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Welcome to our latest edition of The Villager. We hope you enjoy reading about various events and activities that took place last month.

In Avening the biennial Pig Face Day celebration was a great success, many thanks to all involved, particularly to Roger Lindlay, who has been the driving force behind ensuring this unique village event continues to be celebrated, nearly 1,000 years since Queen Matilda initiated a pork-based celebration in Avening. We have included a selection of photos of the day on pages 20 and 21.

This month the Avening Community Café celebrates its 7th anniversary. This is a great achievement and many thanks to all who make it happen every week.

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Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

Cotswold District Council: www.cotswold.gov.uk

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Gilian's Poem of the Month

In Whippendell Woods

Whippendell Woods was a large area of woodland stretching across the Herts/Bucks borders, near my home. As a teenager I spent many happy hours there with my dog, and I was 17 when I wrote this poem.

It is peaceful and quiet in the wood,
Away from all hurry and bustle,
With only the birdsong and rustle
Of leaves underfoot. It is good
To be here with the trees,
Feel their solid, enduring great trunks,
Brown-clad, like a group of old monks,
Reaching up with their arms to the breeze,
Flying bright banners on high,
In rich tones of bronze, gold and red,
As Autumn leaves blaze overhead
Against the blue Autumn sky.
In the tree-tops a blackbird is winging,
Fluting pure notes from above,
Spilling his anthems of love,
Entrancing the wood with his singing.....

Gilian Bulmer-Davison



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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
Thursday 9th October	FOAS AGM	Avening School	
Saturday 11th October	Harvest Festival and supper	Cherington Church and Village Hall	5pm
Sunday 26th October	Clocks go back 1 hour		
Friday 7th November	FOAS Children's Disco	Avening Memorial Hall	3.30pm
Friday 14th November	WI Quiz	Social club	7 for 7.30pm
Tuesday 18th November	Community Café 7th Birthday	Social club	9 - 11.30 am
w/c 24th November	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop		
Friday 5th December	FOAS Christmas Fayre	Avening School	

Puzzle Corner

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

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Avening and Cherington Churches



Dear friends,

October is a month that embodies the notion of change – the leaves on the trees change colour, the clocks change from BST to GMT, and the landscapes change as the last of the harvest is gathered in. It's a season that invites both thanksgiving and reflection.

Having already celebrated Harvest in Avening, we'll be gathering in Cherington on Saturday 11th October at 5pm, followed by supper in the village hall. It's always a joyful occasion – an opportunity to give thanks for God's goodness, share food with neighbours, and remember that gratitude is most real when it flows into generosity towards others.

Later in the month our focus begins to shift towards remembrance. At the start of November, we mark All Souls' Day, when we remember with thanksgiving those whom we love but see no longer. Services will be held on Sunday 2nd November at 10am in Avening and 5.30pm in Amberley. All are welcome to come, light a candle, and hold loved ones in prayer. Then the following weekend we mark Remembrance Sunday with our traditional service of reflection and thanksgiving as we honour those who gave their lives in war and pray for peace in our world.

In the midst of all this, I will also be taking some time off during October – usually the month when we take our main holiday of the year. This time it will be a couple of shorter breaks with family, including a special birthday trip with my mum. Reaching a milestone birthday this year has reminded me of the changing seasons of life, echoing the changing seasons of the year. Jo and I will also be welcoming a friend to stay with us. They are preparing for a big life change, moving to a monastery to discern whether God is calling them to live out their vocation there. These pauses are gifts: space to rest, to cherish relationships, and to be renewed.

October is a month of contrasts: bright colours in the trees alongside lengthening evenings; joyful celebrations alongside quiet reflection. Through it all, we are held in the rhythm of God's grace, who is present both in our festivities and in our stillness. May you find in this season both the warmth of community and the stillness of God's presence with you day by day.

Natalie

AVENING CHURCH ALL SOULS SERVICE SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 10 am.

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Church Services

	Avening	Cherington
Saturday 4th October	7.30pm – Benefice Harvest Supper at Minchinhampton	
Sunday 5th October	10am – Morning Prayer	10am – Holy Communion
Saturday 11th October		5pm – Harvest Festival
Sunday 12th October	10am – Holy Communion	
Sunday 19th October	6pm – Iona Evening Prayer	10am – Holy Communion
Sunday 26th October	10am – Holy Communion	
Sunday 2nd November	10am – All Souls' Service	10am – Holy Communion
	5.30pm – All Souls' Service at Amberley <i>A quiet service to remember those we love who have died.</i>	



Donations to Avening Church

Donations towards the upkeep and running of Avening Church can be made at any time either by using the QR code here or on the card machine just inside the church door.

