

A photograph of a forest floor covered in a dense carpet of bluebells. The trees in the background are tall and thin, with some green leaves visible. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

The Villager

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Tweet of the Day last Sunday brought a cheerful contribution from Monty Don, who reflected on the pleasure that he feels each year, when witnessing the return of the swallows. How true; even as I listened, I was aware of the cry of the little house martins that have returned once again to make their homes in the roofs of so many houses here in our villages. The weather continues to be rather changeable, but the brave return of these birds and the slow emerging of spring leaves and colours does seem to suggest that all will be well again, quite soon.

Meanwhile, we are gearing ourselves up to enjoy celebrating the Coronation and the events that are planned for the Sunday. We do hope that everyone will want to join in, particularly with the games in the afternoon, following our shared lunch outside the Memorial Hall and School Gardens. Details of all the things planned can be found further on in this edition, both by way of the poster and Patrick Mulligan's monthly letter.

There is nothing officially organised in the villages for 'Volunteering Day' on the Monday after the Coronation, but this magazine includes a number of appeals for volunteers or for people to take part in fundraising events from several organisations, so do have a look at these and think about whether you have a little time to spare for them.

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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

MAY

Mon 1st

FOAS stall at Tetbury Wacky Races

Tues 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

Community Café at the Social Club - 9am-12pm see page 34

Tues 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd

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

Thur 25th

Avening School breaks up for half term

Tues 30th

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

Wed 31st

Cinema Screening of 'Living', in the Memorial Hall - £5, 7.30pm

JUNE

Sat 3rd

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

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)

Sun 11th

Art Show at the Church with teas, cakes and plant stall

Sat 17th

Bear Hunt trail around village from Memorial Hall with BBQ, cakes and ice creams available - 12-3pm, £2pp

Wed 29th

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

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. Dog Show starts at 2.30pm

Wed 26th

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

SEPTEMBER

Sun 17th

Pig Face Day: details to be announced

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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



Very often it is the case that there seems to be little by way of new exciting newsworthy events; with exception of the upcoming Coronation, this month has been very much in that vein.

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 31st May 2023, 7.00pm

This will be in the Memorial Hall; it is a statutory requirement to have a public meeting for the Village to bring to the attention of the Parish Council any matters they may wish to raise.

The members of the Parish Council have been re-elected by way of it being an uncontested election as there were less candidates than the number of positions available; and so the picture stays the same. However, we will be looking to fill one vacancy, which was caused by the sad passing of our colleague Craig Forster late last year. If you are interested in serving the village on the Parish Council, then please contact myself or the Parish Clerk to register your interest.

Parking & Potholes

Parking on both the High Street and Tetbury Hill continues to be chaotic at times, making passing difficult. So if you are one of the villagers who need to park please try and leave some gaps where passing cars can pull in to help the flow of traffic.

Potholes continue to be the constant threat to drivers and after the recent rains they seem to have multiplied. Very often it appears that underground springs have found a new outlet in or near the roads. We will continue to put pressure on the Highways department to carry out repairs; it's always helpful if villagers can report new potholes on the Highways website as and when spotted; this will help to speed up repairs.

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

Whilst the Parish Council are sponsoring the event; it is heavily reliant on the volunteers who have stepped forward to organise the celebrations under the chairmanship of John Hetterley. The sports events are being organised by Crichton Wakelin, Julie Bowden and Kat Donovan. The parade will be supervised by George and Elizabeth Buchanan; whilst Mel Young, having already produced the posters, will be providing additional music to that provided by the Silver Band and the Avening Singers. Sandra Hetterley and Christine Howell will be working with the Avening W.I. and the Tuesday Café who will be providing refreshments to accompany your picnics. Cas Boddam-Whetham will be the First Aider. Special thanks to Derrick Ind for making the Social Club available for the committee meetings.

More volunteers are welcome – please contact John if you are available to help – 07729637411

Just to remind you -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.

Avening Stream

We are still investigating the possible reasons why the water flow was so severely restricted last year and beyond. Tony Slater has been on the case since inception and is determined to solve the mystery. Under the Freedom of Information Act Tony has tried to get records from Wessex Water covering the water extraction that has taken place in our area. For example, there have been 800 new houses in Tetbury and we fear that water has been taken from our 'patch'. Wessex Water should have records covering at least the last 5 years – however the response has been that such information is not available to the public, and we will need to have a licence to obtain it. We will try to obtain one and get the necessary information. Similarly, we are pursuing the Environment Agency for answers on the Impoundment Licence covering the illegal damming and stream alterations that took place at Ashton Farm. Ashton Farm or Mr Philips should have responded to the notice by last January but no reply has been received. We will continue to pressure the Agency for answers.

