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Cherington and Nags Head



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Considering the really strange weather we have had to endure during May, it was so fortunate that the Bear Hunt was blessed with a good deal of sunshine. As a result the event was very successful and happy, raising just under £2,000. It was a real pleasure to hear and see the younger members of our communities hurrying excitedly from clue to clue. Many congratulations once again to all the organisers working with FOAS. We hope that everyone will enjoy the picture on the front cover of this month's issue - a reminder of a supremely happy weekend.

As we cautiously emerge from the strictest rules of Lockdown, you will see that there are once again some exciting events planned in the villages for this coming month, featured in Dates for your Diary. Amongst other things another Serendipity Sunday is planned on 27th June, when you can wander around Avening admiring and enjoying some of the creations of your friends and neighbours. On the previous Sunday, 20th June, Cherington are holding a Plant Sale on the Village Green in the afternoon. There are more details of these and other events further on in this edition of the Villager. So there is no reason to remain in isolation for a moment longer, when your help and support in making these events successful will be so very much appreciated.

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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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Regular Activities in the Villages

Items struck through are temporarily suspended.

Would organisers please let us know when they restart.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30– 9.30pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Community Café	Tuesday	9.00– 11.30am	Social Club	Jenny South 01453 883456
Churchyard tidy up	Tuesday	6.00– 7.00pm	Holy Cross churchyard	Rev. Gerald 01453 883456
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	10.15am– 12 noon	Social Club car park	
Cherington PC	Tuesday bi-monthly	6.00pm	Zoom	Richard Smith
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	Avening church	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	Liz 01453 833803
Avening PC	3rd Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Zoom	Shani Baker 07415 039234
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	4.30pm	Avening Church	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090

Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Everything did (just about) go to plan at the AGM so please welcome our new Chairman, Patrick Mulligan. I am therefore writing my last regular piece for the Villager, while Patrick picks up the Chairman's baton elsewhere in the magazine as well as the gavel that I have donated to him! I'll still be around as a councillor for the remainder of this year and will support the team in any way I can, but I plan to take next year out from any voluntary work to catch up on a bit of travel, and then look at what I would like to do in 2023 and beyond.

I joined the PC in 2004 when my great friend John Catterall persuaded me to give it a try. I had already realised that it was relatively straightforward to influence large companies (in a modest way) to improve their offerings by providing them with evidence of issues and potential solutions, so it seemed an obvious next step to try this on a larger scale for the benefit of the village which already had the benefit of a formal local government structure in place. Initially, as a councillor, I was encouraged by John, and by the epitome of local leadership in the form of the great Jim Parsons. Eventually, I had sufficient experience and confidence to take on the leadership role in 2014, having supported Jim, and then Mick Williamson, as vice-chairman.

You probably know that I like a good statistic, so here are a few from my time on the PC.(so far!). I have served with 5 Chairmen; 7 clerks (some of whom returned more than once); and 22 councillors.

Looking back over my time in office, it's incredible what has been achieved for the village by all of these people working tirelessly as a team, and although I haven't got nearly enough space to list them it's interesting to look at some of the old minutes as a reminder (they are available on the website going back to 2005). It can be frustrating not being able to do everything that one wants to; it can be frustrating in the time it takes to complete projects (see the bus shelter saga for details!); and it can be frustrating if we don't get things quite right (the playing field improvement plan springs to mind). But it has been incredibly rewarding for me to act on your behalf and to do whatever I could to make Avening a great place to live. Your supportive comments have also kept me going in what can be a challenging role.

I still have a couple of things I want to complete – resolving the low water flow issues in the stream, and to finish building the history pages on the website. But for now, all that is left for me to say is thank you for your positivity and encouragement, and to wish Patrick well in taking the PC forward.

***Tony Slater – email: chair@avening-pc.gov.uk: Web: www.avening-pc.gov.uk
For Covid assistance contact Covid19@avening-pc.gov.uk or call 07415 039234***

Cherington Show Update

As the lockdown lifts, confidence grows that we really will have our Cherington Show this year, albeit on the slightly later date of Sunday 19 September. Excitement is building and we are making plans and a few tweaks to suit the new time of year.

Anyone keen to start sowing (or indeed sewing!) ahead of our popular competitions might want to include kale, chard, leeks and sweetcorn this year... Lance Vick, who was chairman of the Tetbury Show for 40 years,

and has many years' experience of growing vegetables and flowers, has kindly agreed to judge our Horticulture once again.



The show will once again be preceded by our popular BBQ and all the usual stalls and games will be in place along with one or two new additions including children's toys, books and games.

Anyone wanting more information on the show or its competitions please email cheringtonshow@gmail.com

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Avening and Cherington Churches



What does the church have to say about sex etc.?

As you may well be aware, it has found it difficult to speak with a unified voice on some aspects of this subject for many years now. This is a result of very different views amongst church leaders and also amongst 'everyday' Christian people. Many of those who consider themselves outside the church wonder, very understandably, how such a situation can come about – perhaps you are one of them.

When forming views on such subjects we take into account a variety of sources, including the teachings of Jesus, other parts of the Bible, history and tradition, modern research insights, sociological changes and our own upbringings and attitudes. So perhaps it is not surprising that opinions vary.