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 on Sunday afternoons at 4.00 in Avening.

CONTACT: Derrick (07762702982) Jane (07812 137161)

Or email jwhaley1@aol.com for more information

District Councillor's Report



Cotswold District Council (CDC): The next full Council meeting is 24th September at 6:00pm.

Overview & Scrutiny (O&S): We reviewed the financial performance for quarter 1 – As would be hoped, there weren't too many areas that were off track, but income from cemeteries is already £38k lower than forecast. I asked if this was a seasonal blip or a sign of a cultural shift away from burials, and an officer will investigate similar facilities in neighbouring districts to see whether a pattern can be established.

We also looked at the council performance report, where I raised my ongoing concerns over the effectiveness of the Planning Enforcement team. In the last couple of months, I have been asked to intervene in several cases around Grumbolds Ash which all needed timely intervention, but there is no feedback from the team when issues are raised. There are confidentiality considerations in some instances, but there must be a better response to councillors and the wider public, especially given the 600+ cases now outstanding. This has been fed back and will hopefully be addressed during a member briefing later this month.

CDC responds to Government's letter stating housing targets remain for Cotswold District: Council has received a formal response from Baroness Taylor of Stevenage, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, to the council leader's recent letter expressing "deep concerns" over revised housing targets for the Cotswold district. In July the leader wrote to Angela Rayner, (the then) Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, requesting that the government take due consideration for the "unique development constraints" in the Cotswold district, and pause its disproportionate housing target. This would be while the council works on a full update to its Local Plan. In her reply, Baroness Taylor acknowledged the Cotswold district's constraints but emphasised that all areas must "play their part" in meeting national housing needs. She pointed to the revised methodology's affordability focus and strategic planning goals. However, she did not commit to revisiting the housing targets or offer interim protections against speculative development while the new plan is being prepared, as is already happening in the north of the district. The response seems to be a reiteration of national policy rather than a tailored solution to the challenges in the Cotswolds.

Avening Stream: I should receive the report into our depleted water courses later this month. Following last month's newsletter, I was contacted by a resident with expertise in these areas, and once I have digested the report, he has offered to help me look at potential next steps. In the meantime, our stream remains completely dry, and will no doubt need a great deal of rain to bring it back to life.

Councillor Tony Slater

Cotswold District Council, Representing Grumbolds Ash with Avening.
email: Tony.slater@cotswold.gov.uk Tel: 07793669930

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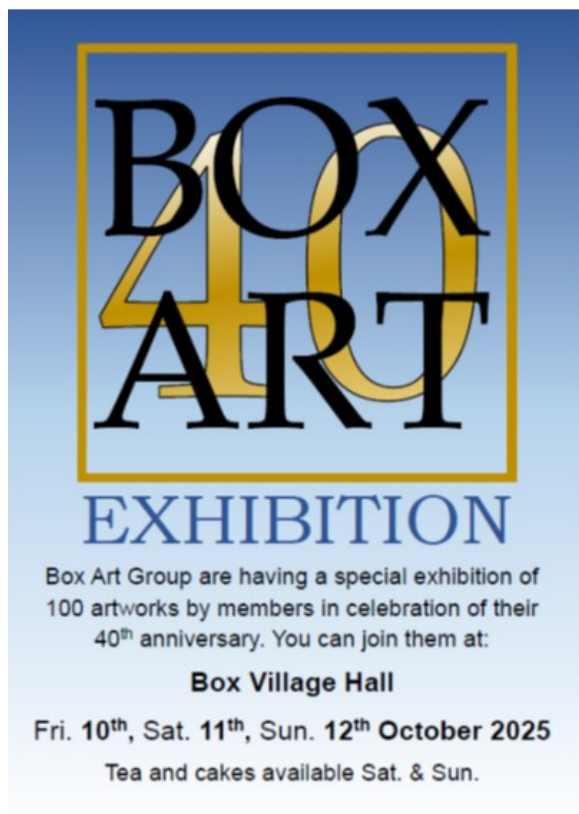
Gloucestershire County Council launches £400k fund to support local community projects. Community groups across Gloucestershire are invited to apply for a share of £400,000 through the county council's Thriving Communities Grant programme.

