

The Villager

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Cherington and Nags Head

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Cherington Show!

Lovely Scenes at Cherington Show this year! Thank you to everyone who participated: helpers, stall holders, bakers, competitors, entertainers and customers!



October 2022

What an extraordinary period we have been living through. As we write, so much has been packed into such a short period. No doubt many will feel quite bewildered and perhaps even lost. A steady corner stone has been removed from our lives with so little warning. We all knew and saw how frail the Queen had become, but somehow her death was unimaginable. Many have known no other monarch. Over her long reign she had managed to be a most effective ambassador for our nation, admired by so many. The magic and dignity of majesty is still very powerful. The Queen exuded those special qualities perfectly. She and her family were and are invaluable in quietly promoting our values as they travel the world, freed as they are of political allegiances. This is one of the special advantages of a Constitutional Monarchy.

How proud we can be of the ability of all involved in putting on the Show of all Shows. The precision and perfection of the execution of the various solemn ceremonies are a credit to our magnificent service men and women and the numerous organisers.

We in Avening and Cherington have also played our part and even enjoyed a feature appearance on the local news!

We mourn our Queen, but nevertheless, with heartfelt enthusiasm we can say:

God Save the King

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| Cherington PC | Tuesday bi-monthly | 6.00pm | Cherington Village hall | Richard Smith 07884 265117 |
| Bell Ringing | Tuesday | 7.30 - 9.00pm | Church Bell Tower | Andrew 01453 835783 |
| Line Dancing | Tuesday | 8.00 - 9.30 pm | Social Club | Social Club 01453 833760 |
| Avening Youth Club | Every Tuesday in term time | 6.00 - 7.30pm | Avening Memorial Hall | 01453 756745 |
| Churchyard tidy up | Wednesday | 6.00 - 7.00pm | Holy Cross churchyard | Churchwardens |
| Avening PC | 3rd Wednesday each month | 7.30pm | Memorial Hall | Shani Baker 07415 039234 |
| Avening Cinema Club | Last Wednesday each month | 7.30pm | Memorial Hall | avening Cinemaclub @gmail.com |
| Avening W.I. | 2nd Thursday each month | 7.30pm | Social Club/ Memorial Hall | Liz 01453 833803 |
| Charity Quiz | 1st Saturday each month | 8.00pm | The Bell | |
| Avening Angels Choir | Sunday | 4.30pm | tba | Derrick Pierce 01453 835090 |

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VILLAGE & AREA WEB SITES

Avening Parish Council: www.avening-pc.gov.uk

Cherington Parish Council: cheringtonpc.org.uk.

Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

Cotswold District Council: www.cotswold.gov.uk



Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Whilst there has been very little to report on this month locally; there is no other way to start this letter than by paying homage to Her late majesty Queen Elizabeth. Never in living memory have we experienced such dedication to duty; performed with such dignity and providing an example we would do well to measure ourselves against.

Church / Village Fete - Unfortunately, this had to be cancelled out of respect for Her Late Majesty. This event is important not only to the community but also to the church as it raises vital funds to towards the upkeep of church infrastructure, heating etc. So, if anyone feels that they would like to make a donation of any size by way of compensation; then please contact the church via the contact numbers in this magazine.

Memorial Hall & Villager of the Year Award – There is still time to register your vote by email to the parish clerk; email to parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk. The award ‘ceremony’ will now be held on Sunday 13th November immediately following the Memorial service in the church. There will be a celebration of the Centenary of the Memorial hall and those locals who gave their lives for their country. It is open to everyone and there will be a glass wine or similar, together with some nibbles. This will be against the backdrop of a film covering the history of Avening.

Dog Poo in the Playing Field – Not a complicated subject, but there’s too much of it, there should be none. Owners need to pick it up and report anyone who isn’t.

Cinema Club – This returns at the end of the month.

The Stream -

You may have seen in the local press that there is an application with the EA for an impoundment licence at Aston Farm – after much pressure from ourselves, this is the retrospective application for the lake which has had such devastating consequences for our stream.

Below is some wording to support the objection by the Parish Council, and it would be helpful if as many people as possible make a comment, the main issues are listed below – for ease, this is the link directly to the application:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/equiland-limited-npswr036529-application-made-to-impound-water/equiland-limited-application-made-to-impound-water#contents>

Please feel free to pass this on to anyone with an interest.

I started this letter paying respect to the late Queen Elizabeth 11; so it is fitting to conclude my ramblings with a mention for our new King Charles 111 as we enter this new Carolean era. It’s been a very long apprenticeship, but he has got off to an impressive start and I wish him every success for the years ahead. We have the prospect of celebrating the coronation in due course, so a chance for some form of village celebrations?

God Save the King

Patrick Mulligan (Mob: 07713 068436)
Chairman of Avening Parish Council

Update on Avening Stream

Following pressure from the Parish Council to the Environment Agency (EA), Equiland Ltd have submitted a retrospective application for an 'impoundment licence' to impede or obstruct the headwaters of the Avening Stream. In simple terms this is for the new dam and lake at Aston Farm, Cherington. The lake and associated works are likely to be a factor in the stream drying out this year, and definitely caused the water to stop flowing during its construction, which has caused irreparable damage to the dependant wildlife of the stream.

