

# The Villager

A Magazine for Avening,  
Cherington and Nags Head



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# July 2024

Welcome to the July edition of The Villager. We are wondering if summer has come at last, certainly as this is being written the sun is shining and the temperature is rising, but don't let that put you off enjoying the many things that are planned for the Villages in the near future. These include fun Skittles in Avening Social Club, Avening School Summer Fete and then on the 28<sup>th</sup> the not-to-be missed Cherington Show, all advertised in this month's edition.

A little later in the month we look forward to welcoming a new priest to the parish, with special responsibility for Amberley, Avening and Cherington and I'm sure we are all looking forward to getting to know her.

We are pleased to say that we have welcomed Gill Lelliott to the editorial team and she has already made her mark in this issue! We would welcome at least one more member of the team, specially if there is anyone in the younger age groups who could spare a little time, so please let us know if you would like to learn more about it.

Please continue to support the many businesses who advertise in the Villager as they contribute greatly to the running cost of your free magazine.

*The Villager Editors*

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

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# Dates for your Diary

Come along and join in the fun at any of the events below - everyone is always welcome! Both the Memorial Hall & Social Club can also be hired for private functions

| Date                | Event                          | Location               | Time               |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday 6th July   | Fun Skittles                   | Social Club            | 7.30pm             |
| Friday 12th July    | School Summer Fete             | Avening School         | tba                |
| Friday 26th July    | Play Rangers                   | Avening Playing fields | 10.00 am to 4.00pm |
| Sunday 28th July    | Cherington Show                | Cherington             | 1pm onwards        |
| Wednesday 31st July | Film club<br>The Colour Purple | Avening Memorial Hall  | 7.30 pm            |
| Friday 23rd August  | Play Rangers                   | Avening Playing fields | 10.00 am to 4.00pm |

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# Gilian's Poem of the Month

## Carpe Diem



Memories of yesterdays are stored like gold for us to find,  
Capturing those bygone pleasures, joys and triumphs in our mind.  
But kiss those fleeting times goodbye now, do not yearn for what has been,  
Their time has passed and gone for ever;—today presents another scene.

Thoughts of future may sustain us, nurturing our hopes and dreams,  
But tomorrow may not happen, nor be as rosy as it seems.  
Don't build your life on sunlit promise, on times ahead we can't yet see,  
On plans that may dissolve like stardust.... for the future holds no guarantee!

So, Carpe Diem, seize the day now, live each moment, know its worth.  
Make the most of every minute, and treasure each hour spent here on Earth.  
Do not pine for fading talents, for what you had, but have no more.  
Enjoy and treasure present pleasures.... live for today, for that is sure!

***Gilian Bulmer-Davison***

# Avening and Cherington Churches

The Spring weather has been cold, but the gardens are blooming extravagantly! In the church, the altar cloths are green to signify the extravagant growth of the early church. The readings in this period tell the stories of the spread of Jesus' teaching. In Avening and Cherington, we are blessed with wonderful visiting priests over the next month.

This month, Rev Natalie Jennings will be licensed to be our priest in Avening, Cherington and Amberley. She will be preaching at the 10am Eucharist in Avening on July 28th and at Cherington on August 4th, and we look forward to seeing her around our villages when she settles into her new role.

We wish you a happy time in the busy weeks ahead.

*Elizabeth and Stephanie, Church Wardens*

## Retreat at Brownhill Monastery. Fri 26 & Sat 27 July 2024

Two whole days to relax, unwind and rediscover the potential for spiritual transformation through shared silence, personal space, and regular times of prayer with meditation. Suppose you would like to come on our parish retreat, to be conducted by Fr John Ansell. In that case, you can register your interest by contacting clergy, or by leaving a message, including your contact details, with Vicki in the office at [admin@minchchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@minchchurch.org.uk) 01453 889004.



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## Church Services

| DATE                               | HOLY CROSS AVENING  | St. NICHOLAS CHERINGTON  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> July<br>10.am      | MORNING PRAYER  | HOLY COMMUNION   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> July<br>10.am     | HOLY COMMUNION  | NO SERVICE   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July<br>10.am     | CELTIC MORNING PRAYER   | HOLY COMMUNION   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> July<br>10.am     | HOLY COMMUNION<br>Revd Jane Walden will accompany<br>our new priest Revd. Natalie<br>Jennings | NO SERVICE   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup><br>August<br>10.am | MORNING PRAYER  | HOLY COMMUNION<br>Revd Jane Walden will accompany<br>our new priest Revd. Natalie Jennings |

## Church Floodlighting

The church looks beautiful at night when floodlit.

