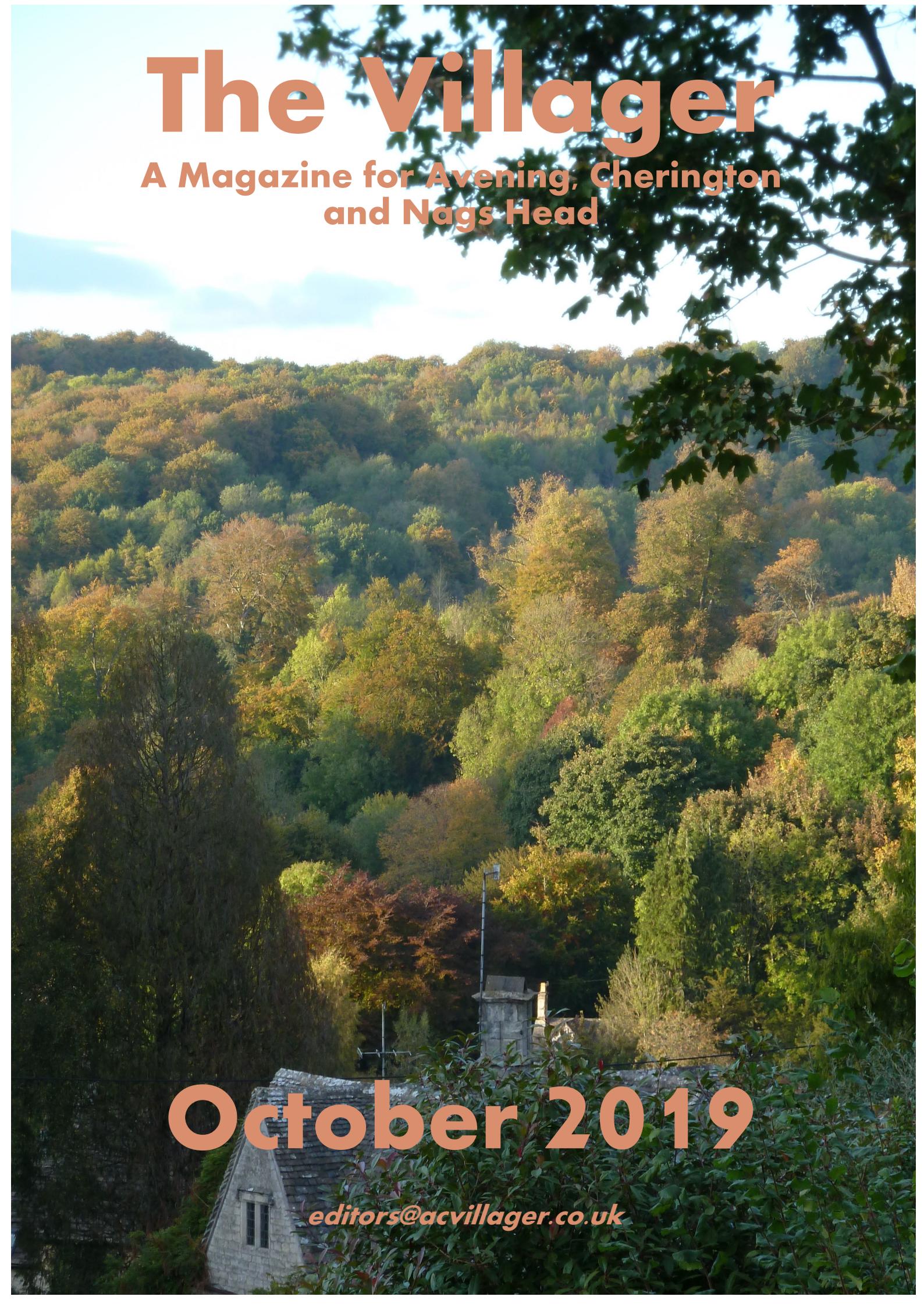


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Readers may have missed the usual article about Avening Primary School in the recent editions of the Villager, but this month they will not only welcome its return, but perhaps also be entertained to read the entries from the school log books of the late 1880-90s. Hopes and aspirations for the education of younger children have changed so dramatically.

In fact it is very heartening that our Primary School continues to play such an important part in our village life. Look out for news of their involvement with the Community Café and their Open Morning, both later on in October.

Community life in Avening continues to grow and flourish. Readers will see the exciting plans that the Community Café has for this month and in particular will be glad to learn of the arrival of the Mobile Post Office Van outside the Social Club each Tuesday morning. It is hoped that this new location will result in many more people taking advantage of the wonderful service we are now offered. Don't forget to use it!

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If you have a photo of Avening or Chelington 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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Regular Activities in Avening and Cherington

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Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
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Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	9.45 - 11.30am	Social club car park	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 883456
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 883456
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
Avening Cinema Club	1st Thursday 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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Cherington Church PCC Secretary	Elizabeth Workman	01285 841294
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Cherington Parish Council: cheringtonpc.org.uk.

Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

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Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



There have been some ongoing tensions and discussions as a result of the new drop kerbs installed in Sunground. We initiated a request to Highways some time ago to facilitate free disabled and pushchair access from that area right down to the hall and other local facilities. As part of the plan we completed improvements to the concrete path into the field and we have now improved and widened the path down to the main gate. Highways installed the drop kerbs we requested but also added several others (without our or residents' input), one of which has caused the disquiet. Impacted residents came to the September PC meeting and clearly articulated their safety concerns, and having observed the problems first hand over a weekend I fully support their observations – as did our County Councillor and PCSO. We resolved to contact Highways as a group to request that they move the drop kerb to a safer position as soon as possible – they may push some or all of the cost for doing so back to us, but we will point out that they actually made a mistake in its current location.

A couple of dates for your diary:

Saturday 5th October 09.30 or 13.00 – First aid course, Avening Memorial Hall.
Free!

