

# The Villager

A Magazine for Avening,  
Cherington and Nags Head



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# October 2023

Many villages in the Cotswolds, and indeed, throughout the country, have their own special traditions, but none other than Avening have a 'Pig Face Day'; it is truly unique. It is wonderful that this event appears to have been celebrated on and off for the best part of 1,000 years - and the 2023 festivities on Sunday 17th September continued this tradition. There was a service in the church, the procession of the Pigs Head in the village and entertainment and pork sandwiches (plus veggie option) in the Memorial Hall. It may not have been as raucous as some previous ones - apparently, in the 1930s, buses from as far away as Swindon used to line the High Street, with revellers spilling out of the several pubs then in the village clutching their free brawn sandwich and pints of beer - but it was probably the first to include a specially written play, performed by children from Avening School. There are plenty of photos in the centre spread, while elsewhere in the magazine Roger Linley, who wrote the play and was the chief Pig Face Day co-ordinator, explains how he set about organising the event.

Events like these are what make living in a village fun and it is wonderful that so many people are prepared to participate in them. There is plenty going on in these villages, with something of interest for a range of ages and interests. Long may it continue!

There is not Parish Council Chairman's report this month as Patrick has been in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

*The Villager Editors*

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Many thanks to **Chris Redpath** for this great photo of the Tour of Britain passing through Avening. 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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**Cherington Village: [www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk)**

**Cotswold District Council: [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk)**

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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*

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st October	Youth Club	Avening Memorial Hall	6.30—8.00pm
Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st October	Community Café	Avening Social Club	9am—12 noon
Friday 3rd October	Fun Skittles	Avening Social Club	7.30pm onwards
Friday 6th October	Fun Skittles	Avening Social Club	7.30pm onwards
Sunday 8th October	Harvest Festival	Avening church	
Sunday 8th October	Avening Jumble Trail	Avening Village	11.00am—2.00pm
Saturday 14th October	Apple pressing	Avening Memorial Hall	11am—2pm
Saturday 14th October	Harvest Festival	Cherington Church	6pm
Wednesday 25th October	Cinema Club 'Empire of Light'	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 28th October	Haunted House Hunt	Starts at Avening Memorial Hall	3.00—7.00pm
Sunday 17th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	Holy Cross Church, Avening	7pm





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# Avening and Cherington Churches

During our summer holidays we have seen the tractors and trailers, the combines and the laden farm trucks. The hedgerows are full of sweet blackberries, hips and haws. It is a time to be grateful. On October 8th we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival in Avening church, giving thanks to God for the good things of this earth.

Many families are going through hard times right now. This is a message from Cirencester Food Bank.

*Thank you so much for all your support over the last year. We really appreciate everything you continue to do so we can ensure we make the greatest possible difference to people experiencing hardship across the southern Cotswold district area. Your continued support of Cirencester Foodbank, by collecting much needed food items, has ensured we can provide help and support to individuals in our community who are in crisis. We are so grateful of your partnership and continual generosity.*

*Last winter was our busiest period on record and, with the cost-of-living crisis continuing to impact more and more people, your help and assistance will be invaluable in providing support to people that need it over the winter.*

***Will you continue to work with us again to help make a difference in your area?*** Here is a list of items we are desperately in need of. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.: soup, Long-life milk, tinned fruit, rice pudding, chocolate spread, jam, peanut butter, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise , cereal bars, shampoo, baby shampoo, baby wash.

*(Thanks to your generosity, we have enough pasta, tinned tuna, baked beans and biscuits).*

*As we reflect on these extraordinary times together, we want to extend a huge thank you to everyone for your generous donations of food and support.*

Please join us at 10am on October 8th. We will be collecting for the Food Bank during the service.

***Elizabeth and Stephanie, Church Wardens***



## Harvest Celebration

There will be a celebration of harvest in Avening on Sunday 8th October. The church will be decorated with seasonal fruit, vegetables and flowers. Contributions will be gratefully received in the porch on Friday 6th or Saturday 7th



## Church Services

Date	Holy Cross, Avening	St. Nicholas, Cherington
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct.. 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00am	<b>Harvest Festival</b> Holy Communion Gifts for the food bank welcome	No Service
<b>Saturday</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 6 pm		<b>Harvest Festival</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00 am	Morning Prayer	No Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct. 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
29th Oct. 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00 am	<b>All Souls Service</b> When we remember the departed	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](mailto:buchanan.el@gmail.com).