However the Church of England has now come to realise that this is such an important area that more effort is needed to try to reach consensus. A very thorough report has been published which describes the many aspects involved, including those mentioned above. It is entitled 'Living in Love and Faith': as well as the book itself there are other materials to give a deeper insight.

These can be seen at the CoE website - www.churchofengland.org and searching 'LLF'.

It is likely that there will be a local group learning more about this and if you might be interested in doing so please let me know.

Sunday services and church openings

The services planned for June are below: should there be any changes in the covid restrictions, the latest arrangements will be found on the websites below, where there will also be (technology permitting) recordings of our live services and other resources. The Sunday services will take place in the churchyards if weather permits, otherwise please come with face coverings and be prepared for Covid precautions.

6 th June	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Avening Church
13 th June	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Cherington Church
20 th June	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Avening Church
26 th June	11.00 am	Baptism	Cherington Church
	4.00 pm	Wedding	Cherington Church
27 th June	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Cherington Church
4 th July	10.00 am	Eucharist Service	Avening Church
	3.00 pm	Pet Service	Cherington Church

During June Cherington Church will be open from 9am to 5pm most days and Avening Church will be open from 9am to 5pm on Wednesdays and Sundays (services will be taking place on some Sundays between 10 and 11am): these timings are always subject

to review – the most up to date information may be seen at the websites below.

Dates for the future

Sunday 4th July at 3.00pm: Pet Service at Cherington Church

Sunday 1st August at 3.00pm: Lammas Day Service on farmland, further details to follow.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14317/

(Avening)

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14319/

(Cherington)

Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington

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Our Churchyards



... are havens of peace and home for a wide variety of natural life. Churches Count on Nature is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, A Rocha UK, the Church of England and the Church in Wales. Between 5th and 13th June, it brings local people together to discover the wildlife in their local church yard, recording the species they find, combining their results with others which will be collated on the [National Biodiversity Network \(NBN\)](#), a nationwide database of wildlife in the UK.

To learn more search 'Churches Count on Nature'. If you are interested in being involved in this for either Avening or Cherington churchyard please get in touch: 01453 883456 or gp.south@btopenworld.com

At Avening churchyard recording will start at 10am on 5th June – you would be very welcome– bring a butterfly net if you have one!

Surprising Church Details

Our church in Avening is nearly a thousand years old. Things have been tweaked and changed over the years, adapting to the needs of the time. One thing that surprises me, every time I look, is the old doorway to the tower, now blocked up. It's in the wall on the right, heading towards the altar, past the arch – and it is tiny!! People were smaller then. These days, the access is on the outside of the church, on the south side and up some modern steps. Once through the tower door, however, the steps join up to the original stone spiral steps, winding up through the tower. On that staircase, there is still not a lot of room to manoeuvre!

Elizabeth Buchanan

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 32

Across

1. Ploy (6)
4. Requiring secret knowledge (6)
9. Disapproves (7)
10. Angry (5)
11. Land measure (4)
12. Perplexing (8)
14. Disney cartoon character (5)
16. Mournful poem (5)
20. Scorn (8)
21. Fencing sword (4)
24. Female relative (5)
25. Pills (7)
26. Unmarried (6)
27. Precious stones (6)

Down

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| 1. Worldwide (6) | 7. Come out into view (6) | 18. Catches sight of (5) |
| 2. US military officer (5) | 8. Ordinary (5) | 19. Creatures (6) |
| 3. Unit of length (4) | 13. Celestial (8) | 22. Fragment (5) |
| 5. Precipitation (8) | 15. Lamp (7) | 23. Woodwind instrument (4) |
| 6. Astounding (7) | 17. Parts of a play (6) | |

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www.puzzlechoice.com

Gilian's Poem of the Month

Requiem For Rusty

Rusty was a regular visitor to my garden for many years, and became quite tame so I was very sad when he died. Although he was a grey squirrel, he had a tawny streak down his back, hence his name, Rusty.

You haunted my walnut tree, and stole the nuts,
Scolding me when I laughed at you!
I marvelled at your graceful leaps
From bough to bough, bright bushy tail
Spread wide to aid your flight.
I saw the sun gleam on your tawny coat,
I caught the twinkle of your bright black eye,
Watching me watch you!
And I loved you for your brave audacity.
So wild and free, so gloriously wild and free . . .

I will lay your small, limp body 'twixt the roots,
Under the sun - warmed wall where roses bloom;
Food close your tiny paws, like small neat hands,
Curl round your feathered tail, and close your eyes,
Now dulled by death

I will remember you as once you were,
Lithe, quick, vivacious, graceful in your flight . . .
Rest sweetly, little squirrel, in your nest,
Rose - petal - lined, beneath my walnut tree. . .

Gilian Bulmer - Davison



The Great Exhibition!

A Great Exhibition of Artwork, Projects and Accomplishments achieved during the Pandemic — including photos of local landmarks - like this!

The three day exhibition will be held in Avening Church during the weekend of the Avening Church Fete (10th, 11th and 12th September).

