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April 2023

Another frustrating month has come and gone; by that we mean that many of us seem to feel truly fed up with the 'Spring', which refuses to arrive properly. Coupled with the depressing world and national news, it is tempting to fall into deepest gloom.

However, we hope that this month's edition of the Villager with its news of so many good things planned in the months ahead, will cheer even the most downhearted amongst us. It is obvious that the Coronation weekend will be memorable and fun. Don't forget the weekend of the 10th—11th June, with the Bear Hunt and Art Show in Avening and the Cherington Show in July. Later on in September Pig Face Day will be celebrated. No doubt our interest has been piqued in that, as we have enjoyed reading the entertaining entries from Queen Matilda's Diaries, sent in by Roger Lindley.

Readers may be interested to see the Events section submitted by Mel Young, in place of Dates for Your Diary. Don't forget to let her know of any significant dates that should be noted and let us have your views on the new format. We enjoy hearing from our readers and are particularly delighted if interesting photos are included with your articles or emails.

Finally, we should like to wish our readers a Happy Easter.

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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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Avening and Cherington Events

Come along and join in the fun at any of the regular or special events below - Everyone is always welcome!

Both the Memorial Hall & Social Club can also be hired for private functions

APRIL

Sat 1st

Quiz Night at The Bell - £2 per person, max 4 per team

Tues 4th

Community Café at the Social Club - 9am-12pm

Tues 11th

Community Café at the Social Club - 9am-12pm

Mon 17th

Avening School starts summer term

Tues 18th

Community Café at the Social Club - "Art with Mark" (£3, all materials provided), plus Seed Swap, 9am-12pm

Youth Club for ages 8-14 - Memorial Hall, 6.30-8pm (free)

Fri 21st

W.I. Charity Quiz at the Social Club - Quiz, raffle and Ploughman's, £5 per person (max team of 4), 7.30pm start

Tues 25th

Community Café at the Social Club - Celebrate St George's Day and join the litter pick (9.30-10.30am), 9am-12pm

Youth Club for ages 8-14 - Memorial Hall, 6.30-8pm (free)

Wed 26th

Cinema Screening of "The Banshees of Inisherin" in Memorial Hall - £5, 7.30pm

MAY

Tues 2nd

Community Café at the Social Club - 9am-12pm

Youth Club for ages 8-14 - Memorial Hall, 6.30-8pm (free)

Thurs 4th

Local elections, Memorial Hall

Sat 6th

Quiz Night at The Bell - £2 per person, max 4 per team

Sun 7th

Family friendly Coronation church service, followed by cake and fizz, 10am

Village Coronation Party - 12-4pm, Details Page 21

Tues 9th, 16th & 23rd

Community Café at the Social Club - 9am-12pm

Youth Club for ages 8-14 - Memorial Hall, 6.30-8pm (free)

Thur 25th

Avening School breaks up for half term

Tues 30th

Community Café at the Social Club - 9am-12pm

Wed 31st

Cinema Screening in Memorial Hall - £5, 7.30pm

JUNE

Sat 3rd

Quiz Night at The Bell - £2 per person, max 4 per team

Mon 5th

Avening School recommences summer term

Tues 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Community cafe at the Social Club - 9am-12pm

Youth Club for ages 8-14 - Memorial Hall, 6.30-8pm (free)

Sat 10th

Bear Hunt trail around village - starting at Memorial Hall

Sun 11th

Art Show at the Church - Teas & Tombola available

Wed 29th

Cinema Screening in Memorial Hall - £5, 7.30pm

JULY

Sat 1st

Quiz Night at The Bell - £2 per person, max 4 per team

Tues 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

Community cafe at the Social Club - 9am-12pm

Youth Club for ages 8-14 - Memorial Hall, 6.30-8pm (free)

Fri 14th

Avening School Summer Fete

Fri 21st

Avening School breaks up for summer

Sun 23rd

Cherington Show, 1pm - 5 pm.