## Donations to Avening Church



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# District Councillor's Report



One of the lovely aspects to this role is being able to bring people together. In travelling around the ward, I make lots of contacts, and because my details are publicly available, people come to me as well. In the last few weeks, I have been able to match an existing Parish Clerk with a vacancy in another parish, which has benefitted both parties. In a more unusual case, a domestic parrot had escaped and was found after several days 'on the run' – I was contacted by the finder and was able to facilitate a happy ending with 'Alfie' safely returned home.

**At CDC:** The leader confirmed that CDC was currently in a good financial position, but in the coming years difficult decisions would mean some non-statutory services would change and some would cease, to avoid problems recently seen in Birmingham. Despite receiving a petition signed by more than 1,000 people, initiated by the opposition group of councillors, the majority group voted to uphold their decision to stop grants to Visitor Information Centres in the CDC area. Some will be able to adapt to finding alternative income sources, but some will inevitably close. This will save a rather modest £54,000.

Also relating to tourism, a review is being commissioned into public toilets. A report will be presented to the Overview & Scrutiny group into locations and usage, and I have volunteered to lead a piece of work on the future of these assets. My aim is to ensure the Cotswolds retain and improve these essential facilities.

A motion was presented on how to improve water saving measures in new build houses – this was unanimously approved, but I suggested it should be made even stronger.

Issues within the planning department have been confirmed, especially in the Enforcement team – a new officer has recently been appointed to help, but there are several vacancies.

There is a photo competition running until mid-October to showcase the beauty and variety of the Cotswolds – see the CDC website or Facebook for details.

**Banking in Tetbury:** In a previous update you may recall that I formally approached Link with a view to establishing a banking hub in Tetbury. Following their thorough review, they responded 'the current level of access to cash provision being assessed as being suitable for the community and therefore a new solution is not considered to be necessary in this location'.

**Avening & Cherington:** I attended my first PC meeting in Cherington as ward councillor and was made most welcome. Councillors highlighted some erroneous road markings around the Cherington Forge area, which (amongst several other suggested improvements in the district) I will pick up with Highways when I meet with them.

Avening PC meetings often clash with CDC meetings meaning that I partially or



completely miss many of these. The PC have resolved to move their meetings to the second Wednesday in the month so that I am able to attend. The police and planning officers have been asked to visit the site manager of the Playgroup area development again due to parking issues caused by contractors.

The issue of constantly barking dogs has been raised to me by several residents, especially when owners let their pets out at night, or when left alone for long periods. Please take steps to minimise disturbance to neighbours.

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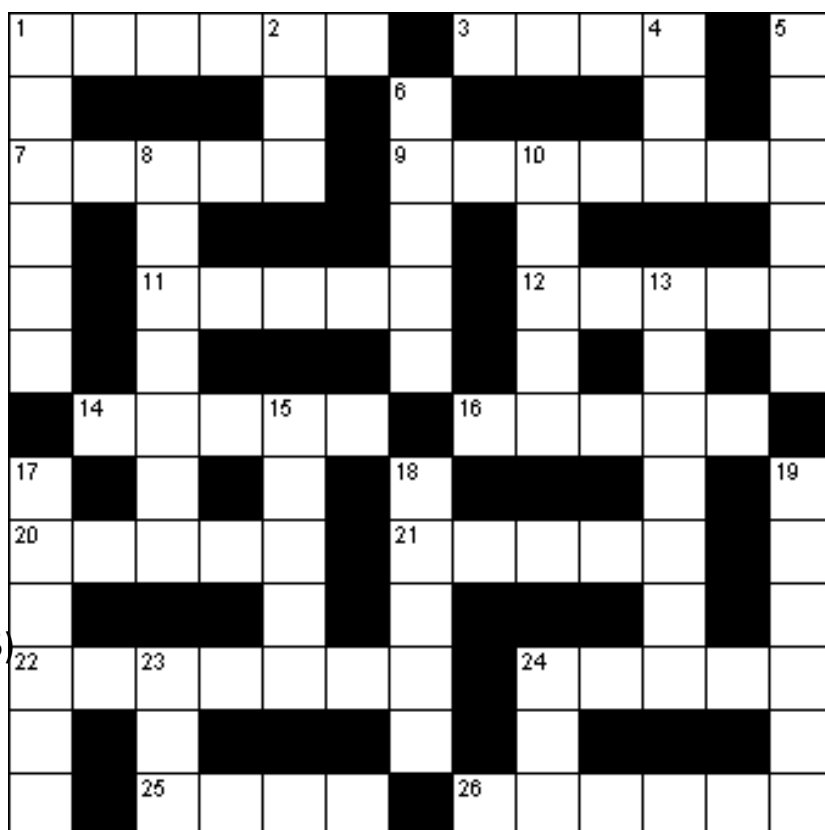
## Sudoku

