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If anything epitomises the happy spirit of our villages, it is the annual Bear Hunt. This year's gloriously sunny weather provided the perfect setting for the event and Avening was full of eager, absorbed children on a mission with their attendant parents and friends. It was a sight to raise the spirits and provide many wonderful memories. Well done to all the helpers, who set up and arranged the event and well done to everyone who joined in to make it fun and a success.

In this edition you will find an advertisement for an additional Parish Councillor. Perhaps someone amongst our readers would relish the thought of being involved in what makes Avening tick. You will also see that the Playgroup are advertising for an Early Years Manager and maybe one of you reading this could fill the vacancy and enjoy contributing to such a vital and valued part of our community.

Finally, thank you to all our readers for their continuing interest and contributions. Without you this magazine would be dull indeed. The end of the school year is approaching and we hope that you will all be able to enjoy some wonderful holidays, whether 'home or away' - and feel free to share stories and photos of your adventures in Avening or away on holiday with us!

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Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

Cotswold District Council: www.cotswold.gov.uk

Facebook: Avening Instagram: #aveningvillage

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

JULY

Sat 1st

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

Tues 4th, 11th

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

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

Thurs 6th, 13th, 20th

Social Club bar/pool table open, 7.30-9.30pm

Fri 7th, 14th, 21st

Social Club bar/pool table open, 7.30-10.15pm

Fri 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Nailsworth Mills Bowls club - come for a free trial, 6.30pm

Fri 14th

Avening School Summer Fete, 3.30-5pm

Tues 18th & 25th

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

Weds 19th

Children's competition Workshop, Cherington Hall 3-6pm

Sun 23rd

Cherington Show, 1- 5pm

Wed 26th

Cinema Screening of "A Man Called Otto" in Memorial Hall - 7.30pm start, £5

Fri 28th

Play Rangers Activity Day at the Playing Field, . See page 28

AUGUST

Tues 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

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

Fri 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Nailsworth Mills Bowls club - come for a free trial, 6.30pm

Sat 5th

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

Wed 30th

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

SEPTEMBER

Tues 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

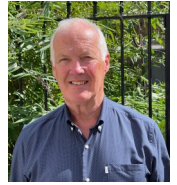
Community Café at the Social Club - 9am-12pm

Sun 17th

Pig Face Day. See page 18



Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Where has the time gone - already we are past the longest day and the weather has provided us with some really enjoyable sunshine. Unfortunately rising temperatures have been accompanied by rising interest rates, which causes so much pressure in our day to day lives. Both these events are beyond my control so I will concentrate on village life in Avening.

Let me start with two issues that really should be down to common sense and good manners: -

Village Housekeeping:

Can I make a strong request that anyone putting up posters around the village do two things.

- Only use drawing pins. Too many staples are being left after the posters are ripped down.
- Remove the posters within two days of the advertised event having finished – together with the drawing pins.

Be proud of your village and keep it tidy.

Dog Fouling: Pick it Up! We all know what the problem is – the owners! Please respect the public areas we all enjoy.

Sporting Success: On a more cheerful note; I'm pleased to announce some local sporting prowess. I may be pushing the definition of 'sporting' – but congratulations to the Cherington Skittle team, whose members mainly come from Avening (actually no one from Cherington is in the team). They have won their division of the Stroud League and next year will be competing in the First Division.

Avening Memorial Hall: The Trustees have signed an interim lease which enables the School to join the Athelstan Trust without delay, whilst detailed negotiations are held to establish a new longer term lease. It is hoped that with goodwill on both sides, all the details can be agreed in the coming few months. Also we have made enquiries to the Badminton Association of Britain to look at the possibility of putting Badminton Court lines on the floor to increase the sporting use of the amenity. We have also discussed the installation of a hearing loop for the hall. This needs a little more research, as hearing aids vary in their ability to be compatible with this technology.

I hope that we continue to enjoy good weather through the Summer months, and wish everyone well.