The Parish Council have formally objected to the application and have further requested the valley to be reinstated to its original state. Other concerned villagers have also written objections, and anyone can comment by emailing the EA at PSC-WaterResources@environment-agency.gov.uk quoting the reference NPS/WR/036529 – these details and a link to the application are on the website. Please comment before **19th October**.

I am still working with the EA to establish what other factors may be impacting the amount of water flowing through the system, and I will update you in due course.

Tony Slater

Remembering The Queen



Many thanks to Celia Carter for the photo (left) of her late Majesty visiting the Avening Church on the occasion of the christening of her first great-grandchild, Savannah Phillips, in 2011. On the right is Helen DiMauro's photo of Cherington's Book of Condolence for the Queen lying on the baptismal font in the Church.

Have you any memories of seeing or meeting the Queen? We'd love to hear them – just drop a note to editors@villagemag.online

The royal Proclamation of Accession of King Charles III was read in Avening church after the service on September 11th

Avening and Cherington Churches

It isn't often that so many events rise around us in just one month. This September has been a whirlwind of events after the death of the Queen and the accession of King Charles III.

Avening church was featured on TV just after our reader Derrick Pierce had led a service of reflection and prayer at short notice, on the weekend after the Queen's death. During the period of national mourning, the Church of England changed the readings and prayers for all church services. Our Eucharist on the day before Queen Elizabeth's funeral focused our hearts and prayers on the Queen, her faith in God, her lifetime of service and God's promise to us all that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ.

Some things, like the Fete, were cancelled at the last moment. All the bottles and gifts will be used at a future village event, though no dates have yet been set.

On October 30th Derrick Pierce will lead a special service in the church for the Feast of All Souls, when we have an opportunity to remember with love our own departed family and friends. Everyone is welcome at 10am.

Elizabeth Buchanan and Liz Fuller, Churchwardens

To arrange a christening, wedding or funeral in either Avening or Cherington Church, please get in touch with the Benefice Office in Minchinhampton: admin@minchchurch.org.uk 01453 889004

Vicki Hayward is the admin officer and will be happy to help you make arrangements.



The Pet Service in Cherington church with Bishop Robert was a wonderful, community-driven service enjoyed by all – especially the 21 dogs and 2 Koi Karp who attended!

Church Services

| Date | Holy Cross, Avening | St. Nicholas, Cherington |
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| 1 st October Saturday 5.00pm | | Harvest Festival |
| 2 nd October. 10.00am | Morning Prayer | Holy Communion |
| 9 th October 10.00am. | Holy Communion | No Service |
| 16 th October 10.00 am | Morning Prayer | Holy Communion |
| 23 rd October 10.00am | Holy Communion | No Service |
| 30 th October 10.00am | ALL SOULS SERVICE | No Service |
| 6 th November 10.00am | Morning Prayer | Holy Communion |

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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

Across

1. Gusto (4)
3. Brings to an address (8)
8. Feast (7)
9. Tag (5)
10. Performer (5)
11. Trade barrier (7)
12. Voice box (6)
13. Large numbers of people (6)
16. Closest (7)
18. One of the senses (5)
20. Cajoled (5)
21. Before (7)
22. Fragile (8)
23. Unightly (4)

Down

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| 1. Striped equine (5) | 7. Secured by written agreement (10) | 15. Certify (6) |
| 2. US legislator (7) | 9. Research workplace (10) | 17. Spiritual being (5) |
| 4. One or the other (6) | 12. Lackadaisical (7) | 19. Ahead of time (5) |
| 5. Hot remnants of a fire (5) | 14. Hoping for (7) | |
| 6. Bars (7) | | |

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Gilian's Poem of the Month

Harvest Time

The crisp, white frost of an Autumn dawn
Lies sharp on the grass of the fields and hills,
While trees wear robes of gold and bronze,
And a blaze of glorious colour spills
From the distant woods, and the frosty air
Is tinged with a bonfire's woody tang,
While leaves float down to cover the earth,
And the sky is clear where the skylark sang,
As Autumn's precious, golden days
Drift gently past in a misty haze.

Shorn cornfields drowse in the noonday sun,
Hedgerows and gardens produce yield,
Ripe vegetables, fruits, and nuts
From village plots, and harvest fields.
In country churches, decked with flowers,
Sweet choirs their Harvest anthems sing
For all God's wondrous gifts of love
As church bells from tall steeples ring.
So Autumn blesses all the earth
Before chill Winter's icy birth.....

Gilian Bulmer-Davison

Avening Fete Raffle Winners

Although the Fete was cancelled as a mark of respect to the Queen, legally the draw had to happen on the assigned day, so here are the winners:

- 1st prize: (£400) Steve Mills
- 2nd prize: (£100) Emma Stafford-Michael
- 3rd prize: (Tea for 2 at The Ivy, Cheltenham) Helen Price
- 4th prize: (£50 garden voucher) Jean Hardman
- 5th prize: (Aperol spritz hamper) Annabel c/o Nick Winkfield
- 6th Prize: (coffee hamper) Julie Woodman
- 7th prize: (chocolate and prosecco hamper) Brian Newman
- 8th prize: (wine) Marion Leach

In Loving Memory of Christine Duff

3rd May 1933 to 6th August 2022



Avening resident Christine died peacefully on 6th August, aged 89, having had heart complications. She leaves 4 children, Virginia, Alistair, David and Richmond, one nephew Nick, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, to all of whom she was devoted.