For more information contact George Buchanan (01453 833016) or email: buchanan.pg@gmail.com

Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors

I know that I am very old-fashioned and do not like change for change sake, but I feel that the inside of the Church in Avening now looks awful. The choir stalls should be put back. They were put in the church in the early 1900s, but they are more in keeping with a church built in 1080 than a lot of horrible and uncomfortable modern chairs.

The Church belongs to the Village and NOT just the few that regularly go to services.

The glass doors were put on the Brydges aisle so that that area could be used for Sunday School and small services, which it has been, until recently. The children attending all loved to hear the story of Mr. Brydges being a pirate. Those of you, who remember hearing that, are now young ladies and gentlemen – what are your thoughts on the re-ordering of the church? We need to hear from you.

Derrick and I, on holiday some years ago, went into Durham Cathedral. Our guide showed us the ceiling in the chancel. He said it was the only one in the country. We pointed out to him that the one in Avening is the same. On another occasion, when I was flower arranging, a gentleman came and spoke to me. I showed him around the church and he told me that Durham had copied our ceiling. Lots of people come just to look around our old church, as it was. (PLEASE PUT IT BACK THE WAY IT WAS.)

If you agree with me, or have other opinions then please either email me at doreenpierceuk@icloud.com or pop a note through our letter box (70 Sandford Leaze) and we will pass your comments on to our priest and the Parochial Church Council.

Doreen Pierce

(Letters to the Editor are always welcome. They reflect the thoughts and opinions of the writer and not necessarily those of the Editors, who believe it is important for people to be able to express their views on local matters through this channel.)



Our Pets are a Blessing to Us

Pet Service

Let's Thank God for Them!

Bring your pets, or a photo, Cherington Church

Sunday 4th July at 3.00pm

The graphic features a central row of images: a rabbit, a cat, a small dog, a fishbowl with orange and white fish, a German Shepherd dog, a bulldog, a green snake, and a green parrot.

Longfield Hospice

Join Longfield Hospice for its first ever **Superhero Challenge**.



The event takes place on **Sunday 22 August** in the beautiful **Westonbirt Arboretum**. Walk, jog or run through the pathways and tree-lined avenues of the arboretum. You choose the pace! The event is open to all ages and you are encouraged to wear a cape or costume as you soar around the course.

Don't miss this lovely opportunity to take part with your very own superhero, or remember an inspirational person in your life. All superheroes to complete 5 km will receive a medal.

What does it cost to take part?

Early bird prices are: Adults: £20, Children: £15. A £5 per car fee is also payable when you book your place and will go The Forestry Commission. This will allow you (and up to four spectators) entry to the arboretum – that's a saving of up to £35 in entry fees!

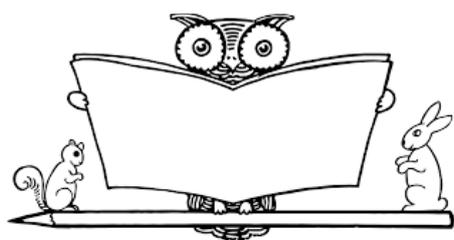
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Right now, our Hospice at Home team is working across Gloucestershire, caring for patients in their last days and weeks. As a registered charity, we rely on the hard work and generosity of people like you to fund this essential care. Thank you.

To sign up and for more information head over to the hospice website at <https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/superhero-challenge/>



Avening Church of England Education Fund (ACEEF)



The trustees of ACEEF have limited funds available to assist Avening residents under 25 with their education. These grants are intended to help ensure that young people in the village are not deprived of the opportunity to receive good education suiting their aptitudes and abilities.

If you, or your children, are in need of such support, please request an application form by phoning Gerald South on 01453 883456 or emailing gp.south@btopenworld.com.

Forms received by 1st July will be considered by the Trustees at their next meeting.

Village People

George and Elizabeth Buchanan

Although not originally from Avening, after more than 45 years here it would be fair to describe George and Elizabeth Buchanan as almost true Aveningites, especially since for many years Elizabeth was the village postmistress – a far cry from her roots across the Atlantic. She was born in Montreal but moved in quick succession to Detroit and San Francisco, before her family – she's one of five sisters - finally settled in Denver, Colorado. She went to school and university there, loving the view of the Rockies, visible throughout the city, as well as enjoying the leisure trips they afforded, spending weekends walking, and skiing in the mountains.



While studying maths and biology in Denver, she was offered a year at Lancaster University, where just down the corridor was a very personable young man called George who also liked sailing. They got on very well.....so as soon as she'd finished her degree in Denver, she left Colorado and returned to England to marry him.

George and Elizabeth's first home was a loft conversion of his parent's house near Oxford, where George set up in business as an antique furniture restorer. Elizabeth had plans to find work in hospitals but then, as she put it "along came Polly", so she settled down to motherhood instead.

They returned to Lancaster for George to train as a teacher, before settling in Hastings for two years, where George taught in the local secondary school and Elizabeth was a full time Mum, as Polly was soon joined by William. "We loved living on the south coast", says Elizabeth, "especially the atmosphere and culture there, with everything centred on the sea". George is very keen on anything to do with boats and says "I loved watching the specially designed local fishing boats being launched from the beach and then buying fresh fish from them on their return." Unfortunately, they could not afford to buy a house there, so they moved to Hertfordshire to be nearer family, where they bought and renovated a house and where Jamie arrived to complete the household. "Our new house was on a very busy road," Elizabeth says. "Traffic is endlessly fascinating to small children, but also very noisy so we began looking for somewhere to settle more permanently."

