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June 2023

What a fantastic celebration we had here over Coronation Weekend. Despite the dismal weather on the day itself, which we watched cosily in front of our televisions, Sunday dawned gloriously fine and everything planned went off wonderfully well.

The celebration services in both Avening and Cherington set the tone of glad rejoicing, followed by the enthusiastic fancy dress parade. The photo on the front cover gives a real flavour of the enthusiasm of the picnic lunches that followed, some sitting along the trestle tables provided, some picnicking on the grass in the churchyard and all the while sharing happy conversations with friends and neighbours. The sports that followed on the Playing Field were a huge success with more people joining in than we had dared hope for. Well done everyone for all the work that went into the day and well done to so many who turned out to make it such a success.

More excitements are coming up as you will see in this edition of the magazine including the Bear Hunt and the Art Show on the 11th of June. Finally, of course, don't forget the Cherington Show in July.

Spring is finally here and we can all hopefully look forward to sunny days and balmy evenings.

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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

JUNE

Sat 3rd

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

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

Community Café 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. Mrs Harris Goes to Paris. 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 Café 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

Fri 28th

Play Rangers , Avening Playing Field 10am - 4pm See Page 24 for details

SEPTEMBER

Fri 1st

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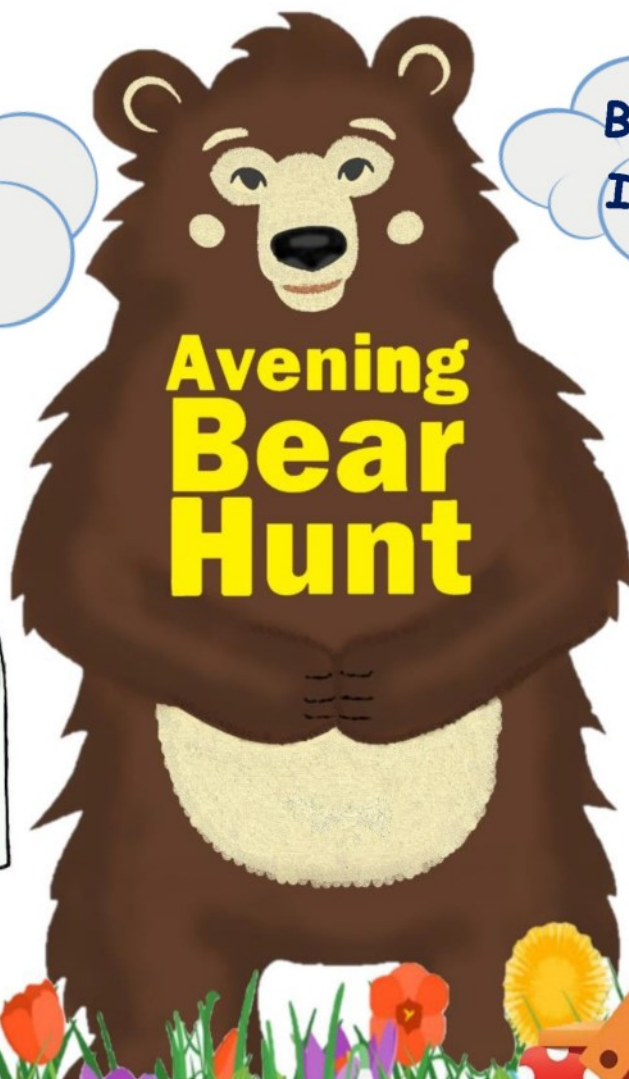
Sun 17th

Pig Face Day: details to be announced



£2
Per Person

Cakes
Bear-B-Que
Ice-creams



Saturday
17th June
12pm to 3pm
Starts at Avening School



We're going on a Bear Hunt
Join us on an adventure around Avening to spot some AMAZING Bears!!
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Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Suddenly the sun is beginning to shine brighter and as the days begin to stretch out summer feels as though it's just around the corner. If more proof were needed then it has to be the sudden growth in the gardens – grass, daisies and the inevitable weeds. Gardening time is here again and I notice some admirable work being done around the village gardens.

May is the month when we hold our Parish Council AGM; it is the time for the Parish Councillors to renew their commitment to the village. The meeting was held on May 17th; followed by our usual monthly meeting. Full detailed minutes are in the Clerks report within this publication.

For my sins, I was re-elected as Chairman. So I must start by thanking all of my fellow councillors for their work and support throughout the last year. It is a pleasure to be part of a team that pulls together in the interests of Avening. Whilst we all have specific nominated responsibilities on the council, decisions are taken as a team. This year we decided to have some rotation of the duties required; therefore, there are a few changes to the individual responsibilities of the councillors. Notably Richard King has become Vice Chairman with David Bendle graciously stepping aside to allow the change; but David retains his position as the Parish Council representative on the Avening School Governors Committee. The other responsibilities are allocated as follows: -

Memorial Hall – All Parish Councillors are Trustees

Finance Committee – John Hetterley, Patrick Mulligan, Tony Slater, Richard King, Gill Parsons (Clerk in attendance)

Playing Fields Committee – Richard King, John Hetterley, Christine Howell, Patrick Mulligan.

