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We sometimes urge our readers to tell us what they think of the articles which appear in the Villager and to send us ideas of their own.

It was therefore really encouraging to see the response to the Down Memory Lane column in the July edition. Readers will see that these items sparked interest from a number of people and hopefully they will enjoy reading of other memories, revived as a result.

Equally, the article on sport submitted by Rev. Gerald (p28) is thought-provoking, particularly when we have been enjoying, mostly as spectators, examples of excellence in so many disciplines in the recent weeks. However, whilst he applauded all that is done at the moment he did reflect on the 'limited opportunities for sporting activity within our villages of Avening and Cherington for teenagers. Is there scope for creating more? Any volunteers?' Perhaps this is a challenge, which somebody out there might be interested in meeting.

We wish our readers the happiest of summers.

*The Villager Editors*

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Many thanks to **Charles Rymer** for this photo, taken at Cherington Show, of blacksmith, Richard Williams of Cherington Lane Forge.

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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Elizabeth Buchanan and Liz Fuller,  
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with Parish Priest, Gerald South.

Helen Di Mauro and John Bate-  
Williams, the Cherington Church  
Wardens, with Area Dean, Revd  
Poppy Hughes



# 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	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	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 Church PCC Treasurer	Ann Brick	01453 834311
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Avening Silver Band	Jim Hill	01453 834438
Avening Social Club	Derrick Ind	01453 835752
Avening Youth Club	Revd. Gerald South The Door	01453 834884 01453 756745

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**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



Firstly some sad news – after almost 25 years in the role Click Mitchell has decided to retire as a parish councillor. Click’s contribution over this time is immeasurable, but most recently she will be remembered for being instrumental in organising the Pig Face day celebration last year, and of course the truly memorable WW1 son-et-lumiere. Click’s depth of experience and never ending flow of ideas will be greatly missed, but she has promised to help with future events. We wish her all the best for the future.

This does of course mean we have a vacancy in the team, and we have started the search for a new member – if you would like to join us or find out more before applying, ask any councillor or contact the clerk for more details.

The various roadworks rumble on through the village, and the multitude of traffic lights is gradually reducing. When the set by the golf club kept failing (one of 3 sets up to the Ragged Cot!), I asked Highways to speak to the operator which they duly did, and the situation improved. We have also asked Gigaclear to provide more information about when and where they will be digging.

There has been a big focus on litter picking recently – the Café organised a very successful clean up, and the school cleared the field in the last week of term. There will be another chance to join in along the Nailsworth Road down to a stop off at the Weighbridge in the summer, so look out for details. Thanks to everyone who organised and took part. We’re investigating if a bin can be placed by the hut in the field, but I think collection could be an obstacle.

Still in the field, the first stage of the path upgrade has been completed with a temporary surface, and the next stage will be to upgrade the section from there around the play equipment to the centre gate, plus a new section to the south east gate. The fence around the play equipment should be installed in August, and we will also replace the worn out gates to be more accessible. We have updated the planning application at CDC, and this simpler scheme should be available for comment soon.

We have received the results of traffic surveys we commissioned – we still need to digest the results fully, but two interesting headlines are:

- Average weekday vehicle movements on Tetbury Hill is around 3500
- Average speed on the Nailsworth road in the 30mph zone is 49mph!

The PC enthusiastically supported the initiative by Katy Upton to set up a new mother and toddler group, and we are very pleased to hear the initial meeting was a great success – the regular sessions will start in September.

Another local initiative championed by Jennie South was to hang flower baskets on the Memorial Hall. Paul Nelson planted them all up and we have installed an automatic watering system so Jennie and Gerald don't have to go down every night with a watering can - I'm sure you'll agree that the baskets look beautiful!

*Tony Slater*



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# Avening and Cherington Churches



## Wardens are Admitted to Office

Having been appointed at the Annual Church Meetings of Avening and Cherington our new Churchwardens have now been formally admitted into the role during services at Tetbury Parish Church.

Elizabeth Buchanan and Liz Fuller, the Avening Wardens were admitted by Archdeacon Phil Andrew., and Helen Di Mauro and John Bate-Williams, the Cherington Wardens, were admitted by our Area Dean, Revd Poppy Hughes. Photos of the churchwardens after these ceremonies are shown on page 4 .

Their contact details are elsewhere in this magazine: please feel free to approach them with any church enquiries, especially if the Revd. Gerald is not available.

## Forest Church, 29<sup>th</sup> June

Tree leaves are clever things. They capture carbon dioxide from the air and, with the help of water and nutrients, convert it into wood, making the tree larger. We found on our leaf hunt in Ruggers Wood West that they also come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes and colours – just as people do! With some songs, prayers and refreshments we were able to worship in a very different way from the traditional church service. Our thanks go to Ant and Estelle St John for enabling us to use their beautiful woodland.