The church was floodlit on:

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## Donations to Avening Church



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# Letter from Chairman of Avening Parish Council



Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the success of the Avening Church Fete this year; a very good turnout and the weather was on our side as well. It is one of the few occasions that the villagers can congregate together and enjoy a really sociable event. The examples of numerous skills and the collective energy was inspiring.

This month has been a quiet one in respect of Parish Council business; just the usual housekeeping and spending to monitor; nothing exceptional to report.

**Defibrillator:** A second but important reminder. The location of the Defibrillator is now on the external wall of the Memorial Hall near the porch and no longer in the old telephone box.

**Playing Field:** We seem to have two ever-present issues; one is the irresponsible behaviour of dog owners who allow their pets to continually foul the grass areas. Please make an effort to clean up after your dog has 'performed'.

The second issue concerns vandalism. We have had the park benches damaged yet again and some more of the gate furniture removed. Please let me know if you see anyone carrying out these acts. It is costing the Parish money and needs to be stopped.

A second thank you to James Mills and his 'gang' of fathers who re-turfed the goal areas; the rain fell exactly at the right time and the repairs look to be thriving.

**The Memorial Hall:** Now that the old wall heaters have been replaced with the new ceiling mounted heaters, we have used the opportunity to adapt the existing wiring circuit to install a series of electric sockets around the hall, increasing the options for users of the hall.

By next month we should have finalised the program for reroofing and refurbishing the toilets and the entrance area.

I had an interesting experience recently involving both Health & Safety and A.I. (Artificial Intelligence). Shopping in a well known local DIY Superstore for a bottle of Teak Oil to replenish some timber, I was required to prove I was over 25 years old before I would be allowed to complete the purchase. Why, I have no idea; over 18 maybe but why 25. The second issue on the same transaction involved A.I.; the self-serve checkout camera uses a camera to judge your age, and in my case, despite my several attempts, it wouldn't 'believe' I was over 25! It prompted me to make a mental note for the future, do not rush out and buy a driverless car. Luckily the assistant was able to identify me as an old duffer and over-ride the system.

Better weather looks to be on the way; let's make the most of it.

Best wishes to everyone.

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

## Avening Art Show

on the afternoon of Sunday 9th June, there was an art show in the Church in Avening. Well over 300 people wandered in to view the pictures and sculptures on exhibition, and to enjoy watching the artists sitting at their boards immortalising the models. Models sat immobile for the artists, and a fresh model arrived every 15 minutes.

There will be another art exhibition in the Church next summer, and again there will be a bevy of beautiful models to watch and to draw.



Next year, Mark Kelland (Avening's inspiring art instructor) will bring boards and paper for anyone who would like to join in the sketching sessions. There will be models, pencils, rubbers, encouragement and chairs - all that is needed for an enjoyable drawing session.

Thank you to all those who came to visit the exhibition, and to those who brought their creations to exhibit!



*George Buchanan*

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# District Councillor's Report



**CDC:** Local issues have been somewhat overridden by the announcement of a general election! The planned CDC cabinet meeting has been cancelled for a somewhat fuzzy related reason, and as a consequence the **Overview & Scrutiny** meeting was canned as the relevant reports were not produced for the cabinet. This means that I have been unable to follow up on the costs for the Publica transition. I did however attend a full briefing of the programme where the key players provided an update. I was reassured that the programme itself seems to be in good hands, but they didn't go close to discussing anything like costs – I will be discussing these with the Chief Financial Officer as soon as time permits.

**Fetes and shows:** we are now in the peak season for village fetes and local shows, and I hope the weather is kind if you have one planned – they take a lot of organisation by volunteers so do support them if you can. The bank holiday events in Tetbury were a great success, and a sale at Chavenage House recently raised £3500 for charity. Fantastic! Fingers crossed also for my daughter's wedding at Cherington on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

**Roads:** Complaints were made at the last full council about the length of time it has taken to fix the flood at the Tesco roundabout in Cirencester (the road is now open again), and also the lack of verge cutting, especially at roundabouts and junctions. The Highways website has a table of dates (Cirencester w/c 17<sup>th</sup> May; Avening 24<sup>th</sup> May for example), but as at the 1<sup>st</sup> June neither of these areas have been actioned. While 'no mow May' can be a good thing for bio-diversity, leaving the roads in a dangerous state is not acceptable. CDC have finally completed installation of 2 EV chargers at the council offices, and have accepted a government grant of c£190k match funded to install others across the district (none in the south Cotswold area!), but parishes and towns can apply for their own grants if there is a need.