Memorial Hall Management Committee – Patrick Mulligan, David Bendall.

School Governors Committee – David Bendall

Church PCC – Stephanie Hamilton

Café – John Hetterley and Christine Howell

Environment – Tony Slater

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Planning - Richard King

Youth Club – Point of Contact – Stephanie Hamilton

Snow & Flood Warden – Patrick Mulligan

Tony Slater: A special mention and congratulations to Tony, who is now our local CDC Councillor following the recent elections. Although Tony stood as a Conservative, I know he will represent and be available for anyone that needs advice or help irrespective of political persuasion. I think we are very lucky to have a person of his calibre and dedication.

Parish Council Vacancy: It's now appropriate to say that we have a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in joining the team, then please contact myself or the Parish Clerk to register your interest.

Coronation Celebrations: The big event in the village has been the Coronation Celebrations – what a wonderful day! It was so nice to see the village coming together for a party; especially the children who enthusiastically joined in the various sports on the playing field. Thank you to everyone who was involved in bringing this event alive. I have already listed the 'roll of honour' in my previous letter; but I would like to add a special note of thanks and appreciation to John Hetterley and his committee, and I think the 'Man of the Match' award should go to Crichton for his sterling efforts on the sports field; not least the tug of war which was an unrivalled spectacle. I'm tempted to suggest that we should have an annual Avening Picnic and Sports day?? It was a truly memorable day and the weather was also perfect. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Enjoy the good weather.

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



The 2023 Cherington Show!
Save the date!

Sunday July 23rd
1pm - 5PM
Only £2 entry

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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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Avening and Cherington Churches

At Avening church's AGM this spring, our churchwarden Liz Fuller retired with our thanks for all she has done. Stephanie Hamilton has agreed to act as churchwarden with me and I am grateful to her for bringing all her experience to the post.

Our Coronation Celebrations in the church were quietly superb. The flower arrangements were glorious, the children's coronation altar frontal was a real piece of art, and the special cake that Christine Howell and Doreen Pierce concocted was amazing. There was plenty to smile about amid the friendship of the church community. Many thanks to all who contributed to a memorable morning,



Left to right: Coronation altarpiece created by the children at the Coronation service; one of the beautiful floral decorations in the church; the coronation celebration cake.

At the end of May the church celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter Sunday, and marks the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles in tongues of fire, giving them the ability to be understood in many languages. It was the beginning of the Christian church and the celebration is an important day in the church year. For the following weeks, the altar cloths and the colour that the priest wears will be green, signifying the growing church as the disciples go out in the world to teach.

On June 11th the Art Exhibition will be held in the church from 1- 4:30pm, featuring art from our community and further afield. Models will be sitting in the church all afternoon. Bring your sketchbook to have a go at a portrait, or watch other artists with their efforts. There will be a chance to stop for tea and cake, and the plant stall will be well-stocked. It is always exciting to see the church transformed for these shows. We look forward to seeing you there!

Elizabeth Buchanan and Stephanie Hamilton

Church Services

Date	Holy Cross, Avening	St. Nicholas, Cherington
4 th June 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
11 th June. 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
18 th June. 10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
25 th June. 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
2 nd July 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion

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.

If you or your children are in need of such support, please request an application form by phoning 01453 833016 or emailing buchanan.el@gmail.com.

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.

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.

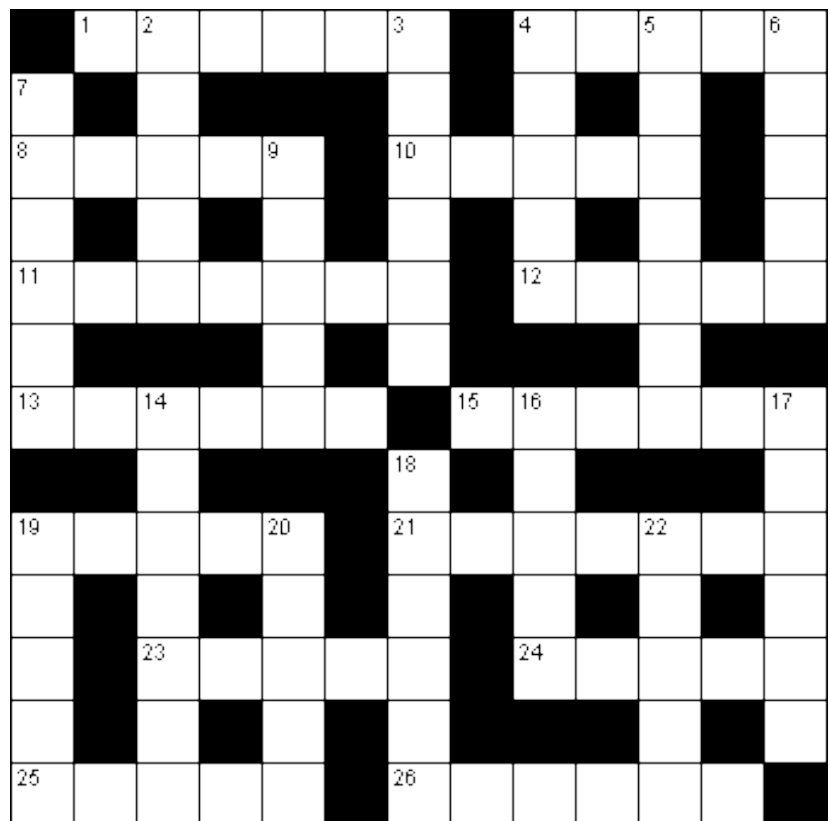
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Across

