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After that final little burst of summer in late September, autumn has finally arrived, and looking across to the Gatcombe estate, the clours of the trees are glorious. By the time you read this we will have had the excitement of the Haunted House trail, always a great (and spooky!) event and be getting ready for some firework displays.

And if we are talking about Fireworks Displays, then Christmas cannot be far away, and all the excitement that brings. We haven't heard yet whether some traditional events are happening, like the Avening Christmas Tree lighting, but don't forget to let us know what is going on over Christmas and the New Year for our bumper December/January edition of the Villager. And if you are a 'maker' and have things to sell which make lovely Christmas gifts, why not put a one-off advert in the magazine. It is very reasonable and there are always people looking for last minute present ideas!

Talking of present ideas, one of the first Christmas events is the Friends of Avening School and Avening Playgroup Christmas Fair (see advert on page 21), which is sure to be a great event with many stalls featuring delightful items, including many from some of the very talented people who live in the village.

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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
1st—3rd November	Road Closed	B4014 Avening to Nailsworth	9.30-am—3.30pm
Friday 4th November	Fun Skittles	Avening Social Club	7.30pm onwards
Tuesday 7, 14, 21, 28 November	Youth Club	Avening Memorial Hall	6.30—8.00pm
Tuesday 7, 14, 21, 28 November	Community Café	Avening Social Club	9am—12 noon
Friday 17th November	W.I. Quiz Night	Avening Social Club	7.30 pm
Wednesday 29 November	Cinema Club 'Where the Crowdads Sing'	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 2 December	Christingle Service and Christmas Tree lighting	Cherington Church	5pm
Saturday 2 December	Friends of Avening School Christmas Market	Avening Memorial Hall and School grounds	12-3pm

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Avening and Cherington Churches

We have had an autumn with every sort of weather except snow, and now that the clocks have gone back we need to think about winter. In the garden, there are bulbs to plant out and geraniums to bring inside. The cars need antifreeze and snow tyres. We need to find our hats and our mittens. November is a time for hunkering down, preparing for the weeks ahead.

In the church season, we move into the period of preparation before Advent, with reminders from the Old Testament and readings from the New. Of course we all have our Christmas lists, but it is important to put time aside for our own Spirituality.

We will also be remembering. The Feast of All Souls is at the end of October, and in Avening we will take the next Sunday (November 5th) to remember our loved ones who have died. There will be a short service beginning at 10 o'clock. Everyone is welcome.

Then comes Poppy Day. Remembrance Sunday is on November 12th at 10:45. Please note! the service begins at an unusual time (for us) so that we are in the right place at 11am.

After the service our community and clubs will have a chance to lay wreaths at the Millennium Cross by the gates.

Advent begins on the first Sunday in December. Advent Calendars which feature the Christmas story and good quality chocolate are available @£4.50 from Elizabeth Buchanan (077797 99945) or Sam Hatt (075903 11161). In Cherington, contact Christine Williams (christinecherington@hotmail.co.uk).

In Avening, there will be a collection at the Sunday Services to help provide toys for families in the village who are finding it difficult at Christmas. Please give generously, either in the money box at church or online at the site A Church Near You-Avening.

Elizabeth and Stephanie, Church Wardens



ALL SOULS SERVICE IN AVENING CHURCH

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

Bring a small pebble or stone with you to remember someone dear to you. It will help the service if you write the name or names of the person you wish to remember on it

The service will start at 10.00am on Sunday
November 5th



Church Services

Date	Holy Cross, Avening	St. Nicholas, Cherington
5 th Nov. 10.00am	All Souls Service	Holy Communion
12 th Nov. 10.45am	Remembrance Service NOTE LATE START	No Service
19 th Nov. 10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
26 th Nov 10.00am	Holy Communion	No Service
2 nd Dec. 5.00pm.	SATURDAY	Christingle service
3 rd Dec. 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
10 th Dec. 10.00 am	Holy Communion	No Service
17 th Dec. Note times	7.00pm. Carols and Lessons	5.00pm. Carols and Lessons
24 th Dec. Note times	4.00pm Nativity Service 11.30 pm. Midnight Eucharist	10.00 pm. Midnight Eucharist
25 th Dec. 10.00am	Christmas Day Eucharist	Christmas Day Family Service

Donations to Avening Church



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Letter from Chairman of Avening Parish Council



Having been indisposed last month and unable to produce my usual monthly epistle, I was expecting to be able to cover lots of new and interesting items that have, or will be, occurring in Avening life. Unfortunately, it continues to be a quiet time of the year on many fronts.