**River pollution:** I met with the area manager of Severn Trent at the Avening Sewage treatment plant, which turned out to be very informative and reassuring. The waste first goes through a settlement tank where non-biological solids are removed. It then splits and travels through three rotating mesh drums where it comes into contact with bacteria that digests all the nasties, before a further settlement tank to catch the spent bacteria. The outflow then flows slowly through up to 5 reed beds to filter out any remaining solids. At the end of the journey the clean water collects in a sump where it is pumped into the stream. During the pumping operation the water is constantly and automatically monitored for quality, with the data being sent directly to HQ. There is a secondary route which kicks in during a storm surge so that the main plant isn't overwhelmed. The effluent is diverted into a much larger/deeper reedbed (still seeded with the same bacteria) which is then ultimately pumped into the stream – it is still very safe but may contain a slightly raised level of ammonia and other chemicals. When this route outflows to the stream it generates one of the reports that first alarmed me and led to the meeting. Although we had 118 such instances, they are logged each time the pump is activated, so these could be several in a short space of time if there isn't much going through the system. However, by the time you read this

the latest upgrade to the storm system should have been completed, where the reed bed is aerated to ensure the bacteria does as good a job as the main process – this will mean there will be no further ‘sewage outflow’ instances from Avening. The Avening plant was experimental when it was installed some 30+ years ago and was over specified at the time, but it is still performing well and, apparently, we have the best quality effluent in the whole Severn Trent area!

***Councillor Tony Slater***

Cotswold District Council, Representing Grumbolds Ash with Avening.

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# Sounds of Summer

On the evening of Friday 7th June, Avening Singers' 'Sounds of Summer' concert took place in Avening Memorial Hall. The concert began with a group of talented children from Avening Primary School. Headteacher Mrs Rushton led the children singing 'I am the Earth', followed by Laurie singing 'Three Little Trees', Gia playing her violin, Imogen on her harp, Arthur with his guitar, and three wonderful summer themed Year 5 poems read by the poets Leonora and Ilyas, while Mrs Rushton read George's poem as he was unable to be there. (these poems will be published in the next few editions of The Villager).

Next up was a saxophone trio; Chris, Liz and Martin, who played a selection of baroque and classical pieces, a joy to listen to. This was followed by Grace, singing and playing the piano beautifully, and then Steve Swan and his guitar with a couple of fabulous 'golden oldies'(in his words, "not quite baroque"!), including Sunny Afternoon. The first half was brought to a close with the brilliant Avening Silver Band.

After a short break to replenish glasses (from the pub), mugs of tea and coffee and plates from the amazing array of sausage rolls, cakes and other goodies on offer, provided by the choir and served by stalwarts of the Avening Community Café, the excellent Avening Singers led us into the second half with a selection of well-known and loved songs,

including 'Tears From Heaven'.

Nick Steel with his viola was next and the sound of his beautiful instrument and wonderful playing was absolutely enchanting. The evening was brought to a close by the terrific 'Music Gang' playing a variety of songs that the audience was invited to sing along with - the beautiful rendition of 'You are my Sunshine', together with the story of how one of the performer's grandmother used to sing it to her as a child brought a tear to my eye. A really enjoyable treat of an evening, superbly compered throughout by Kieran Archer.

It should be added that there was



no charge for anything, but attendees were invited to give donations and take part in a raffle, and as a result of their generosity the Avening Singers were able to make £50 donations each to FOAS, the Playgroup and the Mark Townsend Trust.

Thank you for all your hard work, Avening Singers and roll on next year; as one member of the audience commented, “well, Glastonbury started quite small!”

*Gillian Redpath*

## 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 37*



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Volunteering for us is a chance to help make a real difference to families with young children when they need it the most.



# Avening Playgroup

Our last day at playgroup, before the May half term holiday, was a big day for us as we were visited by Ofsted. We have not yet received the official letter with the outcomes but it did seem to go alright. In the feedback meeting the inspector said that we were doing everything we needed to be doing and we were doing it well! We will report back to you with more details once we have received the official judgement.

We have been busy over the last few weeks, looking at the following topics:  
**Ourselves:** drawing and painting ourselves step by step, describing ourselves and our friends, drawing our families and talking about what we are good at and what we like.

