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Welcome to the November edition of the Villager. We are fortunate to be able to feature the many regular activities and individual events that take place in our villages, this month is no exception!

In early November many will celebrate Guy Fawkes Day, if you plan to have a bonfire please check for hedgehogs before lighting and think about your pets if having fireworks. Gilian's poem this month, Bonfire Night circa 1940, captures the essence of far simpler celebrations before big public events took over. Many of us will remember making our own bonfires and Guys and waiting with bated breath to see if the Catherine Wheels would actually spin round!

This year Remembrance Day (11th) falls on a Monday, on Sunday 10th there will be a Remembrance service at Avening Church starting at 10.45am. Poppies will be available to buy at the Community Café each Tuesday beforehand. Regarding the Café, it has now been running for an amazing 6 years and on Tuesday 12th everyone is invited to help celebrate with a glass of bubbly! Please see 'Dates for your Diary' and 'Regular Activities in the Villages' for lots more events.

Next month we publish our bumper December/January edition, so please be sure to send in details of events happening in either month.

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Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

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Gilian's Poem of the Month

BONFIRE NIGHT. (Circa 1940)

Chill morning mists wreath all around this dank November day, but there's light on the horizon—Bonfire Night is on its way!

So we'll build a fire, and make a guy, bake tasty treats to chew, toffee apples on a stick, and ginger Parkin too!

We'll find some old pyjamas and stuff them tight with hay, paint a face on a balloon—and Guy comes out to play!

We'll sit him in a barrow and parade him round the streets, "Spare a penny for the guy", to buy some extra treats.

Then we'll gather fallen wood but make sure it is dry, and stack it in a pyramid reaching to the sky.

Ensure Dad has the fireworks all ready for the night, sorted into order to create a wondrous sight....

At last the great day comes along, and as the daylight dies, we go out wrapped against the cold under the starry skies.

(We've left the dogs and cats at home, shut in away from harm, and the local cows and horses are safe within the barn)

Now friends and neighbours join us as we troop down to the park, the bright beams of their torches lighting pathways through the dark.

Dad has the bonfire blazing, with Guy perched up on high, the bright flames quickly leaping up, reaching for the sky

Mum hands the toffee apples round, the toffee crisp and sweet, with crunchy apple underneath—what a lovely treat!

Then Dad gives out the sparklers, one for everyone, fizzing and sparkling in our hands, a source of so much fun!

But, sadly, the end has come for Guy, perched on his funeral pyre, swiftly consumed by leaping flames, and swallowed in the fire.!

It's such a shame to see him go, poor Guy, we'd grown quite fond, and now he's just a puff of smoke up in the dark beyond,

As the bonfire settles it's time for Dad's surprise, so he lights the first of the fireworks against the dark night skies.

First come the Roman Candles, what a beautiful array, their glorious different coloured lights in brilliant display!

Then as they fade the Catherine Wheels, nailed firmly into place, spin and whirl and send bright sparks out into darkest space.

But now the grand finale, it's time for the Rockets' flight, whooshing up to burst in stars, colouring the night.

‘Oh!’ and ‘Ah!’ and ‘Ooh!’ we cry as starbursts fill the skies, the wonder and delight of it reflected in our eyes!

Then, gathering around the fire, we spread rugs on the ground, and Mum hands out the Parkin and there’s plenty to go round.

Dad rakes the glowing embers than throws potatoes in, to cook themselves for us to eat, even the charred black skin!

Mum produces paper plates, and butter and salt to taste, and we scoop the creamy centres out, and nothing goes to waste

Then for a sing-song round the fire where everyone joins in, but soon it’s time to say goodnight to neighbours and to kin.

And so we trail off home to bed, as the fire dies away, to dream of all the fun we’ve had this happy Bonfire Day.....