## Café Church, 30<sup>th</sup> June



The Bible is full of references to the natural world and the people of that time used the images of rivers, plants, moon, sun and stars to enrich their spiritual lives. These days we have a far deeper knowledge of creation, both on the cosmic and sub-atomic scales. Our service celebrated the immensity and subtlety of the universe as we worshipped the Creator.

## Your Church and Churchyard

Parish churches are one of the jewels of the English scene and offer places of unique character for locals and visitors alike. Our two church buildings are magnificent examples, reminding us of history and past endeavour whilst being the focal points of modern worshipping communities. Please feel free to come into church, spend some time there and allow the place to speak to you.

Surrounding the buildings are the churchyards making their contribution to the feel of the place – somewhere to just sit and be. Every Tuesday until the autumn from 6 to 7pm there is a tidy-up in Avening churchyard with some welcome refreshments afterwards. You would be very welcome to join in.

## From the Church Registers

22<sup>nd</sup> June: Funeral and burial of Rear Admiral Tim Bevan (Cherington)

14<sup>th</sup> July: Baptism of Carter Townsend (Avening)

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

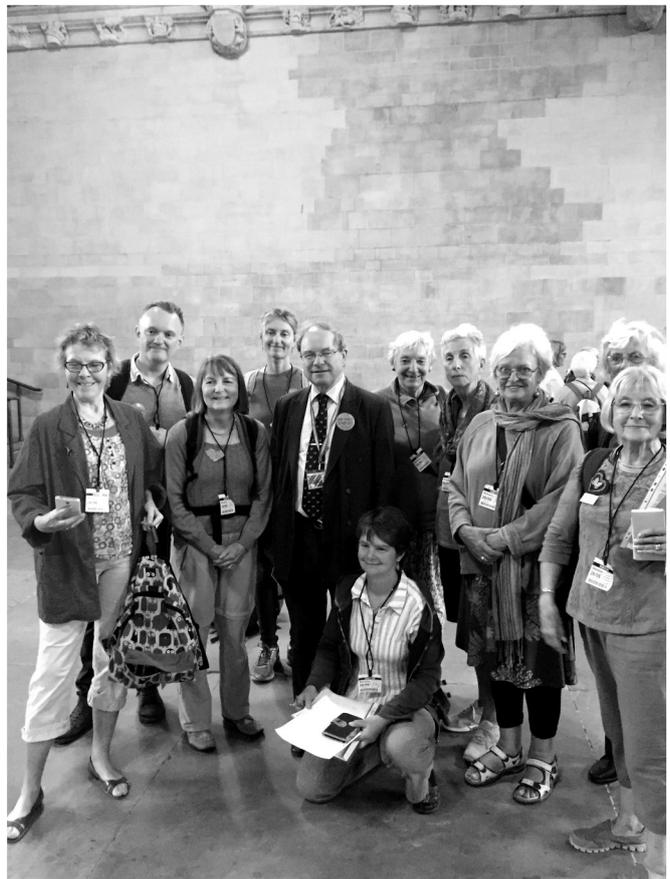
## Church Services and Events

August	Holy Cross Avening	St Nicholas Cherington
4th	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist
7th	12.30 am Praying the Parish	
11th	8.00 am Eucharist 5.30 pm Evening Prayer	
18th	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist
25th	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Morning Prayer
<b>Sept.</b>		
1st	11.00 am Eucharist with Baptism	9.30 am Eucharist
8th	8.00 am Eucharist 5.30 pm Evening Prayer	

# Avening W.I.

At the end of June, twenty eight members from Avening WI spent an enjoyable evening hosted by Tetbury WI at The Goods Shed. It was a lovely venue and we had a delicious cold supper followed by strawberries and a slice of Tetbury's 50th Anniversary cake, cut by two founder members. The guest speaker was Caroline Lowsley-Williams who gave a very entertaining talk about her family and life at Chavenage House. At the moment the house is best known as Trenwith in Poldark, now in its final series, and Poldark money has greatly helped in the upkeep of the house. Caroline's proudest claim to fame was that Ross Poldark has undressed in her bedroom, though she stressed that she was not present at the time!

Two of our members, Gwyneth and Cas, recently joined with other Gloucestershire WI members and headed to London for The Time is Now, a mass lobby for climate and environmental action. They met with local MP, Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, in Westminster Hall and had good discussions on some important topics. He pledged support on several issues including the reintroduction of feed-in tariffs to encourage the use of solar power; new environmental standards for new build and social housing on insulation and power; and the use of microfilters on washing and drying machines to prevent plastic microfibres entering the marine food chain. He is planning a 10 minute bill to include some of the ideas discussed and will keep the group informed of the outcome.



Our skittles team have continued their success in the County competition with a narrow win over Uley WI, and are now due to meet Twyver WI in the next round. Good luck team!