Christine's family roots were in Cinderford in the Forest of Dean where she had an idyllic childhood, later moving with her family to Minchinhampton as a teenager. After studying art and physical education in Eastbourne, she moved to Nottingham where she brought up her children with cardiologist husband Robert Duff, and taught as a sought-after "supply" teacher at Fairham Comprehensive. In 1995, after the death of Robert, she returned to Gloucestershire to be near her two sisters, Josie and Sally, sadly also deceased, and to be near her dear friend Reverend Celia Carter in Avening, despite repeated pleas from all her children to live with one of them! Here she became a faithful member of the church community and loved taking part in church activities until she had a major stroke in 2005.

She fought hard to regain her speech and some mobility, enjoying weekly visits from her family and outings to the Forest bluebells, Clevedon Pier and William's Kitchen, when her health allowed. In the last couple of years, she was in poorer health, but still managed weekly scrabble games and keeping in touch with all her friends and relatives. She was very grateful for all the help she received from friends and neighbours during medical emergencies – indeed she was very lucky to have lived in such a wonderful village and to have shared in the lives of so many special Avening people.

Christine May Duff was a source of happiness and we are certain that she herself had a very happy life. She will be forever in our hearts.

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Avening Playgroup

A big welcome to all the children just starting at Avening Playgroup and a big welcome back to those children returning to the setting for the autumn term. We are one week into the new term and the children are settling in well and adapting to the playgroup routine.

The topics we have looked at so far have concentrated on 'ourselves'. We have been:

- Talking about ourselves and our friends
- Talking about our interests and what we are good at
- Drawing ourselves
- Painting ourselves step by step
- Looking at feelings and why someone may be sad/happy



The last week of the summer holidays was a very busy time at the playgroup:

- The grass was cut and brambles were trimmed.
- All the bushes around the side and back of the building were cut back
- The playground has been repainted
- Liz and Shannon have reorganised the home corner



Our Annual General Meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 20th September and I will include the names of the newly appointed officers in next month's article.

Avening Playgroup is a charity and as such it needs to have a committee of volunteers to run it. We are required, as part of the Charity Commission rules, to have a full committee with a chair, treasurer and secretary, including a certain percentage of parents with children at the playgroup. Without this the playgroup would not be able to open. The

committee meets for approximately 1 ½ hours every other month. If you would like to take the opportunity to join the committee and be involved in a vital charity within the village that is caring for some of our youngest residents, please contact the playgroup.



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 .

Angie Heslop

Can you Help?

Avening Playgroup are looking for local people to join our books as Supply Staff; who can be called upon in case of staff absence and to cover longer periods of leave, to avoid closures, which can be disruptive for the children. The right person will need to have a Level 3 qualification in Childcare, or similar and have a current DBS certificate- or be prepared to obtain one.

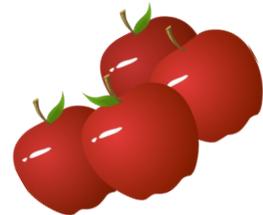
We are also looking for someone who can offer general ICT support to staff. This may suit someone currently training in this field, or anyone with good ICT skills and a bit of spare time now and then.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact Liz Fuller by email: aveningplaygroup.chair@gmail.com

Avening Community Orchard

Avening Community Orchard will be holding an apple pressing day on Saturday 5th November at the Memorial Hall from 10am to 2pm.

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The Cost of Living Crisis

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Over the last three months we have seen a 92% increase in requests for charitable help from the same period last year, with people seeking help with food, fuel or hardship fund payments.

Whilst the Energy Price Guarantee announced on the 8th September comes as a huge relief to households, energy bills are still very high. In winter 2021, the energy price cap was set at £1,277 for typical use. The new Price Guarantee starting on 1 October for households on typical use will be £2,500 a year.

We are very concerned about how vulnerable residents will cope this autumn and winter when temperatures drop and they need to turn their heating on. Many of our clients have been unable to afford their essential costs during the summer months. We have already had clients on prepayment meters who do not have enough credit to run medical equipment that relies on electricity; clients who cannot afford to heat their water; parents who are skipping meals to feed their children and pensioners unable to afford their fuel bills. In our largely rural districts, many residents rely on oil for heating and hot water and we have been contacted by people who cannot afford the cost of the minimum order.

What to do if you are worrying about money

If you are worried about paying your bills there are a few simple things you can do:

1. Work out your budget. Find out exactly how much you have coming in, and what's going out, and think about where you may be able to make savings. There is a useful budgeting tool to help you. on the national Citizens Advice website (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>)
2. If you don't think you can pay your energy bills, contact your supplier. There are schemes to help customers but if you don't tell them you are struggling then they can't help you.
3. If you have debts, look at the guidance on debt on the national Citizens Advice website.
4. Check if you might be entitled to any benefits. If you have internet access you can use Turn2Us, Entitledto or Policy in Practice benefit calculators to check what you might get.
5. Make sure you have received any cost of living payments that you are entitled to. If you are in council tax Band A-D property you should have received a rebate on your council tax and if you are a pensioner, on benefits or disabled there are various payments that you should be receiving.

If you cannot access the internet please call us on our freephone number **0808 800 0510** to access advice.

