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# September 2024

The year seems to be speeding by - it is hard to believe that we are already nearly into autumn. Hopefully everyone had a restful summer and got to enjoy a bit of sunshine somewhere! If you did something different or went somewhere exciting, why don't you send us an account of it and we'll publish it in the magazine?

Congratulations to all of those in the villages who got their exam results last month and we are sure you are looking forward to your next stage in life. Good luck as well to all the children and young people starting new schools this month, especially the children who are going into reception in Avening School.

Many of the regular village activities took a short break in the summer and will return this month with fresh energy. One activity which didn't take a break, however, is the Avening Community Café, which is held every Tuesday morning of the year (possibly excepting Christmas Day!). It is always a happy lively event and the teams of volunteers who run it make sure there is something for everyone throughout the year, from art and crafts to live music and fun, pertinent themes. On top of that, the coffee is good and the fresh homemade cakes wonderful! If you have not managed to get there yet, maybe give it a try this month. It's open from 9 am (time to grab a quick coffee and catch up after the school run?) until noon.

The Villager Editors

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Many thanks to **Nigel Bowsher** for our beautiful cover photo of sunset over Avening. Please keep sending us your photographs, especially since all the images will be in colour in the downloadable version of the Magazine.

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# **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
Wednesday 4th September	Avening School term starts.	Avening School	8.45am
Wednesday 4th September	Tea and Tissues for parents and carers	Avening Church	8.30 am
Sunday 15th September	Avening Harvest Festival	Holy Cross Church	11.00am



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# Gilian's Poem of the Month

## **Topaz** — A True Story

- Tiny little kitten-cat, barely three weeks old, crying beneath a cherry tree, beside a busy road.
  - Where she came from no-one knew, and no-one seemed to care where the kitten's mother was, or why she'd left her there?
  - I picked her up to comfort her and knew I'd take her home, for how could I leave that tiny soul, so scared and all alone?
    - Could I save that tiny scrap, and help her to survive? She was so determined, not just to live, but thrive!
    - That stripey, tabby ball of fluff had eyes of piercing blue, and so we called her Topaz, for no other name would do.
  - Feisty, bold and fearless, with a heart so brave and warm, always getting into scrapes from the day that she was born!
  - Daring and adventurous, she'd climb the tallest tree, then yowl and yell with all her might "Help! Come and rescue me!"
    - With a purr that shook her tiny frame she'd cuddle up to you, and gaze with love into your face with those eyes of startling blue...
- So Topaz grew and flourished, ignored the cats, instead she sought the company of the dogs, and curled up in their bed.
- She chased their tails, and pulled their ears, followed them everywhere, and they let her boss and bully them, and gave her loving care.
- And when we went for country walks o'er fields, and hills and woods, Topaz came along with us, convinced she was a dog!
- Then when we moved to Cornwall on visits to the shore, she'd tip-toe through the soft, dry sand, shaking each dainty paw,
  - And when the waves surged up the beach she'd watch with great disdain, then with bottle- brush tail and angry hiss she'd chase them back again!
    - Known as 'the cat who ruled the waves', she was a local star, down in Boscastle harbour, where other cats watched from afar.
- And when we wandered down the hill for lunchtimes at The Nap, Topaz came too, was welcomed in, as a very special cat!
- Returning back to Avening she knew that she was home, remem'bring where she used to live and where she used to roam.
- But, crossing the busy street one day Topaz was hit by a car and I found her lying oh, so still, and I knew her life was o'er....
- Now Topaz sleeps down by the brook, curled in a cosy nest, safe back home in Avening, the place she loved the best......

Gilian Bulmer-Davison

# Avening and Cherington Churches



It's good to write to you for the first time since I was licensed and installed (or 'plumbed in', as a friend of mine says!) back in July. Even though July may seem a long time ago, everything still feels very 'new' to me. I'm slowly settling into the new house, new villages, and new routines, and my dogs are enjoying having plenty of new places to explore. We've particularly enjoyed being able to walk up to the Common and find ourselves taking a different route or seeing a different scene each day — the confluence of newness and familiarity.