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4. Flows through Rome (5)
8. Capital of Nigeria (5)
10. Egyptian desert (5)
11. Birthplace of Napoleon (7)
12. Australian town, ___ Springs (5)
13. Colorado state capital (6)
15. Previous name of Ho Chi Minh City (6)
19. Egyptian capital (5)
21. South American country (7)
23. Japanese city (5)
24. Capital of Ghana (5)
25. Balearic holiday isle (5)

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| 3. Capital of the Bahamas (6) | 9. Flows through Paris (5) | 19. Italian holiday isle (5) |
| 4. Polynesian country (5) | 14. Capital of Kenya (7) | 20. City in Nebraska (5) |
| 5. Chinese city (7) | 16. Island in the Netherlands Antilles (5) | 22. Capital of Bangladesh (5) |
| 6. Major French river (5) | 17. Scandinavian country (6) | |
| 7. Site of 1980 Winter | | |



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Gilian's Poem of the Month

Jasper was a big black-and -tan Doberman, who spent the first eight years of his life as a guard-dog at G.C.H.Q. When he began to show signs of breathing and mobility problems it was decided to retire him. Guard-dogs are often adopted by their handlers and go home with them to live out their retirement as family pets, but Jasper's handler had been posted abroad, so an urgent plea was put-out on the G.C.H.Q. internal internet for a home for him.

My eldest daughter saw it and immediately contacted me. At the time I had a pretty little whippet called Poppy, and was definitely not looking for another dog, especially not a large one, as I had recently down-sized! However I rather reluctantly agreed to meet Jasperand the rest is history!

He settled in immediately, he and Poppy adored each other, and in spite of his ill-health, he was always happy and cheerful, kind and gentle, obedient and affectionate -- the perfect dog!

We only had just under a year together before he eventually succumbed to chronic pneumonia, but I never for one moment regretted my time with himthe most rewarding dog I ever had..

Jasper

Valiant old dog, with spirit burning bright,
How could I turn my back on you, and leave you to your plight?
You came to me so gladly, bowed your head against my knee,
You gave your life into my hands so sure and trustingly.
Such walks we had together, o'er field and wood and hill,
Those scented hedgerows called to your indomitable will,
Long legs grew strong again to run, eyes bright, huge ears alert,
That stumpy tail tried hard to wag, as you forgot past hurt.
Town dog forgot your city ways, roamed in the country free,
Grew young to run in wind and sun, and gave your love to me....
You were a gentle giant, a friend to all you knew,
Your rough caress upon my cheek told what it meant to you.
Our time so brief together, as those months flew swiftly past,
But now you're safe within my heart, come home to me at last.....

Gilian Bulmer-Davison



Avening School

Chicks, Caterpillars and a Coronation



The whole school thoroughly enjoyed their celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III on Friday 5th May. Staff and pupils donned their smartest outfits for the day's activities, which included a re-enactment of the Coronation, after which everyone enjoyed a 'street party' in the lower playground where they were served cakes and sandwiches. Thank you to FOAS for providing us with the refreshments. Every child also went home with a Coronation coin, which

was provided by the school.

The natural world has come into our school this term, with the Eagles class (reception and Key Stage 1) all helping to care for ten chicks, which recently hatched in their classroom, enabling the children to learn all about life cycles. Following along a similar theme, the Kestrels and Owls classes will both receive a delivery of caterpillars in June which they will watch over as they develop into butterflies before releasing them into the great outdoors.

The Kestrels class will venture out of doors too after half term, to Copsegrove Farm where they will take part in den making and insect identification activities as well as some essential marshmallow toasting around the campfire. Learning about the natural world further afield, the Owls are off to the Living Rainforest as part of their geographical and scientific work on biomes.

The Owls have been challenged musically this term too. They are learning to play the flute and are discovering the effort that even getting a sound from this beautiful instrument can require!

As part of their transition to secondary school, the Year 6 children are benefitting from a wellbeing intervention provided for them by ArtsSpace. This involves them learning circus skills whilst having space to explore the many emotions that leaving primary school inevitably brings.