**Minibeasts:** making playdough minibeasts, going on a minibeast hunt, moving like minibeasts, colouring and painting minibeasts as well as finding the right habitats for each one.

**Life cycle of a butterfly:** reading the story of “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”, making a caterpillar collage, butterfly symmetry painting, colouring, cutting and putting the pictures of a caterpillar, chrysalis and butterfly in order.

**Fine Motor Control:** tracing over the letters in our names, lines and shapes, cutting playdough, along lines and around shapes, lacing, peg boards and using the Magtabs.

The children have also enjoyed playing in three really big boxes that we got from the builders next door. They have been playing hide and seek in them, as well as looked after the babies in them, pretending they are houses. They have also been rolling around in them!



We really want to extend our hours for September and will be recruiting for another member of staff as, at the moment, we can only open on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. So, we are looking for someone to join us on a Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Thursday. We are hoping to be able to open until 3pm on a minimum of four days of the week. An advert for the position will go out shortly but if you are interested, please email our chair, Krista at [aveningplaygroup.chair@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup.chair@gmail.com). Also, if you would like your child to start at Avening Playgroup over the next couple of years, please call or email Angie (details below) to let her know what hours and days you will be needing so that we can tailor our opening hours to suit your needs.

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.

We have spaces left for September 2024, so if you would like more information about playgroup or to place your child on our waiting list, please call Angie on 01453 832695 or email [aveningplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.com).

*Angie Heslop*



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### Ticket Prices:

- £5 for a strip of 5 tickets
- £1 per ticket

Tickets can be purchased on the day at the show from the Raffle Stall, conveniently located at the entrance to Coxes Farm on the way to the Fun Dog Show, Kids Area and Tea Tent. We accept both cash and card payments, making it easier than ever to participate.

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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.

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# Avening WI

Where to start for this month? The most brilliant W.I. outing ever. Over 2 years ago we were inspired by a speaker, Neil Medland, who had been a boy chorister at Westminster Abbey. He and some of his fellow



choristers formed a club which they named the Purcell Club after Henry Purcell, composer and former organist of the Abbey. They still sing together in the most amazing choir and 10 times a year organise visits for interested groups to the Abbey for a musical guided tour in the evening when the Abbey is closed to the public. It was very special and the singing (9 pieces in all) was impeccable and added to by the Abbey acoustics was magical and tearjerking. In between the singing we had a guided tour visiting the Coronation Chair,



Edward the Confessor's shrine, the tomb of the Unknown Warrior and many tombs of past Kings and Queens, Poets' Corner and the Lady Chapel with its incredible vaulted ceiling. In the photo we are assembled around the 13<sup>th</sup> Century Cosmati Pavement in front of the high altar. At the end of the 2 hour visit we were seated in the nave to hear a powerful organ recital.

Absolutely wonderful. We are booking again but there is a year waiting list!

Last week we had a guided tour of Malmesbury where we heard of the first flying monk and early launch of a gas filled balloon in the centre of the town. King Athelstan, regarded by historians as the first English King, spent much time in the town and is buried in Malmesbury Abbey.

As usual we provided cream teas, drinks and cakes at the Church fete. We had nothing left at the end of the afternoon, sales having been boosted by the chilly weather and late arrival of the ice cream van!

Our speaker at our June meeting was Jackie from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. She gave a very interesting talk on how the Trust is trying to bring back several endangered species of birds from the edge of extinction including curlew and Madagascan Pochard of which there are only a handful left in the wild.

Our speaker for July is Ben Nicholls who will be telling us about finding his granddad's global family. Visitors to our monthly meetings are always welcome.

The meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except August, at 7.30 pm in the Avening Memorial Hall.



# Avening School

## An action-packed final term

We're gearing up for the last few weeks of the academic year, with the diary full of activities and events to take us to the end of term. As the Year Six pupils prepare to leave for secondary school, we are welcoming our new reception children who will be coming in for stay and play sessions each week to get them ready for starting school in September. Each year group will also get to prepare for next year during their move-through days where they get to try out their new classes later on in the term.

There is plenty going on before the holidays, with the Kestrels class (Y1/2) spending a day at Copsegrove Farm as part of their topic *Dens and Dandelions*. They will take part in lots of outdoor activities from bug hunts to den building to cooking around the fire. Meanwhile, the y4 pupils will also be taking a trip, a little bit closer to home, when they pay a visit to Nailsworth Primary School to watch an interactive play 'In the Net' which focuses on tackling some of the issues around safe internet use.