Gilian Bulmer-Davison

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 6th November	Avening School Open Day	Avening School	9.15 am — 12 noon
Tuesday 12th November	Made in Avening Christmas Shopping	Community Café, Avening Social Club	9.00 am - 12 noon
Friday 15th November	WI Quiz	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Wednesday 27th November	Cinema Club	Avening Memorial Hall	7.00 for 7.30 start
Sunday 1st December	Lighting Christmas Tree and Singing carols	The Green by the Old Bakery, Avening	5.30 pm.
Tuesday 3rd December	Christmas Wreath making workshop - in aid of Friends of Avening School	Cherington Village Hall	7.00 - 9.30pm

Avening and Cherington Churches



Dear friends,

In the months since I arrived here, there have been a lot of 'new' things. There have been new places to explore, new paths to walk, new people to meet... and lots of new names to remember! I've noticed that when asked "how are you settling in?" I often respond with "I'm getting there" – perhaps a reflection of how many 'new' things there are to take in and how, even 4 months since I joined you, there's still a lot to process.

But amidst the learning and processing, there have been many things to celebrate. Bella and Bertie, my dogs, are finally settling into The Rectory. For the first few weeks that we were here, Bella barked at almost every noise she heard at night (which is quite a lot, with the amount of wildlife that passes through our garden!) and Bertie got upset whenever I left them home alone. Thankfully, with patience, treats, and a few sleepless nights, we're finally getting to enjoy the peace and quiet of life in Amberley. I'm also settling into life in the wider benefice and becoming less dependent on my Sat Nav to get me around (although it's well-used for trips beyond the parish boundaries).

November is a time when we start to look back and reflect on the year that has passed and look forward with excitement to all the celebrations of Christmas, and all the 'newness' of the New Year. But it's a month which holds a lot of sadness for many people as we mark All Souls and Remembrance Day, and anticipate the grief of marking such a significant time of the year without our loved ones. At the time of writing, preparation for a service to remember those who have died are underway, and you would be most welcome to join us to remember your own dearly departed or to write their name on the list in church, to be included in the service. This year's service takes place at Amberley, but please do speak to your churchwarden to discuss sharing a lift across the Common. But please do remember that our churches are open for private prayer and as a quiet space every day, for any and everyone who needs it.

Date to note

Sunday 3rd November 5.30pm – All Souls' Service at Amberley

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Natalie

Church Services and information

	AVENING	CHERINGTON
3 rd Nov. 10.00am	No service	HOLY COMMUNION
3 rd Nov. 5.30pm	ALL SOULS SERVICE IN AMBERLEY CHURCH	
10 th Nov. 10.45am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE NOTE TIME	NO SERVICE
17 th Nov. 10.00am	Morning Prayer	HOLY COMMUNION
24 th Nov. 10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION	NO SERVICE
1 st Dec. 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.

Church Floodlighting



The church was floodlit on :

Sunday 13 October in memory of **Christine Avis**.

Thursday 24th October, in loving memory of **Tim David**.
Forever in our hearts and thoughts... x

Tuesday 29th October in memory of **John Hopes** from his loving wife.

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.

Letter from Chairman of Avening Parish Council



Already I've heard Christmas music being played in a few retail outlets – surely too early and personally I think it detracts from Christmas being a special time of the year when we are constantly bombarded with reminders so many months beforehand – others will have their own view, especially the retailers!

So, what's happening in Avening? Well, sticking to the pre-Christmas theme we will have the switching on of the **Avening Christmas tree lights on 1st December, 5.30pm (ish)** – everyone welcome. Our very own Avening Singers will be there to lead us with a selection of Christmas carols. Afterwards it is hoped that those who can, will process down to the pub to continue the merriment and sooth any dry vocal cords.

Christmas Fayre Craft Sale, Friday 13th December, Avening Memorial Hall, 2.45pm – 6pm – There will be Santa's grotto, Raffle and Tombola, Festive Refreshments, Market Stalls, Christmas Crafts, Games & Prizes, Face Painting, Singing and Music. Put it on your Christmas bucket list!