Keep Safe

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

Avening and Cherington Churches

Our summer has begun with real summer weather, and the gardens have taken advantage of the heat to bloom and grow. In this period after Christ's ascension into heaven, the readings at our services are of Growth. The Old Testament tells of the growth of the Chosen People descended from one man, Abraham. In the New Testament, Jesus' parables give examples of growth in the fields, describing to the disciples how even one tiny seed can grow into an enormous plant, how one man can make a difference in the spread of God's message. The altar cloths will be coloured green to signify that growth. It is a reminder to us that we can make a big difference by our own actions.

The end of July brings with it the Cherington Show (July 23rd). We will be out hunting the bargains and the fine food as we meet up with friends and support the Cherington church.

And: Many, many thanks to all the volunteers and artists who made Avening's Art Exhibition such a happy event in early June (see photos on page 21!)

With love,

Elizabeth Buchanan and Stephanie Hamilton

Church Services

Date	Holy Cross, Avening	St. Nicholas, Cherington
2 nd July 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
9 th July 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
16 th July 10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
23 rd July 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
30 th July 10.00am	No Service	Holy Communion
6 th Aug 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion

Donations to Avening Church



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 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.

District Councillor's Report



Induction and Planning: Over the last few weeks I have been finishing my induction programme, with the planning session perhaps being the most important, as that is where I'll most likely be called upon by residents (I have already been called upon a couple of times to help). It's important to note that I must be completely neutral in these matters, and not pre-determine my decision until all the evidence is presented. I am allowed to discuss matters of fact with the planning officer, and can either agree with their decision or refer the application to the planning committee, but only where there are clear planning reasons to do so. Parish councils have an important role in this process, and must inform me as soon as possible where they think an application should/should not be agreed, together with the planning justification.

This process is illustrated by the recent decision by the CDC planning committee to refuse an application for a development in Tetbury that included a new doctor's surgery. This controversial application has been the subject of a great deal of debate on social media, but was ultimately decided purely on its planning merits.

The first full council meeting of the new term at CDC will take place on 19th July. In the meantime I was invited to join the committee looking at the benefits and issues of second homes and holiday rentals (e.g. AirB&B) in the Cotswolds, with the aim of forming clear policies and guidelines for renters and owners.

Avening

Planning safety breach: In Avening I have had to refer the Sunground developers to Planning Enforcement as they were clearly in breach of the site management agreement, with multiple large trucks manoeuvring without two banksmen as required, and also receiving deliveries during school/Playgroup entry/exit times. Please let me know if you see any further safety breaches.

Stream: I had an update from the Environment Agency, who have confirmed that a lizzen (a leak in the stream bed or bank) in the stretch through Avening Court has been sealed, so there will be appreciably less loss of water through the summer. They are also aware of a similar issue at the bottom of Westend by Owl Cottage. I believe there are one or two further 'leaks' in the system so I will be asking our local experts for more information on these. The situation at Aston Farm is ongoing, and subject to flow measurements.

Roads: On the roads I have reported multiple issues to Highways, including the traffic lights at Longford's Mill; the broken VAS sign entering Avening; multiple potholes across Avening and Cherington; the impassable footpath on the Nailsworth road; and the dangerous Ash Tree at the top of Tetbury Hill - hopefully these issues will be fixed soon.

*Tony Slater, CDC District Councillor,
representing Grumbold's Ash with Avening
077936699309*

David Anthony Govier

6 November 1944 – 1 June 2023



Born in 1944, Dad left school at 13 and started his early career in Longford Mills in Nailsworth, before moving into sales. He had a real talent and could sell ice to Eskimos if needed – becoming the youngest assistant manager in the history of the company at 23. He worked for Blue Star, Atlantic Container Line and latterly, Cunard Ellerman, selling container space to companies around the globe. This career took him to the Middle East for a fact-finding trip and an unrivalled collection of Egyptian memorabilia that arrived into our home.

Dad was a talented footballer, with his team winning the Stroud League - Division 1 in 1962 and well as the cup winners in the same year. His other claim to fame was winning the Tetbury roadbed

race too – which involved an occupied double bed on wheels being raced around the town.