While the rest of the world is in turmoil – with the war in Ukraine now exceeding 600 days, and the new conflict in Israel having the potential to engulf the region – it puts our own neighbourhood life in some perspective.

Let me start on a bright note: with a big thank you to everyone involved in making the Pig Face celebrations a great success, which has gone a long way to ensuring that this biennial event looks to have gained the support of the village for the years ahead. I would pick out for special mention Avening school and the participating pupils for their contribution; the WI for the catering; Michael Metcalf for carrying the 'Pig Face'; and a very special thank you to Roger Lindley who was the co-ordinator, script writer, and enthusiastic driver behind the revival of this Avening tradition.

There are always the repetitive items that need to be mentioned each month – pot holes, dog fouling in the Playing Field, parking congestion – please report the first one, clean up after your dog, and try to park as inoffensively as possible.

I have noticed that there is some damage in places on Lawrence Road which looks like damage from the heavy lorries coming to and from the new development. I will report this to Highways with a view to getting it repaired asap.

Memorial Hall: We are waiting on quotes from builders with a view to starting renovations to the toilets. The timing of the work, which will include reroofing, depends on the availability of the builders, availability of the materials at the right price and, inevitably, 'the weather'.

I must pass on our thanks to all the villagers who have hired the Hall in recent times for their diligence in leaving the venue in a tidy and clean condition. Thank you.

Planning: We still have the occasional planning permission granted by C.D.C. to which we strongly object. I just want to remind you all that the C.D.C. policy, introduced some 12 months or more ago, is to ignore local opinion; whereas a District Councillor sitting on the planning committee who could be from as far away as Moreton-in-Marsh, has the power to approve planning applications without ever having been to Avening. Democratic? – you can decide.

I nearly forgot to mention 'Road Diversion Signs'; something I find particularly irritating due to their lack of clarity in giving useful information, i.e. – just exactly how far ahead is the road closed? Recently on returning from Bath on the A46, there was a sign by the M4 junction saying 'Road Ahead Closed'. It transpired that the closure was some 8 miles further up the road (a fallen tree) and the signs remained in place for some considerable time after the road was cleared. It's becoming so tempting to carry a marker pen and

add some comments on the signs!

Lastly, a polite reminder that as the shorter days arrive and temperatures drop; please be alert for neighbours who may be vulnerable and need some help.

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



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District Councillor's Report



At CDC: There are no formal meetings to report this month that I attended, but the Audit Committee revealed some worrying numbers – the £13.2m reserves the administration inherited in 2019 will be pretty much exhausted within 3 years if the current rate of expenditure continues. There will no doubt be some questions at the next full council.

We had the first session to look at the future of public toilets in the district, and we all agreed to survey those facilities closest to us – I have already visited Tetbury (two sites that are free to use), and Bibury. Luckily there were no other people around as I took photos!

£100,000 fund for improvement to village halls and community buildings: The Rural England Prosperity Fund is designed to improve rural productivity and connectivity. Much of the REPF funding is earmarked for grants to businesses, but over £100,000 can be used for improvement to village halls and community buildings, particularly to improve digital connectivity and energy efficiency. Applications are now being taken.

Also, **Rural Business Grant applications** are now open - the application process has just opened for the Rural Business Grant scheme, part of the Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund. The Fund is designed to help improve rural productivity and connectivity and help businesses in rural areas to diversify by introducing new products and facilities. Grants are for between £5,000-£50,000 and 50% match funding is required. Applications are open until 10th November.

Avening & Cherington: It was good to be able to attend the PC meeting again this month following the change in dates to the 2nd Wednesday in the month. I was also able to take some updated photos of the team for the website. I'm hoping to persuade the Memorial Hall management committee to invest in their PA and projection systems to make them more user friendly – it would also help to reduce the number of times I am called out to assist. Following research among hall users it has been decided not to go ahead with the installation of a hearing loop system, as it is now somewhat redundant technology with few people able to utilise it.