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 10th November. There have been many villagers from Avening and Nags Head who have given their lives in the Two World Wars and other conflicts, and it is proper to give our due respect to them, reflected in a well-attended service. Last year the Tetbury Air Cadets attended and provided their gravitas to the service; we hope that they can attend again this year.

The Village Stream – A reminder to all households whose property adjoins the stream that they have an inherent responsibility to maintain their portion of the stream by ensuring that it has not become restricted either by sediment or vegetation. If you are unsure about what's required, please look on line under Riparian rights. A Riparian owner is somebody who has either a main river or an ordinary watercourse, such as a stream or culvert, running through, beneath or adjacent to the boundary of their land. Where the watercourse forms the boundary of the land, you will usually own up to its centre. However, the rights of a riparian owner does not necessarily depend on ownership of the soil under the watercourse but may arise simply through ownership of land abutting the watercourse. So, to put it simply – if your garden adjoins a watercourse, make sure it is kept reasonably clean and clear.

Avening Memorial Hall – The Trustees and Parish Council are planning the next stage of repairs required for the roof. The overall cost could be in the region of £100k – so if you have any significant 'loose change' in your piggy bank that you would like to donate – please contact the Parish Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors. We are of course trying every available avenue of grants, but often grants are only available if significant funds are already in place, so every penny counts.

The Orchard – A big thank you to all those who attended the recent bramble and general weed clearing of the orchard; ably organised and lead by Phoebe Carter. A second 'hit' is planned for some time in February – pop it in your diary and come along.

Snow Clearing and Grit Supplies – If the volume of rain we are experiencing should fall as snow, then we will have big problems; lets hope we can avoid such extremes through the winter months. It is important to point out that the current grit bins will not be replenished during the winter (Council Cutbacks) and we must use the existing grit sparingly. The most efficient method for clearing the side roads/hills is by using the village gritter – this is stored in the small shed adjacent to the Memorial Hall.

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District Councillor's Report



Cotswold District Council: There was nothing too contentious at the September meeting other than questioning the resilience of CDC infrastructure. A storm caused a leak in the recently renovated roof which took out several IT and electrical services, leading to reduced service availability throughout the building. We are assured that the core systems were unaffected and that offsite backups are in place.

Following the full council meeting we attended an event at the Corinium Museum to celebrate 50 years since CDC was founded. We were joined by special guests, including past councillors and officers.

Unsung Heroes: The Unsung Heroes Awards is to acknowledge all the work being done across the district by volunteers who give up their time to help others. Residents and businesses have nominated people in their communities who they think have made a difference, from individuals who give up their time to help neighbours, to members of local groups who volunteer to deliver local projects. I was delighted to see that one of our Kingscote residents, Brian McTear, was an award winner in the first ceremony at the Full Council meeting on 25 September. This will be a rolling scheme with winners announced at every Full Council meeting going forward. Please nominate your Unsung Hero here: www.cotswold.gov.uk/unsungheroes

Bins: There have been ongoing issues with the new bin collection routes, especially in rural areas, and a written response to a question from Mike Evamy (The Cabinet member responsible) states: The waste team is committed to reviewing and improving the reporting processes following the recent round re-organisation. This review will include an evaluation of the entire online process, from residents reporting missed collections to crews addressing the issue, ensuring it is effective and allows residents to accurately report missed containers. The review will also look into the messages residents receive when reporting missed collections. This will include issues like 'gate checks,' where crews may indicate bins weren't placed out for collection or were contaminated, which currently prevents residents from logging missed bins. Key stakeholders, including customer services and the digital team, will be involved in the review, and extensive user testing will be conducted to ensure the tool is accessible and easy to use.

Roads: There have been several fatalities recently on our roads, mostly involving motor cyclists. With the darker nights and winter weather coming fast, do take care when travelling around the district.

Gloucestershire County Council: Cllr Mark Hawthorne recently stepped down as leader of GCC. He was 14 years as leader and a true champion for Gloucestershire both locally and nationally, which had helped the county punch above its weight. Cllr Stephen Davies has been elected as the new Leader.