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. Long-tailed primate (6)
3. Crustacean (4)
7. Large wading bird (5)
9. Burrowing rodent (7)
11. Large ungulate with fleshy snout (5)
12. Could be a Bactrian or dromedary (5)
14. Large Asian feline (5)
16. Short-legged omnivorous animals (5)
20. Plant pest (5)
21. Young nocturnal bird of prey (5)
22. Large American butterfly (7)
24. Doglike mammal (5)
25. Aquatic bird (4)
26. Tropical American arboreal



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## Down

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Shellfish (6)               | 8. Large flightless bird (7) | (6)                      |
| 2. Moose (3)                   | 10. Parrot (5)               | 18. Lepidopterons (5)    |
| 4. Nocturnal mammal (3)        | 13. Sirenian mammal (7)      | 19. African antelope (6) |
| 5. Aquatic or land reptile (6) | 15. Type of duck (5)         | 23. Old horse (3)        |
| 6. Carnivorous fish (5)        | 17. Large food and game fish | 24. Pig (3)              |





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# Gilian's Poem of the Month

I had an idyllic rural childhood, albeit during W.W.2., roaming the countryside around the Herts./Bucks. borders with my brothers, Michael and Geoffrey, (5 and 10 years older than me), and various dogs and ponies. Michael and I were often to be found at Coldharbour Farm, just down the lane, where Mr. and Mrs. Green welcomed us with open arms. They had no children of their own, and all their workers had joined the army, leaving them to run their mixed farm with only one landgirl, Vera. So Michael and I were given many small but useful tasks, ie. feeding the cats, dogs, chickens, piglets and calves, collecting the eggs, bringing the cows in and out for milking etc. But from the age of 5 to 7 or so, my favourite job was to 'help' Vera with the Saturday milkround.....

## The Milkround

Up with the lark, whatever the weather,  
Snow, rain or shine we were out with the dawn.  
No school today, and the long weekend beckons,  
As we skip down the lane on our way to the farm.  
There in the cow byre Vera is waiting,  
Milking just done and the cows keen to go  
Back to the meadow where fresh grass awaits them  
As we usher them out to the pastures below.  
Out in the orchard old Nobby is grazing,  
But he whickers a welcome and comes to our call.  
We slip on a halter, a leg-up from Vera.  
And I'm astride his broad back, with no fear of a fall!  
I ride to the yard where the milk float stands ready,  
We brush Nobby down, buckle harness and rein,  
Then climb on the float, up to the high seat,  
"Walk on old Nobby" and we're off down the lane!  
Nobby trots on to the start of the village  
Where Vera gets down, leaves the reins in MY hands!  
And as Vera delivers the milk to each household,  
I call "walk on Nobby, 'cos I'm in command!"  
Of course wise old Nobby knows just what he's doing,  
Knows the whole round, every stop, every start,  
But I sit on the high seat, surveying my kingdom,  
Fondly believing I'm driving the cart!  
Then when we come to the edge of the village,  
Vera climbs up, but leaves ME with the reins!

This time I really am driving old Nobby,  
As we trot home in style down the quiet country lanes.  
Back at the farmyard Michael is waiting,  
I relinquish the reins and jump down from my seat,  
I run round to Nobby, to kiss his soft muzzle,  
Give apple and carrot, a well-deserved treat.  
Then Michael helps Vera to unharnessed Nobby,  
We give him a drink, and a bucket of feed,  
As Vera takes Nobby back down to the orchard,  
Michael and I set off home up the road.  
Reaching our house, our parents are waiting,  
I can't wait to tell all that's happened to me!  
As we sit round the table, hungry and happy,  
Enjoying late breakfast and a hot cup of tea,,,,,,,,,

*Gilian Bulmer-Davison*

### **Community Pill Pack Collection**

With regret, the collection of used pill packs will cease from the end of October. The pharmacy chain which recycles these has become much stricter about bulk donations, insisting that only personal donations can be accepted for health and safety reasons.