I've also enjoyed getting along to village events, such as the Community Café in Avening and the unforgettable Cherington Show, where I've been able to meet many people and test my memory for names (a serious challenge, with three villages under my care). The short-lived heatwave was perfectly timed to draw the crowds out to Cherington – where

they were able to witness my first Show prizegiving – but the heat sadly meant that I couldn't don my handmade Ravenclaw scarf for the Harry Potter-themed

community café.

By the time you read this, the new academic year will have begun, and my sense of newness will be shared by people of all ages at schools, colleges, universities, and other educational institutions, each adjusting to an unfamiliar place where they will learn, work, and make friends. Some



Celebrating Natalie's first service

people thrive in new places whereas others, like me, need time to adjust and settle in. Newness can be a good thing – it can mean a

fresh start, a chance to do things differently, or to be stimulated by new challenges. But it can also be difficult, especially when the 'new' brings us face-to-face with the unknown. I will be praying for all those who find themselves at the start of something new, and for their loved ones who support and encourage them (on that note, check out details of Avening's annual 'Tea and Tissues' event for new school parents at the beginning of term).

For those of us who find routine reassuring, the shorter days of September shift our attention to the familiar markers of the end of the calendar year: Harvest, Remembrance, and Christmas. We will be marking these with services in each of our churches so keep your eyes peeled for further details over the coming months. But there's plenty to keep us busy before then, both new and familiar, so I hope that I'll see you somewhere soon — though please don't try my memory for names just yet!

Every blessing,

## **Church Services**

	AVENING	CHERINGTON		
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept. 10.00am	MORNING PRAYER	HOLY COMMUNION		
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION	NO SERVICE		
15 <sup>th</sup> September NOTE TIMES	Harvest Festival & Dedication festival <b>NOTE TIME 11.00 with bring</b> and share lunch after	HOLY COMMUNION 10.00am		
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION	NO SERVICE		
SATURDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept.		6.00pm HARVEST FESTIVAL		
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION	NO SERVICE		
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00am	MORNING PRAYER	HOLY COMMUNION		

# **Donations to Avening Church**



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

of using the card payment machine in the church.

At the start of the new term on 4th September the church will be open and serving refreshments along with plenty of tissues for those parents and grandparents dropping off their children either for the first time

Don't go home lonely come and join others in the same position and enjoy the company and some refreshments.

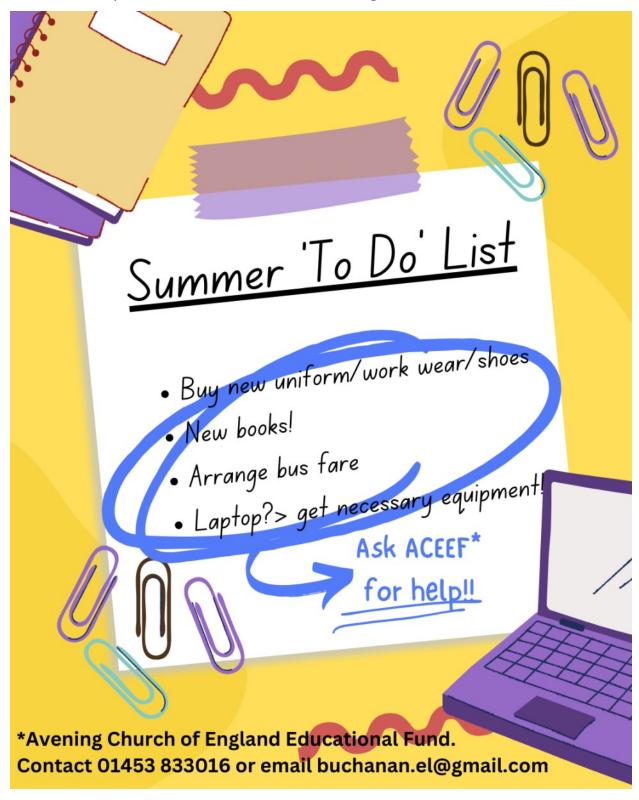
The Church will be open from 8.30.

or after the long summer holidays.

# Letter from Chairman of Avening Parish Council



There was no P.C. meeting to report on as we were on our 'Summer break'; so there is also no Clerk's report or minutes of the P.C. meeting.