Wed 26th

Cinema Screening in Memorial Hall - 7.30pm start, £5

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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



Avening Parish Council

One big talking point at this month's Parish Meeting was the very tawdry manner in which our comments on planning applications are dismissed by the CDC Planning Committee. It has come to the point that it seems a complete waste of time in submitting our views and opinions; the system now undermines and completely devalues our responsibilities as local guardians of Avening. We will of course continue to act for, and voice the concerns of the Village, in respect of local planning applications; but be aware that CDC no longer take Parish Council comments into consideration.

In future; if there are any applications you feel need to be restrained or cancelled, I strongly suggest that you write to the CDC Planning Committee; and either attend the CDC Planning meeting, or view the meeting online to get a full understanding of their rationale.

Tetbury Hill Parking

The traffic chaos caused by numerous parked cars has been raised by a number of villagers. This is a tricky problem; when there is a long continuous line of parked vehicles, it does become difficult to maintain an easy flow of traffic, particularly uphill towards Tetbury. I don't believe there is an obvious solution to this situation, other than to ask anyone who parks on the hill to try to ensure that there are gaps for passing vehicles to pull into.

Coronation 6th May & Avening Village Celebrations Sunday 7th May

Following a meeting held last week; Councillor John Hetterley has stepped into the role of village co-ordinator for this event. Elsewhere in this magazine you will see a poster giving the timings of each of the planned events.

John is being ably supported by a team of volunteers who will act as 'champions' for each section of the day. The day's events will start with the Church service which ends at 11.00am. This will be followed by everyone meeting in the sports field by 11.45am ready for 12.00 noon, for a parade down to the Memorial Hall, under the guidance of George and Elizabeth Buchanan; where everyone can enjoy their own picnics.

The W.I. will be providing some refreshments to accompany your picnics. There will be various music to enjoy – The Silver Band, Avening Singers and a number of village musicians yet to be confirmed. Mel Young will be the compere for this section of the day and no doubt will treat us to a rendition or two of her own.

The plan is for the picnics to continue until around 3.00pm - but it is hoped that everyone will feel motivated to return to the Playing field by 1.45pm, ready to take part in, or watch, the Sports events that will commence at 2.15pm. The Sports are being organised by Crichton Wakelin and Julie Bowden and will feature traditional

village sports.

Volunteers – A big thank you to all of the above named; and please, if you are able to help then let John Hetterley know (07729 637411)

The Sunground and Lawrence Road

Work has now commenced and is scheduled to be ongoing for about 54 weeks. (I can't believe it will take that long!). Please remember to be extra vigilant in keeping children and pets away from this building site. The developers have promised to sweep Lawrence Road regularly to minimise the disruption.

Pig Face Day

This traditional celebration is scheduled to take place in September and I hear that some enterprising plans are taking shape behind the scenes – more on this later in the year.

Hedgehogs & Hedgehog Highways

A worthwhile repeat of last months' entry; as they come out of hibernation Hedgehogs will look to travel across our gardens (eating slugs as they go). Travel can be made easy for them by the provision of small exits in the bottom of your fences. Later in the year the Parish Council will revisit the possibility of sourcing nesting boxes closer to their hibernation in the Autumn.

Avening Parish Council Grants

Just a reminder that A.P.C.C. have a limited amount of funds that we can donate to local good causes or groups. The closing date for applications is 1st April 2023 and should be made on line to the Parish Clerk – parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

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



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2023

AVENING CHURCH

ART SHOW - TEAS AND CAKES

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW!

Avening and Cherington Churches

This April begins with Palm Sunday on the first Sunday. This is the Sunday which celebrates Jesus' welcome into Jerusalem, when the roads there were lined with crowds of people waving fronds of palm and cheering His presence in their midst. The week following includes reminders of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death and burial. By following the Bible readings, the beautiful sung Tenebrae service at 2pm on Good Friday will concentrate our attention on the sacrifice made by Jesus for our sake. On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the glory of His Resurrection, His rising from the dead. St. John's gospel explains it, "for God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." That's something to celebrate with rejoicings!