The annual whole school sports morning will take place in June with pupils competing in their houses to win the house cup and the sponsored walk will get us out and about in the local area before the end of this academic year.

Alex Adcock



The church bells at Cherington and Avening rang out on Saturday 6 May to mark the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla.

We rang in Cherington at 10am and in Avening at 2pm and hope villagers enjoyed hearing the bells.



Many thanks to the bellringers: Shân Amos, Sarah Hancock, Steve Uzzell, Christine Williams, Andrew Lelliott, Paul Hancock, Gill Lelliott and Jim Hill.



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Avening Playgroup

The focus areas for the children over the past month have been:

Growing plants: The children have planted cress seeds in a carton that they decorated and taken them home once they had started to grow. They have also planted broad bean seeds with Shannon. These have been placed into sealable food bags with cotton wool and water, then stuck to the window. We are already seeing the roots and shoots in many of the seeds. We have all talked about what is needed to grow seeds and the life cycle of a plant. The children also enjoyed listening to and retelling the story of 'Jack and The Beanstalk' using pictures.



The King's Coronation: The children have been busy designing bookmarks and decorating crowns. We talked about Kings, Queens and castles, then on the Friday before the coronation we played party games

Shapes: We got the light box out and made pictures and models with the coloured 2D shapes. The children also persevered in cutting around six different shapes to then stick on to complete either a garden or space scene. They have been cutting different shapes out of the sparkly playdough and been doing lots of jigsaw puzzles.



Transport: We have been looking at different ways of travelling and the children have been colouring all sorts of vehicles. They have been playing with the boats in the water, making collages and models of different vehicles as well as playing a transport game.

They have also been rolling vehicles with different tyres in paint and then rolling them onto paper to make lots of patterns.



We have changed the way we do snack time. We now offer a rolling snack time from 10am. The snack is laid out onto a table and the children choose when they want to have something to eat and drink. They wash their hands, pour their drink and help themselves to the food before sitting down at a table to eat it. Once they have finished, they are encouraged to put any waste into the food recycling bin and place their cups and plates into the washing up bowl. The children are always given a 5-minute warning to let them know when snack time will finish to ensure they don't miss out.

Congratulations to Rajvir for winning the “Tea for Two” raffle at The Kitchen. The ticket was drawn on Friday 12th by the children. Thank you to Sharon and friends for organising this.

We have spaces left for the autumn term, so if you would like more information about the playgroup or to place your child on our waiting list, please call us on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com .

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.

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

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 :

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District Councillor's Report



I am very proud to have been elected as your District Councillor, and humbled to have increased the number of votes. I look forward to working with officers and other councillors to achieve the best possible outcomes for the parishes and residents of Grumbold's Ash with Avening.

With the editor's blessing I will publish regular (brief) updates here on what's happening at Trinity Road. So far:

- I have been receiving my induction at CDC and getting to know my way around and meet senior officers.
- I have several parish council AGMs to attend around the ward villages, and I look forward to meeting all the Parish Councillors and clerks.
- I have been selected for the Overview and Scrutiny committee, an important role in holding the Cabinet to account and in contributing to policy development.

In Avening, I have continued to pursue the Environment Agency (EA) on two fronts to help identify the causes of our struggling stream. The retrospective planning application for an Impoundment Licence at Aston Farm has still not been resolved, due to information not being provided by the applicant – I pushed the EA for a decision and enforcement action if the data is not provided within a short timeframe. Following my escalation they have just advised me that they have requested an assessment of headwater flows in the stream across various states, including the drying up in the summer.

I have also been trying to establish if the rapid growth of housing in Tetbury has influenced the deep aquifer system that feeds our stream, and I finally made contact with the EA local groundwater expert. There isn't currently an accurate map of these important and interconnected systems, but there is a study underway using a series of deep boreholes and sensors between Cherington, Tetbury, and beyond Westend in Avening.

The bad news is that this report needs several years of data to be meaningful and isn't due to report its findings until some time in 2025! So, other than keeping pressure on the impoundment application, I'm afraid there isn't anything more that can be done until the report is published.

***Tony Slater, CDC District Councillor,
representing Grumbold's Ash with Avening***

Mel's Royal Music Quiz

Those who attended the Coronation picnic lunch were entertained with music chosen by Mel Young to have a 'royal' theme and she asked the listeners to spot the link. For anyone who missed the fun, here's the list of songs and her explanations in bold. Thanks Mel!!