SEE OPPOSITE PAGE FOR DETAILS!



#### 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 <a href="mailto:buchanan.el@gmail.com">buchanan.el@gmail.com</a>.



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#### Wednesday 20th August

To our lovely Auntie, **Gay Powell**, "Happy Birthday", miss you very much. Love Brian and all the family.

And will be lit on:

## Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

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

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.

# **District Councillor's Report**



**CDC**: At both the Overview & Scrutiny meeting and the full Council I raised concerns about the lack of information and detail regarding the cost of the Publica\* transfer project, but did not get a very satisfactory response. I am concerned that there will be significant cost of additional pension contributions and there will be no savings as a result of the transition.

Do check out the article in the Wilts & Glos Standard for more details.

\*Publica is a shared service company set up in 2017, owned by three local councils, providing many of the operational functions to the councils. Each council now proposes to take direct control of a number of these operational functions involving the transfer of staff.

**Bins:** The new bin collection schedule has been running for several weeks, and hopefully you haven't experienced too many issues. In Grumbolds Ash the missed collections rate is around 6-7%, but in other areas it is up to 19%! If you experience a missed collection, you can report it after 4:00pm and it should be rectified the next day. If you have repeated issues there is a complaints process on the CDC website – please also let me know and I'll notify Cllr Mike Evemy, who is the cabinet member responsible for the implementation. He has already apologised for the somewhat chaotic roll out of the new routes.

Planning Enforcement: This team has suffered with significant staff shortages in recent years and as a result some planning cases have slipped through this important safety net. At the CDC meeting I raised concerns about this and what plans were in place to rectify the issue, and also asked for performance stats to be provided against their published targets. I suggested they approach the Veterans charity as a potential source of officers as their skills have a good overlap with those needed in the role – the cabinet member will look into this.

**Crime:** There have been several thefts from churches in our area, so please look out for anything suspicious and check your security is as good as it can be.

**Unsung Heroes:** you may recall that a new award scheme was planned to recognise local heroes in the community. This has now been officially launched, with full details and nomination forms available on the CDC website. The first award will be made at the September CDC meeting.

**Roads:** It's fairly quiet on the roads in our area but do keep reporting potholes as you come across them. My own case against GCC/Highways for tyre damage has been transferred to the local magistrates court. They wanted to 'strike it off' due to lack of evidence, but hopefully this was because there was no facility on the system to enter it. I have now sent additional details in, and we'll see if it's enough to get into court.

**Customer Service hours:** In September 2023, the Council began trialling new opening hours for its customer services call centre, operating from 9am to 2pm instead of 9am

to 5pm. It reduced the opening hours on quiet afternoons and increased operators on the phones during busy lunchtimes. At the same time the Council invested more in its online services and maintained its 9am to 5pm in person service at the council offices, in Cirencester and Moreton-in-Marsh. The change is estimated to save £125,000 per annum. CDC will now permanently change its call centre opening hours having seen a significant increase in the use of online services and improvements in customer satisfaction.

#### **Councillor Tony Slater**

Cotswold District Council, Representing Grumbolds Ash with Avening.

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Other updates and information for Parish Councils:

#### **SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED AT TRINITY ROAD OFFICES**

Cotswold District Council's Trinity Road offices have had solar panels installed. The new solar system also includes a 130kWh battery storage unit which will increase the council's ability to use renewable energy beyond when the sun is shining and allow the Council to charge up overnight on cheap off-peak electricity from the grid. The power generated by the panels is largely expected to meet, and at times exceed, the building's electricity needs during the summer, allowing the Council to sell any excess energy back to the grid. This income will help offset any topping-up of the electricity required from the grid during the cooler months, when the panels will generate less power. The panels are likely to save the Council in the region of £42,000 per year once installed, and the cost of the installation is likely to be recovered in just over 5 years.

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION TO THE COUNCIL?

A parish councillor recently asked for guidance on asking a question at a full Council Meeting, and I found that guidance for doing so on the Council website is lacking. Firstly, inform democratic services (democratic@cotswold.gov.uk) that you intend to ask a question at full council, it helps them as the Chair will be notified. You do not have to disclose your question if you don't want to and you have one minute to pose it. The general advice is that you keep your question tight and precise in order to get a good answer. After your question has been answered/addressed, you are allowed to ask one follow up question.