Friday 6th December – Christmas Tree lighting, Father Christmas and party. More details soon.

Visitors to the Café will have noticed a big red Post Office van in the club car park – after many months of negotiations, and with kind permission of Derrick and the Social Club we have been able to secure the van every Tuesday morning to coincide with the café. Details of the services on offer can be found later in this magazine.

Avening has been largely crime free this year, but in August we recorded 6 crimes including the theft of a trailer from the roadworks contractor, and damage to the play equipment – please be alert to unusual activity, and report them to the police – use 101 if non-urgent. PCSO Sue Fellowes advised us that she and her colleague offer free home visits to help with crime prevention, and I have added a link to other helpful details from our website.

The ongoing frustrations with roadworks, and them being carried out at unsociable hours, plus unnecessary traffic lights causing jams, have all been taken up with the CEO of Gigaclear and Highways. It should be noted that Star Lane will be closed for a couple of weeks in October for resurfacing, but it won't mean residents will need Red Cross food parcels – it's just that the road will be blocked

to through traffic as the work progresses. Back Lane (off Old Hill towards Hampton Hill) will also be closed for the final (hopefully) section of wall to be replaced.

I've been in contact with Wales & West Utilities about the possibility of extending the gas main to the bottom and west of the village – they are receptive, and will be sending a proposal soon for a loop down the High Street, up New Inn Lane and back along Point Road – if you are interested in being connected to mains gas, please let me know.



Emma and new husband Paul outside Cherington church.

We now have the results of the youth survey carried out on our behalf by The Door – Gerald will arrange a meeting to discuss next steps soon. If you would like to be involved in activities aimed at our teenage population, please contact Gerald.

The current phase of work on the playing field will complete this month, with the installation of the safety fence around the play equipment. We will then be looking at priorities and funding for the next phase, and also starting a plan for replacement of the hall roof.

This month has been a proud one for me and Mandy, with Emma our younger daughter getting married over a lovely family weekend, hotly followed by Shelly who safely delivered our beautiful first grandson.

Tony Slater



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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Avening and Cherington Churches



Jennie and I have now moved out of Avening Rectory into our own house in Minchinhampton. I continue to be Priest-in-Charge of Avening and Cherington Churches and our move will make little difference to my ministry in the villages.

Our email addresses remain the same but there is a change of 'phone number to 01453 883456.

Gerald South

St Paul – what was he thinking? 23rd and 30th October

St Paul, perhaps best known for his Damascus Road experience, was central to the development and spread of the Christian faith but his writings are not always easy to interpret. These evenings will take a closer look at this fascinating man. They will be at 14 High Street, Avening, thanks to the hospitality of Elizabeth and George Buchanan, from 7.30 to 9.00pm. If you would like to come along please let me know (883456).

Harvest Festivals

The Cherington Harvest Festival was a most joyful occasion with fifteen youngsters contributing prayers, a song and a reflection on the needs of our unequal world. Three large cardboards boxes of food items were taken to the Tetbury and Cirencester Foodbank and the generous cash collection will also support their much needed work. Thank you to all those who supported this service and to those who prepared and cleared the hall for a most enjoyable harvest supper.

The Avening Harvest Festival is at 11.00 am on 6th October. Contributions to the Tetbury Foodbank would be particularly welcome. At the time of writing they are in need of: Tinned fish, Long-life milk, Tinned vegetables, Biscuits, Instant mash/tinned potatoes, Rice pudding, Long-life sponge pudding, Long-life juice, Tinned fruit, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta, Teabags. However they have good stocks of: Beans, Sanitary products, Tinned meat.

Flowers, vegetables etc for display may be brought to church at 9am on Saturday 5th.

Pet Service. 10.30 am, Sunday 13th October at Cherington Church

Our pets can play a vital part in our lives and we have every reason to say thank you for them and to seek God's blessing on them and on our relationship with them. Bring your pet or a picture if that is easier.

All Souls Service. 3.30 pm Sunday 3rd November at Avening Church

This quiet service provides an opportunity to remember and give thanks for those we have loved and see no more. Children are welcome as well as adults. However long ago we may have lost a loved one this is a chance to reflect, light a candle in their name and seek some comfort. You are invited to stay for a cup of tea and cake after the service.

From the Church Registers

1st Sept. Baptism of Otto Wookey (Cherington)

Baptism of Benjamin Hatt (Avening)

8th Sept. Dedication of Marriage of Emma and Paul Jupp (Cherington)

21st Sept. Marriage of Tessa Moreland and Richard Oliver (Cherington)

Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington

01453 883456 gp.south@btopenworld.com

Church Services and Events

	St Nicholas Cherington	Holy Cross Avening
October		
6 th	9.30 am Eucharist	11.00 am Harvest Festival
8 th	12.30 pm Praying the Parish	
9 th		7.00 pm PCC Meeting (Church)
13 th	10.30 am Pet Service	8.00 am Eucharist 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
20 th	9.30 am Eucharist	11.00 am Eucharist
23 rd	7.30 pm St Paul – what was he thinking? (14 High St., Avening)	
27 th	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11.00 am Eucharist
30 th	7.30 pm St Paul – what was he thinking? (14 High St., Avening)	
November		
3 rd	9.30 am Eucharist	11.00 am Eucharist 3.30 pm All Souls Service
10 th	Remembrance Service at Avening	8.00 am Said Eucharist 10.45 am Remembrance Service

Avening W.I.

We started our new 'term' with our September meeting when we discussed our busy plans for the period up until Christmas. We enjoyed the talk by Neil Medland about Westminster Abbey which Helen had described in our September report.

On 25th September we are having an outing to the SS Great Britain with guided tours. The following week we are walking to the Trouble House where we will have lunch. Our quiz team will be taking part in the final of the W.I. County Quiz.