At the time of writing, we still have our school sports morning to look forward to, which we are hoping the sun will come out for as the children take part in races and activities in their school houses. Another highlight of the school calendar is our musical soiree where pupils will showcase their musical progress throughout the year.

We were extremely proud of the pupils who represented our whole school community last month at the village Sounds of Summer Fiesta. A group of children sang, while others read their award winning poetry and delighted all who were present. A big thank you to Jane Archer who invited the school to take part in the proceedings.

We are running a sponsor-a-book stall at our forthcoming school summer fete on the afternoon of Friday 12th July and invite parents, family members and members of the local community to purchase a book from our stall which will then be put into the school library including a bookplate with their name on. If you are interested in sponsoring a book for our school library but are unable to make the summer fete, please contact the school office and they will refer you to Alex Adcock, School Librarian. Thank you for your support!

**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)*



## Avening Youth Club



The Youth Club which is organised by The Door, is held every Tuesday in term time **6.30-8pm** in the Memorial Hall.

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All our activities are outdoors and include den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. We encourage children to play freely and choose what they do. They do not have to do anything if they don't want to. Children will get wet, hot, cold, smelly and dirty and need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Better to wear old play clothes than ruin your best!

Our Play Rangers will provide drinking water at all sessions. We promote healthy eating and sometimes will provide free fruit.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.

**For further information:**

**Visit us at [www.playgloucestershire.org.uk](http://www.playgloucestershire.org.uk)**

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## Visit Avening!

Here is the final article in the series written by children in the Owls Class, about why they think their village is great! This is by Leonora (Y5)

### Avening Village: The Best In The World

Bored of city life? Tired of towering buildings? Wishing you could see more green. Avening is the answer!

If you're looking for an idyllic, picturesque place, you must visit Avening. From its stunning scenery to its incredible history, Avening will not fail to impress you. Go to the amazing pub, The Bell, to enjoy a hearty meal or stroll through beautiful, wooded valleys. Why shouldn't you come?

**Avening Primary School:** This happy school is the lively centre of village life. Governed by an excellent head teacher, Mrs Jane Rushton, and a talented team of teachers, T.A's and dinner ladies. Meals are cooked by the exceptional chef, Kelly, who produces delicious meals. Not only that but Avening primary school also hosts a range of fairs and fetes throughout the year at such times like Christmas, Halloween, summer and spring. From its well-behaved – if noisy – pupils to its beautiful Victorian buildings – not to mention the fabulous Memorial Hall.

**Avening play park:** When you hear the ball as it hits the back of the net; when you see the children cheer; when you smell the scent of fresh cut grass – then you know you are at Avening park! That sentence is all too true. The forest rimmed lawn, with a football pitch and play area, the park is an amazing place for students to hang out after school, either by climbing trees, playing football or anything else. Five stars!

**Countryside:** Whilst cities are crammed with grey, blocky buildings, Avening boasts tree-lined avenues, rolling, hill and crystal streams. Why not head down to West End to visit Jack the horse and the adorable kittens, go to the pub to enjoy a meal or take a walk through the breath-taking scenery. Imagine a place where wooded valleys dot the landscape, where herds of cattle graze contentedly, where beautiful, fragrant flowers bloom amongst the grass: well, if you are interested, it is called Avening. From farmers fields to wild flower meadows, Avening is picturesque and calm. So if you like lovely scenery, you simply must come.

**Village History:** Not only is Avening beautiful, but it also has the only church in England commissioned by a British queen and is mentioned in the said queen's husband's doomsday book! The story of our church is roughly this: Queen Matilda was asked to grant a knighthood to a man – Britric – whom she did not like, for he had refused her hand in marriage in the past. Instead of giving him the knighthood, she incarcerated him – put him in the dungeon – and both built the church and paid for our unique pig-face feast as penance as he died there.

**Conclusion:** Avening is an amazing place, full of compassionate people. In case you have forgotten, here is a list of things that make it great: lovely school; kind people; beautiful countryside; fascinating history.

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# Avening Community Café

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Every Tuesday morning in the Social Club from 9 – 12 am.

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

Many thanks to all those who supported our litter pick; various roads around the village are now cleaner – at least for a while. Also grateful to Ian MacDonald for bringing some of his bees and delicious honey along to celebrate National Bee Day.

The Café supported the village Sounds of Summer concert in helping serve refreshments and also contributed art works and rag rugging at the art exhibition as part of the Church Fete weekend festivities.