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. This is a rolling scheme with winners announced at every Full Council meeting going forward. Please nominate your Unsung Hero here: www.cotswold.gov.uk/unsungheroes

HOW TO REPORT POTHOLE: I recommend using this link, especially if you have a smartphone and can take a photograph of the pothole and identify the exact position. It is more efficient than emailing the council as officers get a daily schedule of these alerts. Gloucestershire County Council, report a pothole: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/>

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

Box Art Group



Box Art Group was founded by the renowned stained glass artist Edward Payne 40 years ago this year, and continues to thrive. Edward Payne lived in Box village for most of his working life, and produced around 70 windows for churches in England and Wales, many of which are in Gloucestershire. An article on his life and work, including many photographs, can be found on the Box village website at <https://www.box-village.com/gallery>

This year the art group is making an extra effort for its annual exhibition to celebrate its 40th year. The aim is to exhibit 100 paintings by the group's artists in the Box Village Hall.

The exhibition will be open to the public with free admission, as usual, from Friday 10th October to Sunday 12th, and with tea, coffee and cake available on the Saturday and Sunday.

<https://boxartgroup.uk/>



Avening Playgroup

A big welcome to Oakley and Lucas, who have just started at Avening Playgroup and also a big welcome back to those children returning to the setting for the autumn term

We spent the first few weeks of this term helping the children to settle in, giving them lots of opportunities to explore all the different areas in the setting so that they can become familiar with the equipment and resources on offer to them. We are also reminding them to follow the playgroup routine and supporting them in building new relationships, not just with the other children but also with their keyworkers and the rest of the staff. We are really pleased with how well the children have settled back in and how quickly the new starters are adapting to our routines.

We have also been looking at 'All about Me' – drawing and painting ourselves, making faces out of buttons and playdough, decorating faces on coconuts and gingerbread men, cutting spaghetti to make hair, talking about our families as well as our feelings.



We are very excited to be introducing Tapestry to our setting. This interactive learning journal allows parents to have more involvement in their child's learning and to share their child's at-home learning with playgroup. It enables the playgroup staff to collect observations of the children, track their progress and send updates and photos as well as assessments to parents. We are hoping to use it for invoicing purposes as well.

It was lovely to be part of the Pig Face Day celebrations. The Playgroup staff and committee organised the Coconut Shy and Sweet Treat stalls and although the weather was not on our side, it was great to see everyone.

Angie Heslop

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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Letter from Chairman of Avening Parish Council



Following weeks of extreme sunny weather and drought conditions on a national scale, nature has returned to bite us with rain that doesn't seem to know when to stop. The phrase 'be careful for what you pray for' comes to mind. We needed the rain, just not all in one go.

The Memorial Hall: The sudden turn in the weather from constant sunshine to rain came just at the wrong time; another week and the roofing activity would have been completed. The main roof, as you will have noticed, looks to be complete. All the comments received by councillors seem to be in favour of the new look, and the tiles have already blended in with the surroundings. We have also taken the opportunity to install modern insulated felt under the new tiles, resulting in greater savings on our energy costs. However, the renewal of the flat roof over the Chamberlain room and kitchen has fallen victim to the wet weather. Unlike the main roof, a flat roof really needs dry weather for the work to be carried out. For some time there have been signs that the old flat roof was leaking and needed to be replaced. After investigations, it was revealed that the flat roof had simply been made up of sheets of insulation, which were laid on the previous roof, and then covered by new rolls of felt – a botched job for sure. Therefore, somewhat inevitably, time and weather have caused it to leak. We have decided to strip off all layers of the roof, and put in place a properly constructed replacement which should stand the test of time. The parapet walls surrounding the flat roof also need to be repaired or replaced in several places. Frustratingly, the internal refurbishment and redecorating of the Chamberlain room and kitchen will necessarily be delayed until the flat roof is weatherproof. Yes, we need the rain, but maybe a few prayers for fine weather might get us over the finishing line.

Playing Field Signs will soon be in place to alert users that surveillance cameras are in situ. The aim is to ensure the field is a safe, clean and respected village amenity.

Pig Face Day: Congratulations to all the organisers, participating school children and all the villagers involved for making this an enjoyable and successful event. The attendance was a significant response, which both helps securing it as a regular village event and a step in the right direction towards bringing Avening villagers together.

Applications for Grants: The Parish Council will start the budget process in November. If your organisation wishes to apply for a Parish Council grant, please submit an application form before 1st November. Application forms can be downloaded from the Parish Council website or by contacting the Clerk.

Hedge Cutting: A reminder. Following a glorious summer, the weather is now changing, birds have stopped nesting and the nights are drawing in. Please make every effort to cut back any overgrown vegetation that is overhanging public footpaths or roads. It can be difficult to navigate paths safely when the vegetation is in the way. Nobody wants to get hit in the face by wet vegetation in the dark.

Patrick Mulligan, Chairman, Avening Parish Council.