The centenary of the Gloucestershire Federation of W.I.s. is being marked by displays in Gloucester Cathedral. Avening W.I. will be preparing a table-top display which will be in the cloisters. Anyone interested please come along and have a look. It is taking place on 11th and 12th October.

Avening W.I. will also mark the centenary by running the Community Café on 15th October when in addition to cakes and coffee we will be serving bacon rolls.

Please note that we are having our own quiz, everyone welcome, on 8th November to include a ploughmans' supper at the Social Club. The quiz will start promptly at 7.30pm. Proceeds of the quiz will go to Longfields.

We have restarted our walking netball with support from England Netball who have provided a coach, balls, and goalposts. We have joined forces with Kemble and Nailsworth WIs. The last session was in Kemble Village Hall. The photo shows members from Avening and Kemble enjoying a very energetic evening.



We will be having a Christmas shopping coach trip this year for the first time to Stratford upon Avon where they have a Christmas Market. The provisional date for this is 28th November. Anyone from Avening + friends and families are welcome to join us. Further details will be provided in the November issue of the Villager.

Our October meeting is our birthday meeting. This year we will be celebrating 89 years of Avening W.I. Our speaker will be Elizabeth Spurway who is going to introduce us to Fused Glass. If anyone in the village is interested in our speakers' subjects please come along. You will be most welcome.

The meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

Gwyneth Simpson



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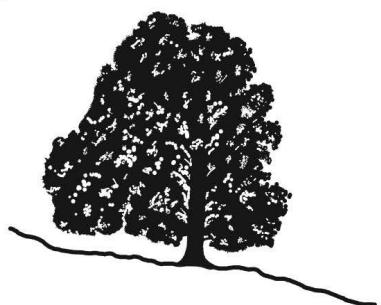
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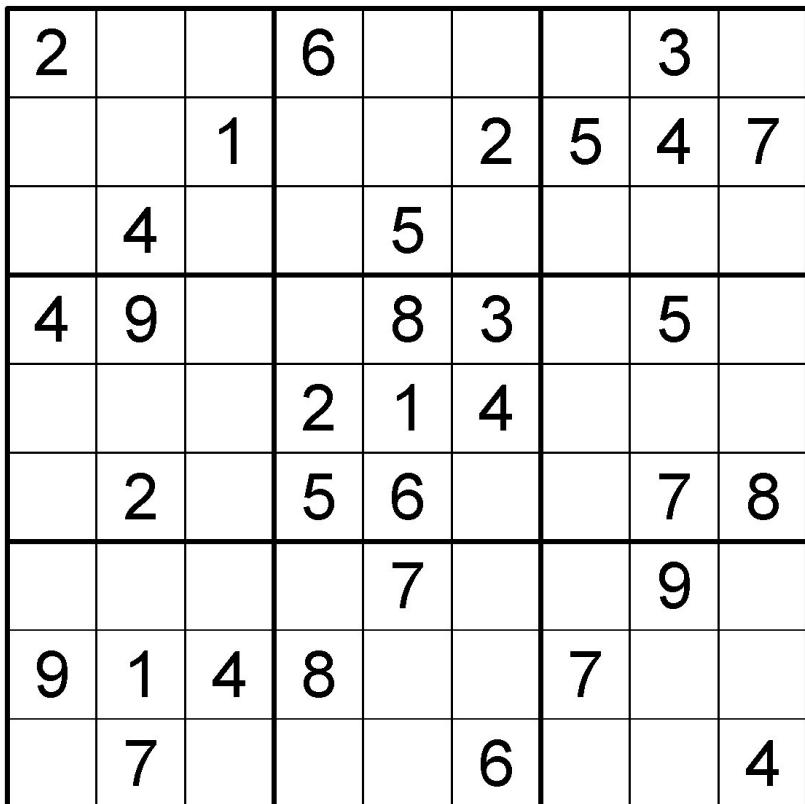
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Sudoku

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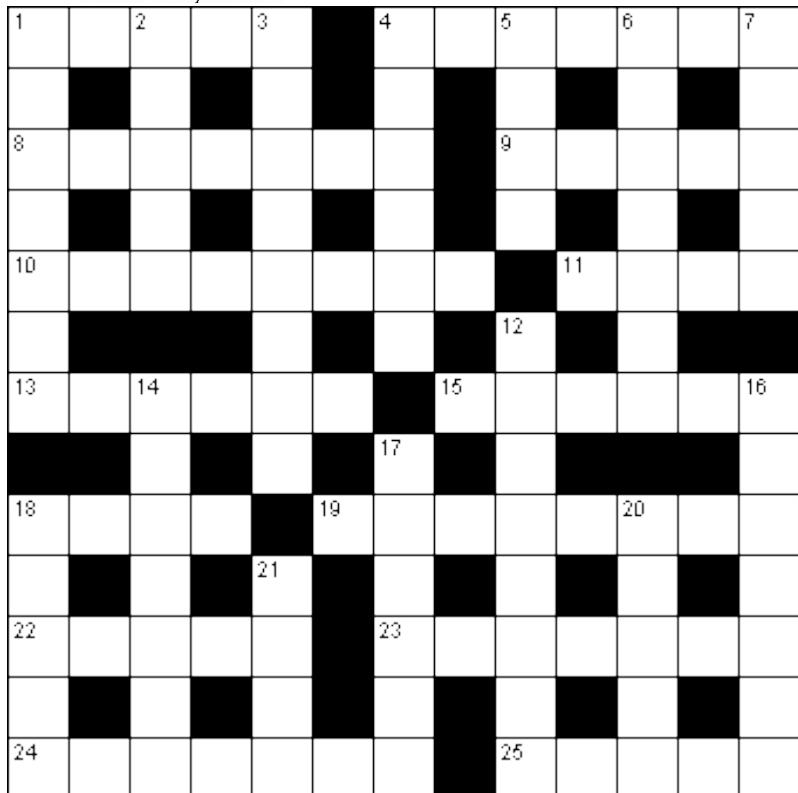
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8. Brass instrument (7)
9. Fruit (5)
10. Beamed (8)
11. Singing couple (4)
13. Kind of lake (6)
15. Movie house (6)
18. Large and scholarly book (4)
19. Precise (8)
22. Tooth (5)
23. Inactivity (7)
24. Family name (7)
25. Laconic (5)

