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Welcome to the latest issue of The Villager. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer, despite the very high temperatures over the past few weeks. We would very much like to hear how your summer has been. Perhaps you could share any photos you may have taken of the solar eclipse that took place on Wednesday August 12th.

September is a month when many children and young people move on, either from playgroup to school, or from school to further education, apprenticeships or work. Good luck to all about to progress on to the next stage of their lives. Two charities offer financial support to younger residents of Avening, please see the advert for the Sandford Trust on page 11 and for the Avening Church of England Education Fund on page 21 to see if these charities may be able to help you.

For parents sending their children to playgroup or school for the first time, 'Tea and Tissues' at Avening Church on Thursday 3rd September provides an opportunity to meet with other families from playgroup or school.

As we mentioned last month we are working on a replacement for Microsoft Publisher, as from October this will no longer be supported. We would like to thank Gerald South for the advice and tips he has given us for a possible replacement to Publisher. Fingers crossed that all goes well for our October issue!

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

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Gilian's Poem of the Month

September

Soft golden mists which cloak the dawn soon lift to clear blue skies,
As another bright new day is born as the sun begins to rise.
But now the days grow cooler for its Summer's final fling,
And those sun- blessed days are numbered, as we usher Autumn in.

The days are growing shorter too, and evening comes too soon,
But just look at all the stars above, and there's even a harvest moon!
For September is the harvest month in garden, hedge and field,
As fruits and nuts and berries, and farmer's crops all yield.

Churches are decked with produce, and splendid flower displays,
As all the people gather to sing harvest songs of praise.
All giving thanks for Natures gifts, which feed us through the year,
And all our blessings from above, especially our harvest here.

The trees show tints of Autumn, as their leaves begin to turn,
Giving hints of what's to come when Autumn's fires burn.
The sun's fierce rays now gentler grow, there may even be some rain!
As the drifting mists of gossamer fall, and Autumn comes again.....

Gilian Bulmer-Davison

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Date	Event	Location	Time
Thursday 3rd September	Tea and Tissues	Avening Church	8.30-10.00am
Tuesday 15th September	Hope Café resumes	Avening Community Café at the Social Club	10-11am
Saturday 3rd October	Apple Pressing	Outside the Memorial Hall	10am–1pm



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Avening and Cherington Churches



This month we hear from The Reverend Tracey Clements

September has that “fresh start” feeling about it, doesn’t it? School bags come out again, shoes suddenly don’t fit, and there’s a mix of excitement and a few butterflies in the stomach— especially for those children who are starting at a new school.

New beginnings can feel like a big step. There’s the thrill of something different, but also the worry of the unknown: Will I make friends? Will I find my way around? Will I be okay?

This year, I realise I’m in a similar place myself. I’ll be moving to serve another church for a while, helping during a vacancy, while still living in Vestry Cottage and staying part of Holy Trinity Minchinhampton. It feels like a new adventure for me as a curate — and if I’m honest, a bit daunting too!

It made me think: what would Jesus do in moments like this?

When you read the Gospels, Jesus is always on the move — meeting new people, going to new places, stepping into the unknown. And he does it with trust, openness, and compassion. He often tells his followers, “Do not be afraid.” Not because things won’t feel scary at times, but because they won’t be facing them alone.

That’s something we can all hold onto this September. Whether it’s a new school, a new role, or just a new season in life, God goes with us into it all.

So let’s keep our children — and anyone starting something new — in our prayers. May they find courage, kindness, and a real sense of belonging. And may we all remember that even when things feel unfamiliar, we are always in good company.

Every blessing for the weeks ahead.

The Reverend Tracey Clements

PET SERVICE

Sunday 6th September

4pm

St Nicholas' Church, Cherington, GL8 8SN

*Bring your pet (big or small) to be blessed as we
celebrate our animal friends*

Church Services

	Avening	Cherington
Sunday 6th September	10am Morning Prayer	4pm Pet Service
Sunday 13th September	10am Patronal Festival Holy Communion	
Sunday 20th September	6pm Iona Evening Prayer	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 27th September	11am Harvest Festival	
Sunday 3rd October		6pm Harvest Festival
Sunday 10th October	10am Morning Prayer	

Church Floodlighting

The church was floodlit on:



20 August

Happy birthday Auntie Gay Powell, we miss you every day.