I had a good, wide-ranging meeting with the Highways manager – we covered some dangerous blind spots in Avening; faulty traffic lights and VAS signs towards Nailsworth; inappropriate/incorrectly located slow signs close to Cherington Forge; and several long outstanding projects to improve drainage around the area. Some of these items can be quickly improved, but the projects are still being pushed into the future. Keep an eye on Facebook for the latest on Ash Dieback road closures in the area. I have also completed a damage claim against Highways for a split tyre while going about my councillor duties!

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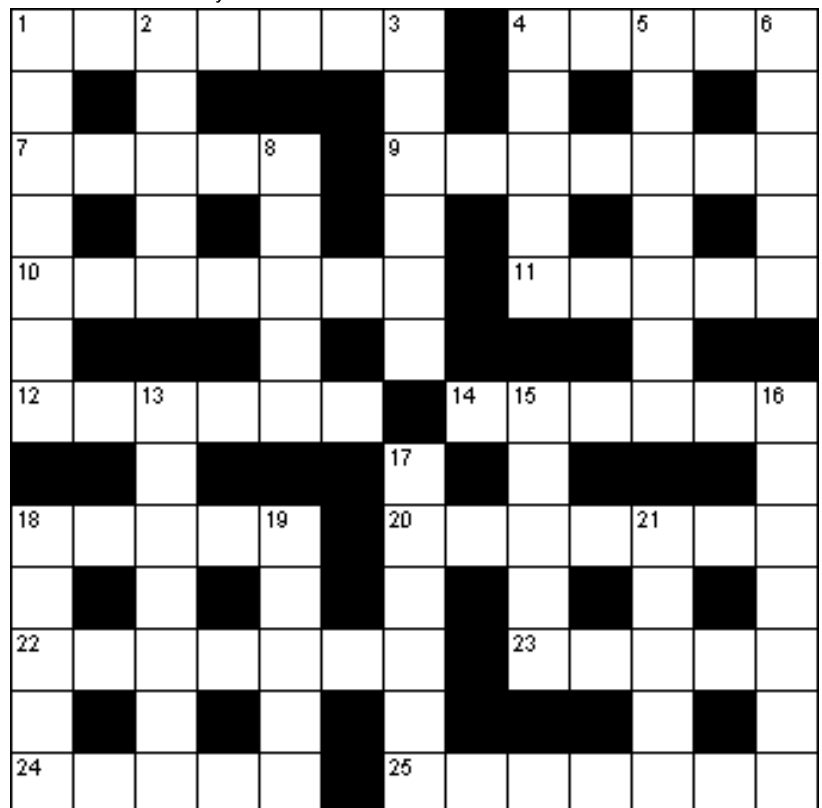
Sudoku

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. Floorshow (7)
4. Spooky (5)
7. Detection device (5)
9. Vertical (7)
10. Inactivity (7)
11. Measuring implement (5)
12. Dictator (6)
14. Ecclesiastic (6)
18. Copious (5)
20. Drawn (7)
22. Pouch worn with a kilt (7)
23. Diadem (5)
24. Admittance (5)
25. Spiny anteater (7)



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| 1. Transported (7) | 6. Go in (5) | 17. Opportunity (6) |
| 2. Emblem (5) | 8. Magnitude relation (5) | 18. Part of a church (5) |
| 3. Tropical bird (6) | 13. Reinforcement (7) | 19. Ahead of time (5) |
| 4. Mistake (5) | 15. Reasoned judgment (5) | 21. Obviate (5) |
| 5. Dependable follower (7) | 16. Musical passage (7) | |

Gilian's Poem of the Month



Stormy Night

Through tortured trees the wild wind shrieks and cries,
Trailing the tattered remnants of dark .clouds,
Tearing apart the night's black, velvet shrouds,
Hurling harsh tears from storm-filled, weeping skies.

Beating against the pane, the sharp rain flees
Before the raging wind's wild, headlong flight,
Flinging it's icy blasts with unleashed might,
Ripping with wild abandon through the trees.....

Towards the dawn the storm at last is spent,
Dark clouds roll back, bright, shining stars appear,
Serene and beautiful, the skies are clear,
Bestowing o'er the earth a sweet content.