Several of our members had a very enjoyable time recently, learning the basics of Walking Netball. Training is being provided by England Netball who have also donated balls, posts and bibs. Participants do not have to be members of the WI

and we would like to encourage anyone who would like to have a go, to join us. The next sessions will be in September and for further details please contact Soo at [aveningwi@gmail.com](mailto:aveningwi@gmail.com)

In place of our usual meeting in August, we are having a social event and have invited Mitcheldean WI for skittles and a ploughman's lunch at the Social Club.

If anyone would like to join us on our coach trip to Bristol to see the SS Great Britain and the new Brunel exhibition on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, please contact Sue Osborn on 839327 as soon as possible. The cost is £23 to include travel, entrance and a guided tour. All welcome.

**Helen Haiselden**

## **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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Answers on page 34

## 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. Extremely cold (5)
4. Out of fashion (5)
8. Communication channel (7)
9. Crowd scene actor (5)
10. Part of a church (5)
11. Unlawful (7)
12. Natural abilities or qualities (6)
14. Conundrum (6)
18. Malleable (7)
20. Irritated (5)
22. Spear (5)
23. Acute (7)
24. Stringed instrument (5)
25. Overheads (5)

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| 1. Chivalrous (7)        | 7. Intended (5)                                 | 18. Greek letter (5)  |
| 2. Guides (5)            | 13. Curt (7)                                    | 19. Paragon (5)       |
| 3. Distinguish (7)       | 15. Ludicrous (7)                               | 21. Male monarchs (5) |
| 4. Writing implement (6) | 16. Interminable (7)                            |                       |
| 5. Carapace (5)          | 17. Sheep known for its high quality fleece (6) |                       |
| 6. Lured (7)             |   |                       |

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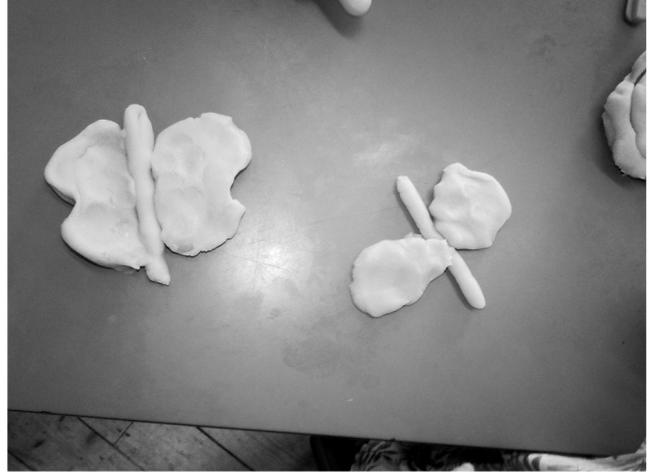
The sessions are open to parents/carers and their preschool children aged 0-5. The sessions are run by DBS checked parent volunteers and children remain the responsibility of their parent/carer at all times.



# Avening Playgroup

The final term of the year is always a busy one, both for the staff and the children. This term we have covered various topics, such as:

- Ourselves, feelings and talking about going to school
- Physical – completing an obstacle course, physi-gym, moving in different ways, kicking and throwing balls, balancing on boards and making models out of playdough
- Looking at numerals and quantities and trying to match the correct ones
- Reading lots of rhyming stories



There has also been the added excitement of Avening Primary School's sports day. The playgroup children always take part in their own race and prior to this they had been practicing how to race in the playground at playgroup.

We also have to thank the Eagles class for letting us have one of their caterpillars. The children were very interested in watching it grow, change into a chrysalis and finally turn into a beautiful butterfly. They were all

excited to watch it fly away when we let it go in our playground.

This term is always a sad one for staff as we have to say goodbye to our older children, who will be leaving at the end of term to start school in September. They have already had their 'Move through Days', when they go to school and take part in different activities in their new classroom. They really enjoyed their time there and it is lovely to see that they are so excited about going to school. We hope they will



all settle in very quickly and enjoy their time there.

**Dates for the diary:**

- Playgroup will start back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.
- Toddler Group starts on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September
- The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

If you would like any more information about our playgroup or to reserve a place for your child, please call 01453 832695 on weekday mornings during term time or email [aveningplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.com)

*Angie Heslop*

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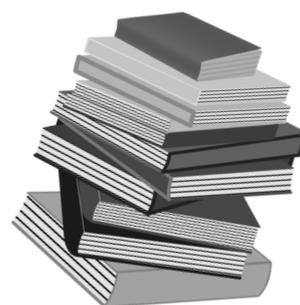
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### **Sandford Trust**

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 13th September, after which the annual distribution of funds will be made.

