

# The Villager

A Magazine for Avening,  
Cherington and Nags Head



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# June 2025

Welcome to the June edition of The Villager, and a particularly warm welcome to any new residents recently arrived in our villages.

We hope you enjoy the centre spread of photos of the VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations held in Avening, and also reading about events in Cherington on the actual Victory in Europe Day in May 1945.

2025 also sees the 80th anniversary of the Cherington Show, this year it is to be held on Sunday 27th July, it is always a popular and well supported event. Before then we look forward to the Annual Art Exhibition at Avening Church and the Avening School Bear Hunt, both events taking place on Sunday 8th June.

We are pleased to report that audience numbers at the Cinema Club are on the increase. The monthly screenings provide an opportunity to catch up with recently released films or old classics, without having to travel any distance. For the July showing there is an opportunity to cast your vote from a shortlist of 5 possible films, see page 9 for details.

Many thanks to all our regular and occasional contributors, please keep sending us your articles, stories and photos.

*The Villager Editors*

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Many thanks to **Kelly Francis** for her great photo of an inquisitive cow, taken on Steps Lane

Please keep sending us your photographs, especially since all the images will be in colour in the downloadable version of the Magazine.

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

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

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# Gilian's Poem of the Month

## Swift, A Very Special Friend

*Swift was a 16h.h. chestnut mare, retired and turned out to grass early due to a severe tendon injury.*

Dear old Swift was always there, in the paddock down the lane,  
A huge part of my childhood, and fond memories remain.  
As soon as I could toddle brother Michael took me there,  
And Swift was always waiting, knowing we'd treats to share!  
It soon became my daily ploy to go there on my own,  
(My parents never worried as it wasn't far from home)  
I'd feed her treats, and stroke her face, as she gently nuzzled my hair,  
I'd chatter to her softly, and all my secrets share.  
Soon I learned to climb the gate to wander by her side  
As she quietly grazed about the field,—but oh! how I longed to ride!  
And then one day it happened, and all my dreams came true.  
It wasn't planned, or thought about, or what I meant to do.  
But I climbed the gate to the topmost bar, and Swift stood there beside,  
So I slipped my leg across her back, all ready for a ride!  
Her coat was warm beneath my leg as she carried me with care,  
And I grasped a handful of her mane, so happy to be there!  
No saddle, bridle, halter, rope, but she knew her way around.  
When tired I slid off down her neck, safely to the ground...  
My kind and gentle giant friend from toddler to teen  
As I rode her proudly round the field, fulfilling my wildest dream.  
Those stolen rides were magical, just Swift and me together,  
Roaming happily round the field, no matter what the weather.  
Our secret safe for many years, as the seasons rolled on by.  
A very special friendship I'll remember till I die.....

**Gilian Bulmer-Davison**

# Dates for your Diary

Come along and join in the fun at any of the events below - everyone is always welcome! Both the Memorial Hall & Social Club can also be hired for private functions

Date	Event	Location	Time
Sunday 8th June	Art Exhibition	Avening Church	1.30 - 4.30pm
Sunday 8th June	Avening Bear Hunt	Starts Memorial Hall	12 - 3pm
Saturday 14th June	Cash bingo	Avening Social Club	7.30pm for 8pm start
Saturday 21st June	Avening Community Café Cream Tea afternoon	Avening Social Club	2-4pm
Friday 11th July	Avening School Fete	Avening School	
Sunday 27th July	Cherington Show	Cherington	1.00 - 5.00pm

## 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.

**Answers on page 34**

# Avening and Cherington Churches



Dear friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and settling into the summer season. I'm sure this season is a welcome relief for those in our local schools (who, at the time of writing, have just finished SATs week) to know that the end of term is in sight!

June brings plenty of things to look forward to. At Holy Cross, the Avening Art Exhibition runs from 1.30-4.30pm on Sunday 8th June, with an amazing exhibition of photographs, paintings, drawings, and craftwork. We also have christenings to celebrate, and our very own Derrick Pierce becomes a member of the Company of St Kyneburga in a special service at the cathedral this month. This honour recognises "significant service to the Church in the Diocese of Gloucester, usually over a long period of time" and we are delighted to celebrate Derrick's ministry in this way.

Christians celebrate St Barnabas on the 12th June. Barnabas means 'Son of Encouragement' and was given this name after he became one of the early followers of Jesus Christ. He was known to give council, wisdom, or advice and to encourage others in their faith. In other words, he was an integral part of the Christian community. We see community around us in different forms, driven and supported by today's 'children of encouragement', and this month highlights three communities with public events.