If you are a visitor to Stroud or Cheltenham, you will be able to continue recycle personally at Superdrug (both in the respective High Streets) - only Superdrug branches which have a pharmacy offer this service and these are the only two branches locally which do.

The collection box outside Church Farm Barn will remain until the end of October and I'll ensure that all packs added will be recycled. In 2023 so far, an impressive 10kg has been saved from landfill or incineration, so thank you to all who have been adding to the collection.

*Julia Tu*

### **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.



## Pig Face Day — The Challenge

How to get Pig Face Day kick-started after a gap of five years? The Parish Council Chairman implies there is little interest in a Church festivity, it's meant to be held on even years, no-one wants to take it on, and there's no money. Where to start?

It will be September, it could rain, so safer to be mostly indoors. Yes, the Hall is available. If children come, so will their parents: I'll ask the Head if the school would put on a short play. Great, yes if I will write it.. OK. Food and drink: the Bell will open early, the WI will do all their usual refreshments plus traditional pork and apple baps, and Dave will bring his ice cream van. It's now looking good, but we must have the Singers and the Band, they will sound great inside the hall. Both onside, excellent.

Someone needs to pull all this together. Mel Young did a great job for the Coronation... yes, she's up for it, with her sound system for music and the play, perfect. She's rounding up all the village organisations and producing publicity posters too, now we're talking! I'll do a monthly input to the Villager, that goes to every household, it's a good read so everyone will be aware of the date. The bell ringers will remind everyone on the day too, excellent.

Next, produce an admin order and arrange a meeting for the main players.. amazing, we've now got the bonus of traditional games and a cake stall, plus a pig's head on order. Nigel Bowsher's going to do the photography, and Michael Metcalfe's agreed to carry the pig's head and lead a procession from the church to the hall, brilliant. With the Singers following to the tune of Scarborough Fair, and the congregation plus children in fancy dress, that's a useful link between the church and hall celebrations.

All good, I can relax: with this fantastic level of support it can only be a resounding success. The school will explain the origins of Pig Face Day, villagers will enjoy an inexpensive Sunday lunch, and our organisations and charities will benefit from the fund-raising. It will be such fun that if it rains, nobody will care!

*Roger Lindley*



### ALL SOULS SERVICE IN AVENING CHURCH

A reflective service in which we remember family and friends who are no longer with us.



If you have a small pebble or stone that you can bring with you it will help the service write the name or names of the person you wish to remember on it .

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# Avening School

## Welcome to a New Term

We are well and truly back into the swing of things here at Avening School, with the children settled into their new classes and our new reception pupils enjoying their very first term of school.

With every new term, comes a new class topic. This term, the Eagles class (r) will be learning about each other in their focus on 'All About Me', while the Kestrels (y1/2) are travelling back in time for their topic on the 'Great Fire of London'. Up in KS2, the learning takes on a scientific theme with the Hawks (y3/4) focusing on the human body in their topic 'Feeling Fit', while the Owls Class (y5/6) take inspiration from Roald Dahl's classic book 'George's Marvellous Medicine' for their topic 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'.

The School Library has re-opened for the new academic year with plenty of new books for everyone to enjoy thanks to the generosity of parents and families who sponsored a book at the school summer fete. Don't forget, if you visit Fledglings pre-school sessions on Friday afternoons, you are very welcome to come and borrow a book from the school library at 3.15pm every Friday.

The Owls class are gearing up for their residential trip to South Cerney Outdoor Education Centre at the end of September, where they will take part in water-based activities such as paddle boarding and raft building. It is always a great way for the children to get to know each other as they embark on their final year(s) at primary school.

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective new families as well as our current ones to our open mornings over the next few weeks. This year, we have decided to give everyone two dates to choose from to view our school, on the mornings of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone is welcome to join us on those dates between 9am and 12 noon.

**Alex Adcock**

*For more information about this busy place of learning, please see our school website: [www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk)*

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Do you think you would like to sing but haven't dared try?

Would you like to take part in upcoming village events like carol singing around Avening, the Christmas Fair and the Christmas Carol Service?

Avening's own choir, the Avening Singers, is starting rehearsals for these events and is looking for recruits. No experience is necessary and there are no auditions; everyone is welcome. Just come along to a rehearsal to see what fun we have.