Born and brought up in Avening, and son of Gilroy and Edith, he bought what was then known as Cherry Tree Cottage in Hampton Fields in 1969 for the princely sum of £2,260.94. Marrying Jacqueline Wharram in the same year, then between 1973 and 1975, they welcomed three children – my elder sister Becky, myself, and my younger sister Clara.

In 1989 Mum and Dad set about renovating and building a second larger house on the same land that was later called Long Acre and Long Acre Cottage. It was during this time, as the foundations of the house were being built, that the then Prince Charles along with racing car driver Jackie Stewart and actor Charles Dance stopped by. They were putting up posts along the verge to stop people parking during Gatcombe Horse Trials, and Dad was able to share his own Kingdom.

He loved Gloucestershire with all his heart – speaking fondly about it right up to his death. A meander in the car on a summer evening along the scent-filled lanes, a pint followed by Wiltshire, ham, egg and chips was a contented end to his day. A Saturday afternoon outing to Tescos in Ciren with the football results on the radio often took him hours to get home after all his detours through the picture postcard villages. He loved nothing more than tending his vegetables in the garden in the blazing sun or walking his dogs – Poppy and Toby - round Cherington Lake or over the golf course where he would pick wild mushrooms and lost golf balls and put them in the front of his shirt.

He knew everyone and anyone – a well-known character in the community and enthusiast bellringer at Avening Church, often found chatting to anyone who happened to pop in The Bell, whether they liked it or not!

Following his first stroke, he moved north, and into the loving care of Anderson's Care home in Elgin, Moray – to be closer to us as Becky, Clara and I all now live in Scotland. A firm favourite with staff, his first day was spent getting his nails painted a beautiful shade of pink! He also became notorious for running over people's feet as he careered around the care home in his electric wheelchair with a cheeky grin.



He was a family man – he remained close to his cousin Jan and sister Margaret and took great pleasure in tickling his grandchildren, Alex, Adam, Izzie, Jamie and Oliver and playfully cheating at card games.

He was incredibly proud of all his children, which he displayed in his own way, and we were lucky to be able spend some quality time together over the six years he was in Scotland until his peaceful death on 1st June.

We are grateful for all the good times and know that he'll be chewing the ear off someone about Manchester United, the bargains he got in the Lidl middle aisle, or the last episode of Countryfile featuring his Tetbury favourite: Ellie Harrison, as he pours himself a pint of 6X in the pub in the sky, accompanied by a bowl of tinned peaches with a large splash of evaporated milk!

This eulogy was delivered by André Govier at David's funeral in Avening church on Thursday 29th June 2023

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 **lizknowles@hotmail.co.uk**





Come One, Come All! The Unforgettable



Cherington Village Show

Step right up, ladies and gentlemen! Prepare to be astounded, amused, and utterly amazed as the magnificent Cherington Village Show descends upon the picturesque Cotswolds on **July 23rd from 1pm to 5pm**. Mark your calendars and get ready for an afternoon of laughter, delight, and surprises galore!

Now, let me paint you a picture of the whimsical wonderland that awaits you at this year's fete. Picture this: rolling green hills, vibrant flowers in full bloom, and the unmistakable scent of freshly baked cakes wafting through the air. Yes, my friends, Cherington is the place to be this summer, and here's why!

First off, prepare to have your literary senses tickled and your imagination set ablaze at the Book Stall. Whether you're an avid reader or just looking to escape into a captivating tale, you'll find a treasure trove of novels, mysteries, and adventures waiting to be discovered. Who knows, you might even stumble upon a hidden gem that will transport you to far-off lands without ever leaving the comfort of your armchair!

But wait, there's more! For all you treasure hunters out there, our Bric-a-Brac Stall is the place to be. From antique curiosities to quirky trinkets, you never know what forgotten treasures you might stumble upon. Unleash your inner detective and scour the stalls for that one-of-a-kind item that will make your friends green with envy and leave them questioning your impeccable taste!