Molly Dyer and family

The church looks beautiful at night when floodlit. If you would like to have this in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event, contact **Nicholas Winkfield** on **07885 139275**.

The cost is £10 for 2 hours.



Donations to Avening Church

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District Councillor's Report



Local Plan – Critically important! An Extraordinary Council meeting was held on 12th August to discuss the new Local Plan, and was probably the most important meeting since I have been a councillor. Let me recap on why this 7,300-page(!) document is so important, when we already had a perfectly good, adopted plan that meets the district's needs – the Labour government has dictated the Cotswold District must build some 18,000 houses by 2043. The nationally protected Cotswold Landscape (previously known as the AONB, or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) covers 80% of the district, meaning all the development must happen in two thin ribbons at the top and bottom of our area – locally this covers roughly Tetbury to Fairford, so approximately 9,000 homes need to be squeezed in here. In a big change to the original draft, the bulk of development is focussed on several 'strategic sites' including Cirencester and surrounding areas, with several thousand houses planned, plus Kemble, where 1,000 homes are planned. This could mean an additional 18,000 vehicles commuting around Cirencester and along the A417; many thousands of additional nursery and school places required; much greater demand on already creaking health services; and a loss of natural habitat and agriculture.

In the Grumbold's Ash ward there is now no building requirement, and while this is largely good news, the wider impact around the strategic sites will change the Cotswolds for ever! The weighty document goes into some detail on the need for associated infrastructure and provision of commercial sites to provide jobs, but there is no guarantee of government or local funding, and developers will ALWAYS try to wriggle out of (and are often successful) funding local facilities. So there is no guarantee the required infrastructure will happen.

So, what is the alternative? Without an adopted plan government could impose building where it sees fit, and developers could attempt speculative applications in unsuitable areas; but they already do this. Would no plan and the risk of occasional development be worse than committing to building 18,000 houses? There is an argument that the plan will provide built communities rather than a collection of developments. I think that just accepting the government's numbers (which the whole council agree is ludicrous), is reckless and commits the council, which won't exist in 18 months, to ruining our beautiful district. This is why I voted against the plan.

However, the vote was narrowly won, with several Lib Dems abstaining or voting against. The plan will now go to the government inspector to be validated. [This is where you come in!](#) There is a 6-week consultation period from 24th August where the public can voice their views and give arguments where they think the plan is lacking, and I would urge everyone to follow the links from the CDC website and have your say.

Councillor Tony Slater
Cotswold District Council, Representing Grumbolds Ash with Avening.
email: Tony.slater@cotswold.gov.uk Tel: 07793669930

Tea and Tissues

Thursday September 3rd : 8:30 until 10am

The beginning of term in Avening:

When you drop off your children on that first day, come up to the church to meet with other families from school or playgroup. Free tea, coffee and biscuits (and croissants!) will be available, and there are tissues on every table for those recovering from an emotional start to the day. Toys and puzzles will be set out for younger siblings, and all will be very welcome.

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 33

Sandford Trust

Small grants are available from the Sandford Trust, a charity for local young people going on to university or work based training. We would welcome applications from anyone living in the parish of Avening, on or before 11th September, after which the annual distribution of funds will be made.

To apply for a grant please write to:



Kelly Wilkinson
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GL8 8LZ



Avening Playgroup

We have had a busy time at playgroup during the summer holidays doing some much needed maintenance work in the building as well as the playground. We were joined by volunteers from Spirax who helped us to:

- **Paint the playroom, which is now looking so much brighter**
- **Build new storage shelves and cupboards**
- **Dig out a path around the rear of the playgroup and cut back the weeds and bushes.**

A very big thank you to all of them for their help. We would never have been able to get so much done without them! We must also say a very big

thank you to the Parish Council for their funding which has enabled us to develop a 'forest school' area at the rear of the playgroup for the children to enjoy. There is still a bit more to do but we cannot wait until it is finished and we are able to use it!



Another big thank you goes to the Avening Church of England Education Fund (ACEEF) for giving us some funding which enabled us to source and create some much needed new storage solutions for the playroom. This also means that most of the activities are now much more easily accessible for all the children. The playroom has been changed around to make it flow more easily and to give it a more open feel.

We have also had all the bushes/trees cut right back at the bottom of the playgroup and around the climbing frame area, which has really made it look a lot tidier. Thank you to Simon for sorting that.