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| 2. A regular route (5) | 6. Planet (7) | 17. In operation (6) |
| 3. Seven-sided polygon (8) | 7. Choose by vote (5) | 18. Domesticates (5) |
| 4. Dairy product (6) | 12. Venomous (8) | 20. Theatrical performer (5) |
| | 14. Risk taker (7) | 21. Song for solo voice (4) |

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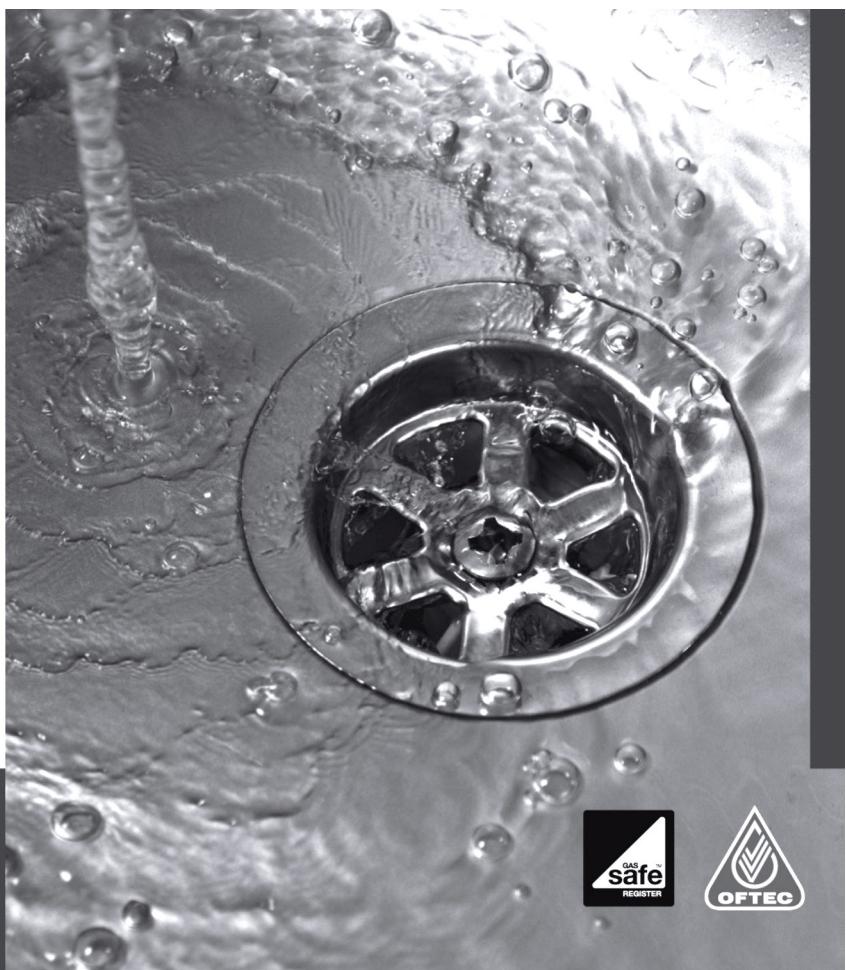
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Avening Primary School Open Morning

**Friday 11 October 2019
9.15 – 12 noon**

A great opportunity to come along to find out exactly how our school works and see us in action. There will be special guided tours given by members of our School Council.

Coffee and Mrs Wilkinson's homemade cake, too!

Letter to the Editors

Chalara Ash Dieback

Following on from the Chairman's report in the last issue of the Villager, I thought I would pass on some of the latest thinking regarding Chalara Ash Dieback. The disease has now spread across most of the UK, with Gloucestershire being no exception.

Chalara Ash Dieback is a fungal disease and the first signs are small spots on the leaves and wilting of the outer shoots. The fungus overwinters on the stalks (rachis) of the fallen leaves and re-infects the tree and neighbouring trees the following year. As more of the crown dies, it becomes more obvious that the tree is declining.

There is no treatment except to clear up fallen leaves. Unfortunately, it is likely that more and more trees will become infected over the next few years. That is not to say that every Ash tree should be felled as the Forestry Commission are hopeful that there is enough genetic variability within the Ash population that there will be trees that are immune or offer some resistance to the disease.

It is certainly prudent to remove any diseased trees as the timber and branches do get brittle over time, but not sensible to remove every tree that could become infected. Better to be vigilant and inspect your trees regularly for any sign of the disease.

Remember also that large parts of the Village are in Conservation areas and permission from the District Council is required if any tree felling or surgery is proposed.

As a former local authority tree officer, I would be happy to inspect any trees in the Village where people are concerned about the health of their Ash trees.

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Avening Playgroup

First of all, we would like to welcome all the children who are starting at playgroup this term. We hope that they and their families enjoy their time with us. Also, a big welcome back to all the children who were with us before the summer holiday. There is already a big difference in their confidence, now that they are the 'older' children.

We have been very busy over the holidays, as I mentioned last month. The playroom is now looking great and with a lot more room. Unfortunately, as soon as we had finished all the work, we discovered a slow leak in the kitchen area. We must say a big thank you to AW Plumbing and Heating for sorting it out so quickly. The floor boards have now dried out and thank you to Naomi and family for laying the new lino.



So far, this term, we have been around all the different areas at playgroup so that the children know where to find everything and where to put things when we tidy up.