Some of us will be heading to the Three Counties Show, where our farming communities take pride of place and we can celebrate their hard work and dedication whilst enjoying a fun day out. This is followed by Refugee Week, a festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

The theme for Refugee Week 2025 is "Community as a Superpower" which celebrates the power of kindness and extraordinary generosity of ordinary communities. June is also Pride Month, a time when we celebrate the LGBTQI+ community and are reminded of the need to progress equal rights. I don't have experience of being part of the farming or refugee communities, but I do know that the LGBTQI+ community is full of 'children of encouragement' who advise and encourage others.

Wherever you find yourself this month, I hope that you too know the support and encouragement of others in your own communities. And if you find yourself seeking it out, know that you can always reach out to your local church where the love of God has brought together a community of people from all walks of life.

And even if human communities let you down, may you know that you are always supported by God, who is our greatest champion and encourager.

*Revd. Natalie Jennings*



## Donations to Avening Church

Donations towards the upkeep and running of Avening Church can be made at any time either by using the QR code here or on the card machine just inside the church door



## Church Services

	AVENING	CHERINGTON
1st June	10am Eucharist	
8th June	No service, 2pm Art Show in church	10am Eucharist
15th June	6.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Eucharist
22nd June	10am Eucharist	
6th July	10am Morning Prayer	10am Eucharist
29th June	10am Minchinhampton Benefice Eucharist	

## Church Floodlighting



The church was floodlit on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May** in memory of **Terry Francis**, 3 years since his passing, always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

The church looks beautiful at night when floodlit. If you would like to have this in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event, contact **Piers Hansen on 07770 745642**. The cost is £10 for 2 hours.

## Avening Cinema Club

A chance to vote to see your favourite film for the July screening

1. **Mr Burton**, Cert 12A, with Toby Jones, Harry Lawtey, Lesley Manville
2. **Bridget Jones – Mad About the Boy**, Cert 15, with Renee Zellweger, Leo Woodall, Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson
3. **Gladiator II**, Cert 15, with Derek Jacobi, Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington
4. **Dream Scenario**, Cert 15, with Nicholas Cage, Jessica Clement, Julianne Nicholson
5. **Casablanca** (Classical Film Option), Cert U with Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman

If you would like to vote to see one of the above please  
email [rimajones@btinternet.com](mailto:rimajones@btinternet.com) by the **10th JUNE**

See page 25 for details of the film for June

# Letter from Chairman of Avening Parish Council



The first thing to report is that following the Avening Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, the Parish Councillors were re-elected with no material changes. Each Councillor retains the individual responsibilities as for last year. As Chairman I would like to thank each Councillor both for their individual work and their collective contributions which has enabled the Parish Council to operate as a co-ordinated, supportive and harmonious team.

As I had highlighted in last month's Villager Magazine; we have just held our Annual Village Meeting. This is a statutory annual meeting which gives the Parish Council the opportunity to report on its activities over the past year and most importantly the chance for villagers to come and meet us and raise any points they wish to put forward for discussion. Unfortunately, even though we laid on Free refreshments and a guest speaker to explain the proposed Local Government Reorganisation; we only had an audience of one. Luckily the Parish Councillors came to the rescue and helped with the 'disposal' of the food! My thanks in particular to Councillor John Hetterley for organising the refreshments.

At the meeting, I explained that there has been progress with projects involving the Memorial Hall. This includes new heaters, a new projector and sound system and the updating of the toilets. The next steps in improving the Memorial Hall will be to retile the main roof; followed by repairs to the roof over the Chamberlain room. We then plan to refurbish the Chamberlain room kitchen to an acceptable standard, thus providing a complete village amenity of which we can be proud. The work on the main roof has been scheduled to start as soon as the school closes for the summer holidays. With luck and fine weather, the task should be completed before the school returns in September.

Most notable amongst sundry other financial expenditure was the refurbishment of the Telephone box which came in at circa £5k; a listed fixture and therefore legally required to be restored.

We continue to explore all possible avenues for financial grants to boost the funds that we have available. Much work by the councillors over the last twelve months has resulted in the Parish now being in a position to complete some of the plans outlined above.

**Playing Field** : If you are a user, please make every effort to keep it clean and tidy. If you use it to exercise your dog – keep your attention on them and clean up after them.

**Face Masks** : Still available, free, from the Tuesday Café or by arrangement with any of the Parish Councillors.

**Knead Bakery** : Still visiting us on a regular basis, Last Saturday of each month, from 9.45 until 10.30am Outside of the Memorial Hall.