If you are really struggling and don't have enough food to eat you can call the Trussell Trust Help through Hardship Helpline on **08082 082138**.

Please do ask for help – we understand that these are worrying times.

You can get advice by calling us on our freephone number (0808 800 0510) and obtain email advice through our local website (<https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/>) under the Get Help section. We are also seeing clients by appointment in our Stroud and Cirencester offices and in the community at various venues across both districts – currently Dursley, Paganhill Community Hub, Stonehouse APT, Wotton under Edge, Moreton in Marsh and Tetbury.

We are also looking for new volunteers to train as admin assistants in both our Cirencester and Stroud offices – if you are interested please email info@ca-scd.org.uk. We also welcome donations to support our service – find out more on our website <https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/>).



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The Oldest Gravestone in Avening Churchyard?



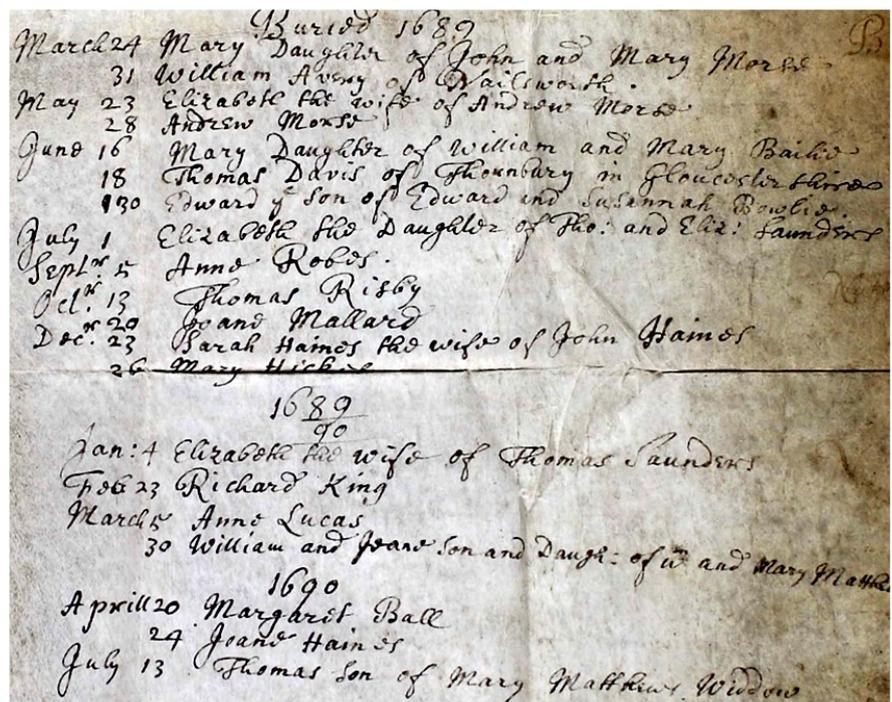
A recent visitor to Avening, Mike Bennett,, brought this gravestone, to our attention, which lies just below the footpath passing under the North transept window (the front of the church). He thinks the inscription says :

R R
1659

Although the second R could possibly be a K and the 5 might be a 3 or an 8. He wonders if they are the initials of the deceased or if they have a different meaning.

Mike has looked at burial records and discovered that there are three burials recorded for 1639 – James CONER, William BIRK and Thomas RANLINA – none of these initials fit. None are recorded for 1659. But twenty burials are recorded 1689/90, but only one with appropriate initials; Richard KING, buried 1689/90 Feb 23.

Can anyone shed further light on this?



Thank you, Mike, for this contribution and your interest in the village.

The Sound of Silence

The earth was parched. The lawns were brown. The air was still. Day after day the rays of the summer sun beat down relentlessly on fields and gardens.

Bees and butterflies loved it and were in great profusion everywhere, alighting on lavender bushes, roses, buddleia and anything else sturdy enough to be able to keep flowering in the heat of the day.



But where were the birds - no sound of birdsong anywhere. The garden was eerily and unusually silent - all my blackbirds, the thrushes (which I'm so lucky to have) and the other little finches, robins, tits had abandoned the heat of the open garden for anywhere they could find shade. I'd kept my bird bath filled every day hoping they might remember where they could have a good bath, cool down and have a drink but to no avail

And then came the day when the grey rain clouds appeared, opened up and deposited what all the fields and gardens had been waiting for. Good, steady rain. And what a transformation took place. Within a short space of time the garden welcomed back its feathered friends - blackbirds, thrushes, the two robins making sure neither crossed in to the other's territory, a solitary wren and a bunch of lively blue tits who very swiftly took over the bird bath, splashing around and having what was possibly the first good bath they'd had for some time.

But the best thing of all was the fact that the sound of silence had been broken. From early morning right through the following days once again it was so good to hear the birds singing their little hearts out. Long may they go on doing so before the autumn and winter chill comes along and our gardens once again return to silence.

I was about to email this piece to The Editor when the following little cameo happened - it was a very endearing moment which I hope you might enjoy.

I'd gone into the kitchen in the early evening and went to pick up what looked like a dried up brown leaf on the floor in front of the Aga. Well it wasn't a leaf - it was in fact a wren very happily ensconced on the dogs' bedding (dogs weren't there, thank goodness). It didn't appear to be injured or frightened and looked up as if to say I'd quite like to stay here It had obviously flown in through the open window and had no desire to move. We looked at each other for a moment, its bright little eyes looking at me as I bent down to pick it up which I did very carefully just in case it was injured - which it wasn't.