We have been looking at ourselves and discussing what we look like, what colour our eyes and hair are as well counting how many fingers and ears we have. The children have been making playdough models of themselves and have also painted some lovely self-portraits. They have also taken turns to have their height measured. We have all had lots of fun singing and doing the actions to 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.

We would like to thank all the parents who attended the AGM ON September 17th and who have volunteered to join the Committee this year. Unfortunately, we have had to say good bye to Helen, who stepped down from being the Chair of the Committee after two years in the role and thank her and her family very much for everything they have done. We now welcome Naomi as our new Chairperson and very much look forward to working with her and the new committee.

If you have a child who will be three years old during the coming school year and you would like them to join our playgroup, please contact us on 01453 832695 or email us at aveningplaygroup@gmail.com

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Wild About Avening

While we have been enjoying the last of the summer sunshine, the Tawny owls have been busy establishing their territories ready for the breeding season early next year. The Tawny owls in the play park have been particularly vocal, calling nearly every evening, often before darkness has truly fallen. With the young owls leaving their parents at this time of year and not moving much further than 2 miles from their birth place, competition for territories is high and the territorial hooting becomes more intense.



Despite popular belief, Tawny owls do not make a 'Twit twoo' noise at all. It is thought that Shakespeare is to blame for this misrepresentation following his play, Love's Labour's Lost, where the song of winter ends with the following line: "Then nightly sings the staring owl: 'Tu-who; Tu-whit; Tu-who'". If you listen out for the owls the actual call of the males

is a drawn out 'hooo' followed by a softer 'hu', then a louder 'huhuhuhoo'. The female call is a 'keewik' which she uses to make contact with her breeding partner.

These rather brilliant owls are brown with a rounded head and dark forward-facing eyes. Because of their forward facing eyes they must turn their heads to see behind them and like other owls they can turn their head through 270 degrees! They feed on small animals such as voles and mice but will also take large insects and forage for earthworms on lawns on damp evenings. As they like to nest in cavities such as hollow trees it is possible to encourage them into your garden by putting up specially-designed nest boxes. Nest boxes should go on mature trees, facing away from prevailing winds (generally avid west or south-west facing), and be at least 3m from the ground.

Date for your diary

On October 22nd the Eco-council from Avening Primary School will be coming to the 'Green Community Cafe'. The children are excited to tell you all about palm oil and the impact its production is having on the environment, and you can take part in a taste test as the Eco-council try and find a palm oil-free snack for the café to sell. Please do come along and support the café and the Eco-council who are so passionate about making the world a better place. Bring along your empty crisp packets, toothbrushing paraphernalia, old batteries and old pens for recycling.

Wildlife World

Did you know that Chavenage is home to Wildlife World who make and sell everything you can want to make your garden wildlife-friendly? How great that we have a company on our doorstep doing such brilliant work. Go and check them out or visit their website www.wildlifeworld.co.uk. Please note I have no connection to Wildlife World! I just think supporting a local, environmentally-responsible, wildlife-friendly company is a no brainer!

Phoebe Carter

Avening Community Café Crop Swap Update

Earlier this year the Avening Café had its first seed swap, where visitors were invited to share any surplus seeds (there are always more than you need in a packet) and it proved very popular. This was shortly followed by a plant swap where visitors were invited to share any seedlings surplus to requirements. From courgettes to lavenders, geraniums to cucumbers, seedlings and plants were shared amongst seasoned gardeners and eager amateurs alike.



Following a fabulous summer, green fingered villagers were invited to share their bountiful crops with fellow coffee drinkers. Late August and September saw the first ‘Veggie-tables’ overflowing with produce – spinach, beetroot, tomatoes, courgettes, cucumbers, apples, damsons, grapes, jam, chutney – all zero air miles, virtually organic, and lovingly grown or made in Avening. If you haven’t yet sampled any of the produce pop along each Tuesday to see what’s available. Everything is donated and looking for a good home! Some ‘swapping’ goes on or you can

make a small voluntary donation in aid of the Café’s chosen charity (still to be confirmed). To date - over £80 has been raised!

This project is in its infancy, but it would be exciting to see it grow – if you have any spare plants and bulbs or fruit and veg, or a glut of things you have made from them, please bring them along and pop them on the ‘Veggie-table’.

Thank you to all who have contributed to date and to those who plan to in the future. If you have any suggestions or questions, or would like to help, we’d love to hear from you.

*Chandy Rodgers
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Avening School

New Beginnings!

Welcome back to Avening School. At the end of July, after an action packed final few weeks of term, we waved off our Year 6 leavers as they left our school to embark on their new beginnings at secondary school and closed the school gates for the summer holidays. Now we are back for a brand new academic year and it's all change for staff as well as the children as the school has a reshuffle with pupils and teachers moving to new classes. We are delighted to welcome three new members of staff: Mr Hall as the new Hawks class teacher (y3/4) and Miss Birch and Miss Graham as teaching assistants in the Kestrels (y1/2) and Eagles (r) classes. We also have 17 new starters in our reception class who have settled into school life wonderfully so far.

Pupils in the Owls class (y5/6) have barely sat in their seats and already they are up and out of the classroom, venturing into territories unknown as they set off on their residential trip to Beam House PGL Adventure Centre in North Devon. Amongst many exciting activities in which the children will be participating are beach-combing, rafting and climbing the high ropes.

With a new term always come new class topics. The Hawks class are looking at the workings of the human body in their topic 'keeping fit', while next door in the Owls Class, their topic has a scientific theme as they explore and experiment with 'muck, mess and mixtures'. The Kestrels class are currently discovering about the Great Fire of London while the Eagles are learning about each other in their topic 'all about me'.

The whole school has been learning about the democratic process through recent elections to elect new members for the school council. The school council are essential to the running of the school and, through regular meetings, they focus on and make decisions about how they wish to improve things within the school and wider community. They also play an integral role in recruiting new staff members and act as ambassadors for the school on our annual school open morning amongst other events.