Tel: 07713 068436

For Your Information - Police Numbers in Gloucestershire

This is a copy of the statistics sent to the Parish Council.

Year	Police Officers
2015	1,175
2016	1,198
2017	1,220
2018	1,243
2019	1,265
2020	1,288
2021	1,310
2022	1,333
2023	1,355
2024	1,309
2025	1,346
2026	1,369
2027	1,390

Church Floodlighting

The church was floodlit on the following occasions recently:

20th August

A. Gay Powell: Happy Birthday. We are thinking of you and missing you very much. All our love Brian and Family.

10th September

in loving memory of **Richard (Dick) Chapman**. We miss you just as much today. We cannot believe 9 years have passed. Hope you are looking after Mum up there. Love you always. Kris, Rob, Kane, Eloise and Ralph. Xxx

30th September

in loving memory of **Michael Powell**: though born a man of Kent he was always grateful to Avening and Holy Cross Church where he was married again and is buried. With undying love from 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**.

From 1 November please contact Nicholas Winkfield on 07885 139275

The cost is £10 for 2 hours.



Avening WI

110 years ago, at Llanfair PG on the island of Anglesey, the first branch of the Women's Institute was formed in September 1915, and it proceeded to spread across the British Isles, especially in rural areas. It was the time of the First World War, and Women's Suffrage, and in the absence of men, away fighting on the front, women were taking on many roles traditionally exclusively male. Women of all classes were previously seen primarily as homemakers and mothers supporting men in the world of work, with very little access to further education. The WI offered the possibility of education, personal development, community service and friendship, just as it continues to do today.

At the end of August 17 members joined Tetbury and Kemble & Ewen WIs for a group meeting at which the theme was again looking back, this time to the Second World War, with the anniversary of VE and VJ Days. Avening did well in the individual competitions with Wendy Jennings coming first with her eggless wartime cake, and Soo Rolfe also first with a patriotic posy. The group entry required a display of four wartime items and our members looked at the minutes



of Avening WI during that period, when members took part in several initiatives to help the war effort. These included collecting 2,000lb of blackberries for a jam factory in Bristol, darning 50 pairs of socks for the forces, sharing information with talks such as 'Making the most of the cheese ration', collecting 17lb of silver foil and keeping spirits up with a Christmas Party with dancing and games including 'Pin the moustache on Hitler'! The relevant items were all displayed in a leather suitcase typical of the time.

Avening WI was formed in 1930 and we continue to meet in the Memorial Hall built in memory of the servicemen who lost their lives in the First World War. We are a

thriving, active and friendly bunch, currently with a membership of 42, and we welcome any visitors or prospective new members.



One of our activities is running a Bite to Eat service in Avening, supporting the community by providing a catering service for a variety of events. Recently we helped keep the unique tradition of Pig Face Day alive by providing over 80 pulled pork or roasted vegetable baps in the Memorial Hall. A very busy day but,

with a great team of helpers, we succeeded and have had several favourable reviews from customers!

If you are looking for a variety of activities, outings and interesting talks or just a chance to meet other locals and have a chat, do come along. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. Our October meeting on 9th will be a social occasion celebrating our 95th birthday with a Harvest Supper and a food-related quiz. Speaking of quizzes, Shirley is planning another of her amazing quiz evenings on Friday 14th November in aid of Longfield. All welcome, teams of four, 7 for 7.30pm start at the Social Club.

For more information email aveningwi@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page at Avening WI.

Helen Haiselden

Sandford Trust

Small grants are available from the Sandford Trust, a charity for local young people going on to university or work based training. We would welcome applications from anyone living in the parish of Avening, on or before 12th September, after which the annual distribution of funds will be made.