Applications should be made in writing, by the claimant, to:

Mrs Kelly Wilkinson  
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Avening  
Gloucestershire  
GL8 8LZ



# Wild about Avening

This month I'm highlighting the humble hedgehog. Probably the most easily recognised of British mammals and one of the most loved thanks to Mrs Tiggywinkle. These little 'hedge pigs' (named for the incredible pig-like grunts they can emit) were once a familiar sight in all villages. Now, however, they have declined to such low levels that I expect that many children in the village have never had the chance to see one in the wild. Their decline is so catastrophic that there are estimated to be only 1 million left in Britain; a stark difference from the 35 million there were in the 1960s. Their decline is thought to be due to loss of their habitats (hedgerows, woodlands, meadows); loss of the food they rely on (insects, slugs & snails); more traffic on the roads; and pesticide use (slug pellets).

But let's focus on the positives and look at what we can do to reverse this decline and make Avening a hedgehog haven!

1. Hedgehog highways: Make sure hedgehogs can get in and out of your garden. Fences have replaced hedgerows in many gardens and this has stopped hedgehogs moving freely and in some cases has pushed them onto the roads where many unfortunately don't survive. Let hedgehogs in your garden by making a



- small hole in the bottom of your fence (15cmx15cm). Ask your neighbours to do it too and let's see which street in the village can make the longest hedgehog highway or see if can connect the whole village and make a hedgehog republic ([www.hedghehogrepublic.org](http://www.hedghehogrepublic.org))!
2. Put food out: Cat food and a shallow dish of water put out under a small shelter that only hedgehogs can access can make a real difference. Please NEVER give hedgehogs milk and bread as this can make them really sick.
3. Be less tidy: All our wildlife would benefit from us being a little less tidy in the garden. Leave a small pile of leaves and branches, and/or make a compost heap somewhere in your garden for hedgehogs to nest in; or make a hedgehog box for them to use. Hedgehogs are a gardener's best

friend, perfect for controlling slugs and snails.

4. Slug pellets: Please consider an alternative for slug pellets. The chemical in these can harm a hedgehog's ability to reproduce and if they eat enough slugs containing this chemical they can die (the use of this chemical will be banned in 2020). I have found wool pellets work well but there are many other hedgehog-friendly solutions to try (check out the RSPB website for more information).

If we all do just one of these things we will hopefully see hedgehog numbers in the village increase and we could make a big difference to the survival of these wonderful animals, ensuring they are around for future generations to enjoy.

### **Nature Notes**

1. Otters: This month I found otter spraint (droppings) on the river right outside the Village Hall. How lucky to have otters passing through the village!
2. Orchids and wildflowers: What an incredible display of orchids and wildflowers as you go up Hampton Hill. A brilliant example of what can be achieved by managing verges more sensitively. Did you know that Dorset County Council adopted a new way of managing its road verges and roundabouts in 2014? By altering the normal cutting regime (cutting later in the year after seeds have set), and collecting all the grass clippings after each cut, the verges have become wildflower and wildlife havens and the council has already saved over £100,000 in management costs! A win-win situation and something that other councils will hopefully adopt in the future.

*Phoebe Carter*

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# Avening School

The Editors have heard from Alex, who usually writes our school article. She has had an exceptionally busy time recently and has had no time to produce a proper report. She apologises, but promises to write one for the September edition. This will appear before the start of the new term and will summarise and celebrate the end of this last term, with all its events and achievements.

*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)*

*However, please note the following:*

School term in September will begin on Wednesday 4th, when all parents and carers of playgroup and school children are invited to come into the church for tea and coffee, tissues, cake and chat.

For some, it will have been a difficult morning, for others a bit of a relief to be able to think to the end of a sentence! Pop in any time from 8:30, after school drop off. The coffee's great, and there will be toys on a carpet for younger children.

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# Letters to the Editor

Hazel Redding has written to say how much she enjoyed Ann Tarlton's entertaining article in last month's Villager, entitled Hector, Venus and Harry.

Readers may also be interested to know a bit more about Richard Williams of Cherington Lane Forge, whose picture appears on this month's cover. Charles Rymer tells us: Richard's late father, Graham Williams bought the business in Rodmarton from Frank Baldwin, who was himself a farrier, in 1976. Graham then grew the business, moving to a larger site in Rodmarton in the late 1970s. Then around 1991 he bought the farm buildings and farm house at Summerwell, renaming it Cherington Lane Forge, (the present site), to which he transferred the whole business.