At the meeting, the Chairman will ask whether any members of the public present at the meeting wish to ask a question and he/she will decide on the order.

#### FREE CAR PARKING IN CIRENCESTER

Did you know that on the weekends and on Bank Holidays, free parking is available at St James Place Headquarters on Old Tetbury Road (GL7 1FP)? This is the open air carpark on the Old Tetbury Road, on the left just before the Leisure Centre. Also at weekends and Bank Holidays, there is free parking at the CDC offices in Trinity Road, and at Queen Street (just off Victoria Road).

# **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 33

#### **Across**

1 Map line of atmospheric pressure (6)

5 Kathmandu is its capital (5) 8 Most famous cycle race? (4,2,6)

9 Cute African mammal (8)

10 e.g. fairground attraction (4)

11 Golfer's assistant

(6)

13 Horizontal parts of stairs(6)

15 Ultimate (4)

17 Apparition (anag. of

'hasn't map') (8)

19 Menopause (6,2,4)

20 Attire (5)

21 Officers in training (6)

#### Down

2 Type of mandarin (7)

3 Main tree branch (5)

4 Bureaucracy (3,4)

5 Deft, agile (5)

6 Large, grassland area of N. America

7 Intelligible, clear (5)

12 Easing of strained relations

between countries (7)

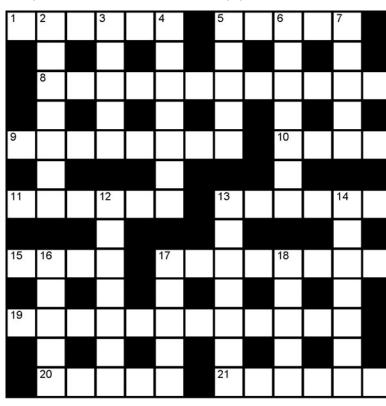
13 e.g. vehicles on roads (7)

14 Downward climb (7)

16 Sap-sucking bug (5)

17 Members of UK nobility (5)

18 Chinese secret criminal society (5)



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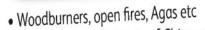
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## **Cherington Show — What a Year!**

The sun shone after so many weeks of rain and cold, which brought lots of families and friends out to enjoy all the attractions on offer at this year's Show. The animals on the Green, the Morris Dancers, the abundance of produce on the stalls, the Dog Show, delicious teas, ice creams, bar and barbecue and all the children's games: everything you would expect from this traditional annual event. In addition, we had all the exhibits in the Church and Village Hall. The Church lookied and smelt wonderful with the floral displays and numerous vegetables, and the Village Hall was full of cakes, jams, and handicrafts, created both by adults and children.

The judges had a very difficult time to choose the winners as there were so many worthy recipients. But here they are with our thanks to ALL of the exhibitors' on the day.

#### **Adults Competitions**

Adult Handicrafts for most points gained: - Sue Watkins

Floral Display Best Exhibit: - Christine Williams for her Summer Hedgerow

Horticulture most points gained: - Issy Branch

Horticulture Best Exhibit: - Ross Domanski for his amazing potatoes

The Charles Rymer Cup for Photography: - Ross Domanski

#### **Children's Competitions**

Winner for gaining most points in all sections: - Alex Starr

The Eileen Ind Cup for best exhibit: - Evie Henson

Best exhibit in cookery: - Betsy Cox

Thank you everyone who sponsored, donated, baked, made, worked for weeks before and on the day, to make this Show as successful as ever. We couldn't have done it without you.

Kate Gegg





Carmina's music fuses folk, jazz and Celtic themes in powerful original songs. The band was formed in Bristol in the early 1990s and features award -winning songwriters Rob King (acoustic guitar, mandola, bodhran) and Pippa Marland (vocals, alto and soprano sax, Irish whistles). Carmina have toured internationally, including appearances at Cork Jazz Festival, The World Fleadh, Glastonbury Festival and Edinburgh Fringe.