It was only when I had it in the palm of my hand to take it outside that I realised what a tiny little body I was carrying. Anyway, within seconds of going outside it took off into the evening sky and away it went.

It would be nice to think that it might be the wren that comes regularly to the garden but I'll never know the answer, will I

(Thanks to Nicky Randall for the beautiful photos)

Ann Tarlton

Sandra Trinder

1960—2022



Sandra was born on the 22nd September 1960 to Frank and Edie Mann at Wisteria Road, Tetbury, a sister to Dave. However, not long afterwards, the family moved to Avening where Sandra attended the local Primary School, and then received her secondary education at Sir William Romney's School in Tetbury.

She began work, alongside her cousin Alison, at Aerovac Ltd on the Tetbury Industrial Estate. The two cousins were up for any mischievous prank and were often behind any such goings-on and they became known as 'The Terrible Twosome'. Sandra's next employment was with Pressboard Limited at Nailsworth. However, for

most of her working life, and from 1990, she was employed as a carer by Gloucestershire County Council, a job she carried out for 25 years until ill-health forced her retirement following an aneurism in 2015.

On the 23rd February 1981, Sandra became mother to her only child, her daughter, Melanie or Mel as we know her today. As a single parent, Sandra with baby Mel moved in with her brother, David, who supported them in those early days until Sandra met Geoff and they moved in together. Later, when David met and married Caroline, Sandra became an aunt to David's children; first his stepson, Lee, and then their two daughters, Emma and Lisa. Sandra was delighted with her new family role and became their proud and loving Auntie.

Sandra was also a brilliant Mum – and her bond with Mel became very special. As the years went by, she and Mel were more like sisters than mother and daughter. Sandra was always loving and supportive, and a key to their relationship, especially when Mel entered her teenage years was that Sandra was a good listener – and there was nothing that was 'off the table' that Mel could not talk to her Mum about – and that close, supportive relationship continued into Mel's adult life. When Mel started going out with friends like Kelly Francis, Sandra wanted Mel to have a good night out but would say to her, 'Don't be back too late as I can't sleep until I know you are home safe.'

For Sandra herself had enjoyed her younger years, often in company with her friend, Lorraine, who became godmother to Sandra's daughter, Mel, and then godmother again to Mel's son, Alex. When the need arose in those younger days, Sandra and Lorraine would provide alibis for each other. They enjoyed having 'some laughs' whatever the occasion – and they were not easily deterred from having a night out. On one occasion Lorraine drove Sandra through thick fog all the way to Badmington for a skittles game only to find – surprise, surprise – that the event had been cancelled – too foggy for most folk to come out in – but not our Avening girls – they're cut from a

different cloth!

Indeed, Sandra has always enjoyed socialising. She loved her bingo sessions at the Avening Social Club and, as with friends and neighbours, she enjoyed going to The Cross, where she played skittles as part of The Socialites skittles team. Sandra also played skittles with her friend Julie Woodman in the Cross Avens skittle team. After Sandra's marriage to Geoff Trinder, she and Geoff would socialise on weekends with best friends, Terry and Jenny Francis. All four were regulars at the Avening Social Club, but as Sandra and Geoff were known for being late, Terry's usual greeting to them as they entered was, 'What time do you call this?'

But it wasn't always a matter of going out to socialise. Sandra was very family-oriented and loved family life. She took great enjoyment in home life, and she loved baking for family and friends. Sandra also enjoyed sitting in her garden and socialising there with family and friends. In most respects, Sandra had an easy-going nature and outgoing personality, but she could be impatient, particularly where workmen were involved if called in to do some work in or around the home. Sandra fretted about the time they took to complete the job and could never quite reconcile their need for frequent breaks with requests for 'just another cuppa tea.'

Apart from the birth of her daughter – and later the births of her grandchildren - the most important day in Sandra's life was the 19th December 1987, when Sandra married Geoff Trinder in the Cirencester Registry Office. Theirs was to be a very happy marriage. Geoff has been a very good husband to Sandra, and as a stepfather to Mel, he was, in her words, 'The Best.' Sandra and Geoff had a fantastic marriage full of fun and laughter - they were always messing around and calling each other nicknames at home. It was a marriage that stood the test of time and in December this year, Sandra and Geoff would have celebrated their 35th anniversary as husband and wife.

During these years, and indeed for the greater part of her life, Sandra lived in Avening, in Rectory Lane, until 2018, when Sandra and Geoff relocated to Pathfinder Village, near Tedburn St Mary, about 8 miles from Exeter in Devon – a residential park set in about 40 acres of beautiful woodlands surrounded by the stunning Devon countryside offering a host of amenities and activities. Their decision had been influenced in part as they had holidayed many times in East Devon, not far from Exmouth, at Devon Cliffs, a large seaside caravan resort on Sandy Bay, a secluded bay with a sand beach, about one mile long, with rock pools at one end, backed by high cliffs.