Don't forget that from September 2026 we will be open 9am until 3pm on Mondays through to Thursdays during term time. Our first day back is Thursday 3rd September. We look forward to seeing the children and their families then.

If you would like more information about the playgroup or to place your child on our waiting list and book a time to look around the setting, please call us on 01453 832695 (weekdays during term time) or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com.

Angie Heslop



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When shopping for these things we know that if they bear the Fairtrade mark, every product we buy supports farmers pushing for better wages and safer conditions. Fairness starts with producers - but it's powered by people choosing to Do it Fair.

Our choices do matter. This fairness is needed for People, Planet and Pay:

People: Behind the products we use every day are people, farmers and workers, who deserve safe conditions, equal opportunities, and dignity at work. That's why Fairtrade is campaigning for governments to demand better from business, so people's rights are protected everywhere, not just where companies choose to act. Fairtrade is spotlighting the farmers and workers behind everyday products and showing why safe working conditions, equal opportunities and access to education must be non-negotiables across global supply chains.

Planet: Some of the products we use every day, from coffee to bananas, are already under threat as a result of the climate crisis and so are the livelihoods of the people who produce them. Just as we are beginning to see here, farmers are facing increasingly unpredictable weather, failing harvests and rising costs, often without the support they need to adapt. And they are being forced to shoulder the burden of a crisis they did little to create.

Pay: Fair pay means making sure the people who grow and make the things we buy earn a decent, steady income. It's about dignity, stability and being able to plan for the future — and that's the core of fair pay. Many farmers are still paid less than it costs to produce their crops. Fairtrade tackles this with **Minimum Prices** and the **Fairtrade Premium**, giving farmers protection when markets drop and helping build stronger communities.

Come and learn more about at Tuesday 22nd September Avening Community Café, see examples of easily available Fairtrade products and even sample some!



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Avening Community Café

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Community Café

Every Tuesday morning in the Social Club from 9 – 12 am.

Mobile Post Office on site from 9:30 – 11:30.

It was nice to welcome families during the summer holidays and see children participate in craft and art sessions. Thank you to those children who dressed up to celebrate international Cat Day. We also had a change of venue to the Memorial Hall for one week due to water issues at the Social Club. This was a great team effort to move the Café and Art lesson to the Hall and was well attended.

The Café will again be supporting the national MacMillan coffee morning on 29 September when we will donate all profits to the charity. Please note there will not be any Art on 15 September.



Summer Art!

September Dates

- 1st Art with Mark (£3 each, all materials supplied)
- 8th Chill-Out Tuesday! – Parents drop-in after children return to school
- 15th No Art this week Hope Clinic in lounge (see separate publicity)
- 22nd Theme: Fair Trade with Jennie South
- 29th MacMillan Coffee morning
- 6th Oct Art with Mark returns

*John Hetterley
For Avening Community Café*

A Bite to Eat?

**Afternoon Tea, Christening Party or other social event ?
Arranging a Group Lunch,**

Avening WI 'Bite to Eat' scheme may be able to assist with your catering needs.

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Down Memory Lane



This house, [possibly the Parish Rooms, were on the corner of Tetbury Hill and the High Street, opposite the Queen Matilda, known as The Cross. They were pulled down and the pavement outside what was the 'Top Shop' was widened after a fatal accident on the corner in the early 1900s. Can anyone tell us the date? Apparently, the building itself was not unsafe, but it caused the road to be unsafe.

Many thanks to Margaret Barton and Kathleen Lindsay (former Editor of The Villager), via Elizabeth Buchanan, for this photo.

Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors,

Sitting out during these warm summer evenings, it has been a delight to watch the swifts' aerial displays. There have been many more of them this year, in all likelihood because of Alan Watson's efforts to provide extra accessible nesting for them. Many thanks, Alan.

Our own efforts to provide nesting boxes have been farcical up to now as the birds much prefer to burrow through our brickwork and settle in the loft, but at last a pair of blue tits have made use of a box, and we watch with amazement their marathon feeding sessions.

Whilst we seem to have lost the various finches who used to visit our feeders regularly, encouragingly the Merlin app shows that there are many different species settled in the Avening neighbourhood, even if some are hard to spot. I do hope more villagers will be encouraged to provide nesting boxes as a result of Alan's article.

Roger Lindley

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Avening WI

In spite of the hot weather for AWI it's been business as usual.

