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August 2024

Not much going on in our villages in August after the early summer excitements of the annual Avening Fete and Cherington Show - pictures of the latter to be included in the September issue of the Villager. Hopefully everyone will be getting some sort of a break away from routine and will find the time to enjoy some lovely sunny summer weather (fingers crossed!). For the younger members of the population – don't forget Play Rangers on the Playing Field on 23rd August - more details in the magazine.

We would like to congratulate Avening Playgroup for achieving a Good at their recent OFSTED inspection, as we know how important it is to have such a facility in our village. We would also like to congratulate the Year 6 pupils as they leave Avening School and wish them the best of luck as they head off to their new schools in September.

We also congratulate Rev. Natalie Jennings now she has been licensed to serve as the Priest for the Avening and Cherington Churches and wish her well in her new role.

Happy holidays everyone!

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Many thanks to **Eliza** from Avening school for our cover photo. This was the winning entry in the 'Sounds of Summer' art competition; a beautiful collage. Congratulations, Eliza! 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

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Facebook: Avening Instagram: #aveningvillage

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
Friday 23rd August	Play Rangers	Avening Playing fields	10.00 am to 4.00pm
Wednesday 28th August	NO CINEMA CLUB		
Sunday 15th September	Avening Harvest Festival	Holy Cross Church	11.00am






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Gilian's Poem of the Month

In My Garden

My garden is a haven, a semi-wilderness;
Tall trees and shrubs surrounding a glade of flower-strewn grass.
Shaded from the sun's fierce rays, sheltered from windy skies,
My safe escape, my Eden, my piece of Paradise.
My dog lies sleeping by my side, basking in the heat,
My cat is stretched out in the shade - my family complete!
Roses ramble through the hedge, and honeysuckle's scent
Drifts across the garden in sweet abandonment.
No regimented borders here, no hedges trimmed and neat,
But freedom to spread and grow at will to Nature's hidden beat.
My garden is filled with fluttering wings of blackbird, robin, thrush,
And every kind of finch and tit, flitting from bush to bush.
While squirrels scamper down for food, leaping from tree to tree.
So graceful in their airborne flight, a joy for me to see.
And overhead some swallows swoop, high in a deep blue sky,
Riding the thermals, free as the breeze, soaring as they fly.
I hear the gentle bubbling of my fountain in the pond,
And the plaintive calling of a lamb, from out in the field beyond.
But then the sweetest sound of all—my blackbird's heavenly song,
Cascading from the highest branch, so pure and clear and strong.....
There is no place I'd rather be than my semi-wild retreat,
Where sights and sounds and scents all make my happiness complete.

Gilian Bulmer-Davison

Sandford Trust

Small grants are available from the Sandford Trust, a charity for local young people going on to university or work based training. I would welcome applications from anyone living in the parish of Avening, on or before 6th September, after which the annual distribution of funds will be made.

Applications should be made in writing, by the claimant, to:



Mrs Kelly Wilkinson
Larch House
Pound Hill
Avening
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GL8 8LZ

Avening and Cherington Churches

Our new priest, Rev. Natalie, was licensed for our parish in Amberley church on the evening of July 16th. Some of you may have met her at our village events, and we look forward to spending more time with her as days go by. You may meet her in the villages walking her dogs or having cake at Avening Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays. And in the church. Do introduce yourself and make her feel welcome in our village! Her partner is Jo, and the dogs are Bella and Bertie.

Natalie will be preaching at the Eucharist service in Cherington church on Sunday August 4th at 10am.



As the 'lazy, hazy, days of Summer' roll over us, we wish you a happy summertime, hoping that this year the haze is a dry one and that we all feel revived after time spent outside without deadlines.

During the August services, the gospel readings concentrate on Jesus' word: 'Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life which the Son of Man will give you.' He then says, 'I am the bread of life.' Come and join us at 10am, every Sunday, followed by coffee and biscuits.

On the first day back at school or playgroup in September, all parents and carers can join together in Avening Church from 8:30-10 o'clock to catch up, compare notes and comfort other parents at the Tea and Tissues event. Good coffee and home-baked cakes available to all, with play area and refreshments for younger children.