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# **Avening Playgroup**



As usual the team have been using the summer holidays to catch up with maintenance. The new committee has been tidying up the playground by cutting back all the bushes and adding extra privacy by setting up fencing and planting around the perimeter.

The tomatoes and pumpkin that the children planted with Louise are doing really well and the tomatoes are now producing lovely fruit. Unfortunately, the peas, beans and carrots made a nice dinner for the slugs.

Krista, our outgoing Chair, has remained on board in order to secure a new member of staff. She has been organising application packs and setting up interview times. Kate, our new Secretary, and I conducted the interviews and a conditional offer has been made. As I write this, we are currently awaiting a formal answer.

We are hoping that our hours of opening, from September, will be:

- Monday and Tuesday 9.15 to 2.45
- Wednesday and Thursday 9.15 1.15
- Friday closed

As we gain more interest, we will be hoping to open until 2.45 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We would also like to reopen on Fridays when we have enough children to do so. Our first day back is Wednesday 4th September. We look forward to seeing the children and their families then.

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 and book a time to look around the setting, please call us on 01453 832695 weekdays during term time, or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com.

Angie Heslop

#### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Gloucestershire GL8 8LZ



# **Avening School**

#### The Autumn term starts on Wednesday 4th September 2024

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# **Down Memory Lane**



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# **AVENING SINGERS**

are looking for people to join them preparing to sing at autumn and Christmas events in the village, including the Christmas Carol Service.

No experience necessary, you don't need to read music and there are no auditions - just come along and give it a try!

We practice Sunday afternoons at 4pm in Avening, starting on 15th September

Contact <u>aveningsingers@gmail.com</u> or call Jane (07812 137161) or Derrick (07762 702982) for more information



# Avening WI



We have had a very active summer so far. We do not have a regular meeting in August and organize a social event instead. This year we were hosted by the Nailsworth Mill Bowls Club for a bowls taster afternoon with tea. We invited previous WI members some of whom have moved away from Avening and it was lovely catching up with them. The rain held off long enough for us to have mini bowls matches. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

We now have a theatre group and have been to several productions at the wonderful little Barn Theatre in Cirencester. The

most recent trip was to see Some Mothers do 'Ave 'Em. It was hilarious with amazing special effects including the collapse of a large ceiling beam onto the stage.

The skittles team played in the quarter finals of the County competition against a WI from Bishops Cleeve and our winning run has now ended. We have had great fun time taking part.

The group undertaking the Cotswold Way walk has now reached Wotton under Edge. The last leg from Uleybury was extremely tough taking in steep climbs to Cam Long Down and Stinchcombe Common. We have been rewarded en route with the most wonderful views of Gloucestershire's beautiful scenery.

A recent walk along the towpath from Chalford to the Felt Café for lunch was enjoyed by a small group of members and we will endeavour to arrange a new walk each month for members who are keen walkers.

In early September our quiz team which qualified at an earlier round is taking part in the final in Cheltenham. Fingers crossed but there are a lot of teams taking part.



Our next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

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# **Avening Community Café**

Enjoy good company, delicious home made cakes and a drink at your Community Café.

Every Tuesday morning in the Social Club from 9 - 12 am. Mobile Post Office on site from 9:30 - 11:30.



We had a number of successful themes in the summer including the Olympics, Harry Potter's birthday, National Cat day and Afternoon Tea week. Thanks to Louise (from Playschool) who set up a craft table for our younger members and helped them complete their cat masks on National Cat day. It was also great to see a few "Harry Potters" turn up to celebrate his birthday – including our volunteers!

From September, "Art with Mark" will be run twice a month on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The Café will continue to partially subsidise these sessions, so why not come along and take part.

Please note that the Café will be supporting the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" on Tues 24 September in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. All profits and donations on this day will go to the MacMillan charity.

The Café rag rug team have completed a number of gorgeous wall hangings which can be seen each week at the Café. The team are looking for new challenges, so if you would like to commission a rug, cushion cover, wall hanging etc, please let us know.



#### September highlights

3rd & 17th **Art with Mark** (£3 each, all materials supplied).

24th **MacMillan Coffee morning** – all profits today go to MacMillan charity.

