovers’ as I now think of them) gave us a big thumbs up – and there was lots to talk about as we unveiled our events and activities for the early summer.

We’ll be changing colour in June with our first Green Café on the 4th - the eve of World Environment Day.

We want to start reducing our environmental impact and will be

trying out a number of initiatives that morning. We will avoid single-use plastic and try to reduce waste-to-landfill to zero; source our milk from Woeful Dane Dairies, our local organic producer; offer free coffee and cake for anyone joining the litter pick that morning; hold a plant-swap for green gardeners; and recognise our local environmental heroes. Customers have also been pitching in with ideas – from acting as a hub for collecting small-but-tricky recyclable items to hosting a get-together for anyone who works with previously-used materials...we know from the rag rugs that we’ve seen that there is lots of talent in the village!

We also thought it was time for a bit of a party and what better excuse than Ascot Week? Find your finest fascinator, fedora (or fez?), turn up in a trilby, pick up your panama and we’ll treat you to free coffee and cake: the bigger the hat, the bigger the slice. There’ll be sweepstakes for the week’s main races for anyone who fancies a flutter. So come along and ‘do’ Ladies Day from the comfort of the Café on June 18th!

Like most people we’re beginning to think about the summer holidays and for the Café this means launching our first Teenage Takeover. We want to offer a team of teenagers a chance to turn on the front-of-house charm, discover their inner Star Baker, choose the music, light up social media, manage a team, organise an event – whatever their talents might be – and gain a few CV brownie points too. They

will have help and guidance from some of the experienced Café hands but we hope they will come with their own ideas and inspiration. Want to do something as a family? Got Grandma visiting and want to keep her out of trouble? We're also on the lookout for a family (or two) who would like to give running the café a go – it's great fun (even the washing up isn't too bad).



Some of those who joined the Café's Walk to the Weighbridge on May 14th.

As ever, there's lots going on at the Café, including our regular Book Swap and Knit and Natter Tuesdays. Every month we hold one or two special events – the Walk to the Weighbridge on May 14 was one of the most delightful. It's not just coffee and cakes. But to paraphrase our young customer... 'OUR COFFEE AND CAKES ARE LOVELY'!

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Avening Youth Club



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4th June: Stress games

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11th June: Fruit freedom

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18th June: Act it out!

Drama workshop where you'll act out different stressful situations and find solutions to them.



25th June: World stress

Experience the daily stresses of other young people across the world.

Check out the Facebook Page

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). 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 John at The Door .

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She was presented with her award by Tony Slater, Chairman of Avening Parish Council, during the club evening on 14th May – as seen in the photo.

Our thanks must go to the staff from The Door for their leadership of the club which has grown in numbers very significantly over the recent months.

The Door are also now carrying out some research into our village from the point of view of the 12-16 year age group. We would like to be able to offer these young people a place in village life, for which we are seeking their ideas.

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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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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.

Charity	Purpose	Further Information
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
Longfields	Supporting any adult affected by life-limiting illness to live well; to die well; and to care well.	01453 886868 day.services@longfield.org.uk
Mark Townsend Charitable Trust	Providing help with whatever life circumstances may incur.	www.themarktownsenedcharitabletrust.com 01453 832799

Avening Parish Council



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

New Council

The new Parish Council is now in place and with 2 volunteers for co-option which will be finalised at a later meeting. The Council will then be up to full strength.

Crime

The Crime Report was unavailable for April.

Dropped Kerbs

A number of residents have reported that cars and vans have been parking across the various dropped kerbs in the area. This is an offence - the police have been informed and will be patrolling regularly, potentially issuing tickets to offenders. Please think before you park. The kerbs are for the use of the disabled and people with pushchairs.

Annual Village Show

The Council have been busy with final arrangements for the Village Show.

Playing Field

Plans for the improved facilities have been positively received, with additional suggestions being made. The improvement work to the footpath connecting Sunground to the playing field is due to start in June. Fund raising will now begin for the der scheme.