As pale moon sheds it's soft and silver light
A calm, deep peace flows back to fill the night.....

Gilian Bulmer-Davison

The Village Notice Board

The village notice board, on the side of the Memorial Hall, is a good way of publicising village events and items of local information. Posters, ideally size A4 or A5, can be put up for you on this board. They can be delivered to John and Sandra Hetterley, 2, Orchard Field or given to them directly. They will be taken down once they are out of date. Other posters may be removed and recycled once they are faded or to make space for others.

Down Memory Lane



Beauty Queen Pageant as part of the celebrations for the queen's Coronation in 1953. The young girl is reported to be Dorothy Skinner with her proud Mum in the foreground on the left. If anyone knows more about this photo or the event, do please let us know.



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Avening School

A Busy First Half Term

The first half of autumn term has been action packed with trips, sports tournaments and visits. As part of their topic on the Great Fire of London, the Kestrels class (y1/2) travelled to Tewkesbury last month to explore the John Moore Countryside museum. Meanwhile, the Owls class (y5/6) have had a visit from art teacher Mrs Gibbons from Malmesbury School who taught the children to make planets out of clay as part of their science learning. The work has been taken away to be bisque fired in a kiln and we are looking forward to seeing the results. Some of our y5 pupils also recently attended an Earth and Space Day at Westonbirt School.

This year's Harvest Festival took place before half term with this year's theme on having a balanced diet. Families brought in generous donations which have been delivered to the Cirencester Foodbank.

We have a brand new School Council made up of pupils from each year group, elected by their fellow classmates after giving presentations on why they should be school councillors. They have had their first meeting and have already made plans for a fundraising cake sale to enable the purchase of new playground equipment and a whole school in-house sing-off to mark anti-bullying week, the theme of which this year is to 'make a noise about bullying'. They have also given school tours to prospective families at the first of our two open mornings, which took place at the start of October.



There have been plenty of sports fixtures taking place already this term, including football and netball inter-school competitions and a quick sticks hockey tournament.

As we enter the second half of the autumn term, we look forward to opening our school again for our second open morning during which both prospective and current families have the opportunity to visit our wonderful place of learning as well as taste the culinary delights on offer provided by our own star baker, Mrs Wilkinson. Please join us for our open morning on Wednesday 8th November between 9.15 -12.

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

Alex Adcock

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Saturday 2nd December

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To end the evening there are Festive drinks in the Village Hall.

Please join us to start the Cherington Christmas!



Nailsworth Bowls Club

Congratulations to the season winners from Avening at the Nailsworth Mills Bowls Club.

L-R: Tony Slater; Bob Jennings; Mandy Slater; Jane Beardsell; John Partridge.

Avening Christmas Market
Saturday 2nd December 2023
12pm to 3pm

Kids Zone
 ~ Santa's Grotto £3 ~
 ~ Games ~ Adopt-a-Teddy ~
 ~ Christmas Crafts ~

Market Menu
 ~ Pulled Pork & Apple Sauce Rolls ~
 ~ Brie & Cranberry Panini ~
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Please contact Derrick (07762 702982), Jane (07812 137161), or our new Musical Director Donia (07834 860809)

Or email: aveningsingers@gmail.com

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Avening Playgroup

The weather is turning and it is wonderful to be able to go out for walks, kicking up the leaves and searching for conkers. That's exactly what some of our families have been doing and they have brought all they have into playgroup for this week's theme – Autumn. The children have been using the leaves, fir cones, conkers and wooden branches to make dens for the different woodland animals. With the theme of autumn in mind, we have been looking at the changes in the trees, making owl collages cutting and painting paper plate hedgehogs, as well as dipping the conkers in paint and rolling them paper. The children have painted some cardboard so we can turn it into a tree and they have made colourful handprints to put on as leaves.



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

Ourselves – talking about how we feel and drawing ourselves. We also measured the children on our height chart.

Nursery Rhymes – lots of singing, sometimes with the musical instruments, and colouring in pictures of our favourite nursery rhymes and stories.

Physical Development – lots of play on the climbing frame and bikes. We built an obstacle course for the children to go around and they practiced their fine motor control by getting involved in activities such as, lacing, peg boards and mark-making.