Memorial Hall & Avening Primary School

We are making every effort to facilitate a smooth transition for the school into the Athelstan Trust; whereby they can enjoy continued use of the hall and its facilities. We wish them well in their new status. At the time of writing we are in active negotiations with the Trust solicitors with the aim of drafting a new lease asap.

Just a last reminder about the local elections – you will need some form of identification.

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



The 2023 Cherington Show! Save the date!

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Avening and Cherington Churches

We are fortunate to have Rev. Stephen Jarvis to lead our family-friendly Communion service in Avening on Coronation Sunday, May 7th at 10am. There will be celebration Coronation Cake with fizz after the service, before the festivities begin with the village procession from the Playing Field to the Memorial Hall (gather for the procession at the Playing Field at 11:45).

The month of May concludes with the Feast of Pentecost on the 28th. Do join us at 10am for this important feast in the church year, reminding us of the Holy Spirit's descent in flames onto the disciples after Christ's death, Resurrection and Ascension into heaven.

Elizabeth and Liz

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

In April we welcomed two little girls into the Church Family.

Alysa Lloyd-Jarrett and Millie Jotham
were both Baptised in Avening on April 2nd.

Church Services

Date	Holy Cross, Avening	St. Nicholas, Cherington
7 th May 10.00am	Special coronation Holy Communion service	Special coronation Holy Communion service
14 th MaY. 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
21 st MAY. 10.00 am	NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE IN AVENING	Holy Communion
28 th MAY. 10.00am	Holy Communion for Pentecost	No Service
4 th JUNE 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion

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.

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.

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. This may mean financial help towards travel costs, books and equipment or uniform and work wear.

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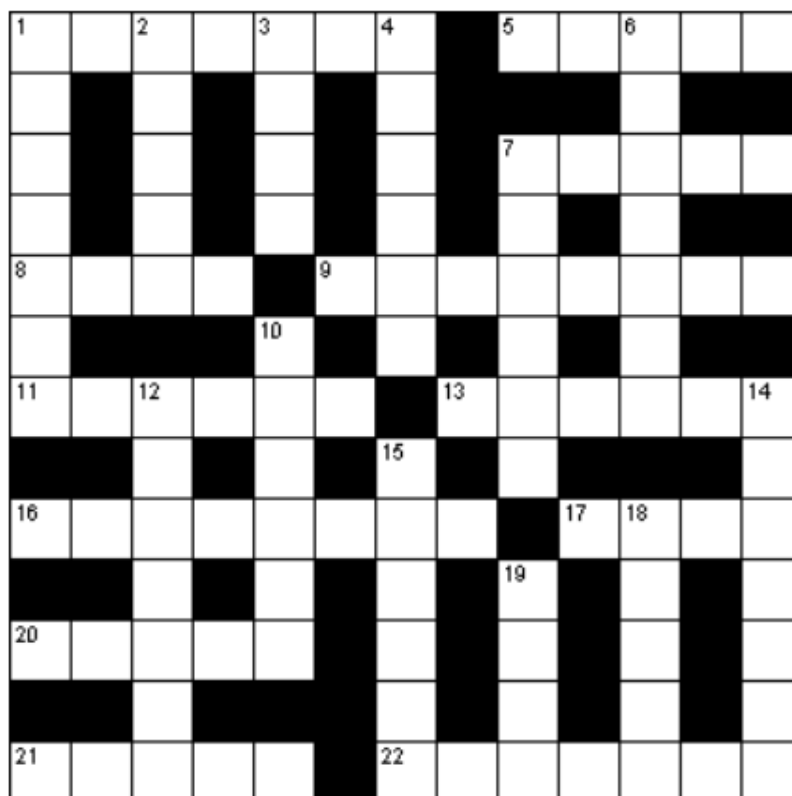
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Answers on page 35

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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) | 8. 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

My poem this month was inspired by Michael, who walks my dog, Rosie, every morning, and who has reported on the growing signs of Spring he has spotted on a weeping willow in the village. So thank you Michael!