Now, brace yourselves, for the showstopper is about to take the stage. Ladies and gentlemen, behold the magnificent tractors! We're talking powerful engines, towering wheels, and the unmistakable roar that can only come from these mechanical marvels. Get up close and personal with these modern-day giants and experience firsthand the rush of being in the driver's seat. It's an adventure you won't want to miss!

Feeling peckish? Fear not, for the Cake Stall awaits to satisfy your sweet tooth cravings. Indulge in a delightful array of homemade goodies, from mouthwatering cupcakes to sinfully delicious brownies. We've heard whispers of secret family recipes and baking competitions between the local grandmas. Sample to your heart's content and prepare to be transported to a sugar-coated paradise!

But the delights don't stop there, my friends. Fashionistas, prepare to have your wardrobes revolutionised at the Designer Clothes Stall. Discover a curated collection of pre-loved garments, lovingly curated by fashion-forward locals. Who says style has to break the bank? At Cherington Village Fete, you can strut your stuff in designer threads without emptying your piggy bank. Trust us, it's a fashionista's dream come true!

Now, we can't forget the Tombola Stall. It's a game of chance, anticipation, and maybe even a sprinkle of luck. Will you be the lucky winner of that exquisite hamper or charming trinket? Only one way to find out! Roll up your sleeves, grab your lucky charm, and prepare for the thrill of the Tombola. It's a nail-biting experience that will keep you on the edge of your seat!

And finally, my weary friends, when you're ready to unwind and bask in the tranquil beauty of the Cotswolds, the Tea Tent is your haven. Sip on a steaming cup of tea, and savour the delightful taste of homemade cakes . It's the epitome of British tradition and the perfect way to recharge your batteries amidst the hustle and bustle of the fete.

And let's not forget the charm of Cherington itself. Nestled in the heart of the Cotswolds, this idyllic village is a sight to behold. Picture-perfect cottages with stone roofs, winding country lanes, and friendly locals with smiles as warm as the summer sun. The fete is not just an event, it's a celebration of community, where laughter echoes through the fields and memories are made that will last a lifetime.

So, my dear readers, make sure to mark July 23rd on your calendar with a big, bold circle. Join us at the Cherington Village Show from 1pm to 5pm for an afternoon filled with laughter, surprises, and the chance to experience the enchantment of the Cotswolds. With the Book Stall, Bric-a-Brac Stall, tractors, Cake Stall, Designer Clothes Stall, Tombola Stall, and Tea Tent, Children's Games, Bouncy Castle, this fete promises to be an unforgettable experience for young and old alike.

Remember, the Cherington Village Fete is not just an event, it's a gateway to joy, laughter, and the magic of community. So gather your loved ones, invite your friends, and let the merriment unfold. We can't wait to see you there, ready to create cherished memories and share a day of laughter and happiness. Prepare to be amazed, Cherington awaits you with open arms and a fete like no other!

Bring your cash and be prepared to help us raise funds towards our village hall and the church. The Show costs just £2 per car, payable in cash in the two car parks, one at either end of the village. Some stalls this year will have a card machine which is great news for any larger purchases you are tempted by!

Can you tell we're excited about it? We hope you are too!

Zac Curtis



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.