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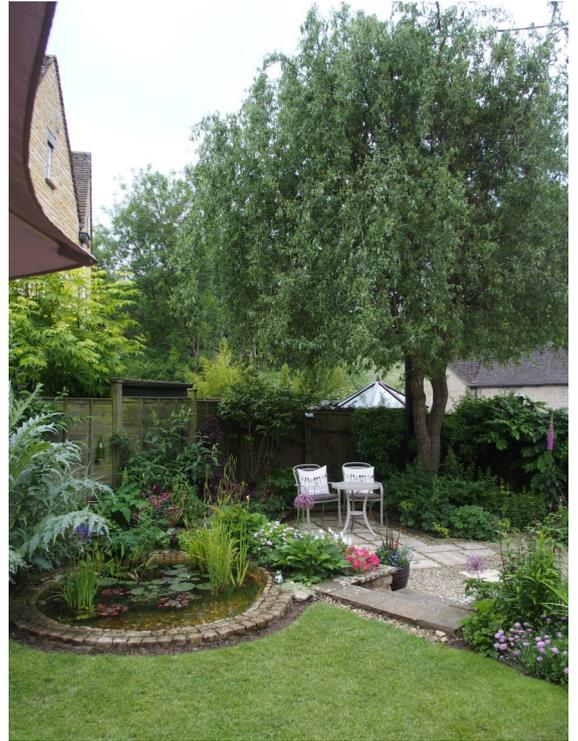
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# Cherington Show



*Many thanks to Charles Rymer and Jane Archer for these photos.*

# Avening Open Gardens 2019



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The trench through near Woodstock cut through the stream in Pool Hay, which was then the Avening playing field. The trench then filled with water to a depth of 6ft, making an ideal swimming pool for us youngsters. This of course was considered dangerous and several attempts were made to divert the water from the trench. All this failed and we continued swimming in the pool. Also by then the pool had become a wildlife centre for trout, eels, minnows etc.

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*Jim Hill*

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# Down Memory Lane

Readers may recall the items sent in by Paul Godwin last month. His memories and his Aunt Florrie's poem have sparked some very positive reactions.

Immediately after the July edition had come out, one of our editors received a telephone call from Sylvia Fletcher (nee Stone), now nearly 93, who lived much of her life here in Avening. She said how much she had been moved by Mrs May's 'Tribute to Avening', which brought back so many memories of an idyllic childhood spent in Avening.

Hazel Redding (ex Hazelwood) of Tetbury writes:

'I was interested to read Mr. Paul Godwin's article on page 26 of the Villager. I went round the churchyard today and made notes of the deceased Godwins: namely, Derek, who died in 1996 and his wife Pamela, who died in 2013. and I wondered if these are related to Paul. Derek lived in the cottages opposite the Weighbridge and had quite a responsible job at Longfords Mill. There was also a Steven Godwin who died in 1994. I hope this information will be of use to Paul.'

She also says: 'Re Marshall May you mentioned in this month's magazine, he kept stables off the High St. in the grounds of Sandford House, which I regularly attended. Two shilling and sixpence per hour, I remember to hire a pony/horse. Nothing like taking a horse for a ride up the back of Hazel Wood for a gallop. I do not remember any of the others mentioned in Mr. Godwin's memoirs - a bit before my time! He lived in a terraced cottage up Point Road; and introduced me to Stow Fair (horses).

## ***And more memories of Marshall May***

I remember Marshall May, mentioned as the village baker in the article "Down Memory Lane" in last month's Villager. Indeed Marshall was responsible for bringing me to Avening over 50 years ago!

Marshall ran the bakery on the corner of Point Road (oh, the heavenly smell of fresh bread baking in the early mornings!), and he lived in a cottage just further along Point Road. We formed a friendship based on our love of horses, and over a cup of strong tea, he would regale me with tales of his boyhood helping with the workhorses on Church Farm, and his days spent in a cavalry unit in World War 1, while my children played with his cats in the garden. The bread from the bakery was delivered to the surrounding villages by a horse drawn canvas covered wagon; I have a water colour print of the wagon being driven past Church Farm.

But as well as being the village baker, Marshall also kept several horses and ponies in the stable yard of Sandford House, grazing them in the orchards and meadows stretching along to Brook House (now covered by Sandford Leaze). He fed them any stale bread from the bakery, and would sometimes loan them out for local hacking in the surrounding countryside.



I was then living in Little Somerford with my four small children; I cannot remember how I first came to hear of

Marshall May and his horses. We had to leave our own horses behind when we moved there, the children were missing their ponies dreadfully so one autumn afternoon, driving through Avening after an outing to Minchinhampton Common, we decided to look him up. A few days later we were all enjoying riding out in the lovely surrounding countryside on Seagull, Cobweb, Bella, Scout and Sergeant, all suitably graded in size to meet our requirements! Thereafter it became a regular weekly engagement so much enjoyed, and all for 5/-!

Then one Spring morning as we were riding back up West End Lane from a lovely ride enjoying the bluebells in Hazelwood, we spotted a for sale sign outside Vale Farmhouse (now divided into Heronsmead and Somerford House). At the time we were looking for a house nearer Tetbury, and after a viewing and a cup of tea on the lawn with Rover Ross, who lived there then, it was love at first sight! A month or so later we bought the house at an auction sale at the George Hotel in Nailsworth. Thus began my long association with Avening we soon moved in to begin fifteen or so happy years there...