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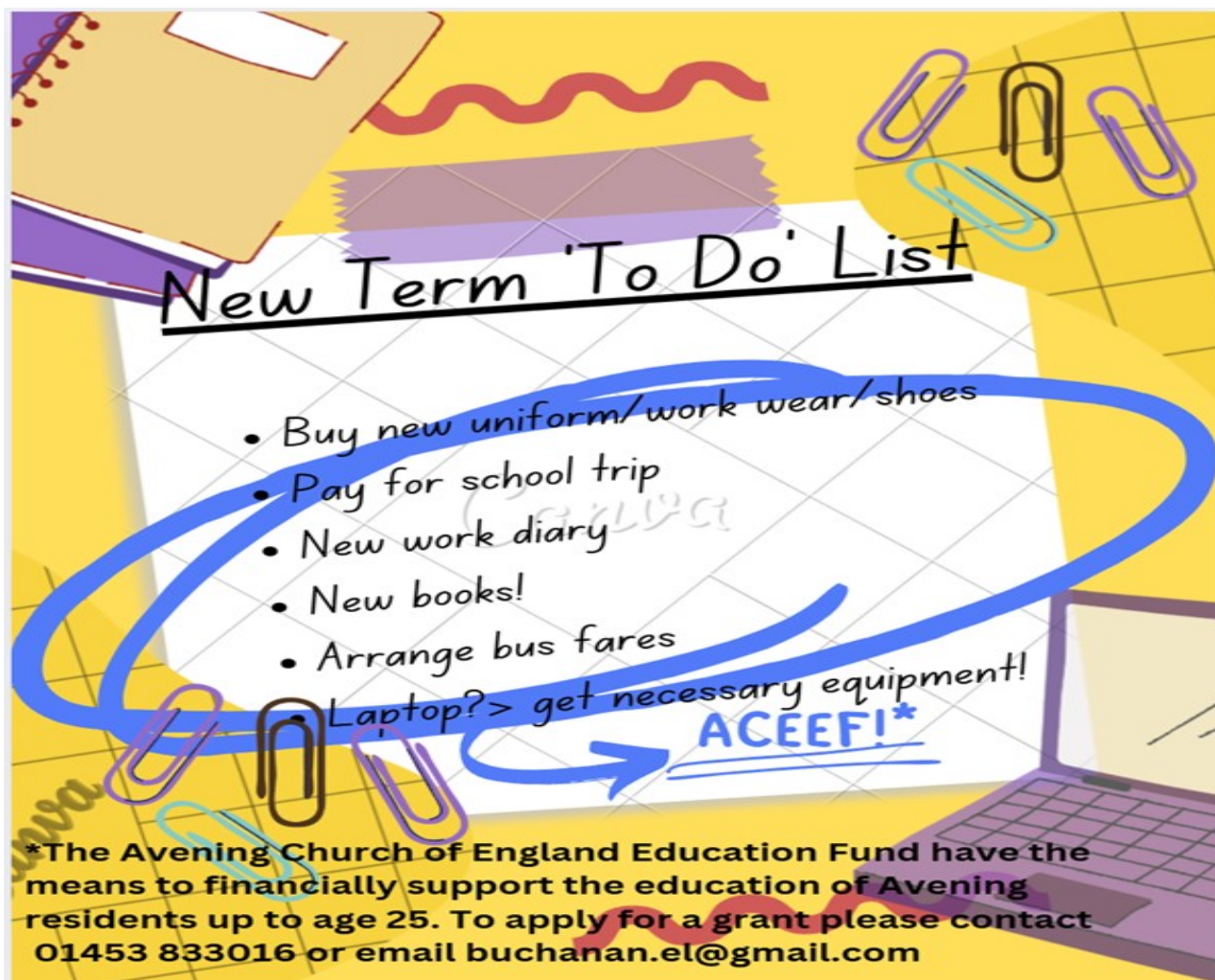
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Pig Face Day - A Resounding Success



The prime reason why Pig Face Day this year was so successful was that every Avening organisation was involved in it: the Parish Council provided a subsidy to enable the WI to produce their sumptuous baps at minimal cost, the Bell Inn opened their doors early, the School, Singers and Silver Band all entertained the fit-to-bursting hall, and the Church, Playgroup and Social Club all put on some traditional games.

We are of course unique in that we are the only village in the country ceded a church by a Queen, and perhaps the use of this celebration to bring all of our community together is as important as upholding this 1,000-year-old tradition.

I suspect that there are few other villages that can boast as many activities and supportive organisations as we have, catering for young and old alike. Long may it continue: how encouraging it was to see a youngster in the Silver Band, for example.

How adeptly the cast brought out the humour in the play, having had such a short time to rehearse it. Having written it, I'm sure I must have offended someone as it's impossible not to these days, but no writs have arrived yet. I confess that I was only happy



to mastermind the event with Mel Young on board, as she has a finger in every Avening pie and remarkable organisational ability, as she proved yet again.

Given that the next Pig Face Day is not until 2027, I do hope that the same organisations can get together to form an annual village fete, now that the church understandably require some support. With such a thriving community, it is difficult to imagine losing that annual opportunity to get together.

Roger Lindley

p.s. The Social Club fun skittles on Pig Face Day, was a great success, with lots of kids playing skittles - the adults got a brief chance too!



Many thanks to
Roger Lindley and
Tony Slater for these
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Avening School

Let's get learning!

We are delighted to be back at school, learning, discovering and aspiring. As the children get used to their new year groups, our new reception pupils are settling into school life and have got off to a fantastic start in the Eagles class. At the other end of the school, our y6 pupils are embarking on the last year of their primary school journey and, with this, comes more responsibility as they will take on a variety of roles including those of house captains, playground patrollers and reading buddies.