Please contact Derrick (07762 702982), Jane (07812 137161), or our new Musical Director Donia (07834 860809)

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# Avening Playgroup

A big welcome to all the children just starting at Avening Playgroup and also a big welcome back to those children returning to the setting for the autumn term. So far, this term we have been helping the children to settle in, Playgroup so that they can become familiar with the equipment and resources on offer to them. We are also encouraging them to follow the playgroup routine.



Before the summer holidays, we were informed that we have been granted some money by the Parish Council. This has been put towards some new resources for the

children. They have thoroughly enjoyed role play and story activities with the new castle and police station!



Our Chair, Krista, has been busy trying to recruit new parents for our committee. Avening Playgroup is a charity and as such it needs to have a committee of volunteers to run it. We are required, as part of the Charity Commission rules, to have a full committee with a chair, treasurer and secretary, including a certain

percentage of parents with children at the playgroup. Without this, the playgroup would not be able to open. The committee meets for approximately 1 ½ hours every other month to organise fund-raising opportunities and to ensure the playgroup runs effectively. We are looking forward to welcoming the new members onto the committee.

A big thank you to the staff and committee who helped at the Pig Face Day celebrations. Although rain stopped play, there were still lots of people willing to participate and determined to win a coconut or toss the





rings on the quoits pegs.

If you have a child who will be three years old during the coming school year and you would like them to join our playgroup, please contact us on 01453 832695 or email us at [aveningplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.com).

**Angie Heslop**

## Church Floodlighting



The church was lit on:

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

In loving memory of "Dick" (Richard Chapman), who passed away 7 years ago.

Always in our thoughts and words. You are missed every single day and we love and miss you very much.

I hope you are looking after Mum (Angela Kerry) up there as she was the best.

Kris, Rob, Kane, Ellie and Ralph XXX

The church looks beautiful at night when floodlit.

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# Avening WI

In August Avening WI had their usual summer break. We did, however, have our summer social. We were treated to a delicious tea and a lovely relaxed afternoon in Wendy and Bob Jennings' beautiful garden on a warm, sunny day. Shirley Hand provided the entertainment with one of her famous quizzes. She had hand drawn picture clues which were placed around the garden and the answers were names of places on a map of Gloucestershire. Some were easy but others took a great deal of head scratching to solve them.

At our September meeting we welcomed our speaker, Stella Stonestreet. Stella is an author and her talk was entitled 'Writing, Research and Rabbit Holes', giving an amusing insight into how she writes her novels. She was very enthusiastic about her writing and the enjoyment she gets from researching her subject. She welcomed and answered the many questions asked by members and suggested that everyone try writing a book. She read some passages from two of her books 'How Flora Finds Her Fabulous' and 'Ready For Fabulous' which are set in the 1970s. She had brought along some books which she signed for members who purchased them.



A few members visited Rodmarton Manor 'Crafts Alive' event which showcased arts and crafts made by members of the Gloucester Guild. There were many amazing items on show made by very talented people and beautifully displayed in this lovely 'Arts and Craft' house. Once again it was a sunny day so a wander around the garden, tea and cake rounded off a most enjoyable afternoon.

Our skittles team are doing well and, having beaten Winstone WI in the first round of the GFWI Plate competition, were immediately propelled into the semifinal against Rudford WI. They won this game and now play the final against Kilcot and Gorsley WI in October.

A date for your diary - On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Avening WI is hosting 'Shirley's Quiz'. This will take place at the Social Club 7pm for 7.30 start. Teams consist of four players and the cost will be £5 per person to include a light ploughman's supper. There is no need to book, just turn up on the night. The chosen charity to receive a donation from the quiz is 'Allsorts Gloucestershire' a user-led organisation that supports families of children and young people with any disability or additional need. They offer a wide range of activities for the whole family with an emphasis on having fun and supporting each other.

For our next meeting, on October 12<sup>th</sup>, we have invited Rick Minter and Frank

Tunbridge to give a talk entitled 'Big Cats in Gloucestershire'. Rick Minter used to work for a government agency concerned with managing the countryside. Whilst working he had a chance encounter with a big cat. Now, many years later, he has met over a thousand witnesses and he networks with many people who have experiences in this subject. He writes about Britain's big cats and gives talks and briefings on the topic. He also makes a podcast entitled 'Big Cat Conversations.' Local sightings of big cats have occurred on Rodborough Common and in Tetbury.