Fingers crossed for sunny days ahead.

Best wishes to everyone

**Patrick Mulligan** 07713 068436

## BEES, BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

Another warm, sunny April day and as I'd been out all morning I thought it was time to let the sunshine into the house so I left the front door open to let the fresh air through before I got around to opening any windows. A few minutes later I went into the sitting room with the intention of opening the windows and there - perched on a log in my log basket - was a young thrush looking somewhat apprehensively around. It had obviously flown through the front door a few minutes after I'd opened it. I had been aware, over the past week or so, that there had been a young thrush hopping about in the garden quite near the house and, from time to time, experimenting with a bit of flying which indeed it did rather rapidly when it saw me in the room.

Of course all the windows were still shut and my one thought was to get them open as soon as possible before it crashed into the glass. Round and round the room it hopped and flew and round and round I went opening every window in sight ..... finally, it got the message, flew out, landed on the lawn and headed for the bird bath where it had a good, long, much-needed drink.

These unseasonal sunny, hot days have certainly brought out an amazing selection of the butterflies we all missed so much last year. My late husband would have been able, without consulting one of his many butterfly books, to name every one that appeared in the garden but I did not inherit that knowledge from him although I am able to identify quite a few including the very pretty Adonis Blue, the Red Admiral, quite a selection of different Fritillaries and my favourite - a pair of Holly Blues..

Intermingling with the butterflies and making their unmistakeable noise were, of course the large bumble bees - this year seemingly larger and more prolific than ever. A real summer sound if ever there was one.

Bees, birds, butterflies - my dog ignores them all but it's a very different matter when she catches sight of the muntjac, plus youngster, appearing suddenly out of the shrubbery which she now patrols regularly. Fortunately they have an escape route over the wall, leaving my dog looking extremely frustrated that, once again, they've got away.

As well as all the happy moments we can share with nature there are, of course, the sad ones. My sad one relates to the story of the young thrush who sat on my log basket. Much later on that day I came back from a walk with the dog and as we got to the back door she stopped and peered at something on the ground. It was a young thrush that had hit the side of the house and its short life had come to an end. I don't know if it was my friend from the log basket but, because it had been a regular visitor so recently, I rather suspect it was.

Life in Nature's world will continue with its moments of joy as well as sadness and how lucky we are to live where we do and be aware of and able to appreciate so many of these moments.

***Ann Tarlton***



# District Councillor's Report



**Election:** it's interesting (and rather frustrating) how much local elections are influenced by the state of the national government. Both the Labour and Conservative candidates were comprehensively rejected in the recent Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) election. The beneficiaries in our area are predominantly the Lib-Dems and Greens, leaving one Labour, and a handful of Conservatives. Nationally, Reform UK did well, which has interesting connotations at the next general election.

I worked with Stephan Fifield, who was already a serving senior GCC councillor, but wanted to represent our area having recently moved to Avening. Unfortunately, he just missed out, so congratulations go to our new representative Ian Watson, who I am sure will make himself available to you in the coming term.

**Cotswold District Council (CDC):** There hasn't been a meeting this month, and unfortunately, I was away for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Cabinet, however, seem to have made a bit of a hash with public toilets! At the turn of 2023/24 I chaired a sub-committee looking at the future of these essential facilities, and several recommendations were accepted by the Cabinet – these involved a comprehensive refurbishment plan and increased security, with the costs offset by a modest standard charge being made at all units. Sadly, it looks as though these measures have been 'kicked into the long grass' so we will have to continue with ageing and sub-standard facilities for some time to come. What a contrast we now have in the Cotswolds compared to my recent visit to Australia, and even more so in New Zealand where almost every small town had excellent public toilets on offer – for free!

**Roads:** In their GCC election offerings the Lib-Dems highlighted local roads as something they would focus on improving – hopefully they will follow through with positive actions as soon as possible. In the meantime, do continue to report defects using the Fix My Street app.

**Councillor Tony Slater**

*Cotswold District Council, Representing Grumbolds Ash with Avening.*

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## A Bite to Eat?

### Arranging a Group Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Christening Party or 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 and cakes; a fork or finger buffet; or a two course meal.

#### **For prices and any further details :**

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## 80 Years of Magic: A Message from Cherington



Hello, dear friends - allow me to introduce myself. I'm Cherington, your little village tucked away in the Cotswolds, where quiet lanes and cosy cottages have stood the test of time. But once a year, something wonderful happens... I truly come alive.