Councillor Tony Slater

Cotswold District Council, Representing Grumbolds Ash with Avening.
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Other updates and information for Parish Councils:

Another parking survey: Views on parking in Cotswolds sought for a second time from residents Cotswold residents are invited to give their views for a second time this year on parking in the district as Cotswold District Council launches its second consultation on current parking provision.

The first consultation ran in January 2024 and helped establish baseline data for how the public uses and perceives our parking provision. The second consultation, which begins in September 2024 will consider the changes in parking behaviour in the summer when tourism and summer holidays are at their peak, through to autumn when schools and colleges restart. Since the Parking Strategy was adopted 2016 several factors have influenced transport and parking behaviours, such as the climate agenda, the Coronavirus pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis and the wider economy. Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, Cabinet Member for Health, Leisure and Parking said, "We are delivering a second consultation so that we can get a holistic view of parking across the year. We appreciate parking demand fluctuates with the seasons, and a second consultation will provide us with a robust set of data to work with. Your views will enable us to develop a parking strategy that is fit for our car park users. <https://news.cotswold.gov.uk/resources/ve7sq-c3o6s-n19cj-kbeo4-cw9c5>

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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 34

Across

- 1 Computer-phone line interface (5)
- 4 Physician (6)
- 7 Ancient Peruvian (4)
- 8 Aristocracy (8)

- 9 Creature doomed to die (5)
- 10 Snag, fault (6)
- 12 Person who studies birds (13)

- 15 Paradise (6)
- 17 Mother-of-pearl (5)
- 19 Sumptuousness (8)
- 21 Poultry cage (4)
- 22 SOS call (6)
- 23 Male duck (5)

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Down

- 1 Collection of wild animals (9)
- 2 Sewage etc. conduit (5)
- 3 Sovereign ruler (7)
- 4 Locate/fix computer errors (5)
- 5 Vocation (7)
- 6 Not at home (3)
- 11 Type of stew (9)
- 13 Sickly person (7)
- 14 Oil from flax (7)
- 16 Childminder (5)
- 18 Powder used in chocolate (5)
- 20 e.g. mangetout

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Letter to the Editors

Ian Hamilton has written to express his concerns about the poor state of some of the hedgerows, trees and stone boundary walls bordering the lanes around Avening and Cherington. These are potential hazards to all road users, and he wishes to highlight the following;

Landowners are legally responsible to ensure that hedges, trees, and any other encroachment onto the highway are correctly and safely maintained. Gloucestershire Highways can, and will after a period of notice, come and cut down and rebuild any offending encroachments' if the work has not already been carried out, then present the offending landowners with the costs of such works.

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Avening School

A term full of enrichment

What a busy first half term we have had at Avening School! With residential trips, visitors, exciting term topics, after school clubs and a visit from Life Education, the term concluded with our Harvest Festival where we were joined by Reverend Natalie who gave us her blessings and volunteers from the Cirencester Foodbank who were handed our class baskets of donations. Thank you to our families who gave so generously.



Before the end of term, the whole school were led by the school council in their 'Hello Yellow' initiative for World Mental Health Day which saw pupils and staff adding a splash of yellow to their uniform for the day.

We are delighted to have been selected as one of only three schools in the Stroud area to be able to perform with a world class orchestra. As part of our music enrichment the Owls class will be able to rehearse with, listen to and perform with Orchestra Pro Anima. Before the concert date, the Owls will be visited by Water City Music who will support them with their rehearsals.

Our Schools beat Community Officer has been in to talk to the y5/6 pupils about internet safety, while a separate presentation on online safety was offered to parents and carers, run by cyber intelligence, protect, prepare & prevent officer, PC Simon Williams.

At the start of the new term, the whole school attended a service of remembrance followed by the laying of crosses around the memorial in the churchyard by our school council, with the names of Avening's fallen read by y6 pupils.

We have our second open morning on Wednesday 6th November 9.15-12 which is an opportunity for prospective parents, current parents and members of the community to see our wonderful school in action.