I kept up my friendship with Marshall for many years, one of the first things that I did after moving into Vale House, was to buy Apollo from him to start our new family of horses! There must still be many people in Avening who remember Marshal May and who knew him far better than I did, but I shall always be grateful to him for bringing me to Avening in the first place all those years ago.

***Gilian Bulmer-Davison***

## Sport and Life

Apologies if you are not into sport but the recent final of the Cricket World Cup has gone down as one of the most dramatic sporting events of all time: delighted as many of us were to see England win, it is hard not to feel very sorry for the New Zealanders who played so well and could have won but for Ben Stoke's unusual 6. We have also had Women's World Cup football, Wimbledon, Open Golf and many other such sporting spectacles.



What a unique contribution sport can make to the morale of a country and to relations between countries. Ireland produces a rugby team of players from both north and south; many sports teams include people of widely differing backgrounds and ethnicity. We see some fine examples of genuine sportsmanship and goodwill between sporting adversaries and many of the more aggressive pitch confrontations are forgotten in the bar afterwards.

Many of us who enjoy sporting participation were introduced to it in our younger years by the encouragement and coaching of adults. Through sport young people can experience the disciplines of planning and committed training, the delights of success, the handling of the inevitable failures in life and much else. How good it is to see that continuing here: Avening School does much to encourage a love of sport. Those who help with these organisations, and others such as scouting, deserve our thanks and encouragement. They are making an inestimable contribution to the future wellbeing of many individuals, of our community and the nation as whole.

However there seems to be limited opportunities for sporting activity within our villages of Avening and Cherington for teenagers. Is there scope for creating more? Any volunteers?

Sport is about our physical fitness, our leisure and the ways in which we interact with others. As such it is at the heart of Christian faith in which all of these are seen as gifts to be treasured, nurtured and developed. *The enjoyment and mutual respect that can be evident through sport offers* a unique contribution to living fulfilled lives as God wishes for us.

Perhaps the American sports writer Grantland Rice gave us something to think about in his words from *Alumnus Football*: "For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, he marks not that you won or lost, but how you played the game".

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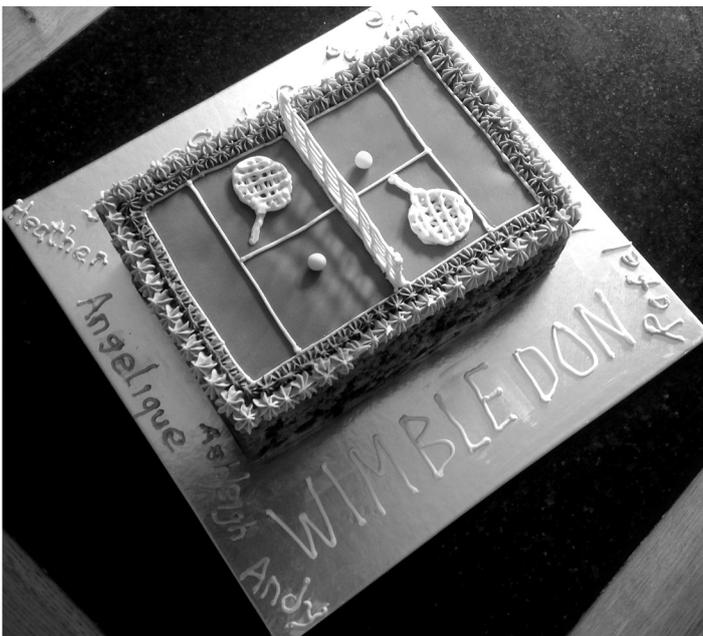


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## Fun in the sun. Or rain. The Café's set for summer!

We're all set for a cracking summer at the Café, whatever the weather! Nothing beats coffee and cake in the sun on the benches outside the Café (with a spot of dog-minding thrown in), but there's also plenty going on for any rainy Tuesdays that August throws at us. British summertime....bring it on!

I think we all agree that July was a lovely month at the Café – and it's a huge tribute to all of our volunteers who work so hard both behind the bar and behind the scenes that the Café continues to be such a success – so much so that we're beginning to welcome visitors from outside Avening who want to know how it is done! New volunteers are always welcome: we had our first 'Rookie Tuesday' Café for first-time volunteers in July and it's been great to hear from teenagers who want to get stuck in to the Café during the summer holidays. Do get in touch if you'd like to join one of the teams – it's a great way of meeting people.



Our bakes are proving so popular that we've decided to collect the most sought-after recipes for the Little Community Café Baking Book, which will be published to mark our first birthday in November. We already have over a dozen recipes from Elizabeth Buchanon's triumphant Syrian Lemon Cake to Sandra Hetterley's unforgettable Wimbledon tribute bake. It takes skill to make something that tastes as good as it looks when it looks that good!