On Sunday, September 15th, Holy Cross Church will celebrate the dedication of the church in 1080, combined with Harvest Festival. Rev Natalie will lead the service which will begin at 11am that day so we can lunch together with a Bring and Share lunch. Please keep the date, and note the later time!

Elizabeth and Stephanie, Church Wardens

Donations to Avening Church



We have set up a QR code which if scanned with your smart phone will enable you to make a donation to Avening Church of any amount that you are able to. You then just feed into your phone your card details and the money will be transferred to our bank account. If you are an income tax payer you will also be given the opportunity to gift aid your donation.

Church Services

	AVENING	CHERINGTON
4 th August 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion Revd Jane Walden will accompany our new priest Revd. Natalie Jennings
11 th August 10.00am	Holy Communion With Baptism	NO SERVICE
18 th August 9.00am	Please join the benefice service in the Big Top on Minchinhampton Common NOTE THE TIME	
25 th August 10.00am	Holy Communion	NO SERVICE
1 st Sept. 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion

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Letter from Chairman of Avening Parish Council



This month's Parish Meeting covered mostly routine items as you can see from the report elsewhere in the Villager.

Two main items to highlight: -

The Memorial Hall: By the time this month's Villager comes to print you may notice that some building work has begun on the Memorial Hall.

The Hall is now over one hundred years old, and like all buildings of that age and size, it requires continual love and care to maintain it as a place that is both safe and pleasant to use. Finance, or lack of it, dictates how and when remedial work can be carried out. Fortunately, the Trustees have accumulated some funds to start the process. The first phase of improvements was the installation of the new heating system and some electrical rewiring. The second phase of repairs is concentrated on the entrance gable end. This needs reroofing together with the refurbishment of the two toilet areas; the result should bring the interior up to more modern and acceptable standards. The next phase is likely to be the replacement of the north side of the main roof with new tiles to replace the existing ones.

These phases are just two examples of the ongoing work that will need to be planned and budgeted for over the coming years. The kitchen in the Chamberlain Room is also on the agenda to be refurbished; and in the long term, it is likely that at some stage the hall floor will need to be upgraded. All of these improvements require that the hall is run as a viable commercial proposition, both to fund the necessary work already identified, and in the long term, accumulate a fighting fund to cover ongoing upkeep and any unexpected emergencies. We anticipate that the overall expenditure could be in the hundreds of thousands to achieve all of the above. Worth mentioning is the fact that, due to its charitable status, the Memorial Hall cannot take out loans or mortgages to finance costs, and therefore has to be self-sufficient, or rely on donations or grants for additional financial help.

Local Policing: There have been a few incidents where cars have been parked on pavements in a fashion that has completely blocked pavements, making it necessary for parents with children coming from school to step onto the main road. Regrettably when we reported some of these incidents to the police, they were unable to respond due to lack of personnel and because other incidents were considered to be of a higher priority. It is a reflection of how our rural policing is taking second place to those areas with a higher population density. Also, while I'm on the subject of pavements; if for some reason you have to park on part of the pavement, please make an effort to leave at least a sensible gap and allow for buggies or wheelchair users. If your hedges are overhanging the pavement and contributing to this problem - please trim them back sufficiently to anticipate next year's growth repeating the problem.

Last but not least, we have an upcoming vacancy on the Parish Council – so if you are interested and feel that you would like to make a contribution to the future of the village, please get in touch with me or contact the Parish Clerk.

Summer appears to have arrived, maybe not every day, but when the sun shines it makes us all feel a bit better; here's hoping that the weather stays bright for the holiday period for us all to enjoy.

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

Avening Church of England Education Fund (ACEEF)

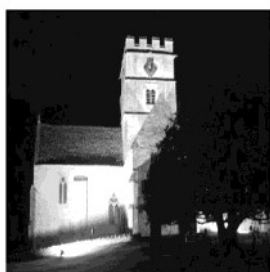


The trustees of ACEEF have limited funds available to assist Avening residents under 25 with their education. These grants are intended to help ensure that young people in the village are not deprived of the opportunity to receive good education suiting their aptitudes and abilities. This may mean financial 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.