Puzzle Corner

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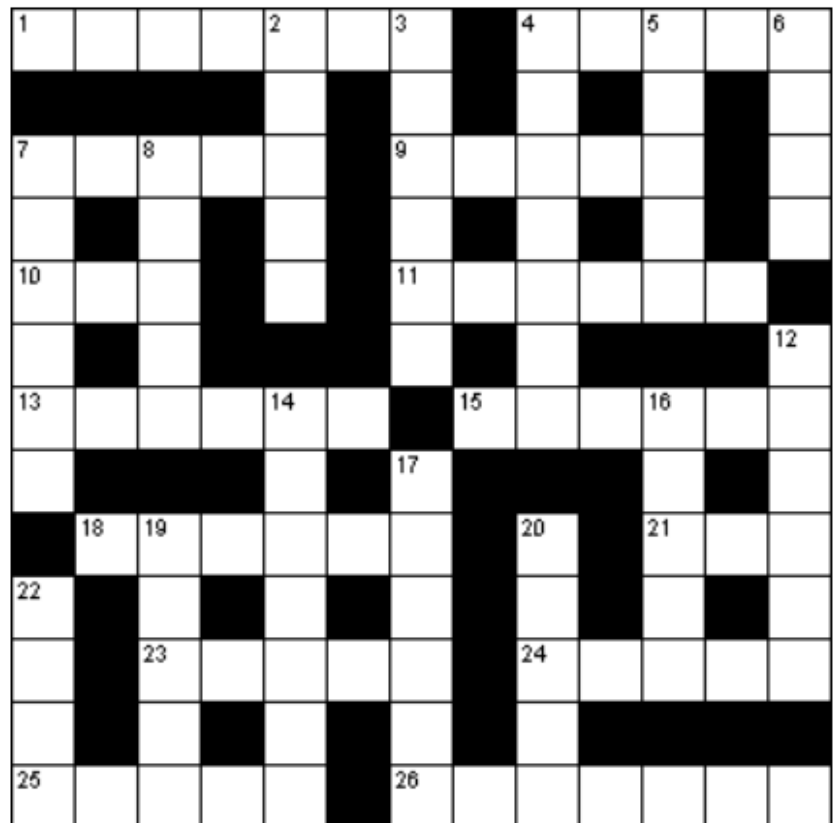
Sudoku

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 35

Across

1. French variety of green bean (7)
4. Pickled flower buds used as a relish (5)
7. Baking chocolate, milk and sugar (5)
9. Powdery substance used in cooking (5)
10. Cereal grass seed (3)
11. Main course (6)
13. Edible nut (6)
15. Plant grown as a salad (6)
18. Well-seasoned stew of meat and vegetables (6)
21. Hostelry (3)
23. Bourbon, sugar and mint over crushed ice (5)
24. Sponge without egg yolks, ___ cake (5)
25. Oval smooth-skinned fruit (5)
26. Oblong cream puffs (7)



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Down

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| 2. Marine molluscs served in chowder (5) | in a blender (5) | 17. Basic food (6) |
| 3. Sticky confection (6) | 6. Food grain (4) | 19. Firm-fleshed green-skinned pear (5) |
| 4. Small piece of toasted or fried bread (7) | 7. Breakfast food (6) | 20. Escargot (5) |
| 5. Food prepared by processing | 8. Dairy product (5) | 22. Consomme (4) |
| | 12. Aromatic herb (6) | |
| | 14. Pasta strips (7) | |
| | 16. Cake topping (5) | |

Gilian's Poem of the Month

Stars

Morning star light my way, and lead me to another day.
In the East, chase the night, as the darkness flees from light.
Evening star, burning bright, guide me safely into night.
In the West you pierce the skies, as the blazing sunset dies.
Stars of night spread high above, fill us with a wondrous love,
Watching o'er us while we sleep, all night long your vigil keep.....

Gilian Bulmer-Davison

Childrens Competition Workshop

Wed 19th July 3.30-6 pm

Cherington Village Hall



Animals Made Out of Vegetables! Decorated Wooden Spoon! Decorated Cupcake! Just some of the wonderful competitions at Cherington Show this year, Sunday 23rd July.

Not sure what to enter – don't have all the gear at home? Fear not – every year we run a children's workshop to help you write your poems, decorate your wooden spoon, make a painting with vegetable cutters, and of course the wonderful picture made from pasta.

So bring your children along and we can make a mess and make some prize winning show entries together 3.30-6pm Wednesday 19th July at Cherington Village Hall. All welcome, materials will be provided. For more info please contact Christine on 07790659339. Prizes and cups at the show – no entrance fee for children's competitions.



Take a look at www.cheringtonshow.com for details on how to enter and all the competition categories. Good Luck kids!!!



Avening School

A sporty sprint to the end of term

We were incredibly proud of our Kestrels (y1/2) and Owls (y5/6) pupils this month, who had entered stories for Greening Tetbury's Eco-Flash Short Story Competition. Three of our pupils won prizes and were invited to the Tetbury Goods Shed where their stories were read out to a public audience. All stories were on display for people to read and enjoy and the judges were incredibly impressed at the high standard of the writing submitted by our pupils.