The Owls class (y5/6) are excited for their residential trip to South Cerney at the end of September where they will take part in a variety of activities, including paddleboarding and raft building. For their topic this term, they will become scientists as they study 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. Meanwhile, to tie-in with their term topic on The Great Fire of London, the Kestrels (y1/2) will be visiting the John Moore countryside museum in Tewkesbury. The Eagles will be focusing on learning all about their fellow classmates this term in their topic 'All About Me', while the Hawks (y3/4) class topic also follows a scientific theme, as they learn all about 'Feeling Fit'.

At the beginning of October, the life education tent will be paying its annual visit to our school. This is part of our Personal, Social and Health education and the children will be involved in workshops including about the brain, healthy relationships and making healthy choices.

Our y5 pupils will be joining other pupils from local schools at an Earth and Space Day hosted by Westonbirt School and the whole of the Owls class will be learning more about space later this term.

This year's harvest festival will take place towards the end of October with families invited to bring in donations for a local foodbank which helps families in need.

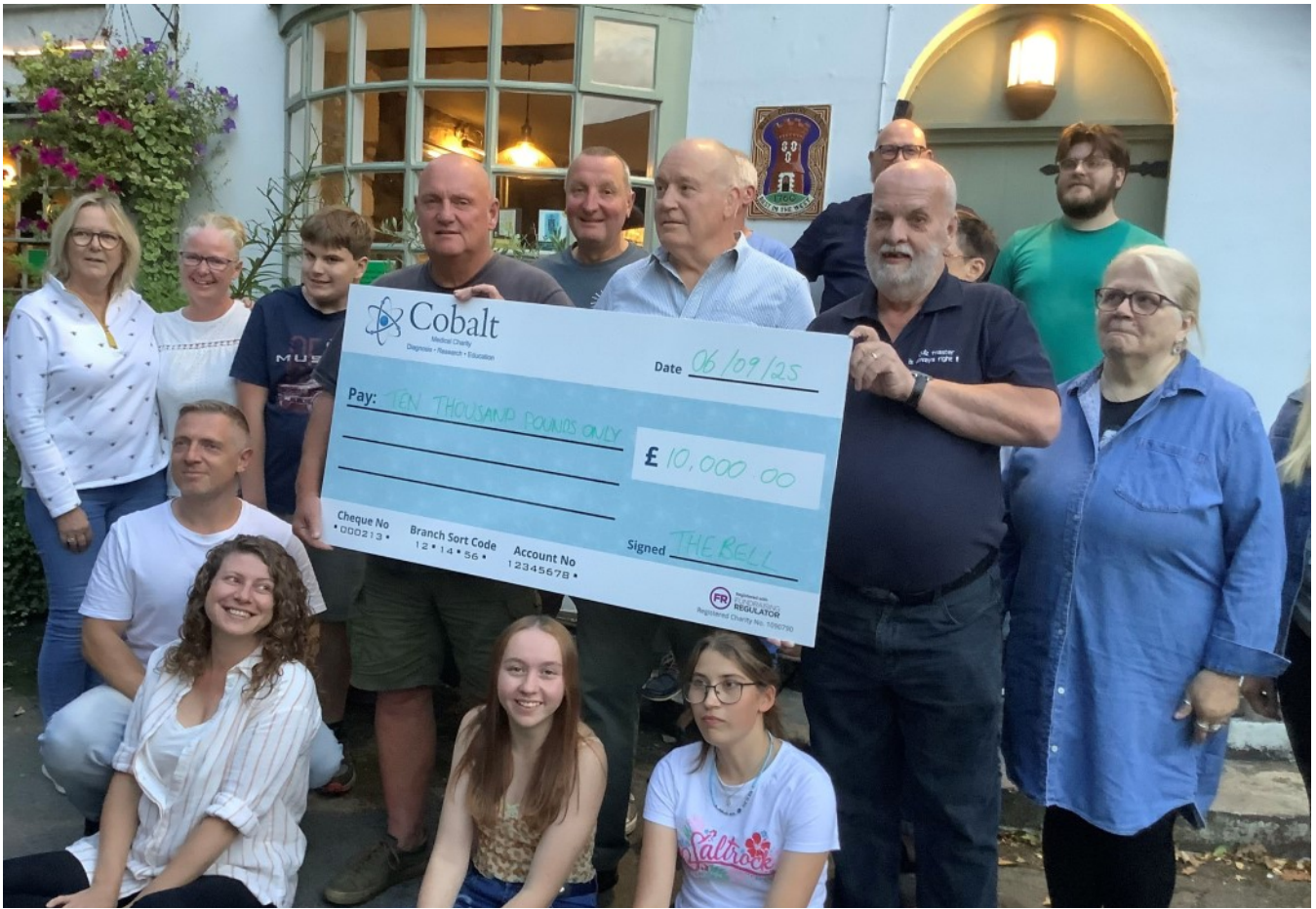
Come and see our wonderful school in action on either of our two open mornings this term. On the mornings of Friday 10th October and Wednesday 5th November we welcome you to drop in between 9am and midday for a guided tour and coffee and cake and a chance to experience a day in the life of Avening School.