On Friday 11th October from 9.15am – 12pm, we will be opening our doors for our annual Open Morning which gives prospective new parents and children the opportunity to visit our school and meet the staff. There will be a tour of the school run by members of our school council and coffee and cake too -Everyone is welcome!

Fledgling's sessions have started again in the school garden every Friday, whatever the weather, from 2 – 3pm for pre-school children age 0-4 and their grown-ups. Contact the school office if you would like more information on

this.

FOAS are due to hold their first meeting of the new school year as I write. Details of their exciting fundraising events to be included in next month's article.

Aldi are running a promotion called 'Kit for Schools' from September to 3 November. They are giving away stickers for every £30 spent in store. For 300 stickers, we will receive a sports kit and the chance to win one of twenty £20,000 prizes. If you collect any stickers, please send them to the school office. Thank you.

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

From Avening School Log Books

In the past, we have included some from the Avening school log books in our weekly newsletter that goes home to parents. They were so well received, we decided to share some them with the village community. We hope you find them as interesting and enlightening as we do.

18 Oct 1889: There was a half holiday in the afternoon in consequence of the marriage of Miss Calcutt, a teacher at the school, which was unusually attractive.

28 Oct 1889: On Thursday last through the kindness of Mr and Mrs Calcutt of Avening Lodge, each child in the village was presented with two buns and a packet of sweets, in commemoration of Miss Calcutt's marriage.

June 1890: Avening National School had been inspected. The report noted that "Needlework is carefully taught but the flannel patches and some of the darning were poor."

28 July 1890: With this week closes the first quarter of the school year. Eight children have left. Very good progress has been made by the majority of children, but owing to the irregularity of attendance there are three children who know simply nothing.



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Avening Community Café

A Saturday Pop-Up – Our Even Greener Café – A Salute to the WI

It was a ‘feet-up-and-breeeath’ afternoon after the last Café of the school holidays – but what a wonderful Café on which to end the summer! There were free cupcakes, a very active Crop Swap (thanks to some publicity help from The Villager) and a little bit of sprinkle-sparkle for our budding bakers. I don’t think that any of us could have predicted just how successful our summer Cafes would be – but we loved every one of them and we hope everyone who came along enjoyed them too.

Our customers enjoy our cafe ‘specials’ but our regular Knit and Natter and Book Bonanza are firm favourites. At the cafe in September Christine Howell shared the progress she is making using her new rag rug-making skills - something she was taught a few months ago at the café. Then from rag rugs to rugby! Bob Jennings organised a café Rugby World Cup Sweepstake. It was surprising how many of us who ‘know nothing about rugby’ suddenly wanted to know from Bob whether the team they had drawn from the bag stood much of chance of winning! A few of us will certainly be taking more interest in the happenings in Japan over the coming weeks. As well as a bit of fun, after prizes have been awarded, the rest will be added to our chosen charity.

We’ll be busy in October with no fewer than SIX Cafes during the month. By popular request, we’ll be holding our first Saturday Pop-Up Café on 12th (NOTE: from 10-12 to accommodate those weekend lie-ins) where we’ll be tempting customers with all the best the Café has to offer – not just coffee and home-baked cakes but bacon butties too. We hope to see plenty of new faces, particularly people who work or who have other commitments on a Tuesday but have heard good things about what we do – and want to try us out for themselves!

We’re also holding our second Green Café on 22nd October and are delighted that this time we’re working with Avening School’s Eco-Council to make sure we tap into all Avening’s great ideas for improving our local and global environment. There will be a ‘Pick to the Pub’ litter pick along the Nailsworth Road ending with lunch at The Weighbridge; an ‘eco-baking challenge’ for our bakers; special



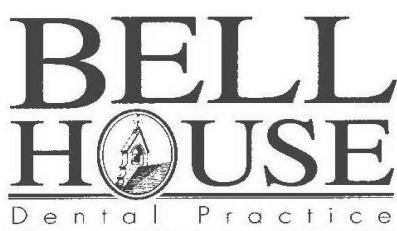
guests and plenty of other good clean fun. As ever, if you have a good idea, let us know.

Oh, and blowing our green trumpet for a second, since our last Green Café in June, when we switched to local organic milk, we reckon we've avoided buying 85 single-use plastic bottles by switching to reusable glass bottles....every little counts!

And we couldn't get through the month without celebrating the centenary of the Gloucestershire Women's Institute, so there is a special 'tribute' Café to the WI on October 15th, where we hand the keys to the Café over to local members for a morning. The WI were amazingly helpful when we started the café nearly a year ago and we felt we should do something 'special' to celebrate with them. They lent us crockery and tablecloths and we continue to remember and to be grateful especially to the late Eileen Ind, an Avening WI member – her advice, particularly on the catering front was invaluable.

There's also a Halloween Café, a 'Quiet Café' where we're experimenting with various options to improve the acoustics, a drive to do more to help people with dementia and their families, weekly book swaps, Knit and Natters....what was I saying about 'feet up and breeeath'?