A small group enjoyed a leisurely walk along the canal towpath from Brimscombe to Bowbridge and back. The most memorable moment was when the two, normally obedient dogs, jumped into the canal where they couldn't get out again! Liz and I got thoroughly drenched...twice!.... as we hauled them out, much to the amusement of the rest of the group! We rounded off the morning with lunch at The Long Table.

In late July, on yet another scorching hot summer's day, a large group of WI members and friends visited Chavenage House which is still in private ownership of the Lowsley-Williams family who bought the house and estate in 1891. Only two families have owned Chavenage over 6 centuries. Caroline Lowsley-Williams welcomed our group and gave a brief history of the house in her inimitable style, which was then expanded on by the guides who took us round the house starting in the main hall with its minstrel's gallery. In one of the drawing rooms where we were invited to sit, everyone avoided sitting on a sofa which had an entire tiger skin, with terrifying teeth, draped over the back! We strolled around the beautiful but very parched garden, where there was an amazing view right across to the



Marlborough Downs without a single building in sight. After the tour we went into the ballroom where we enjoyed tea and scones baked by another member of the family.

Our 'Bite to Eat' team catered for a wake and also provided a very well received afternoon tea for a large Ramblers' group. We were delighted to be asked to provide afternoon tea for Sam and Laura's wedding. Liz, ably assisted by Helen and Soo, planned everything to the last detail, with more members baking and providing help on the day. The setting was perfect, the marquee looked amazing and we couldn't have fitted any more food on the cake stands! It was a privilege to be part of such a lovely, country wedding and we all really enjoyed ourselves.

On a very hot, sunny afternoon, a small group of us gathered for the Summer Social. We were entertained by Frances Fry, a very talented West End musical theatre performer and singer. Her West End credits include Oliver and Les Miserable (where she played Cosette). Her programme was titled 'Music, Musicals and Me'. Frances went

through the story of her career, including helping to establish Westenders as a company providing entertainment for corporate events, and doing performances, talks and cruises. She included songs such as Downtown, Do Re Mi, I Dreamed a Dream, Elton John, and many more, ending appropriately with



Thank you for the Music. We then enjoyed some lovely homemade cakes and tea and squash, with lots of chat. A very enjoyable HOT afternoon was had by all.

Coming up...The book group will be discussing 'When the Cranes Fly South' by Lisa Ridzen. The Wysis Way walkers, having postponed stage 3 because of the heat, will be walking from Ruardean to north of Mitcheldean. The theatre group have booked to see 'Yes, Prime Minister' at the Barn Theatre. We have a workshop arranged to make property bags for patients to take home their belongings when they leave hospital, and syringe driver bags for those who need them.

At our September monthly meeting Cas Boddam-Whetham, a member of AWI, will be introducing the documentary film about her father. 'Burkitt' is a film about Denis Burkitt, the Irish surgeon, who during his lifetime was responsible for two major contributions to medical science that still have global significance today. Burkitt's lymphoma is a cancer of the lymphatic system named after him; he first described the disease in 1958 while working in equatorial Africa.

We meet at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall on the second Thursday of the month. Visitors and prospective members are very welcome to attend.

Bridget Seward

Avening Village Notice Board

The village notice board, on the side of the Memorial Hall, is a good way of publicising village events and items of local information. Posters, ideally size A4 or A5, can be put up for you on this board. They can be delivered to John and Sandra Hetterley, 2, Orchard Field or given to them directly. They will be taken down once they are out of date. Other posters may be removed and recycled once they are faded or to make space for others.

Cherington 2026

It has been a strange year so far in Cherington. It began, as any year normally does and we all looked forward to the summer and the rain stopping – how little did we know.

Then we learned that our Parish Council Clerk, Babs Malony, was not at all well and very sadly she died in June. She was a remarkable lady who looked after the Cherington as well as Sapperton PC. She knew what had to be done and never held back from making sure we all knew. The great thing was that everything got done properly and with a smile. The trouble now, is that we are all having to learn what to do. She will be very much missed. We are now looking for new Parish Clerk to replace her, if we can.