Elizabeth's bridesmaid was another US student who had come for a year and ended up staying; in her case, in Stroud. Having visited her and seen the vast expanse of the Common, which reminded them of the sea, George and Elizabeth decided to find somewhere in the area and ended up in Avening – "our friend said it was the friendliest village in the area" – and in 1976 they moved into 14, High Street. "We loved it straight away and very soon decided we had found our long term home".

By this time George had a new job. "This was the mid-70s, a time of exploration and drilling in the North Sea (and elsewhere)", he explains. I worked with a survey company contracted to Shell and went all over Europe checking that rigs and their modules had

been built to size and shape and would fit each other when installed! This included the Jackets (legs), onto which the modules were piled and welded. So, lots of onshore and offshore work: climbing ladders, swinging from ropes and having a wonderful time!”

This was taking him away for long periods, however, leaving Elizabeth at home with three pre-school children, so looking for something a little nearer home, he started working in a local antique shop in Tetbury. This ultimately led to the Buchanans having their own antique shop specialising in country furniture, which they sold a few years later and



George returned to restoring antique furniture. He is a very skilled woodworker, even though he has little formal training, and always seems to be busy, from making and mending wooden cabinets to writing and illustrating books on the topic. “I like a project,” he explains. “Restoring things is fun, and the end result is the reward”.

He also makes violins, having learnt that skill as a youngster from his uncle, and is himself an excellent fiddler, specialising in Scottish and Irish folk tunes, and is frequently to be found playing at gigs and céilidhs throughout central and southern England (except in Covid times!). Both Buchanans love Scottish dancing, and when George isn’t providing the music the two of them are found spinning round the dance floor with various groups around the county. “This year’s Burns night was a bit different though; we turned on some Scottish music and the two of us danced around the kitchen,” Elizabeth laughs.

Elizabeth started working in the village Post Office in 1988, which at the time was at the bottom of the High Street, remaining in the post until 2006, by which time it had relocated to the corner shop opposite the Queen Matilda. She loved the job; working with figures appealed to her mathematical side and she enjoyed the challenges of the intricacies of the hundreds of different transactions done in a post office. “Most of all,” she says, “I loved talking to people over the counter, getting to know them and watch their families grow up and being part of a vibrant community”.

And the community is what has kept them here. “It’s amazing,” Elizabeth says. “Just look at last year; the way everyone has come together and shown that they really do care; that’s brilliant. We found Avening lovely and friendly as soon as we moved in. It’s a busy place, there’s lots going on and lots of good people”.

Their children have now all left the village they grew up in, but they love coming back and recognise it as an important part of their lives. “They enjoy being part of the village, even though they don’t live here,” explains Elizabeth. “They like coming back for things like the village fete, and bringing their own children here to experience the same things they remember from their childhood.”

What advice would George and Elizabeth give to anyone who has just arrived in Avening? “Don’t ever leave! It’s difficult to put your finger exactly on why we love living here so much – we just feel it’s as good as it gets!”

Jane Archer

Avening Church – Past, Present And Future

If you have been into the church recently when it has been open on Wednesdays you may have noticed it looking a little different. The recent use of the church as a film set required nearly all the usual furniture to be moved out of the way. After the filming we saw most of the areas of the church as empty spaces and this is now an encouragement to consider which items should be placed where, without assuming that their previous positions were necessarily the most appropriate ones for current times. This can be a matter of balancing aesthetic appearances, historical significance and practicalities of worship and church usage. The building is a community asset whose use has included talks, concerts and dances: there may well be other imaginative uses of the building in the future.



A view of the church pre-1900

At the time of writing most of the wooden chairs have been placed in the chancel and nave with some remaining in the Brydges Chapel: this may avoid the need to have stacked chairs at various points around the church. The choir pews which were in the chancel are now at the back of the nave and Brydges Chapel.

Further experimental moves will be made over the next few weeks. As in many older buildings, items are acquired over the years, once serving a good purpose and later ceasing to do so as practices and viewpoints change. If they are retained then it is reasonable to ask questions such as: do they inhibit the appearance and use of the building?; what 'message' about church life do they convey?; what is the value of keeping them? It may well be that this applies to some of the items in the church. The permanent removal of any significant item requires consultation and permission from the Diocesan authorities, so there are safeguards against random disappearances!

Your observations about this would be welcome even if you are not a regular member of the congregation. If you have any thoughts then the Churchwardens or myself would be very pleased to hear from you.

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Avening Bear Hunt





Bears featured here (from top left , P20): Bearitto; Pawlice; Superted; Bear-by Yoda; Beardicca; Bear Force 1; Bear faced robbery; Grrrrr—ooott; Bearat; Strawbeary; Joker Bear; Care Bear; Bearis Johnson; Captain A-bear-ica; Self Pawtrait; Beary Liquid; Bear Devil; Bear-Elle; Paw-mala Anderson. Many thanks to Tony Slater for the photos.