As we head towards Christmas, we have theatre trips to the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon and the Bristol Old Vic in the diary and also have our Christmas productions to prepare for.

We are delighted to welcome a new Friends of Avening School Committee (FOAS) who have plenty of exciting new fundraising ideas for the year ahead, kicking off with the Halloween Disco at the end of term. Check out their Facebook page for more details of their upcoming events.

Alex Adcock

For more information about this busy place of learning, please see our school website: www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk



Come and see our happy school!



Avening Primary School Open Morning

**Wednesday 6 November 2024
9.15 – 12 noon**

A great opportunity to come along to find out exactly how our school works and see us in action. There will be special guided tours given by members of our School Council. Everyone welcome.

Coffee and Mrs Wilkinson's famous homemade cake, too!



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.

Thank you so much for supporting our Macmillan Coffee Morning on 24th September, we are pleased to announce that we raised £120! We shall also be supporting the Royal British Legion by selling poppies at the cafe.

Come along and help the café celebrate its 6th Birthday on Tuesday 12th November with birthday cakes and bubbly. We will also be welcoming back Avening Craft makers on this day, ideal for Christmas gifts! There will be a chance to make knitted Christmas star decorations (Nov 26th) and also, back by popular demand, Wreath making (Dec 10th) in readiness for Christmas.

The café continues to provide a friendly meeting place for everyone and we welcome new faces. If you are a home worker why not take your coffee break with us! Our teams of volunteers are essential to the smooth running of the café so if you would like to have a go at being a volunteer please ask about joining a team.

November Dates

5th & 19^h Art with Mark (£3 each, all materials supplied). Please book in advance.

12th Café 6th Birthday – Celebrate with a glass of bubbly ,

‘Made in Avening’ – handmade crafts

26th St Andrews Day ‘Christmas Stars’ - Come and try these knitted decorations

To Note – Dec 10th Christmas Wreath Making

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

.....We are more than just a Café!

John Hetterley, For Avening Community Café

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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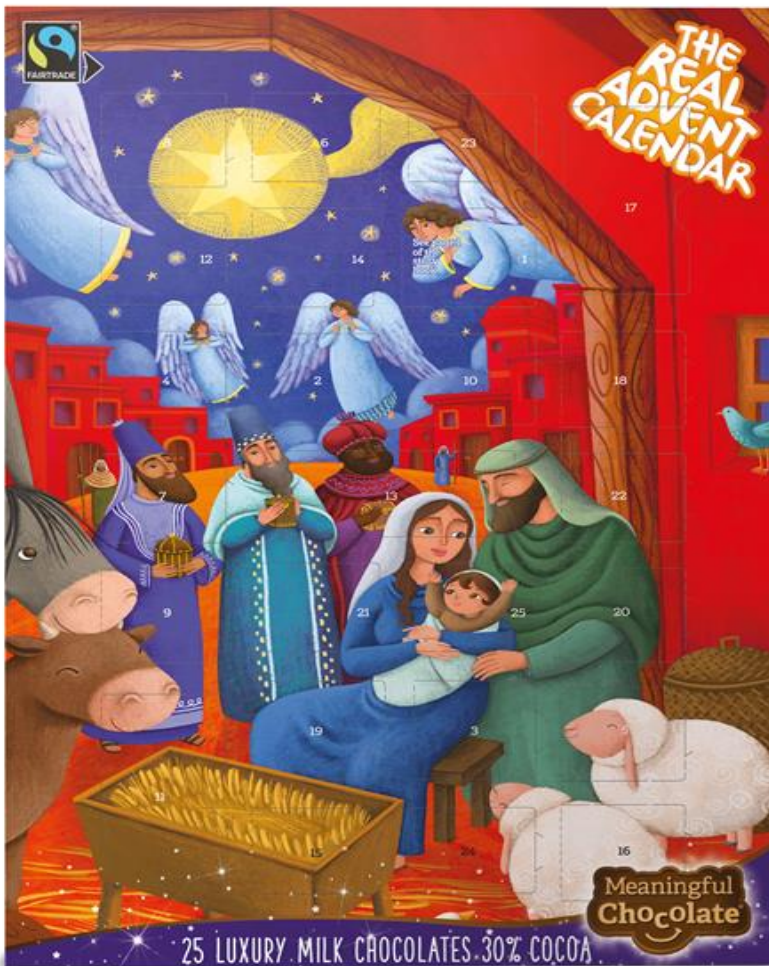
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Avening Playgroup