Memorial Hall

It was reported that the alarm was sounding all night recently. If the hall alarm is sounding, please call Mr John Collinson on 07941210284. A notice will be placed at the hall with emergency contact details

Highways

Please let the Parish Council know of any large potholes, but they can also be reported directly to Highways via their website and contact number.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the 20 June.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk or by phone: 07814 900512; 01453 860379

Cherington Parish Council

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Cllr Mike Mitchell was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Gegg and seconded by Cllr Workman. Cllr Gegg was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Cllr Workman and seconded by Cllr Arden.

New Planning Applications

The Council had no objections to the following applications for Cherington Park:

19 April 2019 19/01518/TCONR: One medium Walnut tree to be reduced by approx a third. Status: Awaiting decision

9 April 2019 19/01346/TCONR: T1 - Walnut tree to be reduced by approx 1-2 m in every direction, to maintain its attractive size and shape. Status: Awaiting decision

21 March 2019 19/01098/TCONR Status: T1 - medium size Maple to be removed as it is growing as part of a small clump of trees and is very one sided, T2 - small single stem Silver birch tree to be removed as it is very tall and thin with very little canopy. This will allow more room for surrounding trees to spread their canopies. Decided: No objection

14 March 2019 19/00975/COMPLY: Partial compliance with Condition 3 (design details) of Consent 18/00810/LBC - Alterations to windows and roof lights in stables/coach house. Status: Unknown

28 February 2019 19/00775/COMPLY: Compliance with condition 11 (external lighting) of permission 16/02422/FUL - Refurbishment of Coach House and Stables for use as stables; construction of boundary walls and fencing; restoration of Croquet lawn to include new boundary walls. Status: Decided: Application Permit

The Council had no objections to the following applications for the Coach House, Cherington Park:

19 April 2019 19/01240/COMPLY: Partial compliance with Condition 6 (details) of permission 16/02422/FUL and Consent 16/02423/LBC - Refurbishment of Coach House and Stables for use as stables; construction of boundary walls and fencing; restoration of Croquet lawn to include new boundary walls. Status: Awaiting decision

28 February 2019 19/00774/COMPLY: Compliance with condition 3 (details) of consent 18/04345/LBC - Relocation of approved staircase in the Coach House & condition 4 (records) of consent 18/02967/LBC Removal of existing stair and replacement with two staircases in different location to allow access to reinstated first floor in The Coach House. Status: Decided: Application Permit

28 January 2019 19/00325/FUL & 19/00326/LBC: Proposal for first floor accommodation to the Coach House Status: Awaiting decision

For further information please visit www.cotswold.gov.uk and search on the Planning pages.

Infrastructure

As discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting, the council will contact Gloucestershire Highways to discuss options for improving access to the Village Hall for those with mobility issues and also for dealing with large vehicles turning by the green. They will write to thank the manager at Aston Down for repairing recent damage to the green. The council discussed dumping of bags of dog waste at the top of Westrip Lane and also the dangers of swimming in the lake.

Next Parish Council Meeting

This will be held on **Tuesday 25th June at 6pm** in the Village Hall. An agenda will be placed on the notice board and cheringtonpc.org.uk. The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01453 832100 or via email at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk.



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We are very reluctant to close the churchyard for any future burials and are therefore investigating ways in which this will not be necessary. One possibility is to re-use areas which have not been used for well over 100 years, a procedure that is used in some other churchyards.

This requires special permission (called a Faculty) and we are currently proposing to make such an application for the area of the churchyard to the south of the church where there are no memorials and there seem to have been no burials since the 19th century.

None of this affects the interment of cremated remains: fortunately we have space for these for many years to come.

As with all church matters, views of villagers are welcomed.

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Saturday 15th June	FOAS Annual Bear Hunt	Avening	11.00 am
Tuesday 18th June	Community Café - Ascot 'Ladies Day' Celebration	Avening Social Club	9.00 - 11.30am
Thursday 20th June	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 23rd June	Avening Open Gardens	Avening	tbc
Tuesday 25th June	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Friday 5th July	FOAS School Summer Fete		tbc
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