For 80 summers now, my heart has swelled with pride as the Cherington Show fills my lanes and greens with laughter, colour, and community spirit. I've watched families, friends, and visitors from near and far arrive with sunhats, wellies, and smiles, ready to enjoy a day that's become a beloved tradition since 1945.

Over the decades, I've seen my Village Green turn into a hive of excitement—with stalls bursting with handmade crafts, local produce, and of course, the famous Fun Dog Show. I've welcomed alpacas, bouncy castles, and the delicious aroma of BBQ wafting through my air. My Church and Village Hall have been filled with

beautiful blooms, prize-winning veg, and carefully crafted bakes.

Every year, your hard work and kindness make me proud. Whether you've donated your time, your talents, or a bottle of wine, you've kept my spirit alive. And to all of you who've come along simply to enjoy yourselves - thank you, too! By having fun and generously spending your pennies, you've helped raise vital funds that keep my Church and Village Hall thriving at the heart of our community.

Together, you've created something truly special - a day that brings everyone together, no matter the weather, to celebrate everything we love about village life.

So as we get ready for the 80th Cherington Show, I want to say thank you. Thank you for filling my lanes with laughter, my green with happy memories, and my heart with pride. I can't wait to see you all again very soon.

*With love, Cherington*

**The Cherington Show will be on Sunday 27th July 1pm to 5pm.** The Competition Schedule will be available later in due course. Check out our website and Facebook pages: [www.cheringtonshow.com](http://www.cheringtonshow.com) or search Facebook for 'Cherington Show'. The competition schedule will be available on the website when it is finalised.

£3 per car entry and the village will be closed to through traffic on Sunday 27th. Car parking at both ends of the village. Most stalls will facilitate card payments.



# Avening School

## Making the most of Our Happy Place

We are so proud of our wonderful y6 children who recently sat their KS2 SATs. They worked incredibly hard in preparation for these tests and conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout the week. This month, phonics screening will be happening in y1, while the y4s will be testing their times-tables up to 12 as part of their multiplication check. Meanwhile, our y3 pupils will be joining Leighterton School pupils for a maths challenge.

Another huge well done must go to our Wildlife Quiz team who recently competed against another local school in the final of the Wildlife Quiz where their nature knowledge was really put to the test and they were only just pipped to the post in a nail biting tie-breaker finish.

Mental well-being features highly on our daily agenda at Avening School. To further support this and as part of our approach to teaching the children how to look after their mental health, we have created designated 'calm corners' in each classroom and Mrs Carter has appointed six pupils as 'Happiness Heroes'. Their role is to make sure the resources in these areas are being looked after and promoting the use of these spaces. A big thank you to FOAS for providing the funding for the resources.

FOAS have also funded our new handwriting scheme, Kinetic Letters that is being implemented across the school and aims to build handwriting automaticity through teaching mastery of the physical and cognitive components of handwriting.

We are so grateful to FOAS who fund initiatives such as these as well as many others, enabling us to support and develop learning and provide enrichment opportunities for the whole school. Join us for the Great Avening Bear Hunt on Sunday 8th June from 12-3pm for a fun packed event and help FOAS continue their support of our wonderful school. Visit FOAS on Facebook for more details.

Looking forward to the last half of the summer term, we have so much happening including; the annual sports morning at the playing fields, our musical soiree and the y6 leavers' tea party and special assembly in the last week of term.

**Alex Adcock**

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

### **Avening Bear Hunt - SUNDAY 8th JUNE (12-3pm)**

Begin your hunt at Avening Memorial Hall, where you can purchase a picnic lunch. Ice creams, tea, cakes, face painting and bear gifts and crafts will also be available. £2 per map – plus, return your completed map at the end of the trail to receive a treat! One treat per map.





CHERINGTON VILLAGE PRESENTS

# The 80th Cherington Village Show

**SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2025**

1PM - 5PM

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# **AVENING ART EXHIBITION**

**Sunday 8th June, 1.30pm - 4.30pm**

**with a private view on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

**Holy Cross Church, Avening**

**An amazing exhibition of photographs, paintings, drawings & craftwork**

**Admire and enjoy the artwork on show.**

Sketch live models chosen from our village. (A different model every 15 minutes!) Bring a sketchbook and pencil (and an eraser), we supply the models and the chairs.

If you would like to enter the photographic exhibition, or for more information please contact George Buchanan  
[buchanan.pg@gmail.com](mailto:buchanan.pg@gmail.com)

No charge for submitting exhibits, and no commission on sales.