While they enjoyed the lifestyle at Pathfinder Village and had made many new friends and Sandra enjoying the bingo sessions at the 69's bingo club, as time passed, they missed being away from family and long-time friends. So, earlier this year, Sandra and Geoff moved back closer to their 'home' area to St John's Park at Lechlade. One of the greatest attractions of coming back to this part of the country was once again living closer to Mel – although not as close as they had been when they had lived in Avening in a close-knit community of family and friends. For example, when Mel married Neil, he had been known to Sandra for a long time and her daughter and son-in-law settled down as near neighbours to her and Geoff in Avening.

Of course, Sandra – and Geoff – were delighted when a first grandchild was born, a

grandson, Alex, in 2005; and then their second grandchild, a granddaughter, Mia, in 2011. Both Sandra and Geoff just loved them to bits. Sandra loved spending time with Alex and Mia and being their Granny. Sandra had looked after Alex when Mel returned to work, taking him to play-group and then to school. She and Geoff with Mel, Neil and the grandchildren had also holidayed together in Devon at the Devon cliffs resort. And even when living at Pathfinder Village, Sandra and Mel were in constant contact, just keeping in touch, and this was so for Alex and Mia too, with for example, Mia Facetiming Sandra just to ask, 'Granny, what are you doing today?' Sandra would also call Alex regularly to ask what her password was for certain apps on her phone or how to use her Amazon fire stick. Alex bought Sandra and Geoff an Alexa and Sandra would laugh as Alexa would never answer to Geoff. Sandra explained to Geoff that Alexa didn't reply to him because he was too gruff!

Although this regular contact meant everything to Sandra, it also underscored the fact that she was missing day-to-day physical contact with her family. So Sandra and Geoff made the move to Lechlade on 5th July, somewhere almost equidistant between Mel, Neil, Alex and Mia at and her friends in Avening, Tetbury, and Minchinhampton area. Sadly, Sandra who had suffered an aneurism in 2015, suffered a bleed on the brain just days after the move to Lechlade, and passed away in her new home at St John's Park on 9th July, the ambulance crew in attendance unable to save her.

Sandra's death was a huge shock to the family, and one that they are still struggling to come to terms with. Geoff has lost the love of his life. Mel has lost more than a mother, but a close friend. Yes, a warm, loving, and supportive Mum and Granny to her kids, but also a kindred spirit to whom Mel could open her heart about anything – and echoing the thought that 'little things mean a lot' – Sandra was always there and ready to chat – even about what Mel has called 'stupid stuff' like prices in the supermarket and everyday happenings. Sandra's friends too are grieving. She was loved and is missed by so many – a dear, fun-loving, and loyal friend – taken too soon. But for all that Sandra has been and all she has given, they join with family in saying, 'Thank You, Sandra' and 'Rest in Peace'.

Church Floodlighting



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RIP Dudley

Many people will be sorry to hear of the death of one of Avening's best known 4-legged residents – the beautiful white gentle giant, Dudley. He lived in West End Lane and, along with his owner Bill Tu, was partial to wandering down to the Bell for a pint!



Ceremonial Disasters

Wing Commander (Retired) Roger Lindley lifts the lid on his personal parade disasters.

We've all witnessed those spectacular ceremonial scenes recently, which have gone off without a hitch. Our military capability in ceremonial duties is unsurpassed, with rich traditions with which other nations simply cannot compete. I've participated in many ceremonial events in my RAF career, and formerly at the Army's Duke of York's Royal Military School, but I recall three in particular that didn't go too well.



It was fifty years ago, and I was the ADC to the Commander in Chief of RAF Support Command. In those days, Air Marshals had their own aircraft to get them around, and we were visiting two Maintenance Units that day. At RAF Stafford, we were due to present a trophy to the unit who had achieved the least traffic accidents that year: it was a large silver bowl encased in a wooden box.

After visiting RAF Carlisle, we landed at RAF Stafford to see the entire unit paraded on the tarmac. We taxied to the centre so that my Air Marshal could descend the aircraft steps and receive the salute. Close behind, I grabbed the trophy box to find that it fell open and the trophy bounced all the way down to the bottom of the steps. Previously I had secured it, but I was unaware that the crew had sneaked a peek at it while we were at Carlisle, and hadn't refastened it properly.

Catastrophe! But to give my Air Marshal his due, he calmly picked up the trophy, presented it to the Unit Commander, and reminded him that although they had won the competition, they had had several accidents that year, which was now recognised by the dents in the trophy. But the flight home wasn't so funny.

Fifteen years later, and I've been nominated as Parade Commander for a ceremony at Bury St Edmunds. As I called the parade to attention, the Police Dog handler stamped on the unfortunate Alsatian's paw, and the dog's howl of anguish was as nothing compared to that from all the spectators. Worse was to come: the Mayor, accompanied by our Station Commander, had arrived precisely on time, but the doddery old chap took an age to get out of the car. I knew we had a fourship of Tornado jets bearing down on us, the flypast timed to arrive precisely with the salute, and the one thing you can't do once the aircraft are on target is to ask them to slow down. Even though the Station Commander virtually dragged the Mayor up to the saluting base, the jets would have disappeared long before I could order the Present Arms....perhaps this was the first time a parade has saluted someone's backside!

A few months later, the Air Officer Commanding was receiving the salute outside the RAF Honington Officers' Mess at the start of his annual inspection. We all looked on in horror as the four Tornados flew over the Sergeants' Mess, clearly a serious navigation error. This did not augur well. After the inspection, the Station Warrant Officer had a word with the lead pilot: 'Looks like you'll be Parade Commander next year then, Sir.'