The winners of the Eco-Flash Short Story competition

There is plenty of sport happening both in and out of school this term. The Hawks class (y3/4) will take part in a cricket festival at Sir William Romney's School and our y3/4 cricketers also have a tournament later on in the month at Cirencester Cricket ground. In addition to this, we have our annual school sports morning up at the playing fields and also our whole school sponsored walk to look forward to next month, raising essential funds for our school.

FOAS did us proud as always by organising a fantastic bear hunt again this year, which took place on Saturday 17th June. Thank you to everyone involved from the organisers, to the bear sponsors to the people who took part in the hunt of the day. It was an **unbearable** success!



Mrs Rushton (Head) and Mr Wilkinson (senior teacher) attended a recent conference where they met children's poet and author Michael Rosen and he signed some books for our school.

With only a few weeks to go left of the academic year, the school are preparing to bid a fond farewell to our year 6 pupils as well as welcome a new intake of reception children, who will join us this term to get used to the school environment, children and staff before starting officially in September. Each class will also have 'move-through' days in their

new classes towards the end of term to give them a taste of their new year-groups for September.

Before the end of term, the year 6 leavers have their tea party, a disco and their leavers' assembly to look forward as they look forward to their next stage of their educational journey. We wish them all a fun packed few weeks left at Avening School and a wonderful transition to secondary school in September.

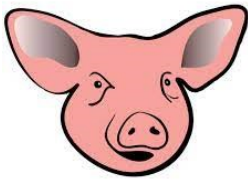
Alex Adcock

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TONY'S CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS
THE BELL, AVENING
1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
£2 A PLAYER: A MAXIMUM OF 4 PLAYERS PER TEAM
ALL PROCEEDS TO THE COBALT APPEAL, CHELTENHAM

Pig Face Day – Sunday 17 September 2023



Well, I've been going on about the significance of Pig Face Day for so long that it was inevitable that the Parish Council would ask me to organise it. Fortunately, I've already had a great deal of support from many of our village organisations, so the day will probably pan out something like this:

Family friendly Church Service

The Avening Singers

Queen Matilda: The Play by Avening School

The Avening Silver Band

Hog Roast and ales courtesy of the Bell Inn

Refreshments courtesy of the Avening WI

Angel Ices of Gloucester

Mel Young did an excellent job as master of ceremonies at the Coronation Celebrations, and I'm delighted that she has agreed to help me out with this venture. It would be marvellous if other Avening organisations became involved in some way, so if there is an appetite to arrange a fancy dress competition for the children that would be very welcome. Prizes for the best home-made King William and Queen Matilda costumes? Also, perhaps someone would like to organise a raffle in aid of those not as fortunate as ourselves, I'm thinking of Ukraine.

So I would like to hear from you, and any other ideas to make the celebration a success would be very welcome. Please email me at: rblindley@aol.com

Roger Lindley

QUEEN MATILDA: THE PLAY



How did she resolve the 1068 immigration crisis?

How did she deal with the Dukes of Sussex and York?

What is the relevance of Stinking Bishop cheese?

Avening School have all the answers.

Memorial Hall

Sunday 17th September 2023

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Avening Playgroup

We are approaching that time of year, again, when we will have to say goodbye to the children who are leaving us to start school in September. It is always a sad time, as we get closer to the end of the summer term but I know the children are very excited to be starting school. We wish them and their families all the best and hope that their school experience will be a very happy one.

At the end of June, we also had to say a very sad farewell to our Deputy Early Years Manager, Liz. Liz is leaving the playgroup to work as a 1 to 1 Learning Support Worker at Nympsfield Primary School. She has been at the playgroup for four years and we thank her for all she has done during her time with us. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best in her new position. We are now recruiting for a new deputy but Shannon will be Acting Deputy for the time being.