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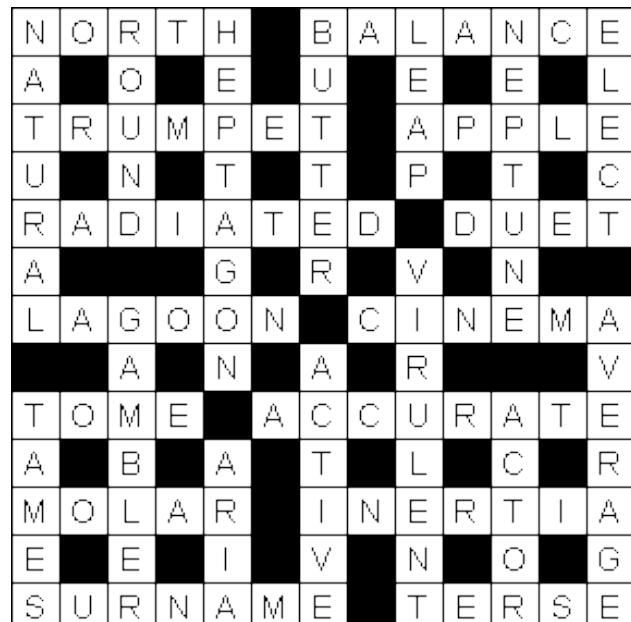
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Avening Baby & Toddler Group

We started back on Monday 9th September and our first session was a great success – despite the drizzle we had a brilliant turn out, so thank you to everyone that came! The littlest baby was just six days old and it was lovely to see all the children playing together and enjoying free play, crafts, snacks, storytime (The Tiger Who Came to Tea) and songs.

Call for help: We'd really love to expand our group of volunteers so that we have more people to help out at the sessions - which would mean people don't have to commit to helping every week. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch – you don't need to have a child at the group to help. You could read a story or lead the singing, or hide in the kitchen making tea and snacks if that's your preference! All our volunteers need to be DBS checked, and a guide can be provided.

The group is open to everyone with preschool children, so if you're a parent, grandparent or carer of a little one aged 0-5 then do come along!

Please note the group runs during term time only, so there will be no session during half term (Monday 28th October).

Avening Baby & Toddler Group – Mondays during term time 1pm – 3pm.

At Avening Playgroup, The Sunground, GL8 8NW.

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For more information contact Katy Upton: 07806 614753
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October Meeting : Douglas Looman talks about the Air Ambulance

Please reserve Thursday 17 October for a talk by Douglas Looman on the Wiltshire Air Ambulance at 10.00 am for 10.30 am at the Goods Shed. Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust is a registered charity providing an essential Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) in Wiltshire and surrounding counties.

It is not funded directly by the Government, receives no National Lottery grants and relies on donations to keep saving lives. It costs £3.75 million a year to keep the air ambulance flying, that's just over £10,000 per day. Wiltshire Air Ambulance's paramedics are trained in critical care skills and, together with the specialist medical equipment they use, it enables them to deliver gold standard medical care to patients. The Air Ambulance is operational up to 19 hours a day, 365 days a year and its helicopter and two rapid response units are called out, on average, to three incidents a day.

Douglas Looman has volunteered with the Wiltshire Air Ambulance for several years, providing public engagement and awareness of this vital service. He most recently worked as Company Secretary of the Military Aviation Authority.

Entry will be free to members on showing their membership card but a collection box will be available for donations.

Non Members can join at the door if they wish!

Calling all Avening and Cherington Pets



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**Pet Service, Cherington Church
10.30 am Sunday 13th October**

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Avening and Cherington Cricket Club

Eton v Marlborough Village Cup 2019



On Saturday 24th August Avening & Cherington Cricket Club kindly hosted this year's contest to decide whether Eton or Marlborough would be taking home the Village Cup. The teams are made up of old boys from both schools, who are currently at university and the event organised is by Ned Tarlton.

Despite the brilliant summer's day, the wicket, as requested, produced sufficient movement and turn to challenge the more proficient players. However, given the players' broad range of techniques

and fitness, the main challenge is to make a game of it by tuning the bowling attack to match the batsmen. Therefore, periods of sound play were interspersed with some ragged bowling and batting - even with the heat, running between the wickets was surprisingly energetic, though some fielding reflected university lifestyles.

Both sides were not far from batting their 35 overs, with Eton retaining the trophy for another year, when Marlborough failed to chase down their 220 runs. A fun day for this important annual fixture, made possible by the cricket club providing a welcoming and professional pitch. Thank you to Derek and the team.



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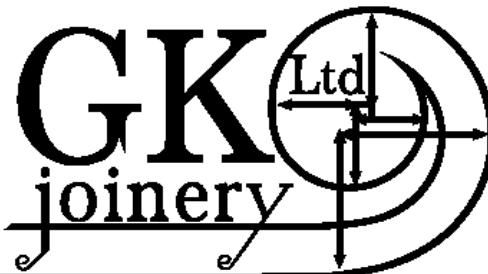


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Avening Youth Club



Our theme for October is mental health.

1st October: Bev's Birthday! Party games extending the celebration out to everyone.

8th October: Food games! Apple bobbing, donut on a string, chocolate challenges (finally we can play with our food!)

15th October: Leaf art. With the autumn colours coming through we can create art pieces to reflect those awesome colours.

22nd October: Fancy dress and glow sticks- you get the chance to dress up as your favourite characters and have fun before the half term holiday.

29th October: Closed for half term

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.thedoorg.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.



Minchinhampton Players' Quiz Night! Saturday 5th October, 7.30pm

Minchinhampton's am-dram group are staging a fund-raising Grand Quiz Night at the Minchinhampton Market House. There will be a licensed bar and a great Raffle offering prizes you'll actually want to win! Teams of 4 or join a table on the night. Tickets £5 available at the M&B Market Stores, Minchinhampton.

The Players' next production is 'Confusions' by Alan Ayckbourn. Performance dates: 28, 29, 30 November.

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Christmas

Father Christmas has confirmed he is attending Avening on 6th December, and an entertainer has been booked to help ready the children for the big day!

Playing Field

The new footpath is now complete. The hedge will be trimmed after the nesting season at the end of the month to make way for the new fence. Work starts on the 16th October. Unfortunately, the zip wire has been damaged beyond repair. It has been cordoned off and will be dismantled soon.

Crime

6 crimes reported in August. 2 Theft incidents: a drum trailer stolen from the High Street and some recycling bins stolen. 1 Criminal Damage: play equipment damaged. 3 Violence : verbal argument, historic allegations and a minor alleged assault. Crime figures can be accessed at police.uk website.