The next issue raised its head in January as there was no committee to run the enormously successful Cherington Show. Zac Curtis who had run the show for a few years aided by Kate and Roger Gegg, Helen DiMauro and Rutger Gill, had all decided it was time for others to take on the baton. Zac was moving out of the village and Kate and Roger had done it for many years so it fell to the Parish Council to try and pick up the baton as the Show is such an integral part of Cherington. This change did not start well as the date we set had to be changed and poor Kate, who thought she was off the hook, also happened to be on the Parish Council. Rutger agreed to continue as Treasurer so we were up and running other than that the new Parish Council committee bar Kate had not a clue what was needed, and when it had to be done by. Kevin McMahon took over the logistics, a daunting task of sorting out all the tables, chairs signs and sorting out teams to set and put down for the day. Henry and Kitty Arden generously gave their farm as always for stalls teas, art show etc.

The Villagers fell in to line and offered all the normal support to run stalls, although a few had booked holidays before the date change. I was staggered by the number of cakes and cups of tea devoured through the afternoon let alone the number of cakes made and sold. The Vicar was asked to help with the Bottle stall and did a great job. I was amused by one resident when asked if they might help said there was little option as the dictatorship had to be obeyed. Kate and I corresponded for months with hundreds of emails and early morning meetings to get the background work sorted out. What a joy it was to have a village who wanted to help and did their bit to make the show that nearly did not happen, a great success again. Zac, although not in the village, continued with the social media work which is so important in the present day and saved us all a lot of embarrassment, as I had not a clue how to do any of it.

My thanks must go to all the Cherington residents and some from nearby who helped so much with moving tables and setting up the stalls, running stalls, donating cakes, Bric a Brac, clothes, raffle prizes, bottles. Everything at the Cherington Show is made, donated or baked by our residents. We had a great pre-show supper on the Saturday evening attended by around 60 locals which was a good way to get everyone ready for the work on the Sunday but also a way for our new residents to meet their neighbours. Having never attended the wash-up supper on the Sunday night I found it rather relaxing after the hard work of the day to relax, sit back and congratulate ourselves on a job well done.

We were so pleased on the day to be joined by the actor Tim McInnerny of Blackadder, Notting Hill, Game of Thrones fame who presented the Horticultural, Cookery and Craft Winners Cups much to the delight of the winners.

I suppose the next Village event is Harvest Festival which with the summer we have had was not all that good and mainly finished by the end of July. But blackberries are ripe and there are lots of Sloes in the hedgerows so we can make some delicious Sloe gin for the colder nights in December and January.

We have a Show Wrap Up meeting on Saturday 12th September 6 pm in the Village Hall to do the financial reckoning, and set a date for next year's Show.



Mike Mitchell Chair Cherington Parish Council

Annual Village Apple Pressing—Saturday 3rd October

Always a popular event, apple pressing returns on Saturday 3rd October.

Bring your apples down to outside the Memorial Hall between 10am and 1 pm and have them pressed. Please bring containers to take your juice home



As the days turn cooler, we're looking ahead to some exciting events later in the year.



Friday 11 September – Coffee Morning at Linton House, 10am–12 noon

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Letter from Roz Savage MP



September in Avening

September in Avening comes after a summer that reminded me, more than once, how much this corner of the Cotswolds has going on right on its own doorstep.

Avening sits within the Cotswolds National Landscape, and that designation matters more than ever this summer. I have been following closely the debates around planning, development, and landscape protection that affect this part of south Gloucestershire, and I want to be clear about where I stand. The Cotswolds National Landscape is not a brake on progress, it is a recognition that this is a place of exceptional character that has been shaped over centuries and deserves to be treated with care. That means scrutinising development proposals carefully, ensuring that the cumulative impact of change is taken seriously, and pressing for nature recovery strategies that translate into real improvement on the ground; in the hedgerows, the field margins, and the watercourses that run through villages like this one. I do this through my work on the Environmental Audit Select Committee in Parliament, and I take it seriously.

GP access is the issue I hear most consistently from residents in Avening. The nearest surgeries are in Nailsworth and Tetbury, both under pressure, and the gap between the number of patients and the capacity to see them is real and growing. I met a GP from Watermoor Point surgery in Cirencester during my Summer Tour in late July for a frank conversation about exactly these pressures. What she described matches what residents tell me: the system is stretched, and rural communities feel it acutely. I will continue pressing NHS commissioners on what they are actually doing to improve rural access, and I would always welcome hearing directly from residents who have had difficulty getting a timely appointment.

Road safety on the lanes around Avening is a further concern I hear regularly. The speeds at which vehicles travel through small villages and along narrow connecting roads represent a genuine hazard, and the feeling that highways authorities treat rural road safety as a lower priority is one I am working to challenge. If you have a specific concern about a road near you, please do get in touch and I will take it up with Gloucestershire County Council's highways team.