1999 by **Prince**

Bamboleo by Gypsy **Kings**

Caribbean **Queen** by Billy Ocean

Castle on the Hill by Ed Sheeran

Dancing on the Ceiling by Lionel Richie (**one of the headliners of Coronation Concert**)

Dancing **Queen** by ABBA

Don't Stop Me Now by **Queen**

Killer **Queen** by **Queen**

King of the Road by Roger Miller

Let's Face The Music and Dance by Nat **King** Cole

Queen of my Heart by Westlife

Rule The World by Take That (**also headlining the concert**)

Sex On Fire by **Kings** of Leon

Stand By Me by Ben E **King**

You Can't Hurry Love by Phil Collins (**ambassador for the Prince's Trust**)

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TOWN HALL NAILSWORTH

Avening Coronation Celebrations

What an amazing day – everyone entering into the spirit of the occasion wearing their red, white and blue. Beautiful weather and a brilliant turnout for the parade, street picnic and sports!



The day began with a procession from the playing field to the Memorial Hall, with participants dressed in beautiful and imaginative costumes, led by Michael Metcalfe resplendent in his union jack suit and Adrian Ashcroft banging his side drum, ably assisted by a number of ushers in their top hats. As the parade swung into view on the High Street it was met by Jim Hill playing “When the Saints go Marching in”. Judging of the fancy dress by Jane, Maud and Elizabeth Bury took place in the hall. All well organised by Elizabeth and George Buchanan.

Over 200 people attended the street picnic held outside the school, led by the music of the Avening Silver Band. Bordered with patriotic bunting, tables were laid out with union jack tablecloths and plates of homemade cupcakes. The WI did an excellent job providing refreshments

and Mel Young was brilliant in acting as ‘MC’ along with providing background ‘royal themed’ music. The Avening Singers also entertained with a variety of songs finishing off with the National Anthem. A free raffle of two hampers, donated by the Coronation Committee, were won by Amy Seal and Tony and Caroline Williams.

Celebrations continued with sports events in the playing field, led by Crichton Wakelin, Kat Donovan, Julie Bowden and their team. A highly enjoyable afternoon with all ages entering the various race events such as 3-legged, sack races and ‘egg and spoon’. An amazing 160 medals were awarded! The highlight was the Tug of War engaging over 40 people with fierce and intense competition!

Our first aiders for the day were Kat Donovan and Cas Boddam-Whetham whose services were fortunately not required. Thank you to Nigel Bowsher and Ian Peters who were the day’s official photographers.

A big thank you to all who attended and helpers who voluntarily gave their time. Also thanks to the Primary School for use of the playground, the church for use of the churchyard and the Coronation Committee – John and Sandra Hetterley, George and Elizabeth Buchanan, Crichton Wakelin, Mel Young, Christine Howell, Julie Bowden, Kat Donovan, Helen Haiselden, Cas Boddam-Whetham, Liz Knowles and Jane Archer.

The event was sponsored by Avening Parish Council.



John Hetterley



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Education Fun for funding this day



Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Under 7's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer.

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Avening WI

In late April our Village Quiz was a well attended, fun evening raising £168 which we donated to SARA, the Severn Area Rescue Association.

The 'Bite to Eat' team catered for a buffet, an afternoon tea and served squash and biscuits for 90 very wet Minchinhampton School children! They were walking from their school to Avening and back, and were in good spirits despite the rain. On Anzac Day we ran the community Café, with free bacon butties for the litter pickers.

Our skittles team was in action in the County Competition, narrowly losing to Bisley WI. They will now compete against Winstone WI in The Plate Competition..

A group of fifteen members visited The American Museum in Bath. It is set in a



beautiful wooded valley, with 125 acres of parkland and gardens. The museum showcases American decorative art and culture. The Quilt room has a magnificent display of rugs and quilts, of particular interest to our members. The museum is set out in a series of 'rooms' that recreate periods of American history very effectively.

Our planned April walk around Amberley was rained off but we were able to do it in May on a beautiful, sunny day. The common was at its best with a profusion of wild flowers. We then enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Amberley Inn. Our small group walking the Cotswold Way enjoyed the lovely scenery of stage 2, from Broadway to Stanway.

The Avening 'Coronation Big Lunch' was a wonderful community event. AWI, together with the Community Café, made and served cupcakes and drinks for the many villagers and their families enjoying the celebration.

At our May meeting we learned about the transformation of The Walled Garden, in the Museum in the Park in Stroud, from a dilapidated, neglected area to the beautiful garden it is today. At our next meeting on June 8th we shall be welcoming back Susan Parslow talking about Bristol: City of Contrasts. Meetings are held in The Memorial Hall at 7.30 and visitors and prospective members are always welcome.

Bridget Seward

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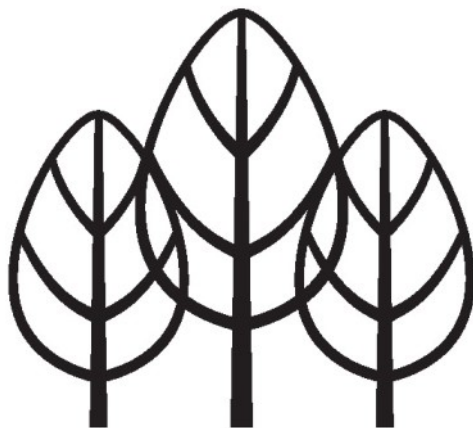
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Christopher Viveash

1938 — 2023

This tribute is delivered at his funeral on 17th February 2023 on behalf of the family with contributions from Vicki, John and Rod, together with Chris' friends John and Wendy Simmons.