**Teas, cake, plant sale**

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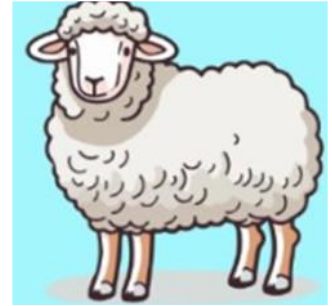
## International Back to Back Wool Challenge

By the Cotswold Woolgatherers, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 9am – finish,  
at The Sanctuary, Long Table, Brimscombe Mill, GL5 2QN

From the back of a sheep to the back of a human: watch us shear a live sheep, hand spin the fleece and knit a sweater ... in a day!

We will shear the sheep at 9am and keep spinning and knitting until the sweater is finished! Can we beat our previous record of 9 hours, 40 minutes?

The Long Table will be open from 10am, coffee and cake 10am-8pm, pay as you can lunch 12-2pm, pay as you can dinner 6-8pm.



Avening resident Elizabeth Oliver and her team are raising money for these cancer charities which have supported team members and friends.



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# Avening Community Café

**Enjoy good company, crafts, delicious home-made cakes and a drink  
at your Community Café—Every Tuesday morning in the Social Club from 9 – 12 noon  
Mobile Post Office on site from 9:30 – 11:30am**

The “Art with Mark” sessions and rag rugging projects with Michael continue to be very popular – look out for some of the art and rugs at the village annual art exhibition in the church on Sunday 8 June.

Many thanks to our many volunteers who take it in turns to man the counter and also provide delicious cakes each week. Some of these cakes highlight the various Café themes such as VE80 celebrations and World Bee Day.

We welcome younger members in school holidays and thank Louise for her help in running the children’s craft table at Easter.



Roger’s display of handmade Second World War model RN and merchant ships drew a lot of interest and this coupled with Andrew’s record of his father’s wartime naval career created much discussion.

If you wish to donate any surplus plants or produce, then please bring along to the Café “Plant Swop” table. Donations received go to Café Charities.

## June Dates

3rd Art with Mark (£3 each, all materials supplied)

10th Plant & Produce Swop

17th Art with Mark (£3 each, all materials supplied).

Also, celebrate Royal Ascot – wear your “fashionable hats” today!

24th Midsummers Day!

1st July Henley Royal

## Saturday 21 June

Come along and enjoy a Cream Tea afternoon  
at the Community Café Avening Social Club from 2 – 4pm

(All profits to local charity)



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## VE Day Anniversary Celebrations in Avening

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the VE Day celebrations—what a fun day it was! Not as sunny as we might have hoped, but a bit of running and 'tug-of-war' soon got everyone warmed up.

Many thanks to Avening Silver Band and Avening singers for entertaining us, and especial thanks go to Crichton and Kat for organising the sports, Sarah, Bob and James for organising, putting up gazebos etc and especial thanks to Julie for coming up with the idea and making it happen!



The best costumes of the afternoon







**Maximum effort at the Tug of War!**



**On the 8th May 1945 bells rang out across Britain as the nation took to the streets in celebration of VE Day.**

**Avening bellringers, Steve, Andrew and Gill + 3 ringers from Horsley rang the church bells on 8th May to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day**







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# Avening Playgroup

We are entering a very busy time at Avening Playgroup. The staff have started to prepare the transition records for the children leaving us to go to school in September. We have had the photographer in the setting to take individual photos of the children with their siblings as well as a group photo. After the May half term break the children will be practicing their racing ready for the school sports day and will be preparing for the move through days at school.

We have recently covered the following topics:

**Growing seeds:** We read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, acted it out and coloured in lots of pictures. We talked about the life cycle of a plant and what it needed to grow. We prepared some pots and planted some poppy, bean and carrot seeds, and are looking forward to watching them grow.



**Initial sounds:** As some children have become very interested in sounds, we focused on the initial sounds in their names and those of their friends. They have been tracing and writing their names as well as finding the sounds that are in their names. We have also been doing an assortment of pre writing and reading exercises.

**Space:** The children enjoyed playing with 'moondust' in the tuff tray, drew pictures of what they would like to take to space, looked at the different planets and made rockets

As a charity we rely on a committee of volunteer parents who meet up about six times a year to ensure the day to day running of the playgroup and to organise fund raising events. This year's AGM is due to be held on Tuesday 17th June at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

For more information about the playgroup and to arrange a visit, please call 01453 832695 or email [aveningplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.com).