Ode To The Weeping Willow

*Oh weeping willow, why so sad,
When Spring has come to make us glad?
You are among the first to wake
And Winter's icy blasts forsake.
When other trees stand gaunt and bare
Your tiny new-born buds appear,
A hazy mist of palest green,
Then a cascade of leaves is seen,
A waterfall of sweeping tresses
Blessed by the gentle wind's caresses,
Reaching to kiss the babbling stream,
Or under a canopy of green,
Create a bower beneath your boughs,
Where I may sit awhile and drowse.
Oh willow, herald of the Spring,
Rejoice in your Summer robes, and sing!*

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

Spending Time in the Outdoors

The summer term has begun with a focus on the outdoors as each class embarks on a new term topic. The Owls (y5/6) will be learning about biomes and climate zones in their environmental topic 'We are the future', which will include a visit to **The Living Rainforest** in Hatcham in June. Meanwhile, the Kestrels (y1/2) will be investigating animals and their habitats in their topic 'Dens and Dandelions', while the Eagles class (Reception) delve into the magical world of 'the garden' with the help of fictional picture book character **Superworm**. While the rest of the school focus on nature and the environment, the Hawks class (y3/4) will be exploring a different culture and language in their term topic 'Le Tour de France'.

The school will take on a royal theme on the 5th May as children and staff celebrate the King's coronation by dressing up as princes and princesses and enjoying a sumptuous afternoon tea.

As always, there is plenty of sports taking place in and out of school with the Hawks taking part in a Quad Kids event, the y6 pupils having a go at mastering circus skills and the whole school taking part in a tennis event. Our annual sports morning is in the diary, as well as the whole school sponsored walk and an Arts Week in July, so there are plenty of things to be looking forward to over the coming term.

Don't forget our Fledgling sessions for pre-school children and their grown-ups, which take place every Friday afternoon in the school garden from 2-3pm. Contact the school office for more information.

Alex Adcock

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Avening Playgroup



A big thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Egg Hunt at the end of March and to those who donated cakes and toys. A special thank you goes out to the committee and parents, who gave up their time to prepare for and help out on the day. Although it was rather muddy, I think everyone enjoyed hunting for the clues. As we are a small charity it is important that we continue to organise such fundraising events to be able to purchase new resources for the playgroup.

Before the Easter holidays, the children were busy making Easter cards, decorations, Easter Nest cakes and persevered in threading around egg shapes. We also had our own little easter egg hunt. As the weather was so bad, we had to bring the slides inside for the children to play on. They had lots of fun jumping off the slide onto the mat.



After the holidays we looked at the life cycle of a frog. We have been very lucky in acquiring some tadpoles – thank you to Liz for doing that. They have grown well over the holidays and we have discovered that they really like cucumber. The children have been colouring in frog and tadpole pictures. They have been talking about how frogs grow and have put pictures of a frog's lifecycle in the correct order.

The children have also enjoyed playing on the tablets and with the water.

If you would like to register your child at Avening Playgroup, please call Angie on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com to put their names down and to book a time to have a look around the setting. We are open mornings during term time and until 2.45pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

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.

Local Elections: Thursday 4th May

Important Information for all residents

You will need valid ID to vote at polling stations on May 4th 2023.

As part of new laws introduced by Government, everyone voting in person at a polling station at this year's local elections on 4 May will need to show a valid form of ID to be able to vote. Find out more on the Cotswold District Council website including what ID is accepted and how to **apply for free ID** if you don't have one of the accepted forms of ID.

Visit www.cotswold.gov.uk/voterid.

Everyone who needs to apply for ID has until the 25 April 2023 to do so.

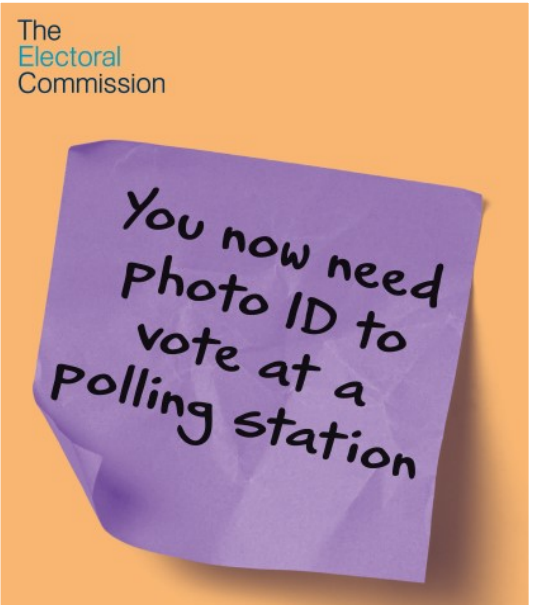
Voting By Post: The ID requirements will not affect postal votes so if you want to vote by post you can also find out how to do that on the Cotswold District Council website.

The deadline to apply for postal votes is 25 April 2023.

Proxy Voters: Proxy Voters will be required to show their own valid ID when voting on behalf of someone else.

The Electoral Commission website has all the information you need to make sure that you are able to vote in May. Visit <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk>

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.