We held one of our most popular 'maker spaces' in July when Lil Adams returned to Avening to host an inspiring morning of soap sculpture during which (speaking for myself) even the most artistically inept could have some good clean fun. It's good to see customers picking up a good read on our Book Swap Tuesdays and for card-sharps and grand-masters we now have classic games – Scrabble, backgammon and cards, with dominoes, draughts and chess coming soon.

Our flagship event in August is our link-up with the Avening Cinema Club for a

Movie Matinee and Popcorn Picnic in the Memorial Hall on 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are just £2.50 in advance (£3 on the door), which includes the dance-along movie The Greatest Showman, picnic and popcorn. That's not all for our younger customers – we've got a children's story time on August 6<sup>th</sup> (with a big 'thank you' to the Social Club for letting us hold it in the Members' Bar) and book swaps for children and We round everything off with our very own Seaside Special on August 27<sup>th</sup> ....and we're getting creative...knobbly knee competition anyone??!



***Clare Bebbington***

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# Avening Youth Club



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**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 John at The Door on 01453 756745.

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***However: we have received the following note from The Door, which may be of interest to some of you:***

All set for a summer of fun at **The Door's Youth Clubs** this summer.

For some young people the summer holidays can be a tough ask. Without the structure and social life of school many are stuck at home with little to do and are at risk becoming isolated. Furthermore for parents and carers, holidays can be a strain on finances with increased outings, special events and other treats adding to weekly costs.

With both of these in mind The Door's youthwork team have put together an exciting, jam-packed 6 weeks of activities, trips and fun! Open to all young people in school years 6-13, all activities are either free or subsidised. Everything from cooking and baking, sport and games to karaoke, arts and crafts there is something for everyone to get stuck into this summer.

We are also offering sessions specifically for those leaving year 6 to give them a taste of how great a youth club can be.

Director of Service Delivery for The Door, Victoria Robson Says – "I delighted that once again this summer we are able to offer such exciting activities and trips for so many young people across our District. We are all looking forward to seeing many new and familiar faces come and join in the fun!"

Full details can be found at **[thedoor.org.uk/summer](http://thedoor.org.uk/summer)** , **by talking to The Door's Youthworkers or are available from The Door Shop at the top of Stroud High Street.**

## **Avening Open Gardens 2019**

Avening Open Gardens was an amazing success! 19 beautiful gardens opened and our final total was £843. (see page 4 for photos)

A huge thank you from The Mark Townsend Charitable Trust to everyone who worked so hard to open their gardens for us, to Leigh and Victoria Abbosh who hosted the Raffle as well as serving tea and cakes, to Rima for selling her Art and finally to Sarah and Nicholas Croome for serving tea and cakes also!

The money raised was distributed to :

£350 – Avening Playgroup

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## Avening Cinema Club

There is no August evening film but instead the Film Club and Community Café are hosting a matinee performance of **The Greatest Showman** on **August 15th**. See page 40 for further details.

Please note that from September the film club will run on the first **Thursday** 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.

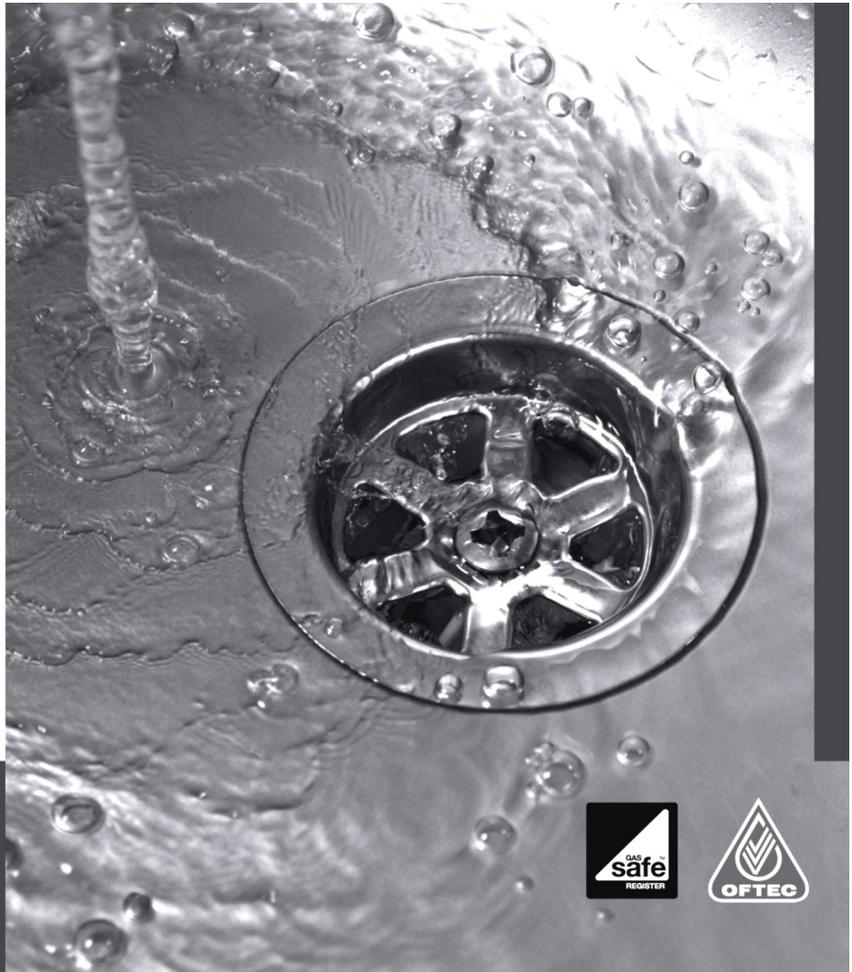
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This table gives information about charities which are based in and around Avening and Cherington. Periodically, we will give a more detailed outline of what each organisation does.