Do you have a pre-schooler who enjoys playing outdoors? Join us on Friday afternoons 2-3pm for our Fledglings pre-school sessions for children from 0-4 and their grown ups run by the fabulous Mrs Carter, our forest school and mental health lead.

Alex Adcock

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

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Tony Williams and The Bell - and to all the 'quizzers' - on raising £10,000 for Cobalt over the last 10 years through the regular monthly quiz. The photo was taken by Rima Jones on Saturday 6th September in recognition of this milestone.

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

Very sadly we have lost two special friends recently; Jean Hopes and Angela Vinson. Jean was a great supporter of the Café and Angela was one of our first customers and made many new friends through the Café.

Thanks to everyone who donates through our charity tub - we are pleased to say that we recently gave £100 to the Longfield Community Hospice.

During the summer holidays there was a lively buzz to the Café as we welcomed visiting friends, cyclists, walkers and many families from the village. A special thanks to Alex for storytelling to the children. We were also grateful to Mark for extending the art session to include some of our younger members.



A date for your diary – 18th November we will be celebrating the Café 7th birthday with a glass of bubbly. Thanks for your continued support.

Plants & Produce: Many thanks to all those who brought in their surplus fruits and veg. Donations received go to Café charities.

October Dates

- 7th **Art with Mark** (£3 each, all materials supplied). Also celebrating Oktoberfest
- 14th **National Dessert Day**
- 21st **Art with Mark** (£3 each, all materials supplied).
- 28th **Halloween** – come in Fancy Dress

*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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October 12 Wool Fair: Following the great success of last year's event we bring you a wide range of stalls, demonstrations, workshops and talks – and even the attendance of some sheep! 10-4pm. Tickets in advance £3.50.

October 23 Film Night: National Theatre Live Mrs Warrens Profession. Imelda Staunton joins forces with her daughter Bessie Carter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary classic. 7pm. Tickets in advance £15.

October 25 Derailed: a daytime house music event with Danny Toft! If you're over 30 come and party during daylight hours with DJ Danny. A chance to dance your socks off and still be home for supper. 2-7pm Tickets in advance £10.

October 26 Candlelit Classical Masterpieces: Join the Bristol Ensemble and soloist Viv McLean for a candlelit celebration of classical greats by Chopin, Mozart and Shostakovich. 7pm. Tickets £24 in advance.

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Letter from Roz Savage MP



Harvest reminds us how much we owe to our farmers

I'm drafting this column on 10 September, the tenth anniversary of Back British Farming Day - a moment to pause and give thanks for the farmers whose hard work sustains us all. Here in the South Cotswolds, their contribution is written into every field, every hedgerow, every view that makes this such a wonderful place to live.

Over the summer, I had the privilege of travelling through our towns and villages, meeting people and hearing your stories. Again and again, I was struck by the sense of pride we share in our communities and in the landscapes that shape them. Now, as the days grow shorter, the air turns cooler, and harvest festivals begin to fill village halls and churches, we are reminded how deeply our lives are bound to the land and to those who care for it.



This year has been especially tough for farmers, with dry weather through spring and summer making life difficult for many. In the 15 months since becoming your MP, I've spoken with our farmers across the South Cotswolds about these challenges. What has stayed with me most is not just their resilience, but their generosity of spirit - the willingness to share their knowledge, their time, and their quiet pride in a job that is never easy, but always vital.

Farmers give us more than food, though that alone would be reason enough for gratitude. They are also the custodians of our countryside, tending wildlife habitats, protecting against flooding, caring for rivers and preserving the beauty of the Cotswolds that so many of us treasure. Farming today is as much about stewardship as it is about crops and livestock. When we speak of food security, climate resilience, or nature recovery, our farmers are not standing on the sidelines. They are at the heart of it all.