Surplus Garden Produce – Feel free to donate surplus garden produce for raising funds towards Café charities.

John Hetterley, For Avening Community Café



# 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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## **Garden Birds** — Where Have They Gone?



If like us you have spent a small fortune buying foolproof bird feeders that certainly don't fool squirrels or jackdaws, you might be interested in our latest effort to keep them out. We've surrounded all the feeders with pairs of large hanging baskets, which has meant that only the smaller birds can access them to reach the food. This is working perfectly, and all the jackdaws can do now is look on grumpily and pick up a few scraps from the floor.

That said, we wonder where all the finches have only a few years ago, we regularly had

goldfinches scoffing the nyger seed, and even a pair of bullfinches now and then. All we have now are the blue and great tits, robins and sparrows, although we are a regular

stop on a circuit of a posse of long tailed tits, who are more interested in insects than the feeders.



We've had magpies, sparrowhawk and buzzard even а come through the garden in the High Street, which probably doesn't



help, but if anyone has any suggestions as to how we can lure more species back we would be pleased to hear from them.

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- Sept 8 Melvyn Tan: This brilliant pianist returns as part of our classical series with music from Beethoven, Brahms and Clara Schuman. Tickets in advance £24, £15 under 18s. 6pm.
- Sept 13-15 Tetbury Book Festival: In conjunction with The Yellow Lighted Bookshop we are offering talks, workshops, poetry and live music. Full details on our website.
- Sept 18 The Last Baguette: Fun, gentle introduction to theatre, expect to play, watch and laugh with play acting, craft and music. For 2-6 year olds and their grown-ups. Tickets Children/Adults £5. Under 12 months free. 10am
- Sept 20 Autumn Comedy Club: This month features the mirth making talents of Matt Price, James Ellis and headlined by Jon Pearson! Tickets £13.50 in advance £10 under 25s. 8pm
- Sept 21 Music for Miniatures: Our baby-friendly concerts where there's no need to sit still, dancing is encouraged, and everyone is welcome. Tickets children £4, adults £6, Family of 4 £14. 10.30
- Sept 22 Sunday Folk with Miranda Rutter, Rob Harbron and Detta Kenzie. Join them for an informal afternoon of folk. Tickets £10 and £2 under 16. 3pm

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The Agenda and Minutes of the last parish council can be viewed at <a href="www.avening-pc.gov.uk">www.avening-pc.gov.uk</a> The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email at: <a href="mailto:parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk">parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk</a>

The Parish Council did not meet in August

# **The Village Notice Board**

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

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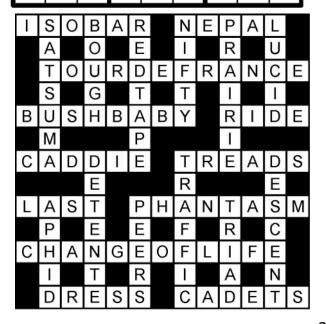
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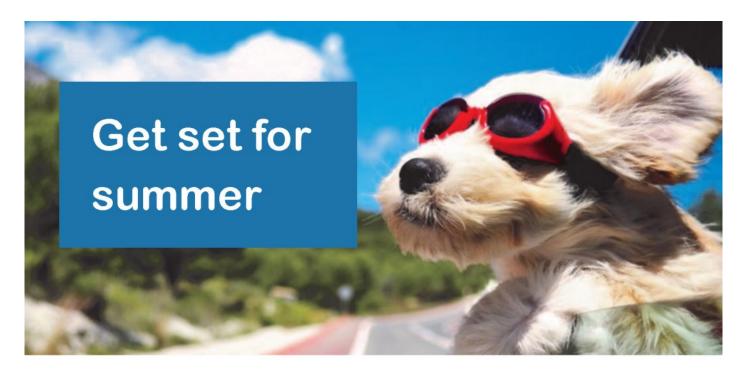
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Event	Day	Day Time Where		Contact	
Community Café	Tuesday	9.00am - 12.00pm	Social Club	Gill Adams 07826 291759	
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	9.30am - 11.30pm	Social Club car park		
Cherington PC	Tuesday bi- monthly	6.00pm	Cherington Village hall	Richard 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 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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