Church Floodlighting

The church was floodlit on: **Saturday 27 July**



“In loving memory of Angela Kelly who passed away 2 years ago. Not a day goes by where we do not think of you or speak your name. You are missed so very much and I make sure the robins are fed every day. Our lives are not the same and never will be again as you were the glue that held everything together.

Miss you and love you so very much – Kris, Rob, Kane, Eloise, Ralph, Margaret and your 2 faithful dogs Barney and Monty.”

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.

Puzzle Corner

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				9		8		5

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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

Across

1 US Pop Art artist (6)

5 Style of handwriting (6)

8 Outlook, probability (8)

9 Equipment, kit (4)

10 Indigo plant dye (4)

11 Large country landholding (4)

(6)

13 Ancient Egyptian writing

(13)

16 Disembodied soul (6)

18 Hook for landing large fish

21 Commoner, prole (4)

22 Gambling game (8)

23 Fold of skin under chin (6)

24 Weak (6)

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Down

2 Freemason's symbolic piece of cloth (5)

3 Forceful salesman, dealer (7)

4 Onion-like vegetable (4)

5 Famous auction house (8)

6 Legal entitlement (5)

7 Synthetic material (7)

12 Political propaganda in art, etc (8)

14 Sudden desire or whim (7)

15 Sanitary practice (7)

17 Insurgent (5)

19 Lethal, terminal (5)

20 Enthusiast, expert (4)

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Avening Playgroup



First of all, we are now able to share the result of our Ofsted inspection which took place on Friday 24th May – we were awarded a **GOOD!** As it has been a very difficult and challenging year, we are very pleased with this result. The full report is available to read on our website www.aveningplaygroup.co.uk under 'more'. A very big thank you to the staff and committee for doing everything they could to secure this outcome.

Our AGM took place on Tuesday 9th July and we needed to elect the officer posts for the new committee and they are:

Chair – Lydia Haymon-Collins

Secretary – Kate Harvey

Treasurer – Rhiannon Davies

Committee Member – Katy Upton

We thank them all for their support and we look forward to working with them.

Having a new committee means we have to say good bye to the former one. A very big thank you to Krista for being our chair for the past two years and for making sure that everything was up together in preparation for Ofsted and for the support she has given the staff. Also, a big thank you to Verity (secretary) and Sharon for stepping in as community volunteers when we were struggling to form a new committee. Also, thank you to Jo for standing in as treasurer and to Tim and Georgia for making up the remainder of the committee and to all of you for supporting and helping out at the fund-raising events and attending committee meetings, when you could.

Over the past few weeks, our focus areas have been:

Shapes – we looked at different shapes on the light panel, made shape collages, coloured in shapes and cut around shapes.

Physical Activities – we used the bats and balls, completed an obstacle course, moved to music and practiced running races in preparation for the playgroup race at Avening Primary School sports day.

Countries and the Euros – we looked at flags of different countries, made an England flag, completed world map jigsaws, made a football collage and looked at the word for hello in different languages.

The children have also had lots of fun making big bubbles and dressing up for a tea party.

As mentioned in last month's Villager, we are in the process of recruiting a new member





of staff. Once we have them in place we will be more flexible on hours. At the moment we will be able to offer longer hours (9.15am – 2.45pm) on Mondays and Tuesdays from September. We are hoping to extend Wednesdays and Thursdays hours to 2.45pm as well, if there is enough interest. We will be in touch with those starting and coming back for the September term during the holidays to confirm these hours.

I write this article in our final week of term and we have been saying goodbye to all our leavers. This year, seven children will be leaving us to go to school. They returned from their move-through days excited and raring to go. Most of them cannot wait to start school in September. We wish them all the best for their new adventure!


Hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to welcoming the children at playgroup in September.

Angie Heslop

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

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The Kemble Station Mystery

We're very fortunate to have a railway station so close to us, but why on earth did it end up at Kemble, in the middle of nowhere?

I've done some research, and from what I've found I can imagine a conversation between Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Robert Gordon in about 1836:



Brunel: "Mr Gordon, I'm drawing up plans for a Great Western Railway line between Cirencester and London, and I'm prepared to pay you £250 per acre if you will permit me to run the line through your land".

Gordon: "I don't need your money, Mr Brunel, and the last thing I want is for a railway line to spoil our view from Kemble House".