In Avening, our Easter Service will be at 10am on Sunday April 9th. If you would like to bring flowers to the service, please bring them in a jar and place them where there are no flowers before 10 o'clock. Of course there will be chocolate Easter Eggs for everyone afterwards, and we will be delighted to see you.

Elizabeth and Liz

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

We welcomed

Imogen Rose Curtis

into the Church family at her Christening in Avening on 26 March

Lent Meetings

During Lent there will be discussion groups here in Avening and Cherington, based on the Character Course, (<https://www.thecharactercourse.com>). Have a look at the link to get an idea of the format. We think it looks compelling, and hope you do, too! You would be very welcome to join us, whatever your Faith, or no Faith, to learn more and discuss with others.

The first meeting will be in the week of **February 27th**. The groups we are thinking of so far are: Wednesday evening at 6:30pm.

Thursday evening by Zoom 7:00pm.

Please get in touch with Elizabeth Buchanan (01453 833016) or Derrick Pierce (01453 835090), or with Vicki Hayward at the Benefice office, admin@minchchurch.org.uk.

We would love to have you with us!

Church Services

Date	Holy Cross, Avening	St. Nicholas, Cherington
2nd April 10.00am	Morning Prayer Palm Sunday	Holy Communion Palm Sunday
FRIDAY 7 th April 2.00pm	TENEBRAE SERVICE	No Service
9th April 10.00am	EASTER HOLY COMMUNION	EASTER HOLY COMMUNION
16th April 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
23rd April 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
30th April 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service (5th Sunday)

Donations to Avening Church



On a number of occasions recently we have been asked if we can take donations by credit or debit card. We are working on this, but to start with we have set up a QR code which if scanned with your smart phone will enable you to make a donation to Avening Church of £5, £10, £15, £20 or any amount that you are able to. You then just feed into your phone your card details and the money will be transferred to our bank account. If you are an income tax payer you will also be given the opportunity to gift aid your donation.

Coronation Sunday at Holy Cross

Rev. Stephen Jarvis will be with us at Avening church on Sunday May 7th, to help us start off the Coronation activities in the village that day. A family-friendly Eucharist will begin at 10am, followed by fizz and Coronation Cake. Everyone is welcome.

Puzzle Corner

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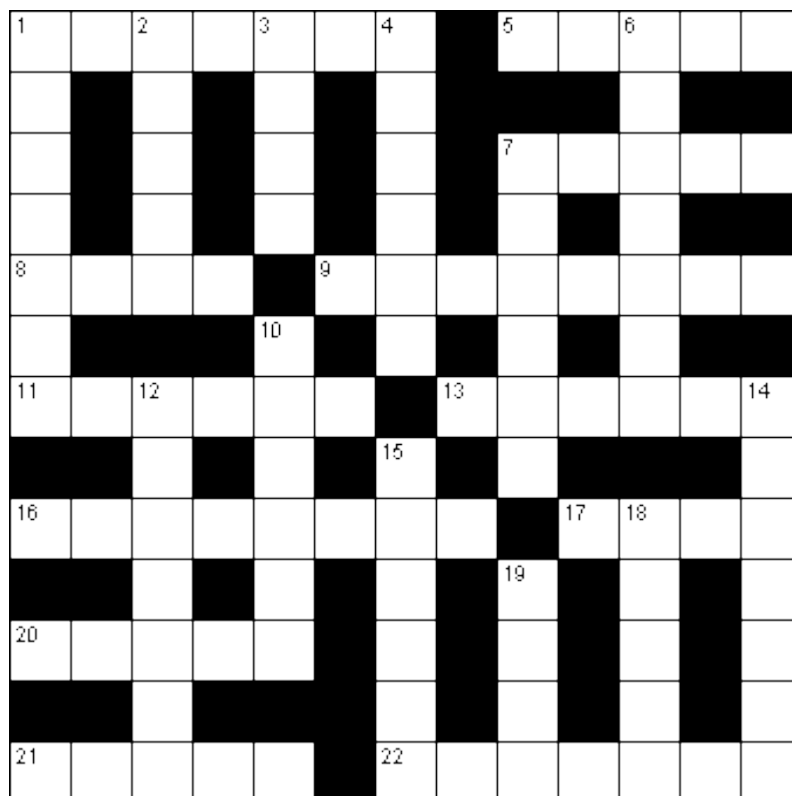
Sudoku