AVENING CHURCH FETE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES

**Covid regulations permitting it is hoped to
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More details later**



Serendipity Sunday

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We are becoming increasingly hopeful that we will soon be able to hold our normal meetings and have been encouraged that 38 members have now signed up for the coming year. Many of us have now had our second dose of vaccine, and we are even putting some tentative dates in the diary for late June. Firstly, a belated 90th birthday celebration and secondly, an exclusive garden visit under the NGS scheme to Charlton Down House Gardens.



Meanwhile we are continuing with our Zoom meetings and small group walks and keeping in touch with members through email and newsletters. At our latest Zoom meeting members were treated to a wonderful facial pampering session by Aimee Poole using Neal's Yard Products. Before the meeting each member received a small, beautifully packaged sample of natural skin care products with strict instructions not to open before the session! Aimee then guided us through the process with a demonstration that we could follow along with her. Zoom was actually an excellent medium for this as we could see her closely and follow the techniques. The samples felt luxurious and smelled beautiful and we all felt relaxed and rejuvenated!

Our monthly speaker for June is able to provide his presentation on Zoom. John Butterworth is a retired journalist and newspaper editor and is giving a talk entitled 'Hotel with a famous guestlist'. The hotel in question is the historic Lion Hotel in Shrewsbury, which has accommodated many well-known guests through the ages, including Charles Dickens, Benjamin Disraeli, The Beatles and Morecombe and Wise. John is an experienced speaker and has many interesting anecdotes to tell.

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

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Avening Playgroup



I would like to start by saying a big thank you to FOAS for all their hard work in organising the Bear Hunt over the past weekend. My family and I really enjoyed it and by the numbers of people walking around the village, so did many other families. As the children at playgroup love to play with the doctor's set and dress everyone in bandages, as well as a big thank you to all the care workers, we decided to dress our bear in a doctor's outfit and call him Care bear. A lot of effort had gone into dressing all the bears and coming up with their names, so thank you for brightening up our weekend.

Since returning to playgroup after the Easter break, the children have been looking at the following:

- The life cycle of a frog – colouring in pictures of frog spawn, tadpoles and frogs and putting them in the correct order.
- Shapes in the environment – finding different shapes in the playroom and playground, as well as making shape collages. The favourite one to make was a rocket.
- Mark-making and cutting skills – lots of practice tracing over different lines and



the letters in their name. The children also cut along lines and around shapes.

- Numerals 1 to 10 – matching the quantity of items to the correct numeral as well as rolling the dice and counting the matching number of jumps or claps.

Some of the children have chosen to paint their self-portrait and they have painted some lovely ones.

The children were also very excited to welcome Miss Ellis into the playgroup. Miss Ellis will be their teacher when they go to Avening Primary School in September. They were very keen to show her what they can do and enjoyed listening to story. They loved playing with her and I know they are very much looking forward to going to school. Thank you for visiting us, Miss Ellis.

Child Safety Week - Share because you care

Child Safety Week is an annual campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) to raise awareness of the risks of child accidents and how they can be prevented. They

help families to build confidence and skills in managing the real risks to children's safety. We want all children to have the freedom to grow and learn, safe from serious harm. In 2021 they aim to raise awareness of the number of children that are seriously burned and scalded each year.

This year, Child Safety Week runs from Monday 7th to Sunday 13th June. You can register online at www.capt.org.uk for free resources and downloads.

If you would like more information about the playgroup or to place your child on our waiting list, please call us on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com . We are open weekday mornings during term time.



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Avening School

Taking Trips and Making Plans



The regular rain showers of the last few weeks didn't dampen the spirits of the pupils and staff of the Eagles class last month when they visited Cotswold Wildlife Park for the day. The children encountered a variety of animals from rhinos to penguins and also enjoyed playing in the outdoor play area as well as travelling there and back on a double-decker bus. A change in national guidance also means that the Owls class will be able to go on a residential trip to Copesgrove Farm where they will camp in tents

and take part in two days of outdoor activities. We would like to give a huge thank you to the Avening Church Education Committee who are paying for all Avening children to go on this trip making it cost-free for parents.

Our school Eco-council (run by pupils) have been asked by 'Greening Tetbury' to produce an environmentally themed quiz for children to coincide with the 'paint the town green' event in June. The Eco council have also recently completed an eco-audit with their next step being to write an action plan.

The Owls class will be taking part in a STEM workshop this month where they will be designing and making Lego robots.

On a musical note, in addition to the violin and guitar lessons currently available for all pupils at school, we are now widening the range of music lessons on offer to include the piano, clarinet, recorder and bassoon! There are also plans afoot for a school production in the last half of the summer term; more details in next month's edition!

As the roads become busier again, we would like to take this opportunity to remind people driving through the village as well as dropping off and picking up at school about the importance of road safety and vigilance, having had a near-miss incident a few months ago. Please adhere to the 20mph speed limit at school drop off and pick up times, indicated by the flashing lights on either side of the village.