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.	Revd. Gerald South gp.south@btopenworld.com
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
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Mark Townsend Charitable Trust	Providing help with whatever life circumstances may incur.	www.themarktownsenedcharitabletrust.com 01453 832799

# Cherington Parish Council

## Police Report

PCSO Biddell attended the meeting and will attend the Show on 21 July. The police report for the last year is available on the PC website. There was discussion of various unusual activities in the village recently and he advised residents to ring 999 if there is risk of harm and 101 for other incidents. They are also recommended to sign up for Gloucestershire Constabulary's Community Alerts at: <https://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk/>

## Governance

The Council approved the annual accounting and governance statements. Relevant papers are now on the website.

## New Planning Applications

The Council had no objections to the following applications:

Cherington Park, Cherington GL8 8SN: T1 - One large Sycamore that has large hollow cavities right through the base of the trunk resulting in this full canopy tree being unstable. This tree is to be dismantled to ground level.

14 May 2019 19/01804/TCONR          Status: Decided: No objection

Coach House North, Cherington Park, Cherington: Retention of gutter and downpipe detail to mitigate further water ingress to south and east elevations (retrospective).

16 May 2019 19/01863/LBC          Status: Awaiting decision

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

## Infrastructure

County Cllr Hirst presented a report for June/July 2019 (now on the website). Cllrs Mitchell and Arden had met Gillian Portlock of Gloucestershire Highways, to discuss managing the problem of lorries turning on the green. Options included reducing the size of the green, the grass triangle and/or the pavement but might involve moving a drain. She had agreed to provide plans for further discussion.

## Next Parish Council Meeting

This will be held on **Tuesday 10th September at 6pm** in the Village Hall. An agenda will be placed on the notice board and [cheringtonpc.org.uk](http://cheringtonpc.org.uk). The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01453 832100 or via email at [cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk).

# Avening Parish Council



The minutes of the meeting on 15th July will be published shortly, but some of the items discussed are summarised below:

## **Crime**

Avening was crime free for the month of June as there were no crimes reported.

## **Dropped Kerbs**

Just to clear up any misunderstanding - It is an offence to park across dropped kerbs, but residents with driveways opposite dropped kerbs still have the right to use their drives to access their property.

## **Playing Field**

The planning application will be updated this month with the simplified scheme.

## **Mobile Library**

The Parish Council made a request for a mobile library to visit. Sadly, this request has been turned down.

## **Parish Council Vacancy**

A big thank you to Click Mitchel, who has decided to retire from the Parish Council after 24 years. Her organisation of the WW2 celebrations was fantastic!

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk or a current member of the Council for more information.

## **Christmas**

Father Christmas has agreed to pay Avening a visit on the 6th December. Please put it in your diary!

## **Planning**

Ref: 19/02447/FUL: Erection of a detached garage and home office.  
Plum Patch Cottage 7 Star Lane Avening TETBURY Gloucestershire GL8 8NT.

Resident's comments noted. No objections.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is 15 August 2019 – minutes and agendas are available to view at [www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk)

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: [parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk)

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Thursday 15th August	Movie Matinee: The Greatest Showman	Avening Memorial Hall	1.45pm
Thursday 15th August	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 2nd - Mon 26th August	Tetbury Art Society Summer Exhibition	Tetbury Town Hall	10 am to 5 pm
Wednesday 4th September	Start of Term for Avening School and Playgroup	School and Playgroup (Tea, coffee and chat in the church after drop-off)	
Thursday 5th September	Avening Cinema Club Film tbc	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Monday 9th September	Start of Term for Toddler Group	Toddler Group	
Tuesday 10th September	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Tuesday 17th September	Avening Playgroup AGM		tbc
Friday 6th December	Fr. Christmas visits Avening!		tbc

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