We continue to welcome new faces; the Café is a great place to meet old and new friends, a 'lifeline' for those on their own. All ages are welcome and children are invited to come along in fancy dress on 30 July to celebrate Harry Potters birthday!

## July Café themes

- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Wimbledon** – anyone for tennis!
- 9<sup>th</sup> **World Chocolate Day**
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Art with Mark** (£3 each, all materials supplied)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **Olympics** – ready for summer sports?
- 30<sup>th</sup> **Harry Potters Birthday** – children fancy dress competition

*John Hetterley, for Avening Community Cafe*

## Fun Skittles starting Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July



Avening Social Club is hosting a monthly fun skittles evening, open to all.

It will start on Saturday 6th July, opening at 7.30pm, with play from 8pm and will be on the first Saturday of the month thereafter. 3rd August, 7<sup>th</sup> September etc.

Come alone or with friends, rough teams are made up before play, and the emphasis is on fun rather than competition. It doesn't matter if you have played before or not.

It costs £3 per person, and light refreshments are provided - bread, cheese & pickles. The evening usually finishes around 10pm, but you don't have to stay for it all if you can't.

Further information from Rima on 07505583755 text or phone only.

*Rima Jones*

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You may have seen our Cobalt cards in your local GP or shop? Our cards have been made by volunteers for over 40 years and last year raised over £32,000 for the charity. This is only possible because our supporters donate cards for us to upcycle. If you would like to get involved with our upcycle card project then please contact us on 01242 535922.

We are also holding events through the summer to celebrate our anniversary and to raise money for the work we do from Open Gardens on 23 June or our Gala Party on 5<sup>th</sup> July. Visit our website to find out more at [www.cobalthhealth.co.uk/support-us/](http://www.cobalthhealth.co.uk/support-us/).

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*Jennie South*

## The Village Notice Board

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- July 13** **Everything in the Garden:** Painswick garden director Dominic Hamilton will be talking about the Rococo Garden and will be joined by The Every Other Monday group of Stroud musicians to play flora-base choral music. 7.30. Tickets £10 (includes a discount on entry to the gardens)
- July 14** **Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra:** A must-see concert for aspiring young musicians and part of our aim to host more young people's performances. 7.30. Tickets £5 free to under 18s
- July 19** **Floyd UK:** To mark 50 years of The Dark Side of The Moon album a group of musicians come together to celebrate Pink Floyd's music accompanied by amazing visual effects! 7.30 Tickets: £20 in advance.
- July 27** **Miyabi Duo:** The duo of Saki Kato and Hugh Millington play a variety of music for two guitars from new compositions to staples of the Spanish guitar repertoire. The duo are known for their collaboration with groups promoting musical workshops. 7.30 Tickets: £24, £15 for under 25s

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# Avening Parish Council



## **Vandalism in the Playground**

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With the long school holidays looming, please talk to your children about keeping their playground nice. If they should witness this behaviour they can report it in confidence to their school.

The Police have been informed.

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

### **New Planning Applications**

24/01179/FUL & 24/01180/LBC: 51 Nags Head Lane. Reroofing existing garage to form kitchen and sanitary accommodation with lid to existing dwelling. Relocating car parking and vehicular access.- Object

### **Planning Correspondence and Decisions**

24/00722/REM: Tetbury Hill House Tetbury Hill. Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of permission 20/02653/REM - reserved. Matters pursuant to outline permission 19/00725/OUT (Outline application for the construction of two dwellings with access, layout and scale to be determined) to include details relating to appearance and landscaping - Application Permit

### **Overgrown Vegetation**

Please can you ensure that any hedges overhanging the footpaths are cut back, but please do it carefully to protect nesting birds.

### **Walking the Public Rights of Way**

Many of the public rights of way are currently overgrown. The County has hundreds of miles of paths to upkeep. Many Parishes are encouraging walkers to take matters into their own hands. So if you are going for a walk, please consider taking a pair of gloves and secateurs with you and cut a little back each time.

### **Neighbourhood Policing Team**

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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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# Regular Activities in the Villages

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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 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                       |
| Fledglings for pre-schoolers | Fridays during term time   | 2.00 - 3.00pm    | School Garden              | Avening School                         |
| Fun Skittles                 | 1st Saturday each month    | 7.30             | Social Club                |  |
| Charity Quiz                 | 1st Saturday each month    | 8.00pm           | The Bell                   |  |
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