Christopher Viveash was born on the 11th of December 1938, the first child of Irene and Oriel Viveash, at Longlevens Gloucester. His brother Roderick, who was born in 1944, mispronounced their names "Kitacker" and "Doderick" while he was learning to talk. The family nicknames Kit and Dod stuck particularly with his mother until her death in 1987, but were never used at school or work!

The family moved to Bourton on the Water in 1946 into a semi-detached house with a large garden. The many paths in the garden were used by the brothers on their scooters, hours of fun! 1947 saw the worst winter for many years with months of snow; the boys helped Dad clear the drive, Chris with the coal shovel and Rod with a wooden spoon, it was a long job.

Chris went to school at Bourton Junior and later Westwood's Grammar School, Northleach, and in his teenage years became interested in model plane construction. One such construction of balsa wood was left to glue on a table in the outhouse and much to Chris's anger was destroyed by Bouncer, the family's wire haired terrier; he later forgave the dog - after all it was his kennel!

When he left school in 1954, Chris joined the RAF, first at Halton near Aylesbury for training and then went to RAF Lyneham as an electrical engineer, mainly on Britannias and Comets. He was later promoted to sergeant. He travelled to Borneo and Kenya, and for a year was stationed in RAF Gan, on an island in the south of the Maldives, which was used as a staging post for aircraft en route to east Asia, Singapore. Here he became the RAF base cinema projectionist.

He didn't go out drinking, but saved up his money and on his return in 1966 bought a car, a Morgan 4+4 and loved to give people lifts because few people had cars then and he would drive around Wiltshire countryside with his friends. Another pride and joy was his 3 litre Rover, again much appreciated by his friends.

His interests were now very much with motor bikes and cars. He worked on cars at home and, helped by Rod, he once removed an engine with block and tackle suspended from a branch of a large chestnut tree in the garden. He also gave motor bike lessons to novice riders.

He married Irene in 1969 and was pleased to see the arrival of four children – Vicky, Joanne, John and Alan - sadly Joanne died in infancy.

Vicki remembers going on the back of Dad's motorbike to his motorbike training school in Stroud. and he had a float for motorcycle training school in the Stroud carnival. She also recalls playing crazy golf with Chris at Holimarine Holiday Village in Burnham on

Sea.

John appreciated Chris helping him build a Meccano car when young and helping with real cars when older. He says:

“I remember going in a kart with him at Flambards in Cornwall, I wanted to see how the kart handled, and he would encourage me. I remember I tried an emergency hard brake and steer and that put the kart up the bank at the side of the track and we had to be rescued!

“Vicky remembers pedal boats and later he would take us for bike rides after teaching us how to ride a bike on the playing fields in Avening.

“I could talk to him about anything because he was always so calm. He would tell me about his travels and that encouraged me to travel myself. I remember a story of when he went to Kenya with the RAF and he was tasked with transporting a brand new VW transporter van some distance across Kenya and it broke down! So he assessed what had happened and walked out to the nearest town to find a phone and tell them they needed to come out and what part they needed to bring!

“He would show me how things worked, and teach me things, taught me to be curious, I remember when I was young he gave me his multimeter and told me to touch the probes on things to see what would conduct electricity. Later in my life he had a book, *'Relativity for the Layman'* and he would teach me things from that book; nothing can travel faster than the speed of light!”

Chris worked for funeral directors and also in security at Kemble airfield. Sadly his later years were affected by ill health but his courageous, cheerful and uncomplaining manner is an example that many of us will remember and indeed be inspired by.

His friends describe him as calm and measured, and they never saw him lose his temper.



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"April is the Cruellest Month....."

I've never been quite sure why T.S.Eliot should think of April in that way unless it had a special significance for him in "*The Waste Land*", which, I have to admit, I've not read, but I started to write this article on a particularly sunny, warm day towards the end of the so-called "cruellest month" and nothing could have been further from the truth.

I'm watching a nuthatch in my birdbath looking as though it's having the best bath it's ever had in the whole of its little life. Water spraying everywhere, including over a rather impatient-looking robin perched on a nearby shrub obviously waiting for the nuthatch to finish his ablutions and vacate the bath - if indeed there's any water left to bathe in.

Because it happens to be one of the few sunny days we've had, the garden is full of a lot of very busy wild life - birds heading off to their nests, quite a few large bumblebees and several butterflies checking out any of the shrubs that happened to be already in flower.