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 34

Across

1. European short-winged hawk (7)
5. Type of duck (5)
7. Young male horses (5)
8. Middle East riding horse (4)
9. Porcupine (8)
11. Nocturnal wildcat (6)
13. Dog house (6)
16. Snake (8)
17. Crustacean (4)
20. Viper (5)
21. Aquatic predator (5)
22. Adult male chicken (7)



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Down

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| 1. Bison (7) | 7. Young swan (6) | 18. Bird shelter (5) |
| 2. African equine (5) | 10. Large flying bird (6) | 19. Extinct bird (4) |
| 3. Simians (4) | 12. Anteater (7) | |
| 4. Burro (6) | 14. Shellfish (7) | |
| 6. Mahimahi (7) | 15. Musteline mammal (6) | |

Gilian's Poem of the Month

The very early morning has always been my favourite time of day, when all the frenetic bustle of the human world is stilled and silent, but Nature is active, going about her business undisturbed by, and seemingly unaware of, and unafraid of, any human presence. I always loved to ride out in that magic hour when it is just light enough to see, but before the sun peeps over the horizon, and I have indeed enjoyed all these small wonders — but, admittedly, not all on the same day!

The Magic Hour

Out on Chalice, at dawn's first light, before the sun begins to rise,
What hidden secrets will we find, what wonders to delight our eyes?
Down through the village, sleeping, still, where mother duck, with
waddling brood
Of fluffy, quacking duckling chicks, heads for the stream across the road!
Up sunken lane to fields above, where Chalice spooks, as, swooping low,
A hunting owl flies o'er our heads, to quarter the dew-drenched field below!
We canter on along the track, when Chalice stops, head high, and stares
To see, in the corner of the field, a sparring pair of boxing hares!
Then, turning down to Hazelwood, our steps are slowed as, just ahead,
Five little, wombling badger cubs, in single file, trek home to bed!
On through the wood a deer jumps up, and bounds away, with graceful leap,
And curled in the bracken, hidden, safe, twin roe deer fawns lie, fast asleep!
We leave the wood to cross the farm, steep root-hung banks on either side,
Where tumbling fox -cubs leap and play, while vixen watches-on with pride!
As daylight strengthens birds awake, from trees and hedgerows all around
Soft chirrups rise, then bursts of song, a sweet cacophony of sound!
Back through the village, wakening now, as sun arises, golden, warm,
Seven small wonders we have found, in that magic hour before the dawn....

Gilian Bulmer-Davison

The 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.



Avening School

What an action packed Spring Term!

Spring is finally in the air as we head towards the Easter holidays. The School Garden is beginning to burst with colour and there is plenty of outdoor activity going on in forest school lessons as well as our pre-school Fledglings sessions each week. Four of our budding nature enthusiasts will be representing our school in the first round of the County's Wildlife Quiz, where they will compete against another local school and hopefully take us through to the next round of the competition.



'Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow' visited on World Book Day

We were delighted the weather allowed us to be outside for World Book Day this year when we celebrated the stories and characters created by Roald Dahl. The school was transformed overnight into Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory with children and staff dressing up for the day as a variety of characters from Oompa Loompas and Matildas to Golden Tickets and Witches. A fabulous day filled with activities such as potion-making and dance concluded with a performance for parents to showcase the day's

events. A huge thank you to FOAS for enabling each child to take home a Roald Dahl book with them at the end of the day.

There are trips and visits happening throughout the school this term with the Hawks class (y3/4) travelling to Caerleon in South Wales as part of their term topic on The Romans. During their visit, the class will visit the National Roman Legion Museum as well as have a tour of a Roman amphitheatre, barracks and take part in interactive activities. The Owls brought history into their classroom with a virtual visit from a Viking called Olaf the Beardless who helped bring their topic on the Vikings alive. The Kestrels will also be showcasing their topic learning by performing their Superhero dance as part of a dance festival at Sir William Romney's School.