Thank you to everyone who donned their waterproofs and wellies last month for the Avening Bear Hunt. A huge thank you to the incredible FOAS who worked tirelessly to put together a truly fantastic two-day event, which brought a lot of joy to bear-hunters of all ages. Thank you also to the wider community who either took part in the hunt or hosted a bear outside their house and thank you also to the local businesses who sponsored a bear. The total money raised was just under £2000 and it will make a huge difference to the whole school community. Thank you!

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

Alex Adcock

Amberley Garden Club

Despite, or maybe thanks to, the monsoon like weather of recent weeks, we are now seeing our gardens greening up and starting to explode into colour, with flower borders and vegetable plots growing apace.

At Amberley Gardening Club our regular monthly Zoom meetings will make way for some garden visits over the summer months, providing the opportunity to re-organise some of the events postponed from our 2020 calendar. These will include a visit to The Laskett garden near Ross on Wye, a tour of the behind-the-scenes plants and a LandRover safari at Slimbridge WWT and a tour of Woodchester Vineyard. And we are looking forward to our exclusive members-only Open Gardens Evening, hopefully in July, where we will tour 3 or 4 local gardens and finish with a bring and share supper.

On 9th September we resume our programme of regular monthly meetings with a talk by a specially invited mystery guest. These monthly meetings will take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm at the Parish Rooms in Amberley and will continue through to May 2022. You may have visited our Plant Sale on 24th April on the green opposite Amberley Parochial School. From plants grown by our members and some donated by Nailsworth Blue Diamond Garden Centre we managed to raise an amazing £350 for club funds and donated a further £200 to the Shop on The Common who provided tea, coffee and cakes. Many thanks to those of you who came along to support us and also to the army of willing helpers.

In addition to our mix of talks, tours, trips and regular meetings, Amberley Gardening Club have set up a WhatsApp group where members can post photos of their favourite plants, recent garden visits, mysterious unidentified plants, and discuss topics as varied as how to stop badgers digging up the tulips and how to create an auricula theatre from an old chest of drawers. So do keep up to date with our latest news via local websites and Facebook pages. We would be delighted to welcome you as a visitor or a regular member to Amberley Gardening Club. For further information, please email Christopher Bailey at christo.p.bailey@outlook.com

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Avening Community Café

Heard on the hill, a few weeks ago 'We will drink a cup of tea together again' * * It was so welcome on that day, to hear such a very encouraging note of hope and enthusiasm. And, in fact, there are still opportunities to meet in small groups in gardens round the village. This has been a lovely way to keep in touch with friends



and neighbours this spring, although at the times the weather has been challenging! Last Tuesday, there were lots of clouds about, between bursts of bright sunshine and sure enough, a dash for the garage at one point to shelter from the sudden downpour of rain and hailstones, grabbing a chair in the process. Nevertheless we carried on chatting and even managed a photo.

** or coffee!

The return of the pop-up cafes at the Social Club

The garden cafes are ongoing, on a day to suit you. If you would like to host one or be a guest, do contact Jennie at jennie.south@btopenworld.com. Meanwhile, looking ahead, the plan is to start our pop-up cafes back at the club car park on Tuesday 22nd June from 10 am. Current Covid guidelines will still apply and it is helpful if you could bring a mug with you. (Though don't worry if you forget. The café does carry spares but in line with our café green principles we are trying to avoid using disposable ones.) And of course, the post office van will also be available from 10:30 that morning in the car park, for any post to send or transactions to make.

The May Music evening on 3rd May went with a swing, courtesy of Zoom and a terrific group of talented musicians from Avening and further afield. Tom Fryer had organised a fantastic line-up of performers and in the interlude we had very special contributions from local artistes and music fans. An excellent evening all round, especially welcome after a very rainy day. We look forward to making more live music in and around Avening in the months to come. With this in mind, here is another date for your diary:



Serendipity Sunday

In this edition of the Villager you will find details about what's happening in and around Avening on Sunday afternoon 27th June. Also in the near future:

Avening Community Café AGM

Last, but by no means least, another date for your diary is the Café AGM by Zoom on Monday 7th June. More details in this edition.

And finally...

Any spare plants from your garden are very welcome on the wall at the Café plant stall at 14, High Street, thanks to Elizabeth Buchanan. And any good books from your library at home will find more readers if you put them in Clare's book boxes at Rose Cottage, Old Hill.

Gill Adams on behalf of Avening Community Café

Living in Lockdown!

And on the subject of the May Music evening, we had a very entertaining contribution from Cas Boddam-Whetham and Jennie South (right), who wrote and performed new words to the well known song 'World without Love' by Peter and Gordon – and apologies to the younger generation who will not be familiar with this '60s classic!



Don't lock me away

And do allow the day here inside where I've hidden in my lockdown

I don't care what they say I will stay in a world full of love

Birds now sing in tune and clouds don't hide the moon

I do care I can't stay in another lockdown

I don't care what they say I will stay in a world full of love

And I wait and in a while I will see my friends and smile

They will come I know not when

When they do I'll know hey hey up til then

Don't lock me away

And do allow the day here inside where I've hidden in my lockdown

I don't care what they say I will stay in a world full of love

(Instrumental bit!)