Avening School

Welcome to a new term at Avening School

A new year has begun at Avening School and there is so much activity already taking place, both in and out of the school.

There is nothing like a residential trip to a PGL adventure centre to break the ice and help pupils get to know their new classmates. The Owls class (y5/6) travelled to PGL Liddington at the end of September for three action packed days filled with activities such as abseiling, orienteering and buggy building. The children had a fantastic time and returned happily exhausted at the end of their trip away, ready for a weekend of rest.

It is always a real pleasure to welcome our new reception children and their families each September. This year, it isn't just the children who are new additions to our school. Miss Cook joined our school as the Eagles (r/y1) class teacher at the beginning of September and has been enjoying getting to know the children as they all embark on this exciting first stage of their educational journey.

Class topics are already well underway with a mixture of history and geography being explored throughout the school this term. The Kestrels (y1/2) and Owls classes are both looking at the history of Avening and local industry while the Hawks are travelling a bit further back to the Stone Age for their term topic. Meanwhile, the Eagles will be getting to know one another in their focus for the term, which is 'all about me'.

Forest School sessions have resumed in the school garden with each class spending designated time each week outdoors in the autumnal sunshine. Our weekly Fledgling sessions for pre-school children (0-4) and their grown-ups are also well underway. These take place every Friday afternoon from 2-3pm in the school garden. Contact the school if you require further information on these sessions.

After two years hiatus, our after school library sessions have also returned. The library is open Every Friday afternoon from 3.15 – 3.45 for pupils and parents/guardians and pre-school children are also welcome to join in with the book borrowing fun!

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

Alex Adcock



Avening Youth Club



The Youth Club is held every Tuesday in term time 6-7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER - Highlights

- Oct 4th:** **Visit from Greening Tetbury Group.** Also plant stall – bring along excess produce and seeds (donations to café charities).
- Oct 11th:** **Avening History** with Jean Chatelain – examples of local history documents and help with queries.
- Oct 18th:** **Art with Mark** 9:30 to 11:30am, £3 per session, all materials provided.
- Oct 25th:** **Halloween theme** – Once again we look forward to greeting younger villagers during this Half Term week. Dress up if you dare!
- Nov 1st:** **Creative Writing with Atlanta** 10 to 11am, £2.50.

Also visit “The Book Box” (Old Hill) and “Plants on the Wall” (High Street).

*John Hetterley
for Avening Community Cafe*



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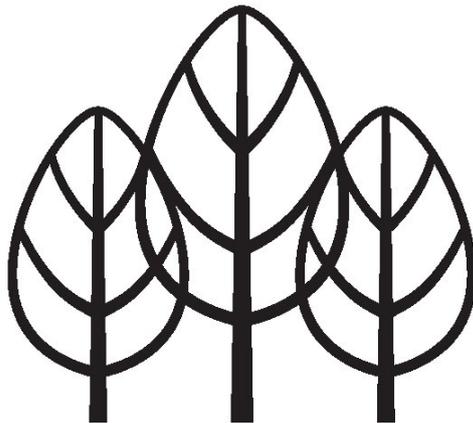
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In August members spent a lovely social afternoon in the garden of Wendy and Bob Jennings. The weather was good and there was an amazing array of delicious cakes to enjoy with the tea. Shirley had produced a quiz, with all the answers to be found within the garden, and gazebos provided some welcome shade to sit and chat.



Our September meeting coincided with the very sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and we started the meeting with two minutes silence to reflect on her long and wonderful reign. Our speaker was Susan Parslow who gave

an excellent talk and presentation on her Highlights of Bath. She focussed on various interesting buildings and artefacts that can be found within the city and demonstrated her enthusiasm and knowledge for the history and people involved. One member remarked that she had known Bath all her life and still discovered many interesting facts during the evening.

Our WI Quiz team took part in the final of the GFWI competition where 18 teams from all over Gloucestershire competed. It was a close final won by Stow-on-the-Wold WI with 89 points out of 100 with Avening finishing 6th with 82 points.

We are planning to restart our annual Christmas shopping coach trip, which this year will be going to the Christmas market at Worcester. This will take place on Thursday 1st December and will cost in the region of £15 per person. This trip is open to Villagers and friends so if you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Sue Osborne on 839327.

Villagers and friends are also welcome to join us at our popular general knowledge quiz on Friday 11th November, 7 for 7.30 pm at the Social Club. The cost is £4 per person to include a Ploughman's supper. Teams of four can compete and this time we are planning to donate the proceeds to Avening Playgroup.

Our next meeting is Thursday 13th October at 7.30pm when Caroline Pover will be talking about her local business Auntie Caroline's Pickles and Chutneys. We are hoping to have some samples to try with our Cheese and Wine to celebrate Avening WI's 92nd birthday.

For more information about Avening WI or any of our events please contact our secretary Soo at aveningwi@gmail.com New members and visitors are always welcome.