The School Council have been busy organising a fundraising campaign to send books to a school in the Ukrainian village of Andriivka. As well as asking for book donations, they also plan to hold a cake stall and non-uniform day to raise funds for the village. The whole school are also working on drawings and messages to send to the school as well as a large picture made from the children's handprints.

Spring term draws to a close with our annual School Talent Show performed for and by

the pupils; an Easter egg hunt in the school garden and our Easter service in the Memorial Hall.



It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying a fond farewell to the irreplaceable and irreplaceable Mrs Amos at the end of term who will be retiring after over 25 years of working at our school. There aren't words enough to express our gratitude to Mrs Amos, known affectionately in school as Mrs A. She has spent over two decades inspiring and motivating our young pupils as well as spreading pure joy

throughout the school with her wonderful sense of humour and 'you can do it' attitude. On behalf of our whole school community from past to present we thank you Mrs A for quite simply being AMAZING!

Alex Adcock

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

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Avening Playgroup

The children returned to the playgroup after the half term, to the sight of diggers and trucks, as the work has now begun on the land next to us. First of all the builders had to cut down some trees and clear the site. The children are now enjoying watching the diggers “dig out big holes and move the mud around”.

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at:

Numbers: The children rolled the dice, counted the spots and found the matching numeral. They also painted and wrote numbers, completed number puzzles, dot-to-dot pictures and searched for numbers hidden in Jelly.

Food: We made shopping lists, played the shopping list game, explored different food items and sorted what was healthy and what was unhealthy for our bodies. The children also enjoyed making chocolate rice Krispie cakes. We introduced a new snack routine where the snack is laid out from about 9.50 am and the children are then able to help themselves to what they want when they are hungry. So far, the children have given this the thumbs up!



Dinosaurs: The children made footprints by putting the dinosaur’s feet into paint and printing them onto the paper. They have also made dinosaur collages, coloured pictures of dinosaurs and glued parts of a dinosaur together to make their own paper dinosaur skeleton. They really enjoyed getting messy and stomping the dinosaurs through the gloop.



The children have been involved in activities for Mother’s Day, such as colouring a bunch of flowers and making cards. They have also been colouring in funny face pictures and making red noses for Red Nose Day.

We are trying to plan for the next school year (23/24), so if you are interested in sending your child to our playgroup, please call us on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com in

order to put their name on our waiting list. We are open weekdays during term time.

Happy Easter from all at Avening Playgroup.

Angie Heslop

Playgroup is open weekday mornings during term time between 9.15 and 12.15. We run a lunch club on Tuesdays and extended hours, for children who are 3 or over, until 2.45 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. If you would like your child to join us, please call us on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com.

Down Memory Lane



Cherington School in 1925. It was originally built and opened in the 1850s and enlarged in 1909. It closed in 1969 and is now a private house. It is a Grade II listed building. (Thanks to Old Avening and Cherington Facebook page for this photo)



Home-Start Stroud and Gloucester is a local community network of trained volunteers helping families with young children, where they may be experiencing a challenging time in their lives or may just need an extra pair of hands. Could you share a few hours to share your parenting experience, give advice and support to another

family, then we need you!

We have free volunteer prep training courses starting in late April and September please see our website for more volunteering details and how to apply www.homestartsd.org or email:

Enquiries@homestartsd.org or call 01453 297470



Sing for the King!

Join Avening Singers to sing at events in the village to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III

The choir prides itself on its friendly and open attitude. Everyone is welcome to join, with or without experience of singing, there are no auditions, and reading music is not necessary. We sing both classical choral works and more modern pieces and the idea is to have some fun!

This year we are keen to get more people to join us so we can 'Sing for the King' at the various village events and would love to hear from you if you fancy trying it out.