Brunel: "I could build a covered section of the line, about 400 yards long, so that you won't see it. Incidentally, Mr Gordon, how long does it take you to reach your club in London?"

Gordon: "There's a regular stagecoach service, which takes two days".

Brunel: "I'll build you your own platform, and as long as you give us prior notice, the train will stop for you and transport you to London within two hours".

And so Kemble started out as a basic single platform, which by 1882 had the impressive Victorian Gothic stone building we see today, with the two platforms.

Whenever I take the train, it always brings to my mind Adlestrop, another rural Gloucestershire station, now long gone, a victim of Doctor Beeching's axe in the 1960s. There, during late June in 1914, an express train drew up 'unwontedly', and inspired 'Adlestrop', the famous poem by D H Thomas:

"The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.
No one left and no one came
On the bare platform. All I saw
Was Adlestrop - only the name."

If you want to be transported back to travel on the train on this hot summer's day, a hundred years' ago, then just listen to Geoffrey Palmer reciting the poem in full on YouTube. With Vaughan Williams' 'Lark Arising' playing in the background, it's the perfect evocation of England's countryside.

Roger Lindley

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Amberley Shop and Café – an amazing social space



Amberley residents love their new community shop and café which just celebrated its first birthday. This thriving new community hub, nestled under the nave of the Holy Trinity Church in Amberley, is a delightful space attracting visitors not just from Amberley, but cyclists, walkers and many visitors from as nearby as Minchinhampton and as far away as New Zealand. All are looking for a taste of our amazing coffee, and lovely lunches, with sandwiches, quiches, sausage rolls freshly baked by Henry's of Minchinhampton. Many of our visitors are tempted by freshly baked cakes from local suppliers including Lavender Bakehouse, Hobbs House Bakery and Baked by Beth. Many just come to meet and get warm in the middle of a dog walk. (Free dog biscuits with every coffee!)

Proud to receive a visit from the Archbishop of Canterbury

We love to receive everyone. And everyone is welcome. But we were particularly proud to see the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, join us for a few hours one afternoon, knot his apron in a determined fashion, just like our other 90 volunteers do every day, and get down to the business of making an exemplary latté on his first try.

We explained how our small village space had grown to support its community in many different ways. We now have a digi-hub (all are welcome) to help people get more confident online, we run many pop-up events, support Friday cuppa and have a huge agenda to support the young and disadvantaged with valuable work experience and community work. Young people can come here to get support for their Duke of Edinburgh awards, younger children enjoy taking us over for a few hours, people with learning disabilities value working with us. As The Archbishop said:

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Avening School

Fond Farewells and New Beginnings



No matter how many years pass by, it is always emotional to wave farewell to our Year 6 leavers, most of whom have been with the school for seven years and all of whom we are immensely proud of. Over the past year, they have stepped up as role models for the rest of the school, showing compassion and understanding in their roles as playground patrollers and house captains and determination and resilience as they navigated the recent SATS and prepared for secondary school. We wish every one of our Year 6 pupils a smooth transition to their new schools in September and a fond farewell as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey.

Another goodbye we have to make this year is to the wonderful Mr Hatt who has been a teaching assistant in the school for the last few years. We will miss his kindness, energy and enthusiasm and wish him the very best for the future.

An enormous thank to you to everyone who supported our sponsor-a-book campaign for the school library. We were absolutely bowled over by the generosity from parents, families and members of the local community who contributed. We now have a glorious pile of boxes filled to the brim with exciting new books ready to go in the classrooms and library for September.

Sponsor-a-book is an ongoing initiative so if you would like to purchase a book for our school library but didn't get the chance, please get in touch with the school office for more information on how to do so. We really are so grateful, thank you!

Our wonderful FOAS team have done sterling work this year raising much needed funds for our school which makes a huge difference to every child throughout the year.

Without support from FOAS we wouldn't be able to update our IT equipment, fund enrichment opportunities such as school trips and purchase essential resources. This year, it is time to bid farewell to our FOAS Chair, Steph Luff, as well as Treasurer Helen Hatt and Secretary, Heather Francis, all who have worked tirelessly over the past few years to enable the school to offer so much to all our children. Thank you to everyone on FOAS for your amazing work!