And I wait and in a while I will see my friends and smile

They will come I know not when

When they do I'll know hey hey up til then

Don't lock me away

And do allow the day here inside where I've hidden in my lockdown

I don't care what they say I will stay in a world full of love

I don't care what they say I will stay in a world full of love

I don't care what they say I will stay in a world full of love

Be part of Sunday Serendipity* - Our very own 'Aveningbury Festival'

Sunday June 27th between 2.00pm and 5.0pm

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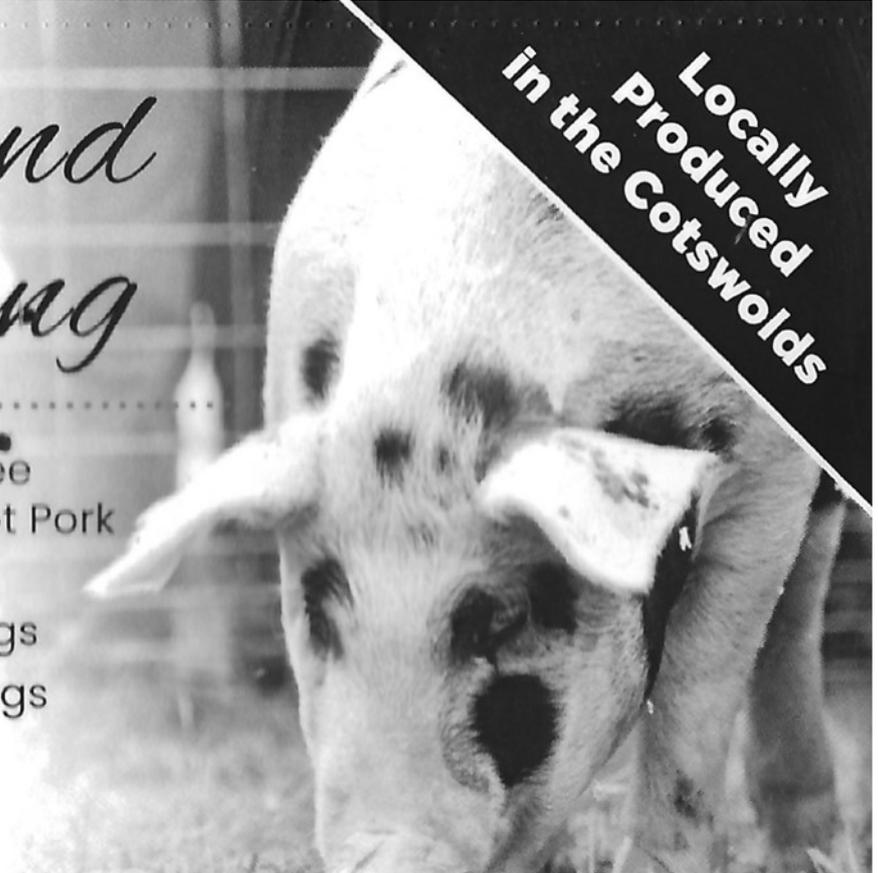
Please join in – help spread the word about what you are doing.

Details of your approximate location will be included on a simple street map if sent to Gill Adams by text message on 07826 291759 by June 17th

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Avening Youth Club



Avening Youth Club, run by The Door, is cancelled for the moment.

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Avening Community Café

Avening Community Café AGM

Monday 7th June at 7.30pm

The Avening Community Café AGM reviewing the year 2020 will be held via Zoom. We know Zoom is not a favourite with everyone but it will include a bit of café 'fun' and allow us to complete the necessary formalities and share ideas and answer any questions.

We hope you will want to show your support for all the café stands for and means to you, that you will put this date in your diary now and join us on that evening. The café is open to the whole community – no 'membership' or 'joining' needed – we just want you to feel it is for you!

The agenda and reports will be sent to those on the café circulation list. To request a hard copy phone 01453 883456. For the Zoom link for the AGM or to be added to this circulation please get in touch. Jennie South jennie.south@btopenworld.com

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Avening Playing Fields

The Avening parish council has decided to find out what people want from the playing fields, so that we can manage and improve what is a very valuable village asset.

We are interested in hearing from anyone who uses the playing fields, what they use it for, and what would make it better for them. Equally importantly we want to hear from the many residents who would use the playing fields if their needs were better catered for. We will then be in a much better position to come up with ideas for improvements. How we actually pay for it will be another discussion!

We have nominated a small group of councillors to make this consultation happen; Christine Howell, John Hetterley and Richard King have formed a Playing Field sub-committee to listen to your ideas and views about the playing fields.

If you have ideas and thoughts that you'd like to share you can speak to any member of the parish council (who we are and what we look like can be found on the parish council website www.avening-pc.gov.uk), you can email us at parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk, leave a phone message on 07415 039 234 or put something in writing in the folder in the book boxes outside 6 Old Hill.

Christine, John and Richard will also be around the playing fields at various times over the next few weeks and will be speaking to people that we see, so please don't be surprised if you get approached.

Avening Zip Wire Project

Please show your support for a new zip wire for the playpark by going online now at: www.spacehive.com/avening-zip-wire and "like" the project. You need to register with Spacehive first- name, email and create password, then search for project and "like". New backers also welcome. Many thanks.