Contact Derrick (01453 835090) or Jane (07812137161) for further details

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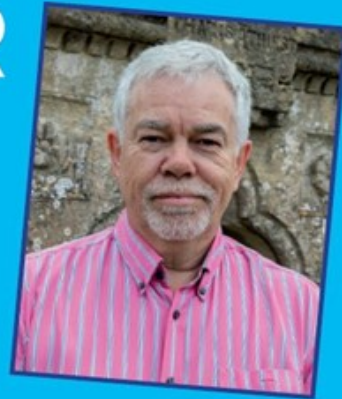
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Local Conservatives

With around one month to go before the election, a couple of recent events make me even more determined to help make policy and process improvements at CDC. A planning application for a barn conversion was approved at the top of Woodstock Lane in the AONB despite over 30 objections – I managed to get a good hearing at planning committee, but due to ineffective CDC Local Plan policies, and some ineffective processes it was approved. Some of the key statutory consultees, such as Highways didn't even bother to respond, and I am following this up with GCC as this is clearly unacceptable.

Our stream is in a perilous state, and I have been chasing the Environment Agency for an update on the retrospective application for the new lake at Aston Farm. I also have a new lead on who are the main abstractors from the underground water systems, which I think is probably the main cause of our lack of water – I'll report back soon.

I mention these two LOCAL issues really to emphasise that I care passionately about our area, and where processes let us down I will work tirelessly to get them fixed. So even if blue isn't your usual party of choice, rest assured that the Cotswold Conservative group are all of a like mind, so please do make the effort to get out on 4th May (don't forget your photo ID), and I'd love you to vote for me!

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The 2023 Cherington Show! Save the date!

Sunday July 23rd
1pm - 5PM

Only £2 entry

Cherington, GL8 8SN

Bric a brac, book stall, BBQ, cakes, tea tent, fun dog show, tractors, books, bottle stall, clothes, kids area, ice cream, local produce, raffle, blacksmith demo and more.

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THE AVENING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ART SHOW SUMMER EXHIBITION

Photographs, paintings, drawings, prints, crafts and sculptures.
With Cakes, Teas and a plant stall.



Sunday June 11th
1.00 - 4.30 pm
To be held in Avening Church

Contributions welcome. For more information, please contact George Buchanan : buchanan.pg@gmail.com

Coronation Celebrations

Sunday 7th May



Come along and join in the fun -
everyone welcome!



10-11am - Coronation Family Service (in church)

12pm - Fancy Dress Parade
(Playing Field to Memorial Hall)

For adults & children alike - use your imagination!
Dress up as Kings & Queens (or in Red, White & Blue)
Meet in playing field at 11.45am for a 12pm prompt start

12.15-3pm - "Coronation Big Lunch"
(At the Hall & School Gardens)

Bring your own picnic lunch and grab a seat at one of our
Street Party tables (or bring a picnic rug if you prefer)
Hot & cold drinks and cakes will be provided
Music from Avening Silver Band, Avening Singers & Mel Young

2.15-3.15pm - Sports For All
(at Playing Field)

Family Fun & Games - Tug of War, Races and Field Events
Meet in playing field at 2pm for a 2.15pm prompt start

**** Kids prizes for best Fancy Dress and Sports ****

Can You Help?

We need volunteers!

Stewards for parade, race helpers and cake makers

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Matilda died in 1083 and is buried in the Abbey aux Dames in Caen, France. Years later her tomb was desecrated, but her remains were placed in a sealed box and reburied. Her skeleton proved that she was in fact five feet tall, which was the average height in those days. William died four years later. Matilda's French is now interspersed with Latin, so the translation may be pure guesswork in places.

Roger Lindley

6 March 1083 – ABBEY AUX DAMES, CAEN, NORMANDY

Well I'm 52 this year and beginning to feel my age. I've had an abbey built here in Caen, especially for women, and I imagine I'll be joining those buried here some time soon. Well, it's been a good life and our children have done really well: it was a shame when our eldest Robert rebelled against his father, nearly killing him in battle. William was furious when he found out that I was sending money to Robert, and I still worry about them. Truth to tell, William's not looking too good now either, and has given up conquering. He's thinking of having a Domesday Book produced listing all the land holdings in England, it's good that it will give him something rather than fighting to focus on.