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You must be computer literate but full training in triage and our IT systems will be given.

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To find out more about these roles or register your interest for a volunteer adviser information session please contact our Learning and Development Officer at training@ca-scd.org.uk. You can also find further information on our website www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk.

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To be held in Avening Church

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

Pig Face Day

Pig Face Day is scheduled for Sunday 17th September this year. In addition to the traditional church service and hog roast, Avening School are putting on Queen Matilda's Play. Perhaps we shall all be singing the alternative version of Greensleeves, as shown below, apparently attributed to Queen Matilda, not Henry VIII

GREENSLEEVES

(As sung by Queen Matilda)

*Alas Brihtric, you did me wrong
To cast me off discourteously.
For I had loved you, oh, so long,
delighting in your company.
Brihtric, you were my true love;
Brihtric, you were my heart of gold.
But when you spurned me, grievously,
verily, my blood did run cold.
I suffered long, locked out of love,
until sweet William claimed my hand.
Hot-headed, I had you rot in jail,
having reclaimed all your land.
In penance now for my revenge,
you leaving me loveless in the lurch.
I've paid the price for my afterlife:
a fair village now has a new church.*

Roger Lindley

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Sunday 7th May



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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
Dave's Ice Cream Van will also be visiting

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!

Contact John Hetterley
john@avening-pc.gov.uk / 07729 637411



David Lowsley-Williams

Many people in the village will have visited Chavenage House, situated halfway between Avening and Tetbury, where they will have been treated to a tour of that magnificent building hosted by its late owner, David Lowsley-Williams. Here we print the family's tribute to David, published on the Chavenage House website.



It is with sadness that we announce that David Lowsley-Williams died on Easter Saturday (08.04.23), peacefully at Chavenage, the house in which he was born 89 years earlier and in which he and Rona had lived since their marriage in 1958, surrounded by his family and two dogs.

Trusted friend, loyal colleague and valued mentor to many, from the classrooms of his prep-school Gilling Castle, the racquets courts of Eton, during National Service with the 11th Hussars, in Malaya, the lecture halls of Wye College and the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

The drill halls of the RGH Yeomanry, the magistrates' benches of Tetbury and Cirencester; the local tennis courts, particularly during the inter-hunt tennis tournaments.

The Hunting field of the Beaufort, being the Monday Field Master and a steadfast member of the Finance and the Hunt Committees. The local Point-to-Point circuit, notably Didmarton, being distinguished Chairman of the Beaufort Point-to-Point Committee for many years. The slopes of the Alps, Gstaad and Klosters being his favourites.

The fairways, greens and sometimes the rough of the Brora and Minchinhampton Golf Courses. As the commanding officer of the Wessex Yeomanry and full Colonel with the wider Yeomanry.

The village Hall at Beverston, being the Chair for many years, from branch meetings of the local N.F.U. In the his role of Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Gloucestershire, from the Stewards Room at the National Hunt courses of Stratford, Warwick and Worcester.

At meetings of the regional Historic Houses Association, as well as for many years a member of the HHA Executive Committee.

From the squash court and the attics of Chavenage, where he established his beloved model railway, though most notably in his role of guide, where he felt it was his privilege to show so many around his home.

He touched so many lives and his legacy at Chavenage endures, with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren living on the estate, alongside the many visitors, functions and events at the house even to the present day with the current filming of Jilly Cooper's 'Rivals' at the house.

Memorial Service at St. Marys' Church, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. GL8 8JG at 2pm on Thursday 27th July 2023

Church Floodlighting

A retrospective mention that last month Holy Cross church was floodlit on:

Saturday 15th April

In loving memory of **Terry Francis** on his 75th birthday

This month it will again be floodlit for Terry on:

Thursday 18th May

In remembrance of the first anniversary of his passing, with love from Jenny and the whole family; gone but not forgotten

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COMMUNITY TRANSPORT 'LIFELINE' FOR COTSWOLDS' ISOLATED AND RURAL PASSENGERS IS EXPANDING

A service that provides transport to older and vulnerable passengers in the Cotswolds, including those in rural areas, is making more than 12,000 passenger journeys annually – and is now expanding further.

Cotswold Friends' Community Transport Service takes people to healthcare and medical appointments, on practical journeys like shopping trips, and social trips like visits to see friends and family.

Over 1,700 members use the charity's service, which covers the North Cotswolds and Cirencester, and it is now expanding into the Fairford and Lechlade area to provide transport for social and practical journeys.