At this meeting AWI will be celebrating their 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday with cheese and wine. Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm and visitors and prospective members are always welcome. For more information please contact our secretary Helen at [aveningwi@gmail.com](mailto:aveningwi@gmail.com) or president Liz on 01453 833803

**Andrea Thomas**

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We are appealing for new volunteers from all backgrounds who are looking for a volunteering role that is both challenging and rewarding. We are looking for people who can give 8-10 hours per week, and are currently recruiting for the following roles:

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

**Volunteer Advisers.** You will give advice and information (face to face, by telephone and email) to clients on a wide range of problems. No prior advice experience is necessary as full training will be given. Information sessions for volunteer advisers will take place on 18 October 2023 (2-3.30pm) in Stroud and on 8 November 2023 (1-2.30 pm) in Cirencester. Our next training programme will start on 24 January 2024.

Elizabeth Hall, our Chief Executive Officer said:

"Now more than ever, you can really make a difference by volunteering with us. We're seeing more and more people needing support as living costs spiral. As well as helping the local community, we know people who volunteer their time get a lot back. We'll give you all the training you need and would love to hear from you."

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](mailto:training@ca-scd.org.uk). You can also find further information on our website [www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk).

If you cannot access the website or need further help after looking at it, you can contact us on 0808 800 0510 or email using the form on our local website ([www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk)).



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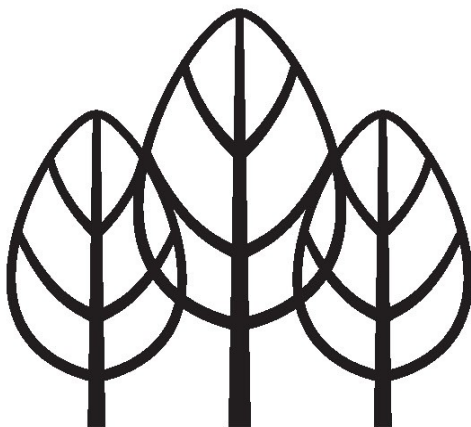
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# Avening Community Café

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**Every Tuesday morning in the Social Club from 9am.**  
**Mobile Post Office on site from 9:30 – 11:30.**

Congratulations to the winners of the women's world cup sweepstake: 1<sup>st</sup> Sandra (Spain), 2<sup>nd</sup> Caroline (England), 3<sup>rd</sup> Frances (Sweden) and 4<sup>th</sup> Gill (Australia). Watch this space for the winners of the rugby world cup sweepstake!

The school holidays saw the welcome return of Angie for story time with our younger members and we were delighted to welcome new visitors. This included groups of walkers dropping into the Café for refreshments on their walks around Avening and surrounding area along with ramblers from Bath returning for a second year. Surplus garden produce including beans, tomatoes, cucumbers and rhubarb were generously donated this month by Café gardeners for our customers to help themselves, for the price of a small donation to our nominated charities.

## October Highlights

- 10th: "2-4-1" drinks for everyone (bring your friends/neighbours)
- 17th: Apple Day theme plus Art with Mark (£3, all materials supplied)
- 24th: Litter Pick (meet at 9:30)
- 31st: Halloween theme (free cakes for everyone in fancy dress!)  
"Made in Avening" Crafts (Christmas present ideas!)

*John Hetterley, for Avening Community Cafe*

## 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

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# Cookery Corner

## Rumtopf

October is a great month to kick off a Rumtopf, a delicious, boozy German fruit compote steeped in rum, to be enjoyed from Christmas onwards. The summer's ripe fruit along with oranges, clementines etc as they come into season can be added to the pot, along with sugar and additional dark rum when required, keeping the compote going for months on end.



The traditional Rumtopf is decorative ceramic like that shown on the right, but we have found that these can leak and a large Kilner jar (or similar, with closure) works just as well (if not better). Sterilise the container by washing in warm water and heating it to about 105°C. The fruit should be in good condition without any mould and should be washed and allowed to dry first.

To a bottle of dark rum (traditional unflavoured), add 275g of sugar per 500g of added fruit. Stir the mix but don't worry if the sugar doesn't immediately dissolve, it will eventually. All the fruit should be covered by the liquid.

Nearly all types of fruit can be added but we have found from experience that the following work well: clementines/satsumas (peeled, whole or segmented), strawberries/raspberries (hulled), seedless grapes (these become very strongly flavoured), other berries, apple/pear (peeled, cored and sliced), cherries (stoned), apricots (dried or fresh, stoned), plums (stoned and slices), peaches (stoned, sliced) and walnuts. We recently experimented with tinned pineapple (drained) which was delicious and you could try adding a cinnamon stick or two or star anise (optional). Banana is not recommended.