And now, as the classrooms are cleared ready for the new academic year ahead, we wish everyone a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back along with our new reception children, in September.

Alex Adcock

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Café arts and crafts continue to be successful with many taking a turn on the rag rug and new faces joining our art classes. We are pleased to announce that “Art with Mark” will be run twice a month from September – on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Once again, in June we welcomed walkers passing through the village who were glad to take a break with a drink and a cake. It seems that news of our Café is spreading beyond the village!

Thanks to Cas and her team for their “Wimbledon” theme café providing strawberry and cream cakes – very tasty.

With the summer holidays here, we look forward to welcoming families to the café with various activities and free drinks for the children.

August Café themes

- 6th **National Cat Day** – cat mask colouring for children
- 13th **National Afternoon Tea Week**
- 20th **Art with Mark** (£3 each, all materials supplied)
- Childrens Arts and Craft Table**
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John Hetterley, for Avening Community Cafe

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Avening WI

On a rare hot afternoon a group of our members visited the beautiful garden of Doynton House near Dyrham Park. We were welcomed by Frances the owner and her head gardener Joe and shown around the gardens which had been designed and created by them since 2009. The watering system was all naturally filtered and included a swimming pool. We concluded the lovely visit with tea and homemade cakes on the terrace.

We chose another sunny day to visit the Sculpture Gardens near Somerford Keynes. It was delight with over a hundred widely varied sculptures set around a beautiful wooded glade. Some of the sculptures were very cleverly designed using old car parts where others were bronze, marble, stone, steel and coloured glass. We were particularly taken by little birds made entirely from forks and spoons. So delicate and clever.



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Recently, together with members of Kemble WI, we were guests of Tetbury WI for our annual group meeting. The speaker John Volanthan who a British cave diver and a member of the Cave Rescue Association was, in 2018, called together with a caving friend to help in the successful rescue of the young Thai football team who were trapped far into a cave system following heavy rain. He was very informative and told us of all the stages of the rescue and all the difficulties they had to overcome. His incredible bravery earned him the George Cross.

At this meeting we have competitions to produce a themed work of art. This year the theme was the sea and Avening WI won both the group entry with a collage depicting the polluting of our oceans and the individual entry, a table decoration. Well done to those who took part.



Our skittles team continue their winning run in the County competition and is about to play a quarter finals match. We have never come this far in the competition before.

Our speaker for the July meeting was Ben Nicholls who has been researching his granddad's global family. He discovered many relatives he knew nothing of by



searching the births deaths and marriages registers, contacting one or two previously unknown relatives and finding from them even more family members. His enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge was very evident.

We do not hold a meeting in August but we will be having a social event at the Nailsworth Bowls Club when our members are having a taster session of the sport. The next meeting will be on 12th September when our speaker will be Jeni Whittaker on 'The Courage Game, my great aunt the suffragette'. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings held at 7.30 pm on the 2nd Thursday each month in the Avening Memorial Hall.

Gwyneth Simpson

District Councillor's Report



A minor inconvenience called a general election has interrupted normal business at CDC this month, and all major meetings were cancelled. These have been rescheduled for July, but will unfortunately be too late for me to submit anything meaningful to the magazine

I had a useful conversation with the Chief Financial Officer regarding the costs for the Publica transfer, but I will report on this next month following publication of initial costings in the first half of July.

Councillor Tony Slater

Cotswold District Council, Representing Grumbolds Ash with Avening.

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A couple of useful information points:

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Report It: New forms for reporting graffiti, overflowing bins, dog fouling and street cleaning are now live on the Cotswold District Council Website. <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/report-it/> A map pin drop allowing for what3words location submissions can be used.



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"Always Look on the Bright Side of Life"

(with thanks to the Monty Python team)

I have a friend who I've known for many years but as she lives quite a distance away we keep in touch by regular telephone calls bringing each other up-to-date with what's been happening in our respective lives. Every so often, when she calls me, I can hear in the background "Always look etc" which means that she's having or has had some mini/major drama in her life and needs reassurance that everything will be all right in the end which, I'm glad to say, it usually is.

We all have bad days, complicated days and sad days and nature can hurl all those things at us in the space of 24 hours.