First of all, I must say a very big welcome back to Shannon who has returned to playgroup from her maternity leave. It is lovely to be working with a full team of staff again. I would also like to welcome Evie to the playgroup and hope she and her family enjoy their time at the setting.



We have been very lucky to receive a donation from Tesco recently. They came into the setting to take photos of the children accepting the cheque. The children were quite excited about being in the photo and some dressed up especially for it! We have received a lot of support, especially over the past couple of years, so on behalf of the staff, committee, children and their families I would like to thank the Cinema Club, Community Café, Avening WI, Avening Angels, Gyles and Allen Hairdressers,

the Parish Council, as well as the Avening Church of England Education Fund for their contributions and support. These are really appreciated and very valuable in continuing our service to the families of Avening and the surrounding areas.

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at: **Autumn** – collecting lots of conkers, leaves and pine cones. Making hedge hogs out of paper plates, rolling conkers in paint, decorating owls and making handprint leaves to put on our display.

Diwali – We have been talking about how Diwali is celebrated across the world. The children have made mehndi patterns on paper hands and rangoli drawings. They have also made some chocolate truffles to take home.



The committee are currently preparing for the Christmas Fayre which is due to be held on Friday 13th December from 2.45pm. As usual, we are working with FOAS to provide a variety of stalls, entertainment, food and drink as well as a kid's zone. Of course, there will be the usual playgroup raffle, tombola and Santa's Grotto.

Our volunteers will be making door to door collections early December. Alternatively, you could drop any items off at the playgroup during the week before the Christmas Fayre. We are looking for donations of bottles, chocolates and raffle prizes. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept any bric-a-brac again this year.

The committee have set up an Amazon Wishlist for anyone who would like to donate some helpful items to the playgroup. The link is <https://tinyurl.com/PlaygroupWishlist>

If you are looking for a playgroup space for your child, now or in the future, you are very welcome to come in and have a look around our lovely setting with its great outdoor area. Just call us on 01453 832695 or email at aveningplaygroup@gmail.com to make an appointment.

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Avening Community Orchard



Volunteers joined Phoebe Carter on Saturday October 12th for a strenuous morning clearing weeds and brambles from the community orchard. The aim was to help with habitat management to benefit both wildlife and the heritage fruit trees. The morning was a great success and thanks to all who gave their time.



Meanwhile, down at the Memorial Hall another group of volunteers were busy pressing apples to make juice. A steady stream of villagers came along with their apples plus assorted containers and were thrilled with the delicious juice produced.



The pressing attracted much interest from passing motorists, one man stopped to try to buy some juice and went on his way with a free bottle. Many thanks to James Lord, who provided all the equipment, Ian MacDonald, Tim Jackson and Alan Watson for all their hard work.

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Avening WI

In support of the WI campaign Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife, all WI's were asked to take part in the Great UK WaterBlitz over one weekend in September. Having fashioned a testing device from a milk carton and a cane Liz, Gwyn and Helen tested the stream in Avening and again in Nailsworth (beyond the sewage works), for Nitrates and Phosphates. They uploaded the results on the FreshWaterWatch website. This showed: 'Your dataset indicates that this waterbody has a good ecological status. Moderately elevated nitrate concentrations. These values are expected to vary throughout the year as a result of weather patterns and changes in land use.' This was the same for both samples; a good result as it showed that the sewage works was not discharging any harmful substances. Samples were also sent off to Imperial College for their research. We have signed up again to take part in the Spring 2025 tests. If you are interested to see a map of the results across the country it can be found at

www.freshwaterwatch.org



The October walk was a circular route from Chavenage to Beverston and back, followed by lunch at The Royal Oak in Tetbury. The Cotswold Way walking group recently completed a 9 mile stretch from Stancombe Park to Wortley, taking us up to the Tyndale Monument and then down through Wotton-under-Edge. Having spotted the range of interesting, independent shops we have arranged a 'Wotton Amble' for November, combining leisurely walking, Christmas shopping and lunch.