Nature at its best but, inevitably, there are the sad moments such as the other day when I heard the dreaded thump on a window which can only mean one thing. And it did. A female blackbird lying on the ground with a very obvious broken neck and no chance of recovery. I just hoped it wasn't on its way back to a nest full of babies awaiting the return of their mother

But, on the positive side - the other day I rescued a hedgehog. I noticed one of the dogs seemed to be particularly interested in something on the ground in the middle of the drive and, on closer inspection, it turned out to be a hedgehog curled up, as they do, in a tight ball. Needless to say dog got very speedily removed, I donned a pair of thick gardening gloves, filled a shallow bowl with water and took hedgehog and bowl to a safe place in the garden and carefully placed it alongside a large pile of dried leaves. When I went back about half an hour later I was delighted to see it had drunk the water and established itself for the time being in its new, safe surroundings. So I felt that rescue operation had in a small way compensated for the loss of Mrs. Blackbird but that's what nature's all about. Joy and sadness.

The joyful moments when, at the end of a long dreary, grey winter you see the first snowdrops and aconites blooming in the garden and then you hear and see, as I did only the other day, the screeching of swallows announcing their arrival back for the summer. And, today, for the first time in two or three years, I heard the unmistakeable sound of the cuckoo.



Whatever human beings are doing to themselves and each other in the world, the birds will go on singing, the trees will come into leaf, the flowers will bloom, animals will run around our fields and woods.

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Ann Tarlton



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King William's Diary

King Charles has followed a tradition going back a thousand years by being crowned in Westminster Abbey. William the Conqueror was the first, on Christmas Day in 1066, just two months after defeating King Harold at the Battle of Hastings. It was his idea to ensure that the ceremony was so impressive that it left no-one in any doubt that he was the rightful King of England.

His wife Queen Matilda has had something of a bad press down the years, but an extract from his diary casts a more sympathetic light on the woman who ruled England for long periods on his behalf, and bore him ten children.

William was renowned as an excellent fighter and horseman, but not much of a scholar, so I've had to take some liberties in translating his diary.

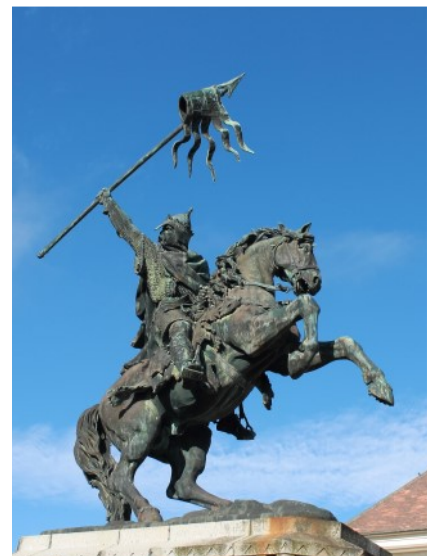
Roger Lindley

Falaise, Normandy - 22 July 1082

Just back in Falaise after another successful foray off our southern borders, that will teach them to encroach into my territory. The English archers were fantastic: I just love the sound of five hundred arrows piercing the sky in the morning!

I had better join Matilda in England soon, she hasn't seen me for months; I'll just wait until we've got the harvest in so we can take some decent food with us, England does terrible things to my digestion.

Some say that Matilda does a better job of ruling England than I do; well, it's probably true as I'm never there for very long, and it's a boring old job compared to being on the battlefield. I know that there was a bit of a fuss when she had that chap Britric incarcerated in a dungeon and confiscated all his lands, but the wretch was impoverishing his farmers by taxing them to the bone. He was typical of these rogue sheriffs and was the reason I've instigated a Domesday Book so that we can keep a check on them and ensure I receive the Danegeld that is rightfully mine. So I don't blame Matilda even though she forgot that Britric was imprisoned and he died; curiously, when she banished the Duke of Sussex from the Kingdom for spreading all those malicious rumours about her, nobody said a word. A face like a pig indeed! Matilda's actually very attractive... which accounts for our ten children!



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Diddly Squat or What?

Some of you may have seen “The Farm” on Netflix, which is all about Jeremy Clarkson’s farm in Chadlington; if you have not, make the effort to watch it. Now, I know that Clarkson can be a somewhat “Marmite” character but when you delve into what he is trying to do and say, it highlights in an a very subtle way, the efforts that our farmers have to put in and the blizzard of paperwork that they now have to contend with, just to survive. It also highlights the local Nimby syndrome that occurs not just in Chadlington but can be seen everywhere.

I was speaking about Clarkson to a local farmer who has watched both series and he was full of praise for him and said that the public’s perception of what is going today in the farming world had been greatly enhanced by some of the points he was making - yes, in a somewhat frivolous manner, but valid all the same.

Which now leads me to voting. Before you vote in any election, national or local, don’t just look at the colour of the badge they are wearing but take a little time to dig into what and who they are, and what exactly they are going to do for the local area. I want to see any local officials working hard for the community.

On more local matters, if you follow the planning applications in the Parish Councils reports you will have seen objections to some applications, which, much to the dismay of the Parish council have been totally disregarded at higher levels and allowed to go through.