The new Wendy house

During June the focus areas were:

Physical Development – children joined in with the phsi-gym activity, played outdoor games and completed the obstacle course. The children had fun trying to balance on the beams and crawl through the tunnel. For the fine motor control movements, the children did a lot of cutting and sticking, as well as threading beads and buttons onto string.

Mini Beasts – The children have been colouring in pictures of different mini-beasts and trying to draw their own. They have been looking for mini-beasts in the garden and ticking these off on their mini beast hunt sheets. We also played different mini beast games – matching mini beasts to their ideal habitat. The children also enjoyed moving like mini beasts in different ways.

We have also followed the children's interests, looking at and talking about their favourite Super Mario characters. They have been colouring in pictures of the different characters – Mario and Princess Peach seemed to be among the favourites.



The children have been making Father's Day cards, colouring in rockets then sticking them onto a card and drawing stars and the moon next to it.

On Tuesday we took delivery of some caterpillars. The children are really interested in them and were surprised how small they were. A couple of days later and they have already grown quite a bit! We are looking forward to watching the caterpillars grow further and change into butterflies.

The playgroup has recently purchased a Wendy house to replace the old one, which was rotting and let the rain in. Thank you to Krista and family for organising that and taking the old one down.

We have spaces left for September 2023, so if you would like more information about the

playgroup or to place your child on our waiting list, please call Angie 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.

We are recruiting a Deputy Early Years Manager

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If you are interested or would like more information, please contact our Chair, Krista Jones, at aveningplaygroup.chair@gmail.com. Avening Playgroup is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants will need to provide right to work in the UK documentation, undertake an enhanced DBS check, and provide two references



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Avening WI

Summer has definitely arrived but AWI members are not sitting in the shade; we have been as busy as usual.

In late May our new theatre group got under way with a visit to the Barn Theatre to see Noel Coward's 'Private Lives'. While everyone agreed that the venue was really good, reaction to the play was mixed, some really enjoying it, others finding it 'over the top' or 'dark and depressing'.

On a lovely sunny day in early June a group visited Brockworth Court House and Gardens, open as part of the National Open Gardens scheme. The Medieval Manor house was once the residence of the Prior of Llanthony Secunda Priory, Gloucester. We had a fascinating guided tour of the house, wandered freely around the lovely gardens, completing the afternoon with a delicious



afternoon tea in the impressive tithe barn. This outing was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Each year in June three local WIs get together for a Group Meeting, where we socialise, enjoy delicious food and have a guest speaker. This year it was our turn to host Tetbury and Kemble & Ewen WIs in the Memorial Hall. We were very pleased to welcome as our speaker, Charles Sabine OBE from the Hidden No More Foundation, which campaigns to raise awareness of Huntington's disease, an incurable, inherited brain disease. Charles showed his moving and inspirational film 'Dancing at the Vatican', which tells the story of how some families affected by Huntington's disease, travelled to Rome to meet the Pope. We had very positive feedback after the meeting, many ladies not having heard of Huntington's disease and realising how important it is for us all to raise awareness and support the aims of the foundation 'to empower and enable patients and families facing Huntington's disease, to step out of the shadows of shame, stigma and fear'.

We had an Italian theme for the evening, the hall looking lovely decorated in red, white and green, with flower arrangements from members on the tables. The competition based on a map of Italy produced some varied interpretations and skillful craft work. We all enjoyed the wonderful Italian supper, prepared by AWI members.

In the coming weeks members will have the opportunity to visit the Botanic Gardens in Wales; run the Community Café; walk to the Tippet's Inn for lunch; compete in the Plate Competition at skittles; walk the fourth leg of the Cotswold Way; discuss 'The Marble Collector' by Celia Ahern at Book Club.

At our July meeting our speaker is Ian Cooper who will be telling us about 'The Other Michelangelo – The Life and Loves of Caravaggio'. Meetings are held in The Memorial Hall at 7.30 and visitors and prospective members are always welcome.