We are open weekday mornings during term time.

*Angie Heslop*



## VE Day in Cherington 1945



My maternal uncle and godfather, Jack Keylock, received many letters from his family during the later years of the Second World War, which he carefully saved in two old ammunition pouches. He was serving in the RAF in North Africa and Italy. They provide a marvellous account of life on the 'home front' in Cherington during the war years as well as occasional glimpses of Coates and Stroud in letters from cousins and aunts. The largest number of these letters are from his mother, Catherine (Kate) Keylock, my grandmother. The Keylocks lived in the end cottage of 'Pear Tree Row', beside the boundary wall of Tudor House. Sadly, none of Jack's letters home were preserved by any of the family.

A letter in May 1945 gives a brief, but vivid, account of VE Day celebrations in Cherington:

11th May 1945 "My dear Jack, I am very late writing to you again but we have had such a hectic week. What do you think of the wonderful news? I think it is great, and I don't think they will be very long putting paid to the Japs. .... We had great doings here when the news came through, a big bonfire on the green, in which they burned Hitler and Mossolini (sic), plenty to eat and drink, and finished up with dancing in the Reading Room."

A response to my post on the 'Old Avening and Cherington' Facebook page from David Robins, remembered that the heads of Hitler and Mussolini had been on display on the wall at Coxes Farm earlier in the day and that the children of the village would creep up to look at them in awe. The VE Day celebrations were notable also, as Kate's youngest daughter, Primrose, my mother to be, announced that she was engaged and was going to marry her soldier boyfriend, Dick Slater, on his next leave in August.

*Dr Terry Slater*



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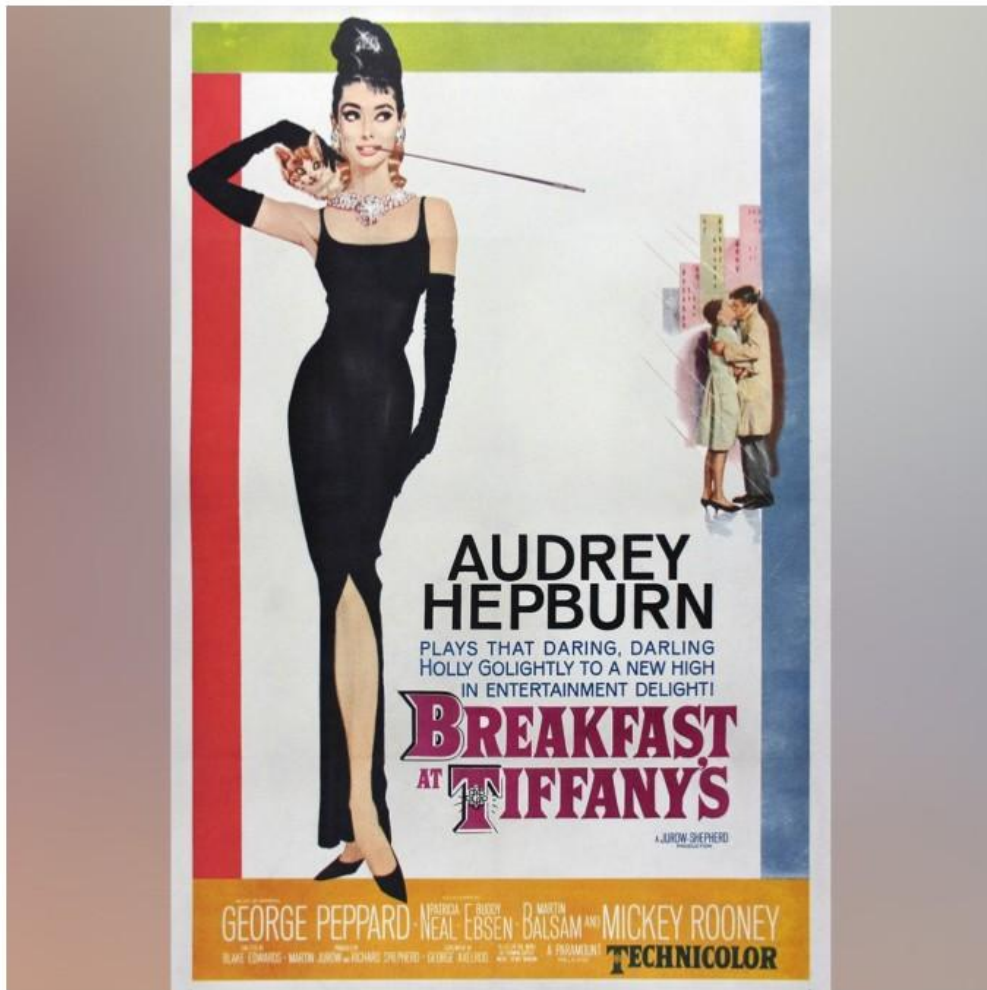
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We have around 40 activity groups to offer, plus a monthly talk. For example our next monthly talk on “Horatio Nelson” will take place on Tuesday 17th June, at 10:30am, at the Tetbury Goods Shed. This will be provided by Dr James Taylor, former curator of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, who will offer his acclaimed illustrated talk on Horatio Nelson for 2025, when Britain marks the 220<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. You can download our programme of monthly talks from our new website which we have recently revamped [tetbury.u3asite.uk](http://tetbury.u3asite.uk) – do take a look.