If you have a concern to raise or simply want to say hello, please do come to one of my surgeries or get in touch.

Warm wishes,

Roz Savage MP, South Cotswolds

Email: roz.savage.mp@parliament.uk | Call: 01285 300555



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September

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Cherington

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October



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When you put your trust in a trader and the work doesn't meet your expectations it can be frustrating. If a trader hasn't done a good job with 'reasonable care and skill', the Consumer Rights Act 2015 entitles you to ask for the problem to be fixed or receive a refund.

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People can experience different types of problems with traders, and there is specific advice available on the Citizens Advice website depending on the issue.

When you contact the trader, explain the problem clearly and provide your evidence. They should fix it within a reasonable amount of time and without causing you too much inconvenience. The law doesn't define exactly what is reasonable, so you'll need to agree this with them.

If they can't or won't fix the problem, you can ask for a partial or full refund, depending on how bad the issue is. It's a good idea to suggest an amount and explain why you think it's reasonable. Once a refund has been agreed, it should be paid within 14 days.

If you can't reach an agreement, there are other options. If you paid by card, you maybe able to complain to your card provider. If the trader is a member of a trade association or quality scheme, this might help to take your complaint further, or you may be able to use an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme. If you've tried various things and the complaint remains unresolved, you may be able to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Anyone experiencing problems with building work, decorating or home improvements can contact the national Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133 for advice and support from a trained adviser.

*Citizens Advice helps with a range of issues. For information and self-help guidance, visit citizensadvice.org.uk. To speak to a local adviser in the Stroud and Cotswold Districts, visit citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk to complete our **webform** or call us on **0808 800 0510***

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Avening Parish Council



The Parish Council did not meet in August because of the summer recess. The next meeting will be on September 9th.

The Agenda and minutes of the last parish council meeting can be viewed at www.avening-pc.gov.uk. The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk



SEPTEMBER

- Sept 4** **Alfie Moore – Radio Warm Up:** Alfie returns with a fun-filled interactive show ahead of recording Series 10 of his hit comedy radio show. The audience will be asked to imagine dealing with a real life scenario. Tickets £22. 8pm
- Sept 14** **Charlotte Aitken Exhibition:** Join this talented artist for an open evening to view her latest exhibition. Admission free. 6-7.30pm
- Sept 16** **An Evening with Jack The Ripper:** Broadcaster Steve Morgan, who runs Ripper Walks in London's East End, delves into the sordid realms of Victorian London to unmask the murderer. Tickets £18. 7.30
- Sept 19** **Very Santana:** Join a musical time travel into the work of Carlos Santana and his beautiful guitar melodies with a talented group of musicians who specialise in his songs. Tickets £24. 7.30
- Sept 20** **Jeneba Kanneh-Mason piano concert:** The third of the Kanneh-Mason family to establish herself as a soloist, Jeneba will be playing music by Scarlatti, Mozart and Chopin. Tickets £30 7pm
- Sept 7** **Tetbury Wool Industry – a guided walk:** Join Jane Haines from the History of Tetbury Society for a fascinating walk tracing the industry which once made Tetbury one of the wealthiest in the region. Tickets £5 2pm

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Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
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Avening Church bell ringing	Monday	7.30-9.00pm	Church bell tower	Andrew Lelliott 07726 345516
Community Café	Tuesday	9.00am - noon	Social Club	Gill Adams 07826 291759
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	9.30-11.30am	Social Club car park	
Cherington PC	Tuesday bi-monthly	6.00pm	Cherington Village hall	
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Avening Churchyard tidy up	Wednesday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Holy Cross churchyard	Churchwardens
Avening PC	2nd Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Shani Baker 07415 039234
Avening Cinema Club	Last Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	aveningcinemaclub@gmail.com
Avening W.I.	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Social Club/ Memorial Hall	Liz 01453 833803
Fledglings for pre-schoolers	Fridays during term time	2.00 - 3.00pm	School Garden	Avening School
Fun Skittles	Last Saturday each month	7.30	Social Club	
KNEAD Mobile Bakery	Last Saturday each month	9.45 - 10.30am	Memorial Hall	
Charity Quiz	1st Saturday each month	8.00pm	The Bell	
Avening Singers	Sunday	4.00pm	tba	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090



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