Bridget Seward

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



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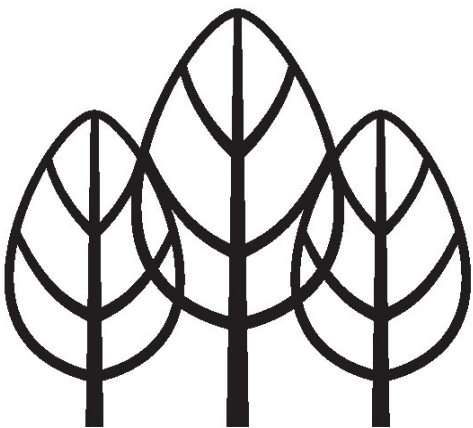


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Booked a package holiday? Worried about what to do if something goes wrong?

Hopefully you'll have a lovely time but if something does go wrong with your package holiday, the Citizens Advice website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk) has lots of information about what to do if something goes wrong with your holiday and what compensation you may be eligible for.

Firstly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible. This way you're more likely to be able to get it sorted quicker. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you originally booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one, if it wasn't sorted out at the time you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away, for example the hotel was a bus ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. This is called claiming for 'out-of-pocket expenses'. If this does happen make sure you keep all your receipts for things like bus journeys.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, for example a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. You can also make this claim if something happens that causes you distress or disappointment, such as the pool was closed for the whole trip.

It's worth noting that there's no strict guidance on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather.

Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance – check if your policy covers this.

If you're still not sure what to do, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline 0808 223 1133 or talk to an adviser online through the Citizens Advice website.

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 were pleased to welcome the return of Fergus on behalf of the Greening Tetbury group with lots of information about the green initiatives going on in the area. There was also a plant swap and 'eco raffle' for environmentally friendly products, to raise awareness for World Ocean Day. The raffle raised £22 towards Café charities. This years charities will be The DOOR and The Long Table (look out for donation pot at the Café).

Highlights for July

- July 4th** **Wimbledon theme** - "Anyone for Tennis?"
- July 11th** **World Chocolate Day theme** – celebrating all things chocolate. By popular demand **Tony Slater** returns to assist with your **IT queries**.
- July 18th** **Art with Mark** 9:30 to 11:30am, £3 per session, all materials provided
- July 25th** **Women's World Cup** – sweepstake

Also visit "Plants on the Wall" (High Street).

John Hetterley, for Avening Community Cafe

Avening Art Group



The Avening Art Group is an informal friendly group that meets weekly at Avening Park Farm (Celia's) on Wednesdays from 10 to 12. All budding artists are welcome to attend – further information available from the Community Cafe. There is also fortnightly tuition from Mark Kelland. Look forward to seeing you.

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Registration starts at £10. The registration fee includes entry to the race, a pair of sunglasses, a pouch of powder paint and a medal on finishing. Parking is free.

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Parish Council August Meeting

There will not be a Parish Council meeting in August. The Parish Council will continue to work behind the scenes.

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Planning Applications & Tree Works — Parish Councils Decision

New Planning Applications

23/01330/FUL: Willow House 21 Tetbury Hill Avening. Erection of single storey rear extension and associated works.

23/01857/TPO: The East Wing Avening House. Beech tree, 8m from the house. Raise crown of the beech tree from 7.5m to 10.5m above ground level by trimming twigs and small branches no larger than 50mm diameter to allow more light in the garden below.

Cotswold District Council Decision Notices

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) - No objection.

23/01766/TCONR: 2 Orchard Field Cypress. (T1) - Fell to allow more light into the garden and prevent potential damage to the dry stone wall next to the trunk – No Objection

23/01297/TCONR: 15 Tetbury Hill Mixed species (G1) - reduce the height of the trees to 10m above ground level to allow more light into the garden – No Objection

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- July 15 Comedy Club:** This month featuring the talents of Karen Bayley, Steve Day and back by popular demand one of all-time favourite MC's Cerys Nelmes! 8pm. Tickets £12.50
- July 28 Union of Strings:** acoustic folk-blues-rock duo of David John Lloyd and Chris Ongers offer a repertoire including Stereophonics, Paul Weller, The Foo Fighters, Prince and their own compositions. 7.30 Tickets £12.50

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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
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