We held our AGM in September and luckily our Chair, Krista, as well as our Treasurer and Secretary have all agreed to stay on for another year. We also have two new members on the committee who are parents of children in the setting. So, thank you to all of them for their support.

The committee are currently preparing for the Christmas Market which is due to be held on Saturday 2nd December. As usual, we will be supporting FOAS to provide a variety of stalls, entertainment, food and drink as well as a kid's zone. Of course, there will be the playgroup raffle and Santa's Grotto. Our volunteers will be making

door to door collections during the last week of November. Alternatively you could drop any items off at the playgroup or at the Memorial Hall on the morning of the Christmas Market. We are looking for donations of bottles, chocolates and raffle prizes. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any bric-a-brac this year.

If you have a child who will be turning 3 years old during the coming school year and you would like them to join our playgroup, please call us on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com. We are open week day mornings during term time.

Angie Heslop

Church Floodlighting

Over the past month the church was lit on:

Saturday 30th September

In memory on his birthday of Michael Powell, who captured England's green and pleasant land on celluloid. We celebrate the humanity of his films.
Thelma, Kevin and Columba.



Friday 13th October

In loving memory of Christine Avis from her husband and family.

Wednesday 18th October

On the feast of St Luke, physician. For all doctors and nurses.

Tuesday 24th October

In loving memory of Tim David who passed away a year ago. Greatly loved and missed by so many wonderful friends in the village. A bright light taken too soon. We love and miss you every single day more than words can say.
Sally, Georgie and Jess xxx.

Sunday 29th October

In loving memory of John Hopes from his wife and family.

Monday 30th October

In loving memory of Joyce and Riley Vincent on what would have been their 100th year.

The church looks beautiful at night when floodlit. If you would like to have this in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event, contact **Piers Hansen on 07770 745642**. The cost is £10 for 2 hours.

Avening WI

Avening WI were pleased to be part of the very successful 'Pig Face Day' held in early September, serving drinks and pulled pork or roasted vegetable rolls. While quite a few members cooked pork and roasted vegetables for the rolls at home, on the day the bulk of the work fell to Liz, Sandra, Helen and Frances, the latter two looking great in their medieval costumes.



We are well into our Autumn programme

now. A small group took part in a workshop led by Sue Green of the Cowshed Studio in Chalford, making 'Spooly Birds'. Sue explained that the idea for these birds was originally conceived in Russia. They are cut from felt and decorated with beads, sequins

and colourful hand stitching. Members enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the workshop, followed by a bring and share lunch. Many of them plan to make more of these beautiful birds.



At our October meeting our speaker Rick Minter gave an enlightening talk on 'Big Cats in Gloucestershire.' Rick has been documenting sightings of big cats nationally and collecting first hand accounts from witnesses for many years. He networks with many groups interested in this topic and is trying to gather

scientific evidence of the presence of these beautiful animals. He showed us video footage and photos of the Black Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) which is the big cat most often sighted. I believe most members were convinced that Black Leopards have been living in the environment for decades, but successfully keep themselves hidden and don't pose a threat. There have been sightings in our area of Gloucestershire. If you are interested in finding out more Rick makes a podcast entitled 'Big Cat Conversations'.

By the time you read this we will have hosted about 40 Gloucestershire WI members on guided walks around Avening. The walks will be 2, 4 and 6 miles long and cover a lot of the lovely countryside surrounding Avening. Homemade soup, rolls and cakes will be waiting for the hungry walkers on their return. While on the walking theme, our group walking the Cotswold Way plan to do the Cooper's Hill to Painswick stage in November. Painswick Beacon marks the halfway point; we plan to complete the second half in 2024.

On Friday 17th November AWI will be running the popular village quiz in the Social Club.

Teams of four players compete for prizes with profits this year being donated to Allsorts Gloucestershire. At £5 a head to include a ploughman's supper, with a bar and raffle, this is a fun night out.

On Friday 1st December we have organised a coach trip to Worcester Victorian Christmas Market. There are some places available to non -WI members at a cost of £20. Please contact Helen if you would like to come.

At our meeting on November 9th Nick Brunger will be speaking on 'Tricks of the Mind – A journey into the magical art of mindreading'.

Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 and visitors and prospective members are always welcome. For more information please contact our secretary Helen at aveningwi@gmail.com or president Liz on 01453 833803

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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:

Administration/Triage Assistants. You will provide a professional welcome to callers at the door of our Stroud or Cirencester offices. You will triage callers without an appointment - identifying emergencies and providing information and signposting to other agencies when needed (no advice giving involved). You will also undertake a wide range of administrative tasks, including contacting clients by telephone and text, and handling inward and outbound post.

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.”

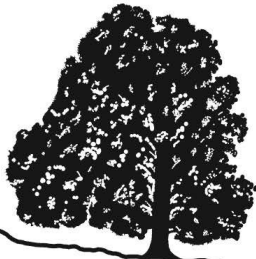
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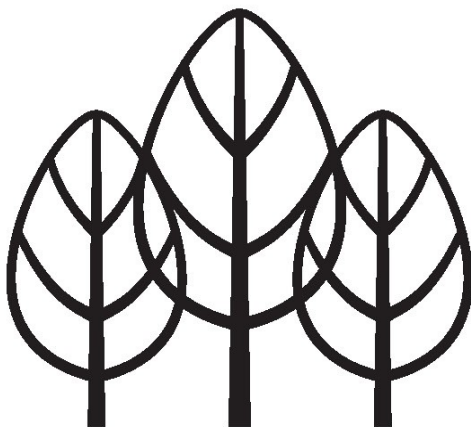
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Many thanks to all those who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning and helped raise a total of £107. Please continue to support our nominated charities (the DOOR and Long Table) by making a donation for one of our popular Café Recipe books, which make excellent Christmas presents, or placing loose change in our charity jar.

Thanks to Wendy and her team “Apple Day” was celebrated with a variety of different apple cakes which looked splendid amongst the autumn decorations! “Art with Mark” attracted many members who joined in the water colour Christmas card session.

Our 3rd communal rag rug showing the Avening coat of arms has just been completed and can now be seen hanging in the Social Club on Tuesdays. The next rag rug project which symbolises the Café is underway!

The Café is 5 years old on 14 November! A big thank you to all helpers and customers who have made this venture such a success.

November Highlights

14th: Café 5th birthday celebration – join us for a glass of bubbly.

IT Helpdesk with Tony

21st: Art with Mark (£3, all materials supplied)

28th: St Andrew’s Day theme

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.

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Cookery Corner

Quince and Cranberry Jelly

I am not a great gardener, and for many years I had not taken much notice of a shrub that climbed up a wall at the back of our house. I did notice that it had lovely bright red flowers in summer — and very sharp thorns, so I basically left it alone and it grew bigger. I then noticed it grew a slightly pear-shaped, rather wrinkled-looking fruit, and with some help from Mr. Google, I discovered I had a quince tree growing in my garden. Apparently they have been known since antiquity and were once more common than the apple and were, in fact, often referred to as 'Golden Apples' by the Greeks. They are not great to eat raw, as they are hard and tart unless very fully ripened, in autumn which they rarely manage in our climate.



There are, however, a number of interesting things you can make with quince, including the Spanish delicacy membrillo, or quince jelly, which is commonly eaten with hard Spanish cheeses. However, I prefer to make quince and cranberry jelly at this time of the year, as it is the perfect accompaniment for your Christmas turkey.

Ingredients

4 large quinces, roughly chopped
450 gm cranberries (fresh or frozen)
450 gm Bramley apples, roughly chopped
1 kg granulated sugar

Method

- 1: Put the quinces, apples and cranberries in a large pan. Cover with water and bring to the boil, then turn down the heat and cook more gently for about 1 hr until the fruit is really soft.
2. Hang a jelly bag over a large mixing bowl, tip the fruit in and let it drip overnight – don't be tempted to squeeze the bag, or the pulp will come through and your jelly will be murky. (At this point I admit that I just use a large sieve and let it drip for a few hours — it seems to come out OK!)
3. The next day, measure the amount of juice you have and, for every 1 ml of liquid, use the same number of grams of the sugar (so for 500ml you'd need 500g sugar). Tip both into a preserving pan, or large pan, and bring slowly to the boil, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Increase the heat once the sugar has gone and boil until it reaches 110°C on a sugar thermometer.
4. Skim any scum off the surface of the liquid, then stir in the rosewater. Ladle into sterilised jars and cover with lids – or wax discs, cellophane and elastic bands.