We are holding an Open Day on Tuesday 8th July at the Tetbury Goods Shed, between 10.30am and 2.30pm, to showcase what we have to offer and encourage new members from the local community. We are a friendly bunch, and would like to encourage new members to join, to share the enjoyment we get from our u3a and to connect with others who have similar interests.

At our Open Day you can meet members of our Committee and many of our Group Leaders, who can engage with you about their interest groups. At the time of writing, these are likely to include (in no particular order) History, Board Games, Golf, Historic Buildings, French conversation, Spanish, Gardening, Art Appreciation, Photography, Book Clubs, Boules, Playreading, Creative Writing, Wine, Mah-Jong, Short Walks and Short Breaks. There is likely to be musical entertainment too, provided by members of our ukulele group the T’UKes. Refreshments will also be available.

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# Matilda, Duchess of Normandy's Diary

3 October 1066

Six weeks! That's how long William had to wait before the wind was in the right direction and the fleet could set sail. Patience isn't his strong suit, and he was in such foul moods when he came back to the castle that the children hid from him. How he kept up his troops' morale for all that time I don't know, although he did ensure that they were properly fed and didn't need to go scavenging.

When the South wind eventually came, one day at the end of September, it was getting dark, but William decided they had to go; fortunately the ship I had presented to him, Mora, had a powerful lantern on the masthead so that the others could follow him. Although this meant that he had to keep rounding up to let the other ships catch him, as they were weighed down with armour and horses. What a sight it must have been on England's South coast, over 700 ships appearing on the horizon at daybreak. Except that there was no-one watching! Apparently some rustics were tasked with sentry duty, but after four days they decided that enough was enough and they went home. Not that they could have done much with their pitchforks against William's men!

So William finds himself in the strange position where there is no-one waiting to challenge him, and he's not sure what his next move should be. For the moment he's consolidating his position and building a castle, just a large mound with wooden defences with a ditch around it, with so many troops it doesn't take long. Feeding everyone, all 7000 of them, is a problem as our bread goes rock hard after a day and the wine doesn't travel well, so they have to scavenge for themselves and get used to the local ale. I do feel sorry for the local farmers.

William is at a place called Pevensey, and planning to move to Hastings shortly. Presumably word will have reached King Harold by now, so he must be on his way; he's been fighting in the North, so his men will probably be exhausted by the time they arrive.

William deserves to beat Harold, who has betrayed him, having promised that William would be king. For my part, I've got enough on my hands ruling Normandy as Regent, and bringing up our ten children, to take on Queen of England. But it would mean that I could get my revenge on that ambassador Brictric, who spurned me when I was a young girl in Flanders... Hell hath no fury!

*Roger Lindley*

**PS Save the date:** Sunday 14 September Pig Face Day celebrations

See the July issue of The Villager for more news and a further extract from Matilda's diary.

Stay calm, don't panic!

I'm sure that everyone who attended the Defibrillator talk and demonstration that we held recently, left the hall feeling more confident in their ability to respond effectively to someone experiencing a cardiac arrest. David Owens gave a professional presentation covering every aspect of how to respond and why it is so vital that members of the public are familiar with using a defibrillator and able to do chest compressions; the survival rate for out of hospital cardiac arrests in UK is only 8%. He emphasised the importance of acting quickly, calling 999 and doing chest compressions. The 999 handler and the machine will guide you through what you need to do and you cannot harm the person by using a defibrillator. In Avening the defibrillator is in the cabinet on the left of the door to the Memorial Hall. If anyone would like to know more about the defibrillator please contact the Parish Council or Avening WI.