Over 400 members currently use the service in Cirencester and its surrounding villages. The demand for the service, which is open to anyone who is not able to drive or finds public transport difficult to use, is growing rapidly and Cotswold Friends needs more drivers.

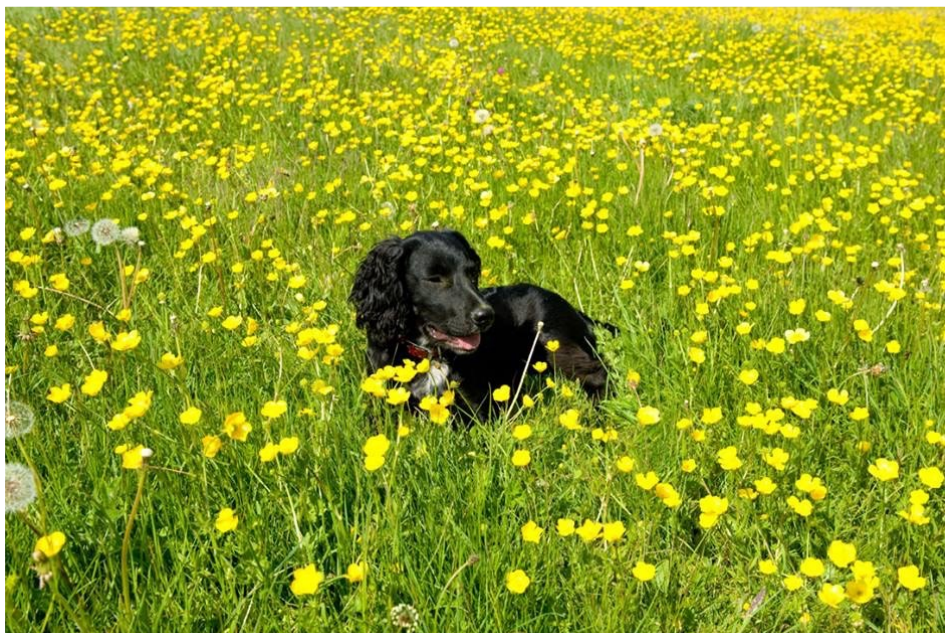
The charity also has a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle, Weston, which can be booked through its Community Transport Service in the usual way and is available to passengers living in the North Cotswolds. Weston can carry one person seated in a wheelchair plus three additional passengers. It also has an adapted front passenger seat that swivels, making access easier. If you know anyone that could make use of Weston, perhaps for a social trip out with friends and family or for medical and practical appointments, please let them know about this service.

Cotswold Friends' Community Transport Service Bookings Desk is open Monday to Friday, 9.30am - 3.30pm, Tel: 01608 651115 or email transport@cotswoldfriends.org.

Could you spare a few hours a week to be a volunteer driver? Or do you know someone that might be interested in volunteering as a driver and getting paid up to 50p per mile? If so, get in touch with Cotswold Friends on 01608 697007 or email volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org.

Cotswold Friends is a charity that helps and supports older and vulnerable people. We run a number of services in the North Cotswolds and have expanded our transport service into Cirencester and Fairford & Lechlade. We aim to combat loneliness and isolation. Our voluntary services improve health and wellbeing and support independent living. With over **400** volunteer roles, our services benefit over **2,400** older and vulnerable people. To find out more visit www.cotswoldfriends.org.

The Cherington Show: Exploring the Fun Dog Show



We are delighted to be able to speak with one of the past and current competitors of The Cherington Show Fun Dog Show, which is being held this year on Sunday 21st July from 1.00pm to 5pm, with the Fun Dog Show itself at 2.30pm. Note the time change!

Thanks so much for taking time out of your busy Dog Show training regime. Can you tell the readers a little about yourself?

'Well my name is Hector Arden, and I live in Cherington. I suppose some people would call me a 'Sprocker' but I'm pretty sure I'm human, just like my Dad. We go everywhere together - in the car, on the farm, on the sofa, out to drinks and dinner, and especially training for the show. When I'm not with my Dad, I love to spend time with my cousins Goddess Venus and Prince Harold, and we have a great time sniffing lots of things.'

What is it you like most about the Cherington Show?

'Oh, I've only been a few times before. It's been going for sooooo long! But I loved last year that there were so many dogs there both competing in the Fun Dog Show and just wandering around. I loved meeting new friends! There's also loads of dog bins and water bowls dotted around, so I was never thirsty.'

So you love that it's dog friendly. I really was asking what stalls or attractions did you like the most.