The Post Office:

The Mobile Post Office is now making regular visits to the Social Club Car Park every Tuesday between 10.30 and 12.15. So, post your parcels then drop into the Café for coffee and cake.

Roadworks

Gigaclear are still causing chaos! The Parish Council are requesting they stop the early mornings and weekend works. Resurfacing at Star Lane will begin on 2nd October until 16th. The road will be closed to through traffic.

Planning Applications

19/03347/TPO.:13 Sandfordleaze - Fell Whitebeam - noted.

19/03144/FUL: Longmans Barn - Conversion to Dwelling – decision deferred to allow more time for review

19/02787/FUL: 7 High Street – Rear Dormer Window & Erection of single storey rear extension. No objection Planning Decisions

19/02891/TCONR: Avening County Primary School High Street Avening Fell Ash Tree. – Approved

19/02851/FUL: Minchinhampton Golf Club – Electrical Cubicle – Approved

19/02447/FUL: Plum Patch Cottage – Erection of Garage - Approved

19/01819/COMPLY (Avening Parish Council): Land Parcel Easting 387517 Northing 198301 Woodstock Lane Compliance with Conditions 8 (fences) of Permission .

18/04211/FUL – Approved Ref: 18/02077/FUL - Site address: 25 High Street Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NF Proposal: Erection of carport building (part retrospective). Decision : Dismissed

Next Meeting

The next meeting is 17 October 2019 7.30pm in the Jim Parsons Reading Room To view at www.avening-pc.gov.uk The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

Are You 12-16 Years Old?

If so and you answered the questionnaire* earlier this summer then thank you for your feedback.

Here are some of the results:

- Most of you enjoy living in Avening;
- About half of you said you regularly meet friends in Avening;
- Few of you said you can easily travel to and from Avening;
- Few of you thought that you have any opportunities to make Avening a better place;
- Most of you wished there was more to do in Avening;
- You suggested sporting and artistic opportunities (for example badminton has been mentioned).

We now want to take your thoughts forward and plan some appropriate opportunities. Please do get in touch with me by phone or email so that we can begin to go ahead together and make Avening a place that is more 'young people friendly'.

If you were not able to answer the questionnaire you can still have your say. Just let me know by phone or email – I would also be very happy to have an informal chat with you to hear about how you see things.

* This research was carried out by The Door, the charity based in Stroud that provides the staff for our current Tuesday Youth Club attended by many 8 to 12 year olds. We are most grateful that this was made possible by a grant from Cotswold District Council at the suggestion of our District Councillor Richard Morgan with the support of Avening Parish Council.

*Gerald South
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Cherington Parish Council

County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Hirst presented a report on Highways progress under the new contract. Shortage of staff was forcing adjustments but there was confidence that targets would be met or near to being met at the 6-month mark. There are major works on the M5 access at Stroud. Work in Tetbury is completed. There is to be public consultation on the A417 Missing Link and on Cheltenham's Boots Corner.

Gigaclear work is progressing in Cherington, with satisfactory reparations. Cllr Macmahon was forwarding any issues and is satisfied with the response.

Household recycling centres revert to winter hours on 27th October (see website for details). Horsley has been upgraded and Javelin Park is operational.

New plans, reports or consultations are underway on housing development off M5 Jct 10, a Local Transport Plan, a Local Minerals Plan, housing between Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury, railway transport, NHS Fit for the Future and a new hospital in the Forest of Dean.

District Councillor's Report

District Cllr Morgan reported that the new CDC Council will announce plans on 25th September. Tetbury leisure centre's grant has expired. It had failed to establish a viable business model and the new administration refused further funding, so it had closed. County Cllr Hirst had found a partial solution for continued use and the decision is being challenged. Fairford has the same problem.

New Planning Applications

The Council had no objections to the following applications.

15 July 2019 19/02475/FUL Erection of stables and change of use of land to equestrian use (sui generis). Woodlands House Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SL Status: Decided: Application Permit.

16 May 2019 19/01863/LBC : Retention of gutter and downpipe detail to mitigate further water ingress to south and east elevations (retrospective). Coach House North, Cherington Park Status: Awaiting decision

27 August 2019 19/03163/TCONR: Whitebeam (T1) - Reduce height from 10m to 5m and balance crown: Yews (T2 & T3) - raise the crowns on the roadside to provide 2.5m clearance above the pavement and 5m clearance above the road to allow pedestrians and vehicles to pass freely: Cotinus (T4) - reduce the

height from 5m to 3.5m. Westside House Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SN. Status: Pending Consideration

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

Infrastructure

The council is awaiting a GCC options paper for changes to the green. The council resolved to adopt the telephone box for £1 and Cllr Gegg will contact BT. New gravel had been spread in the car park. Cllr Macmahon is liaising with Gigaclear on issues with the broadband installation work.

Next Parish Council Meeting

This will be held on **Tuesday 5th November 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.

CHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Saturday 5th October	First Aid Course	Avening Memorial Hall	9.30 am - 1.00pm
Saturday 5th October	Minchinhampton Players Quiz Night -£5 M&B Stores	Market House Minchinhampton	7.30pm
Sunday 6th October	Avening Harvest Festival	Holy Cross Church Avening	11.00am
Friday 11th October	Avening Primary School Open Morning	Avening School	9.15am - Noon
Thursday 17th October	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Jim Parsons Reading Room - Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 22nd October	Avening Primary School Eco-Council Visit	Community Café - Avening Social Club	
Sunday 27th October	CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR		2.00am
Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November	Avening Primary School Half Term		
Tuesday 5th November	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th November	Cherington Christmas Fair	Toad Hall, Trull Farm	10am-4pm 11am-3pm
Thursday 28th November	WI Proposed Christmas Shopping Trip to Stratford on Avon	tba	tba
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