Another local issue is the flow of water in the village, the investigations going on. Take a look at the fields to the right as you leave Nags Head going towards Cherington. They are an absolute mess, with dead trees, everything overgrown and the river has disappeared. This was always a somewhat boggy area but now all the water coming down stream is being soaked up in the ground; one reason where the water has gone, not so noticeable in the winter, but it’ll be interesting to see what happens in the summer months.

I did, however, notice that some of the land owners of the woods going up into Cherington have had a bit of a bash at tidying up the trees - just as well, because some of them are absolutely rotten.

So please be aware of the local area we live in and take more notice of what is actually going on. Don’t just sit back and say, it’s got nothing to do with me. Wrong - it has!!

Ian Hamilton

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.

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Last month we held our now annual litter pick where some of us cleared a few bags of rubbish from in and around Avening and later were rewarded with WI bacon rolls!

We were pleased to support the village Coronation street picnic and along with other members of the Coronation committee donated prizes for the raffle hamper. At the Tuesday Café all members raised a glass to toast the King. We thank Mark Kelland for continuing his inspiring art sessions at the Café and also Tony Slater whose IT help session proved very popular. Rag rugging continues

each week with Michael Metcalfe for anyone who wishes to have a go. We are now working on a third rug depicting the Avening Coat of Arms.

The cafe has entered a team named “Frothy Coffee” into the Social Club summer skittles league and would love to hear from anyone fancying a friendly game of skittles - just let John know.



Highlights for June

June 6th **Plant Swap. Theme “Ocean Day”**

June 20th **Art with Mark** 9:30 to 11:30am, £3 per session, all materials provided.
Theme “Summer Solstice”

June 27th **Theme “Starry Starry Night” - Asteroid Day**

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John Hetterley, for Avening Community Cafe



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to the community, volunteering can be a great way of forming strong friendships and learning new skills. Volunteers are usually aged 16 and above.

Ally Edwards, Longfield's Volunteer Services Advisor explained:

"We have a fantastic team of volunteers at Longfield, but we're always happy to welcome more. We're particularly keen to recruit Community Engagement Volunteers to help spread the word about our vital work in the local community. If you're friendly and outgoing, and like meeting new people, this could be the perfect role for you."

We also have vacancies which support the hospice including several roles at our new retail warehouse near Thrupp (Stroud).

For most volunteering opportunities you do not require particular skills or qualifications as we will give support and training wherever necessary. An enthusiasm for hospice care and a willingness to try new things are often more important. People from all walks of life and all ages volunteer for us."

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District Councillor

Congratulations to Tony Slater, who was successful in the election of District Councillor. Tony remains a Parish Councillor.

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Parish Council Grants

It has been decided to change the way grant applications are processed. For grants required for 2024/25, applications will need to be submitted before the end of October 2023. This will allow the Council to include a more definitive cost in the precept request. Grants agreed will be paid in May 2024.

Allotments

Requests have been received for allotments. The Parish Council do not own land. If you have a piece of land that you would be willing to rent to the Parish council for allotment use, please get in touch.

Planning

The Parish Council are extremely concerned that CDC planning take no heed of the opinions of Parish Councils in the district. Parish Councils go through the process of examining planning applications, speaking to residents to gauge opinions and concerns, only to have Parish Council views ignored. It was suggested that the Parish Council refuse to submit views in future but the council decided that, although it was frustrating, the Parish Council had a responsibility to the residents to persevere with the process and will continue to submit views in the hope that things change in the future.

Applications and Tree works since last meeting: New Planning Applications

23/00845/COMPLY: Land parcel at The Sunground. Compliance with conditions 3 (Sample materials), 4 (Sample walling panel), 5 (Sample panel - retaining walls), 7 (Sample render panel), 10 (Details) and 11 (External finishes) of permission 21/02887/FUL - Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans) and 20 (tree protection plan) of permission 19/04221/FUL – No Comment

23/01460/PAYPHH: Old Nags Head, Nags Head Lane Remove and replace the entire tongue and groove wooden engineered oak style floor throughout the ground floor. Remove structural beam by stairs. Remove the current porch floor. Remove rotten stud walls between kitchen and hallway. Replace oak front door and frame. Fix the walls in garden. Preventive Work (prevention of water/damp ingress into the house). Replace 5x

modern storm proof windows to the front of house. Replace internal door between porch and hallway with double glazed glass style door. Stud and install new door between dining room and living room. Strip out bathroom. Replace parts of the patio with gravel - No Comment.

Cotswold District Council Decision Notices

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 – Permitted

23/00145/FUL: Rodways Place Point Road Replacement and extension of existing freestanding perimeter fence – Permitted

23/00076/CLEUD: Oldfield Wood West End Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of an ancillary forestry building - Permitted

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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
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	
Avening Singers	Sunday	4.00pm	tba	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090



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