'Ah. That's more difficult. I did enjoy clearing up the lovely-tasting cake crumbs from the floor around the tea tent, licking up drops of ice-cream which were melting in the heat, and hanging around the BBQ until I heard that they also sold something called 'hot dogs', so I high tailed it out of there! Down on the village green, I really liked chatting with the Alpacas. I wasn't so interested in the designer clothes, jams, books, vintage items, plants, kids fun area, tractors and so on, but the smell coming from the cooked crafts in the village hall was great!

So what's your favourite class at the Fun Dog Show itself?

I would love it if there was a 'glossiest coat' class, or 'most hyperactive' class as I'm sure I would win. As it is, I have been practising very hard for the 'most waggiest tail' class.

Any tips for other dogs who may be reading this and thinking of entering?

Yes. I find that when parading through the village when Dad takes me to visit people, it is very important to practise swinging my bum left and right while my tail counter-swings in the opposite direction. Keep it up all the way, and when you arrive at your destination, work that tail hard in a waggy sprint as you greet the person you are seeing. I call this technique 's'wag'ger'. I learnt it from Dad.

Hector, thanks for your time, and good luck with your training.

Come and spend the afternoon with us on Sunday 23rd July 2023, from 1.00pm. £2 per car, with parking at both ends of the village. The road will be closed to through traffic on the day. Loads of things to do, as above, plus much more. Note that this year, several of our stalls will be able to take payment by card!

See our new website www.cheringtonshow.com for details of horticulture and craft competitions including ones for kids, as well as other information. Be sure to follow us on Facebook too! Search for our page 'Cherington Show'.

We look forward to seeing you then!

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Avening WI

Another busy and enjoyable month of activities for AWI members.

At our monthly meeting Paul Wellon of Severn Freewheelers – Blood Bikers, gave a very interesting talk about this important voluntary service, that saves the NHS thousands of pounds delivering blood samples and medical supplies out of hours. In the photo you will see one of our members, Hilary, trying out his impressive motorbike for size.



At the Willow Weaving Workshops led by Norah Kennedy, members and friends learned about different types of willow and how it is grown and harvested. Then guided by Norah, they each made two garden structures, including tall wigwams for climbing plants, decorative fan supports and smaller structures for plants to grow up through. A productive and enjoyable day for them all.

Last year one of our members suggested that we start a 'Bucket Club' of which we are all honorary members. Any member can then share something they would like to do... 'on their bucket list'... and invite others to join them. Helen wanted to walk The Cotswold Way (in stages) and in mid April a group of six walkers and two dogs completed the first leg from Chipping Camden to Broadway. The weather was ideal and we were able to enjoy the wonderful views across the Severn Valley. None of us being 'spring chickens' we were pleased to have completed the six miles without too many aches and pains!



We have a lot planned for the second half of April: the Book Group will be discussing 'Exiles' by Jane Harper; the Skittle team competing in the WI County Competition against Bisley WI; we will be running the Community Café on Anzac Day; visiting the American Museum in Bath. In addition, when you read this, I hope many of you will have enjoyed our popular Village Quiz, this year supporting SARA.

At our monthly meeting on Thursday 11th May Kevin Ward will be telling us about The Walled Garden in Stroud. Meetings are held in The Memorial Hall at 7.30 and visitors and prospective members are always welcome.

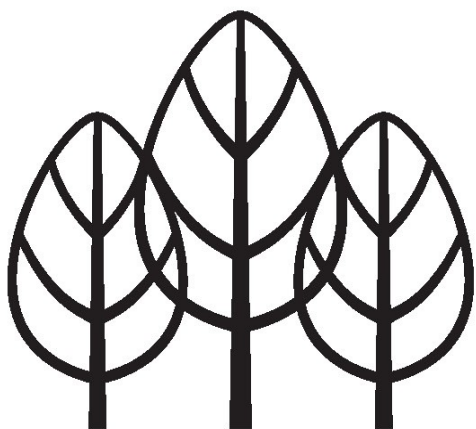
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Local Youth Charity's #100kinMay Challenge returns for fourth year

It's time to get moving this May in support of local youth charity The Door. Their 100KinMay challenge is returning for its fourth year to raise much-needed funds for their work supporting hundreds of young people and families across the area, including Avening. Participants are invited to walk, run, jog wheel or ride their way to 100km over the 31 days in May. This works out at around 3km a day (about a 30-minute walk) or 30km each weekend for those with less time during the week.

And that's not all: if 100km sounds like a doddle you are invited to set your own distance targets with previous years' participants taking on a 300km triathlon and a 30km a day cycle ride.