Our book group met to discuss 'The Lost Man' by Jane Harper and the theatre group will be going to see 'Room 13' at The Barn. A small group will be visiting Swindon for a tour of the Amazon Warehouse.

Shirley Hand and her daughter, Alison, have kindly agreed to run another **Quiz** for us at the Social Club on Friday 15th November 7 for 7.30 start. Teams of 4, £5 per head to include a light buffet and there will be a bar. No need to book, just turn up. The proceeds will go towards an item for the kitchen refurbishment at the Memorial Hall.

At the October monthly meeting we celebrated our 94th birthday with wine and nibbles. Our speaker was Caroline Pover - 'Adventures in Japan'. Caroline gave an entertaining talk about her life in Japan including her experience of the tsunami which caused such devastation, and the ways in which she was able to help the people of one of the worst affected and remote areas. She brought some examples of kimonos and also a selection of her 'Auntie Caroline' Pickles. At our November meeting Stephen Rowley will be taking us through 'The A – Z of Music'. This will be followed by our AGM.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings which are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. For further information please contact our secretary Helen at aveningwi@gmail.com or President Liz on 01453 833803

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- November 10** **Gardeners' Questions:** Our regular panel are ready to answer queries about everything from bulbs to bindweed and beyond. Tickets £6.50 in advance. 2pm.
- November 16** **The Tom Ball Quartet:** Jazz pianist Tom Ball is joined by four friends for an evening of jazz classics and songs from the Great American Songbook. Tickets £15 in advance, under 25 £10. 7.30
- November 23** **Songs of Joni Mitchell:** An intimate tribute to the singer songwriter from Zervas and Pepper and their five-piece band. It will feature songs such as Woodstock and Both Sides Now. Tickets £23 in advance. 7.30
- November 30** **Music for Miniatures:** A classical concert where there's no need to sit still and dancing is encouraged! 45 minutes of music for you and your little ones. Tickets £8/£28 family of 4. 10.30

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New Planning Applications

24/02670/FUL 1 Spinners Cottages Longfords Mill Retrospective addition of new shed and pergola. – No Comment

24/02755/FUL Winterfold 23 West End Erection of a two-storey extension and addition of garden wall. – No Comment

24/02980/TCONR – 7 Old Hill – Reduce Cherry Tree – No Comment

24/02949/FUL – 8 Sandford Leaze – Conversion of garage to ancillary living accommodation. Conversion of loft into bedroom. Internal alterations to kitchen and sitting room. Addition of doors to rear elevation. – No Comment.

Cotswold District Council Planning Decisions

24/02439/TCONR - Bannut Tree New Inn Lane Yew trees x 5 (G1) - fell to allow repair work to be carried out to the collapsed wall as per structural engineers drawing i.e. bank to be excavated back by 2.5m (including the facing stone) which would mean removing the trees. As the repair work needs to be carried out urgently to reduce the safety hazard of further collapse, the trees need to be felled on 2nd September 2024 – No Objection.

24/02080/FUL Church Farm Point Road Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8ND
Erection of single storey extension and associated works. - Permitted

24/02081/LBC Church Farm Point Road Internal and External Alterations, erection of single storey extension and associated works. - Permitted

24/01871/FUL 18 Sandford Leaze Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8PB
Erection of single storey rear extension with balcony and associated stairs above, erection of first floor front extension and side extension and associated enlargement of existing rear dormer window. – Permitted.

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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 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
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