I've had another church built too, in a village called Avening in England. It's a very attractive little village, but a bit cold and dark in winter, when they spend all their evenings in the many ale houses to save on heating their homes. Yes, the church was another penance: apparently that wretch Brihtric died in prison not long after I'd had him incarcerated and there was a huge fuss. Apparently there still is a play going around the country called 'Hell hath no fury like a Queen scorned', and William thought it was so funny he refused to stop it.

The villagers regularly celebrate the existence of their church with a feast which they call Pig Face Day. I hope that it's nothing to do with that old rumour that I have a face like a pig... why can't they call it Queen Matilda's Feast, I'd like that? It would be nice if they would name one of their ale houses after me too, so they wouldn't forget me in years to come.



Queen Matilda's tomb in the Abbey aux Dames

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Visit www.cotswold.gov.uk/voterid.

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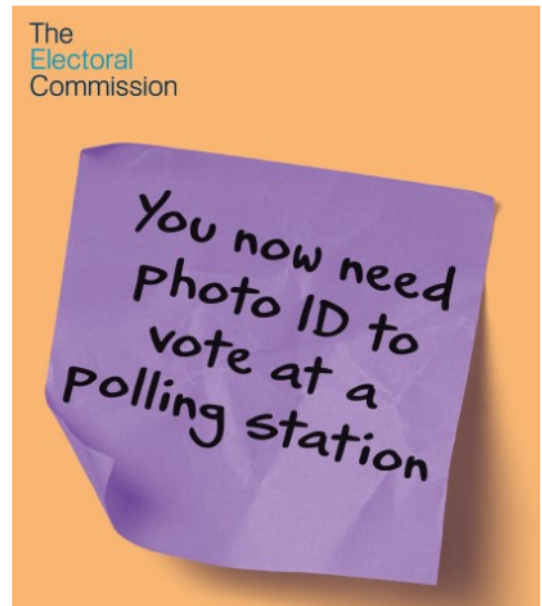
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All voters will need to make sure they are registered to be able to vote in any way so please make sure **to register before Monday 17 April** if you aren't already. You can do that by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote



A Bite to Eat?

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

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

We can provide and serve a selection of freshly prepared sandwiches, scones and cakes; a fork or finger buffet; or a two course meal.

For prices and any further details :

Please telephone Liz on **01453 833803** or e-mail





Brian Newman was 90 on the 28th of March. It was great that we were all able to celebrate his special day. He's lived in Avening for 65 years and has always been very happy here, looking after his family, house, and big garden and still doing it now; there is not much he can't do, he's amazing.

You have been there for all of us, a fantastic husband, father, Grampy, and great Grampy, and we couldn't ask for more.

We all love you very much and look forward to many more birthdays to come.

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Open Afternoon Sessions

Unable to make the Friday evening sessions? Then check out the following dates where all ages are welcome to join in:

Sunday 14th May 2023 - Bowls Bash from 2pm

Sunday 11 June - Fun day from 2pm

Saturday 22 July - Bowls Bash from 2pm

Saturday 19 August - Fun day from 2pm

Places are limited, if you'd like to come along, please contact Helen (07717 884585), Mike (07985 252517), Julie (07785 914045)

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Avening WI



We were very lucky with the weather for our March walk at NT Boundary Court, Woodchester. As we walked along the side of the valley the sun was shining, enabling us to enjoy the glorious views towards Rodborough. Lunch at The Fleece completed a lovely morning out. Our next walk will be in the Amberley area.

By the time you read this several of our members will have taken part in Willow Weaving workshops, where they will be making small garden structures and decorations, guided by Norah Kennedy.

Unfortunately, our monthly speaker who was due to talk to us about fraud, was unable to come. We were very fortunate that two representatives from SARA stepped in at the last minute and delivered a very interesting and informative talk. SARA (Severn Area Rescue Association) is a volunteer run charity, which carries out land and water search and rescue along the Severn estuary and surrounding area. The nearest branch is in Cirencester where the team is fund-raising to buy a suitable vehicle to carry all their equipment. At present they use the volunteers own vehicles. Avening WI will be running one of our popular quizzes on Friday 21st April in the Social Club, and we will be donating the profits to SARA. Please come along and enjoy a good evening out while raising funds for this important local charity.