A group of members enjoyed a day out to the National Trust's Dyrham Park, to see the wonderful display of tulips, not only in the formal beds but also in the wild meadow. Another group had a very interesting guided tour of Cirencester, learning much about the fascinating history of this ancient town, while viewing buildings ranging from the imposing wool merchants' mansions to the tiny workers' cottages.

We decided to take part in the Great Water Blitz again this year and three members tested the water in the stream by the Social Club, to see if there had been any change in the phosphate and nitrate levels since they did it in September last year. Having been sent some extra kits this time, they then went to the Lake at Cherington, the stream at Old Hill and finally Nailsworth Garden Centre. The water was very clear at all four sites. The results were very similar at all the sites to the September results, apart from the nitrate levels at the Social Club that were slightly elevated. They felt this might be due to the use of fertilisers as residents got their gardens ready for the summer!

As part of the Gloucester Hospitals Lions at Large Campaign, our members have been busy knitting and crocheting and our pride of lions is growing! They will be sold in a pop-up shop supporting the campaign. The money raised will go towards new cancer care facilities in Cheltenham with digital consulting rooms, space for state-of-the-art research, as well as a therapeutic outside space. For more details of the campaign go to [lionsatlarge.co.uk](http://lionsatlarge.co.uk)



In the weeks ahead we have plenty of activities planned: making the most of the glorious

weather and Avening's beautiful scenery, we will be doing a wild flower walk with a picnic lunch; our book group will be meeting to discuss 'Pachinko' by Min Jin Lee; the theatre group will be going to see 'Educating Rita' at The Barn; the skittles team will be back in action with a friendly match against Stonehouse WI.

At the May monthly meeting Margaret Jones' talk was entitled 'She Spied for Freedom - A Black Secret Agent in the American Civil War.' It was an interesting talk about Mary Bowser, a black slave working for an enlightened family who educated her and got her a position in the Government House in Richmond, Virginia during the American Civil War. She was then able to report back on conversations heard and documents seen there, to the benefit of the Union cause.

At the June monthly meeting the speaker Jackie Harris will be telling us about 'The Extraordinary Life of Peter Scott'

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. For more information about Avening WI please contact our secretary Helen at [aveningwi@gmail.com](mailto:aveningwi@gmail.com) or 01453 835484

**Bridget Seward**



- June 7** **William Howard and the Dentons:** Three great friends of the Goods Shed are back for a programme of Beethoven, Shostakovich and Dvorak. Tickets in advance £24. 6pm.
- June 12** **National Theatre Live:** Our link to the NT brings you the best of British Theatre. This month A Streetcar Named Desire stars Gillian Anderson. Tickets in advance £15. 7pm
- June 14** **Music for Miniatures:** A baby-friendly concert for children 0-4 and their grown-ups. No need to sit still and dancing is encouraged! Tickets £5 child, £7 adults, family £17. Under 1s free. 1030am.
- June 15** **Sunday Folk:** The Picture Framers Duo and Geoff Lakeman bring you an affordable and family-friendly way to spend Sunday afternoon enjoying excellent folk music. Tickets in advance £10 (under 16 £2). 3pm
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# Avening Parish Council



## Parish Council AGM

At the annual general meeting Patrick Mulligan was voted as Chair and Richard King was voted as Vice – Chair.

You can contact them on:

Patrick Mulligan - chair@avening-pc.gov.uk - 07713068436

Richard King - richard@avening-pc.gov.uk - 07481538525

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## Planning Applications & Tree Works Since the Last Issue and Parish Councils Decision

### New Planning Applications

25/01404/TPO – Coach House, High Street, Lime Tree (T1) Fell due to significant decay Support

24/01031/FUL – 12A Start Lane – Nonmaterial amendment, reduction of height of first floor windows and reduction of the size of roof lights – Support

25/01387/FUL - Plum Patch Cottage 7 Star Lane - Erection of self-build dwelling (previously approved 21/02282/FUL) - Support

### Cotswold District Council Planning Decisions

25/00350/FUL – 10 Sandford Leaze – Erection of two storey side extension - Permitted

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*The Agenda and minutes can be viewed at [www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk)*

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Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
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Community Café	Tuesday	9.00am - noon	Social Club	Gill Adams 07826 291759
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	9.30-11.30am	Social Club car park	
Cherington PC	Tuesday bi-monthly	6.00pm	Cherington Village hall	Babs Malony 07958116794
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Avening Churchyard tidy up	Wednesday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Holy Cross churchyard	Churchwardens
Avening PC	2nd Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Shani Baker 07415 039234
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