Leave the jar in a dark(ish) cupboard for at least two–three months (if you are adding to the original mix, try to avoid taking fruit that hasn't been in the liquid for this amount of time). Enjoy with ice cream, cream, pancakes or whatever you like.

**Julia Tu**

*If anyone has a recipe that they would like to share, seasonal or otherwise, please do it send it along to us.*

## 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. We look forward to seeing you.



# AVENINGCINEMA CLUB



**WEDNESDAY 25th OCTOBER**

**Doors open 7pm. Film starts 7.30pm. Interval halfway  
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Family support charity Home-Start Cotswolds are delighted to announce that their popular postnatal group, 'Baby and Me', is returning to Tetbury!

The group, which is for parents with babies aged up to 6 months, is a great opportunity to build your confidence as a parent, share experiences and learn more about your baby's development. Each week we cover a different topic (such as feeding, play and communication, baby massage and sleep), in a friendly and supportive environment.

'Baby and Me' will be held weekly at Christ Church, Tetbury, GL8 8ET, 10.30am to 12 noon on Thursdays, from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 23<sup>rd</sup> November (not 2<sup>nd</sup> November). To reserve your place, please call 01285 885391 or email [groups@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk](mailto:groups@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk)

# Letter to the Editor

We made the decision to visit Avening Church with a friend who used to teach teachers how to teach history. Our friend is a voracious student and investigator of all that tells us about the past and he shares that passion with his wife. They were not disappointed by the helping of high quality heritage we find in Holy Cross church.

I doubt that you'd expect to be held responsible for what has been handed down to us in such richness, but what you *should* take credit for is the enormous pleasure to be had by just being in the churchyard and in the church. To sit outside the North Door and just take in the scene, is to survey a patch of land still beautifully cared for and looked after. The quality of loving and competent attention the church and churchyard receive is very obvious and it speaks volumes of your devotion and skill.

Thank you for making it such a lovely place to bask in.

**Terry**

## Would you walk barefoot over broken glass for Longfield?



Feel the exhilaration of slipping off your shoes and walking across a river of broken glass – and dare a friend to do it with you! Then stroll through our winter wonderland Christmas fair, where you can stock up on beautiful hand-made crafts, enjoy festive refreshments and meet Santa. Entry to the fair is free, but if you'd like to take the ice walk challenge, you'll need to pay a registration fee of £25 and find at least £75 in sponsorship. Register on the Longfield website: [longfield.org.uk/icewalk](http://longfield.org.uk/icewalk). This event will take place at Longfield Community Hospice in Minchinhampton.

Also coming Up....

10<sup>th</sup> December, Minchinhampton: Light Up A Life memorial celebration  
January 2024 : Christmas tree collections



*Longfield is a Community Hospice for the people of Gloucestershire. As well as providing Hospice at Home care, Longfield also offers a range of therapy and support services for patients, families and carers at the Wellbeing Centre in Minchinhampton. 85% of our funding comes from the generosity of the public. For media enquiries, please contact Melanie Palmer [melanie.palmer@longfield.org.uk](mailto:melanie.palmer@longfield.org.uk) or call 01453 886868*

# Puzzle Answers

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# Avening Parish Council



## **Parish Council Meeting**

It has been decided to trial holding Parish Council meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 7pm. The next meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## **Construction Vehicles**

Following a number of complaints regarding construction vehicles parking on the pavements and generally causing disruption. The police have request that residents take the registration number of the vehicles and report it on 101 – non emergency line.

## **Parish Council Grants**

To enable the Parish Council to prepare the budget for financial year starting April 2024. The Parish would like all grant applications to be submitted before October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

## **Parish Council Vacancy**

There remains a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in this role, please contact the Clerk for further information.