Operations Manager Anne Townsend says: "100KinMay is a great way to get out and about in our beautiful part of the world, explore new routes, or revisit old favourites. Getting sponsored is also a great motivator, when you know that every step is helping raise funds to support local people it is suddenly a lot easier to go out each day. Everyone is invited to take part in the fundraising, there is no age limit, entry is free and there are no set fundraising targets. We want people to be able to get involved in a way that suits them, take the 100km at their pace and ultimately have a great time supporting a local charity."

The Door, which has been based in Stroud since 1991, offers mental health support to young people and their families across the Stroud district and South Cotswolds by providing positive role models and safe spaces such as youth clubs, mentoring and telephone support. Demand for their services continues to be at an all-time high and with the cost of living pressures every penny and pound really counts.

Find out more about the challenge and sign up today at <https://www.thedoor.org.uk/100kinmay> or find us on Facebook or Instagram @TheDoorStroud. You can also call Anne on 01453 756745 if you have any questions or email fundraising@thedoor.org.uk

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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, where a warm welcome awaits you.

Mobile Post Office now on site from 9:30 – 11:15.

During last month the café welcomed the return of Mark Kelland who encouraged the artists among you to create a lovely still life of glass bottles. There was a chance to sample different coffee blends and hear customers views on preferred tastes to determine whether any change of coffee is required. Thank you to the WI for providing their ever-popular bacon butties. Also thanks to Mel Young for an enjoyable session of karaoke which made for a lively café. The second rag rug has now been completed and work progresses on the next one depicting the Avening coat of arms. The cafe will be entering a team into the Social Club summer skittles league so anyone wanting a friendly game of skittles please let John know (no skill required!).

Highlights for May

- May 2nd** “May Day” Wear a flower
- May 9th** **Coronation theme** – Join us today to toast King Charles 111
- May 16th** **Art with Mark** 9:30 to 11:30am, £3 per session, all materials provided.
Having problems with your Smart phone? Join **Tony Slater’s IT clinic**
- May 23rd** “Greening Tetbury”
- May 30th** School Half Term
- June 6th** **Plant swap**

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

Avening Coronation Celebrations

The café will be teaming up with the WI to provide “royal cup cakes” for the street picnic on Sunday 7 May from 12:15 outside the Memorial Hall. Please come along and show your support – feel free to dress up in red, white and blue and/or make a crown! See posters for further details of event.

John Hetterley, for Avening Community Café

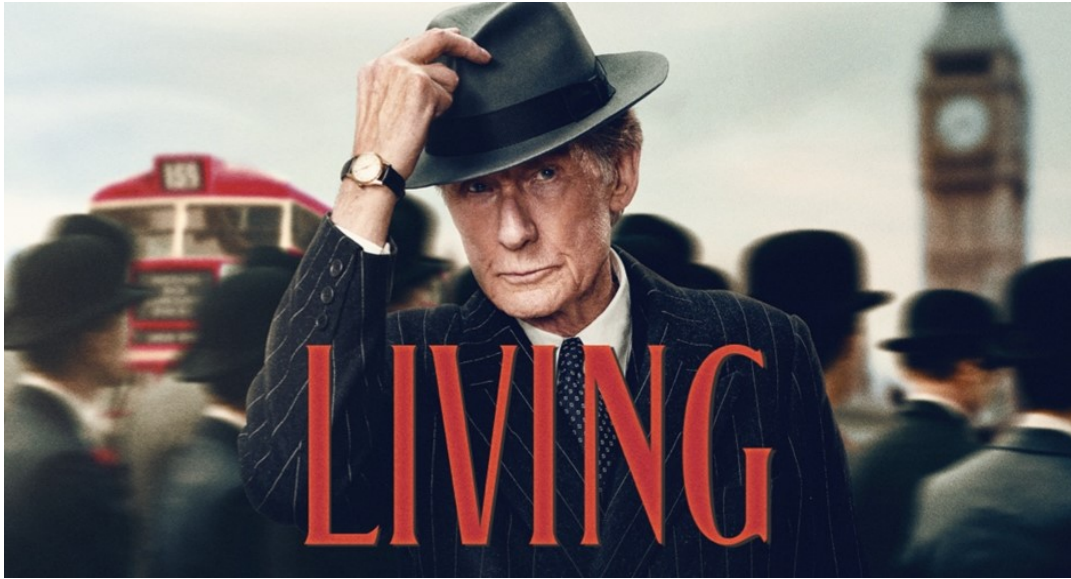
Empty Pill Blister Pack Recycling

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the above so far. In the first quarter of this year, I’ve taken a massive 3.79 kg of packs to be recycled for charity that would otherwise have gone to landfill or been destroyed.