At our next meeting on Thursday April 13th the speaker is telling us about 'The work of the Severn Freewheelers - Blood Bikers' another charity carrying out vital work delivering blood quickly. We meet at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall and visitors and potential new members are welcome.

For further information please contact our secretary Helen at aveningwi@gmail.com or our president Liz on 01453 833803

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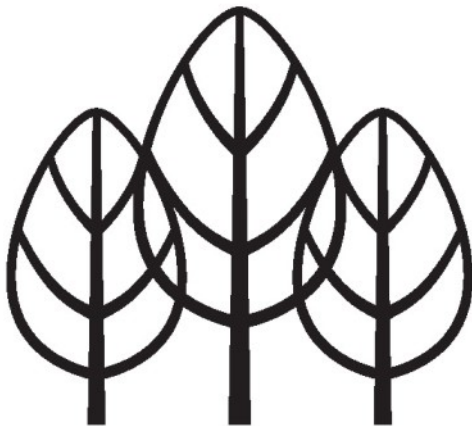
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Avening Community Café

The Café is open every Tuesday morning from 9 to 12 in the Social Club for coffee, homemade cakes and a chat. Mobile Post Office on site from 9.30-11.30 (please remember new times)

It was lovely to see so many people at the café helping to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and enjoy freshly cooked pancakes. It was also great to meet some new families to the village. We all enjoyed Welsh cakes and Bara Brith for St Davids Day. 'Made in Avening' made a welcome return with their beautiful craft works and the café 'ruggers' have started on a third rug.

Gill Adams welcomed café friends to its AGM at the Bell on 7th March. She thanked everyone for their continued support, ideas and feedback. If you are a keen baker and could help out occasionally with cakes etc then please contact Mandy Slater who will be pleased to add you to our bank of café bakers.

HIGHLIGHTS for APRIL

- Apr 4th:** Hot Cross Buns
- Apr 11th:** Easter treats today!
- Apr 18th:** Art with Mark 9:30 to 11:30am, £3 per session, all materials provided. Also Seed swop – bring along your surplus seeds.
- Apr 25th:** St Georges Day theme. Join us for a café litter pick from 9:30 to 10:30 – free hot drink for all who take part.

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

John Hetterley, for Avening Community Café

Puzzle Answers

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Village Events: Coronation Celebrations

A meeting was held to plan events for the Coronations. There will be a Street Party on 7th May with fancy dress parade walking from the playing field to the hall. Sporting activities will be organised. The Council will pay for the hire of the hall and it was suggested that the Council might provide a gift to children in the village who attend the activities on 7th May.

Planning Applications & Tree Works Since the Last Issue

New Planning Applications

23/00352/FUL7: Woodstock Lane. Demolition and replacement of existing dwelling and outbuildings and associated landscaping and works.

23/00340/FUL: Chippings High Street. Alterations and extension and erection of oak framed carport

Decision Notices

23/00018/TCONR: 15 Tetbury Hill. Erection of orangery and addition of new windows and other associated works - Permitted.

21/03751/FULL: Lane to the rear of 12A Star Lane. Erection of a residential dwelling - Permitted

21/02282/FUL Plum Patch Cottage 7 Star Lane. Construction of a 2 bedroom earth sheltered dwelling for ancillary use to dwelling - Permitted

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Date of next meeting

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Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Community Café	Tuesday	9.00am - 12.00pm	Social Club	Gill Adams 07826 291759
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	9.30am - 11.30pm	Social Club car park	
Cherington PC	Tuesday bi-monthly	6.00pm	Cherington Village hall	Richard Smith 07884 265117
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Avening Youth Club	Every Tuesday in term time	6.30 – 8.00pm	Avening Memorial Hall	01453 756745
Avening Church- yard 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
Summer Skittles League	Thursday/Friday	evening	Social Club	
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 Singers	Sunday	4.00pm	tba	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090



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