Jane Archer

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

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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.



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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 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 11th 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 31st, 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 Decision

New Planning Applications

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/LB - 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 demolition 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 fr.om 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/FUL: 12 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

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- November 12** **Honey and the Bear:** The British folk and roots duo Jon and Lucy Hart are joined by guests Evan Carson and Toby Shaer. Tickets £14.50/£10 for under 25. 6pm
- November 18** **Swing From Paris:** Described as the finest gypsy jazz in the Cotswolds they are influenced by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli and present music from Edith Piaf to Gershwin and the Hot Club de France. Tickets £15/£10 under 25. 7.30
- November 24** **The Goldberg Variations:** Harpsichordist Nathaniel Mander will be playing one of Bach's most enduring masterpieces, which he has recently recorded on the Chronos label. It will be a magical evening. Tickets: £20/£15 for under 25s. 7.30

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Regular Activities in the Villages

Would organisers please let us know if there are any changes or additions to these events

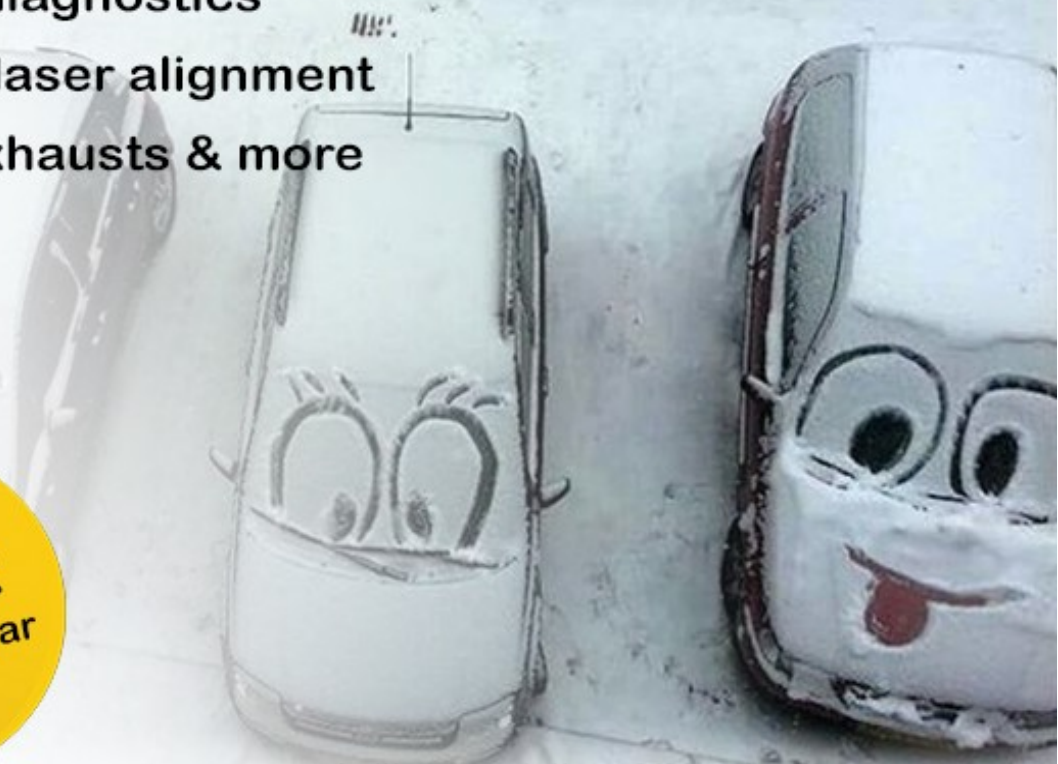
Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Community Café	Tuesday	9.00am - 12.00pm	Social Club	Gill Adams 07826 291759
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	9.30am - 11.30pm	Social Club car park	
Cherington PC	Tuesday bi-monthly	6.00pm	Cherington Village hall	Richard Smith 07884 265117
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Avening Youth Club	Every Tuesday in term time	6.30 – 8.00pm	Avening Memorial Hall	01453 756745
Avening Churchyard 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 Lelliott Aslelliott37@gmail.com
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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