John Hetterley for Avening Parish Council



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Cherington Parish Council

As Chairman of the Cherington Parish Council I feel the need to give an update about the waterways in the Cherington Parish and the possible misunderstandings which have been written about in The Villager, over the last few months.

With a change of ownership of some land in the Parish of Cherington, the new owner decided to do a lot of work to tidy up the area and put the pond, known as Fishpond Ring on old Cherington maps, back to its original form. The work involved removing silt from the pond and rebuilding the dam. I went for a look at the work a few weeks ago when it was dry and was very pleased to see that there was water running. Considering the dry weather we have had in the previous month, it was great to see water running over the dam and also to see water running from other outlets before the Cherington lake. I have it on very good authority that the water is now pouring into the lake, because we have had some rain.

There have been words written about the damage that has been done by restoring the pond. This, I feel, is completely wrong as there has been no damage to the base of the pond during the improvements and there has been a good flow of water all winter. I don't know how low the water table was during the recent dry period but it would be somewhat lower than normal for April. To blame the improvements for a lack of water in Avening seems odd when looking at the catchment areas. The catchment area for the lake at Cherington is a large area although nowhere near as large as the area available to the waterways further downstream.

It seems to the Cherington Parish Council to be somewhat disappointing that complaints are published without any communication with the Council, which has jurisdiction where the work has been carried out.

Cherington does not want to see damage done to its local waterway, and much as the Environment Agency would have liked to have been involved at an earlier stage we have not received any complaints from them about problems from this work. The land owner has carried out all this work at his own expense.

We feel that by the end of the summer there will be little or no trace of the work done and if we have rain then we will see a difference in the levels.

Mike Mitchell
Chairman Cherington Parish Council

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Avening Parish Council

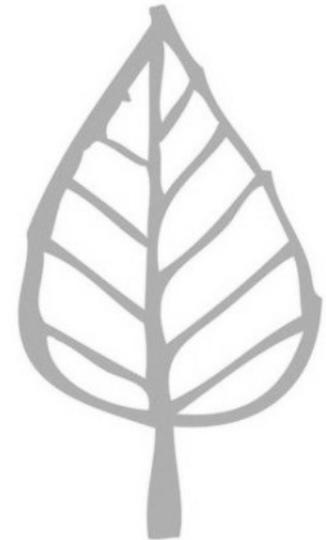


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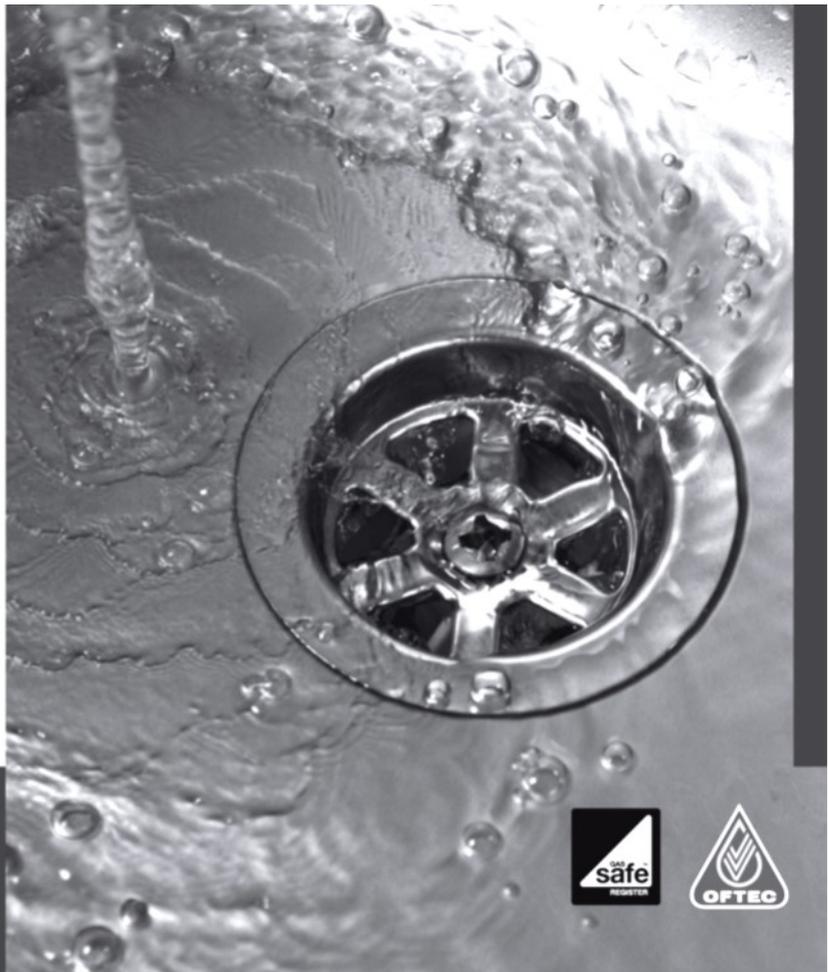
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Sunday 20th June	Cherington Plant Sale	Cherington Village Green	11.00am-3.00pm
Sunday 27th June	Serendipity Sunday	Around Avening	2.00-5.00pm
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