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

23/02690/LBC: 25 Point Road. Replacement of front elevation windows. No comment

23/02645/FUL: Quietways West End. Erection of a two-storey side extension. No comment

23/02344/COMPLY8: Woodstock Lane. Compliance with conditions 3 (render sample panel), 4 (render type), 5 (material samples) and 6 (window and door details) of permission 22/02043/FUL and conditions 2 (sample panel), 3 (render type), 5 (materials) and 6 (windows and doors) of consent 22/02044/LBC - Erection of single storey extension, internal alterations, relocation of roof-light and replacement of roof-light frames. No comment

23/02627/LBC: Old Nags Head Nags Head Lane. Repair and replacement of flood damage on the ground flood including the demolishment of stud walls. Demolish existing rear porch. Refurbishment of first floor bathroom and removal of stud wall. Replacement of front elevation windows. Demolish and rebuild garden walls and other associated works

23/02646/TCONR: Folly House 22 Point Road Yew (T1) - reduce the crown from 9m to 6m in height and from 6m to 4m in radial spread. Raise the crown to 2.5m above ground level. This is to allow more light in to the house. No comment

## **New Planning Applications since the Publication of the Agenda**

23/02801/CLEUD: 48 High Street. Certificate of Lawful Use, Change of business use to a residential dwelling. No Comment.

## **Cotswold District Council Decision Notices**

23/00898/FUL12: Star Lane Demolition of existing detached garage. Erection of new detached dwelling with associated works - Application Refused

23/02300/TCONR: 19 Tetbury Hill Lawson cypress (T1): raise the crown to 2.3m above ground level and reduce the height 11m to 8m above ground level (down to the previous pruning points). - No objection

23/00991/FUL: 1 Hampton Hill. Erection of single storey side extension and installation of timber gates to existing vehicular access. - Application Permitted  
23/00500/FUL: 4 Sandford Leaze Loft conversion with addition of rear dormer and associated works - Application Refused

### Neighbourhood Policing Team

PC Chris Pritchard; PCSO Edmund Maina  
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### Potholes

Report the potholes directly to Highways on 08000 514514 or at the GCC Report It website.

*Agendas and minutes can be viewed at [www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk)*

*The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: [parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk)*

## TETBURY GOODS SHED

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- October 1** **Gardeners' Questions:** Come and put your horticultural hassles over your autumn garden to our panel of experts. 2-4 Tickets £5
- October 7** **Rock The 70s:** Back in 2022, Ragged Company Guitarist Nigel Dean and Bassist Pete Willey, put together a new project – A Tribute to some of the greatest Rock hits of the 70s entitled '**ROCK THE 70s**' !! 7.30-10. Tickets £16.50. Under 25s £10. This is an all standing event.
- October 13** **The Bristol Ensemble:** In a programme specially arranged for Piano and Strings Quintet Viv McLean joins the Bristol Ensemble to perform Gershwin, Glass, Copeland and Bernstein. 7.30 – 9.45 Tickets: £20, under 25s £15
- October 15** **Cotswold Comic Con:** Stalls, Cos Play, Exhibition and Artwork with more special guests to be announced nearer the time. Comic Book dealers, artists, writers, creators and individual unique items. Cosplay for every age and every level. 10.30-4 Tickets £5 under 18 free
- October 21** **Comedy Club:** We welcome the return of our regular Goods-Shed Comedy Club with October comedic delights being delivered by Ben van Der Velde, Jason Neale and headlined Juliet Meyers! 8pm Tickets £12.50 Under 25 £10
- October 28** **James Morton's Groove Den:** James is one of the most exciting saxophone players of his generation. This project features new material drawing on his influences from soul, jazz, hip-hop and tough, grooving beats, hence the name Groove Den. 7.30 Tickets £15 under 25s £10

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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 Art Group	Wednesday	10.00 – 12.00	Avening Park Farm	Community Café
Avening PC	2nd Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Shani Baker 07415 039234
Avening Cinema Club	Last Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	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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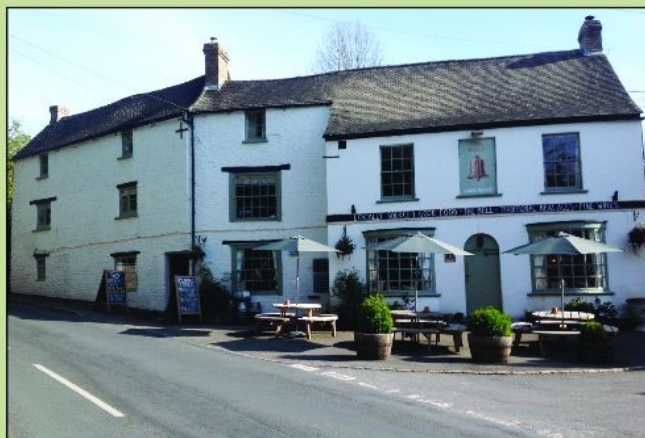
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