Over the past few weeks my garden has turned into the most wonderful bird sanctuary even though, thanks to the invasion of squirrels and magpies, I've had to get rid of my bird feeder but I do have a bird bath. And what a terrible time-waster it is because I can't resist watching the obvious enjoyment this simple splashing around gives to such an amazing selection of birds - ranging from blackbirds and thrushes to the beautiful goldfinches, blue tits and tiny wrens all perched on the surrounding bushes and patiently - or sometimes not so patiently - waiting for their turn in the water.

These are the happy, lovely moments in the garden but, inevitably, there are of course the sad moments that happen in the world of nature and those are the moments when I realise why my friend turns to the song as indeed I had to do the other day.

From what I read, it would appear that thrushes are becoming less and less common in gardens so I feel really privileged and delighted to see them hopping around, looking for snails and then bashing the shells on paving stones to get to the snail inside. Alas, the other day I heard the unmistakable thud of a bird hitting one of my windows - a

sound which I dread hearing although, from time to time, if you can get to the bird quickly enough and it's just been stunned, it can sometimes be revived, calmed down and sent on its way. Alas, not so this time and, of course, it happened to be a thrush beyond reviving although I did stay with it for a time just in case. But no hope so I dug, as I always do, a little grave, buried it and sent it off to its heavenly rest.

That was bad enough until a few days later I saw my dog sniffing very interestedly at something and - sure enough - it was, of course, another thrush but this time it was just lying on the edge of a flower bed and in no way able to be revived. So, another burial alongside one of its kind - who knows



it might have been a brother or sister.

But back to the words of the song - the bright side of life returned a few days later when I heard the sound of shells being bashed on stone and, sure enough, there were three thrushes intent on getting the contents out of the shells and consuming a delicious snail supper.

So, nature being what it is, can give you the highs and lows as indeed does life so it's always a good idea, in my book, to "look on the bright side".

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Ann Tarlton

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Avening Youth Club



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NO YOUTH CLUB DURING AUGUST

The Village Notice Board

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Flower Festival

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arrangement from Holy Cross, thanks to the work of 'flower girls' Gill Adams and Linda Natrass. As with all the arrangements, Gill and Linda adhered to the SCF criteria and could be appreciated even more knowing that they had! When it came to using locally grown flowers, they looked no further than their own gardens. and Linda's roses were certainly one of the stars of the show – well done, Gill and Linda!

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST AT TETBURY GOODS SHED

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- Aug 16th** **Willy Tea Taylor:** Singer-songwriter Willy hails from Oakdale, California and is touring the UK with his Album “The Great Western Hangover”, in a solo performance. Tickets £12.50 under 25 £10. 7.30pm
- Aug 17th** **The Tempest:** The Festival Players return to The Goods Shed for an open-air performance of Shakespeare’s last and great play – a mixture of intrigue, magic and humour. Tickets £17, under 25 £10. 7pm
- Sep 1st** **Off The Rails:** Our family fun day celebrates live music, activities for the children and, of course, a selection of food and drink and our Whistle Stop Café. Adults £10 under 18 free! 11am-6pm

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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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Council Meeting for August

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

New Planning Applications

24/01807/CLEUD: Land Parcel Easting 387517 Northing 198301 Woodstock Lane Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for use of a barn as a dwelling—Object

24/01818/FUL: Land At Grid Reference 388941 197571 Star Lane Erection of an extension to an agricultural building – No Comment

24/01682/COMPLY: Willow House 21 Tetbury Hill Compliance with condition 3 (sample render), 4 (roof tile), 5 (design details) and 6 (Traffic Management Plan) of permission 23/01330/FUL - Erection of single storey rear extension and associated works – No Comment

Planning Correspondence and Decisions

24/01117/FUL: 35 Tetbury Hill Widening of existing driveway and rebuilding stone boundary wall - Application Permit

24/01031/FUL: 12A Star Lane Erection of a residential dwelling - Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission 21/03751/FUL - Application Permit

24/00466/FUL: Old Nags Head Nags Head Lane Demolition of existing shed and erection of replacement shed - Application Withdrawn

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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	
Avening Singers	Sunday	4.00pm	tba	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090



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