That is why it matters so much that policymakers work with farmers, not at a distance from them. Too often, decisions are taken far from the fields and barns where their effects are most keenly felt. By listening to farmers here at home, I want to carry their voices into Parliament and ensure their wisdom helps shape the policies that affect us all.

As we gather for harvest festivals over the coming weeks - with tables laid with fruit, vegetables, and sheaves of wheat - I hope we will all take a moment to appreciate

the care and dedication behind those gifts. Our farmers do not just feed us. They nurture our countryside, anchor our communities, and help sustain our way of life. My commitment is to stand alongside them, with gratitude and with determination, as we work for a future where farming, nature, and rural life flourish together.

Warm wishes,

Roz

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It's the start of a brand new academic year, and everyone at FOAS has been busy organising and scheduling some exciting events.

It's looking like a fun packed calendar, including a brand new event in February next year - 'The Curious Case of The Avening Amulet...' more about that in a later edition.

OCTOBER

- Thursday 9th - FOAS AGM (all parents/carers welcome)

NOVEMBER

- Friday 7th - Halloween Disco
- w/c 24th - Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

DECEMBER

- Friday 5th - FOAS Christmas Fayre
- Monday 15th - Christmas Hampers Raffle Draw (drawn at the evening Christmas Performance)

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Allsorts, in partnership with Stroud & District Athletics Club, is inviting the community to pull on their santa suits and take part in the first ever Allsorts Santa Dash on Sunday 7th December 2025. The festive event will see up to 250 santas run, walk or wheel their way around the beautiful National Trust setting of Tinkley Gate, Woodchester Park. With 2.5km and 5km routes available, the event is open to all ages and abilities, from seasoned runners to families, children and even festive pooches (on leads!). Highlights include carol singers, a medal for every finisher and post-dash refreshments at the on-site café. Santa suits are available to purchase during registration and chip timing will be provided for those who'd like to track their pace.

All profits raised will support Allsorts, a local charity working to create inclusive opportunities for children and young people with additional needs and their families across Gloucestershire.

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Avening Parish Council



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Hedge Cutting

Following a glorious summer, the weather is now changing, and nights are getting darker. Please cut back any overgrown vegetation that is overhanging public footpaths. It is difficult to navigate the paths when the vegetation is in the way. Nobody wants to get hit in the face by wet vegetation in the dark.

Traffic

The Parish Council is interested in a 20mph speed limit but the cost of an application for a road traffic order would be prohibitive. There may be some help for this from the District Council and this will be followed up.

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

New Planning Applications

25/02579/COMPLY: Land Southwest Of 12A Star Lane - Support Compliance of conditions 4 (Sample materials), 7 (Window and door finishes), 11 (Landscaping scheme), 13 (Details), 18 (LEMP), 19 (External lighting), 23 (CMP), of permission

24/01031/FUL - Erection of a residential dwelling - Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission 21/03751/FUL

25/02373/FUL Brandhouse Farm West End - Support. Erection of single storey extension to NW elevation, open loggia to SE elevation and balustrade to rear wing

25/02195/FUL 5 Orchard Field - Support. Removal of existing oil tank and base and forming new base max 300 high with new tank in new location. Removal of side ground floor window and changing to new door. Removing side hedge and replacing with new timber fence.

Cotswold District Council Planning Decisions

25/01259/FUL 12 Star Lane. Erection of detached dwelling with associated works – Refused.

25/01812/COMPLY Old Quarries Compliance with conditions 5 (Stonework sample panel), 10 (Infilling of doorways) and 15 (Rainwater goods) of consent 22/03637/LBC - Change of use of existing buildings from residential institution (C2 use) to residential (C3 use) including demolition of modern extensions, internal alterations and extensions, rebuilding of boundary wall. - Permitted

25/01913/TCONR The Old Coach House Hampton Hill Cut back Poplar to boundary. - Permitted.

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Regular Activities in the Villages

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Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Avening Silver Band	Monday	7.00-9.00pm	Memorial Hall	aveningsilverband@gmail.com
Avening Church bell ringing	Monday	8.00-9.00pm	Church bell tower	Andrew Lelliott 07726 345516
Community Café	Tuesday	9.00am - noon	Social Club	Gill Adams 07826 291759
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	9.30-11.30am	Social Club car park	
Cherington PC	Tuesday bi-monthly	6.00pm	Cherington Village hall	Babs Malony 07958116794
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
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	aveningcinemaclub@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	Last Saturday each month	7.30	Social Club	
KNEAD Mobile Bakery	Last Saturday each month	9.45 - 10.30am	Memorial Hall	
Charity Quiz	1st Saturday each month	8.00pm	The Bell	
Avening Singers	Sunday	4.00pm	tba	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090

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