Remember, if you would like to add to the collection, packs can be left in the plastic bin outside Church Farm Barn, in the West End part of Point Road or I can pick them up from you if you let me know on 07764 946969. (No boxes or tablets, thanks!)

Julia Tu

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Featuring an extravagant Mad Hatter's theme, this black-tie event will include fizz on arrival, a delicious three-course meal, live auctions on the night and a DJ. It offers the perfect opportunity to party with friends, colleagues or clients, whilst raising money for the hospice and helping fund its vital work supporting patients, families and carers across Gloucestershire.

Tickets are from £45 per person and the hospice is also seeking local businesses or individuals who would like to take up sponsorship opportunities or donate auction prizes for the evening. The ball is open to those aged 18 and over.

Discounted bed and breakfast room rates are available for guests at the hotel.

For tickets visit longfield.org.uk/summerball. To discuss sponsorship opportunities or to donate prizes for the auction or raffle, please email events@longfield.org.uk or call 01453 886868. The team would also welcome volunteers to help decorate the venue.

Find out more about your local hospice and how we help at www.longfield.org.uk.



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The Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting will be held on 31st May at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. This is your opportunity to ask the Parish Councils any questions or to give your views on any issues within the Parish.

Overgrown Hedges

If your hedge is overgrown, please ensure that does not impede footpaths. Cut back with care to ensure the safety of nesting birds.

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

New Planning Applications

23/01052/NEI: Lodge Farm Hampton Fields - Erection of a detached garage and associated works. -No Comment

23/00898/FUL: 12 Star Lane - Demolition of existing detached garage. Erection of new detached dwelling with associated works. Object

23/00775/FUL: 11 Tetbury Hill - Erection of a two-storey rear extension. Object

23/00574/LBC: Jasmine Cottage 14 Woodstock Lane - Requirement to rebuild an existing poor condition retaining concrete block wall to the rear of the property to allow safe access from the existing utility room back door. -Support

23/00552/FUL: 7 West End - Erection of rear single-storey extension, addition of rear dormer, vehicular access and associated works. Support

23/01235/TCONR: Court Farm Star Lane - T1 Ash - Symptomatic to ash die back, fell to ground level and replant with mixed species hedging. (Same hedging adjacent to tree). Support

23/00991/FUL: 1 Hampton Hill - Erection of single storey rear extension and creation of wider entrance from highway. Support the extension – Object to the roller shutter door.

Cotswold District Council Decision Notices

22/00926/FUL: Longtree Barn Tetbury Road - Conversion of a Dutch barn into dwelling/. Permitted.

21/02281/FUL: Land Parcel Easting 387517 Northing 198301 Woodstock Lane - Conversion of agricultural barn into dwelling. Permitted.

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- May 12** Tetbury Community Choir: The best of British and Beyond celebrates music and poetry from the UK and Commonwealth to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. Tickets £10. 7pm
- May 21** An Evening of Outstanding Folk Music with Sam Sweeney: Winner of the 2015 BBC Radio 2 Outstanding Musician of the Year Sam has also played with many of the leading lights of the Folk scene. Tickets £12.50/£10 under 25. 5.30pm
- May 25** Cinema: Everything, Everywhere All at Once (15) – the Oscar winning film about a middle-aged Chinese woman’s race to explore the universe and save the world. Tickets £7. 7pm
- May 31** An Evening with Roz Savage: The Ocean in A Drop follows frustrated environmentalist and solo ocean rower Roz’s battle to help us save our civilisation. Tickets £8/£5 under 18. 7pm

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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
Avening church bell ringing	Wednesday	8.00- 9.00pm	Church bell tower	Andrew Lelliot Aslelliott37 @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	
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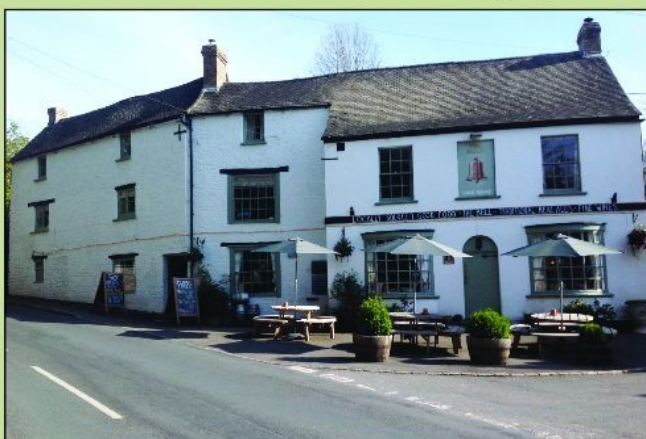
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