Helen Haiselden



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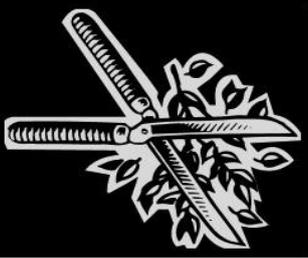
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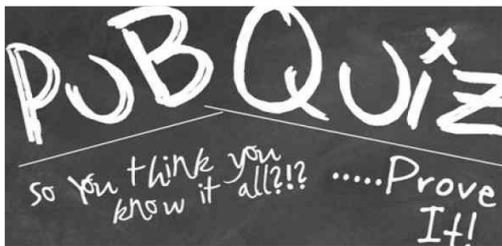
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Police Report

Reported crimes for August:

- 1 – Public, fear, alarm, and distress
- 2 - Theft

Sadly, PCSO Kim Collins has moved on. She will be replaced by PCSO Ed Maina who is currently training and will be on the beat soon.

Planning Applications & Tree Works Since the Last Issue

New Planning Applications

22/02945/TCONR: Farm Hill House, Point Road: 2 conifers to be felled on driveway. Two replants will be put in once landscaped. Two apple trees to be felled for driveway extension. Fell goat willow tree on bank due to excavating works. Fell two conifers by Oil tank to change tank and close to back of house which is being excavated. Crown lift neighbouring yew tree by 2m from lower crown to allow more light into garden for planting. Fell crack willow by green outhouse for new hedge to be planted. Fell ash tree showing early signs of dieback.

T22/02865/TPO: 16 Sandford Leaze: Turkey Oak (T1) - Reduction to previous points. Leaving a finished height at 13m and a radial crown spread of 4m .

22/02777/FUL: Strada View High St: Insertion of dormer window to front and box dormer window to the rear and insertion of second floor side facing glazed doors with Juliet balcony and x2 side facing roof lights.

P22/02737/COMPLY: Old Quarries Rectory Lane: Partial compliance with conditions 23 (Tree) and 28 (CMS) for planning permission 19/01692/FUL. Change of use of existing buildings from residential institution (C2 use) to residential (C3 use) including demolition of modern extensions, internal alterations and extensions, demolition of modern institutional buildings and replacement with new dwellings, associated garaging, rebuilding of boundary wall and landscaping.

22/02659/FUL: Ansford Cottage, 5 Woodstock Lane: Erection of single storey rear extension and detached garage extension, demolition of existing rear bay window and associated works.

22/03109/FUL: Fern Cottage 5 Mays Lane: Hornbeam and beech (G1) - directional prune to reduce southern side of the crown from 11m to 7m of radial spread (in line with previous reduction work) to allow more light into the garden.

22/03093/LBC & 22/02833/FUL: Sandford House: Construction of hardstanding and excavation works for retaining wall to site a greenhouse in the garden. Installation of two outdoor timber staircases over existing stonework. Replace door panel on North elevation of dwelling to glazed panel.

Decision Notices

21/01174/COMPLY: Barn Owl House West End: Compliance with Conditions 4 (external lighting) and 5 (bat roosts/bird nesting) of permission 20/00427/FUL - Conversion of barn

to dwelling and installation of pitched roof (Amended design to 18/04043/FUL). – Permitted

22/01890/TPO Avening House: T1 Ash - Fell due to proximity to neighbouring housing and it being symptomatic to ash die back - Permitted

Date for Your Diary

Following the remembrance service in the Church on Sunday 13th November there will be a further Memorial Hall centenary celebration in the hall. More details will be published nearer the time.

Potholes

Report the potholes directly to Highways on 08000 514514 or at the GCC Report It website.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th October in the Memorial Hall

Agendas and minutes can be viewed at www.avening-pc.gov.uk. The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

Can you stand the heat for Longfield Hospice?

Longfield Community Hospice is looking for brave daredevils to take part in its fundraising Fire Walk on Friday 9 December.



The challenge is scheduled to take place in the hospice's grounds in Minchinhampton, from 6-9 pm, where participants will walk 15ft over hot coals at 550°C. The event will be supported by one of the UK's leading Fire Walk companies, UK Fire Walk. Fire walkers will receive training from Scott Bell, who is a two-time Guinness World Record holder

for the 'Greatest Fire Walking Distance'.

Kirsty Owen-Hayward from Longfield's fundraising team explained:

"Please come along, face your fears and take on this amazing challenge for Longfield. We promise you'll be in safe hands! Not everyone can say they've walked on fire, and you'll be raising money for a worthwhile local cause, helping provide free care for patients across Gloucestershire and support for their families and carers too."

Registration is £30 per person and the hospice is asking fire walkers to raise £150 or more in sponsorship. Numbers are limited so people are advised to register soon to avoid disappointment.

For more information about the fire walk challenge, and to register, visit longfield.org.uk/event/fire-walk.



Dates For Your Diary

| Date | Event | Location | Time |
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| Monday 24th – Friday 28th October | Avening School Half Term | | |
| Wednesday 26th October | Avening Cinema Club THE DUKE | Avening Memorial Hall | 7.30pm |
| Sunday 30th October | FOAS Haunted House Hunt | Start at Avening Memorial Hall | 3 – 7pm |
| Saturday 5th November | Apple Pressing | Avening Memorial Hall | 10am – 2pm |
| Friday 11th November | WI Quiz | Avening Social Club | 7.30pm |
| Sunday 13th November | Remembrance Day Service and Memorial Hall Centenary celebration | Avening Church and Memorial Hall | tbc |
| Thursday 1st November | WI outing to Worcester Christmas Market | | tbc |

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