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# March 2020

February has been a memorable month in so many ways. The weather has been challenging for many and in some areas of the UK, disastrous. No doubt we have all watched aghast as we heard, saw and read about the widespread flooding, which has wrecked people's homes and businesses. Happily, there have been some inspiring stories of courage and generosity by many towards others, helping them in their hour of need. Equally the news on the coronavirus has been sobering. We know that everyone's thoughts are very much with those who have been, or are still, affected, and their families.

We hope that reading the Villager with its news of events coming up may raise your spirits. Tony Slater's article in this edition contains really positive news about our Primary School. It is wonderful that its achievements and happy spirit have earned such recognition. Many congratulations to all concerned.

Finally, can we ask that you put your thinking caps on to help us attract further advertisements to be included in the Villager. The rates are very modest and the circulation sizeable, since it is distributed free to every house in our villages. It is essential that we are able to continue to provide it free to everyone, but it runs on a shoe string financially, so every extra penny we can earn really matters. We need your help. Thank you.

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### Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Our cover photo this month is of Rev Gerald wearing the rather splendid and totally unique robes designed specifically for Cherington church (see page 14).

If you have a photo of Avening or Cherington which you would like to share with us, please feel free to send it to us. You never know, it might turn up on the front cover...!

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### Please join the fun at our next fundraiser!

What: **Avening Playgroup Easter Egg Hunt** When: **28th March 2020, from 10am** Where: **Avening Memorial Hall** and the beautiful garden outside the school

Family Easter Egg Hunt!

Refreshments, Children's Toy and Clothing Stall, Books, Face Painting... Everybody welcome!



# **Regular Activities in the Villages**

Please let us know if we have forgotten any regular event or if there is something you would like to have included here.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact	
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760	
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	10.30am – 12.15	Social club car park	J. Clutterbuck 01453 542754	
Community Cafe	Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30am	Social Club	Jenny South 01453 883456	
Churchyard tidy up	Tuesday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Holy Cross churchyard	Rev. Gerald 01453 883456	
Cherington PC	Tuesday	6.00pm	Village Hall	Richard Smith	
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Andrew 01453 835783	
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760	
Avening Youth Club	Every Tuesday in term time	6.00 - 7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Rev. Gerald 01453 883456	
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246	
Avening Cinema Club	1st Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Katy 07806 614753	
Avening W.I.	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Liz 01453 833803	
Avening PC	3rd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Caroline 01285 380041	
Summer Skittles	Friday	8.00pm	Social club	Derrick Ind 01453 835752	
Charity Quiz	1st Saturday each month	8.00pm	The Bell		
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4.00pm	Various	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090	

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South Cotswold Community Wellbeing Agent		01452 528491
Stroud Hospital	Reception	0300 421 8080
Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336
Women's Institute	Liz Knowles	01453 833803

### VILLAGE & AREA WEB SITES

Avening Parish Council: www. avening-pc.gov Avening Church: www.aveningchurch.info Cherington Parish Council: cheringtonpc.org.uk. Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk Cotswold District Council: www.cotswold.gov.uk

# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Since I have been a councillor and Chairman quite a lot has changed in Avening – but then again over time a lot hasn't. Gerald shared a Gloucestershire Life feature from 1974 sent to him by Jim Hill, and it was amusing to read that there were concerns over inappropriate housing developments waved through by faceless developers; 'outsiders' coming into the village; and of course petty vandalism! Sound familiar? It's well worth a read, and I've posted it on the 'history' pages on the website.

Another enduring problem is dog fouling - other than potholes this is the thing that I get most complaints about and has reached almost epidemic proportions at the playing field and church yard, so this month we are launching an awareness campaign to highlight the issue (again) and the dangers it poses to health and potentially your wallet! Later in the magazine you will see an information sheet provided by Cotswold DC, and around the village there are new posters and stickers which will hopefully remind dog owners of their responsibilities. If not, a fixed penalty notice for £100 (which can increase to £1,000), may be sent – the first of these has already been issued. It's up to us all to (politely) engage offenders, but if you are not comfortable doing so, note the description of the dog and owner and report it via the CDC website – just search for 'dog fouling'.

On the same theme, when we undertook the playing field consultation it was very clear that you wanted the play area to be fenced off for safety, and as a no-dogs zone. It is disappointing that people are still taking dogs into this area, and more-so that they become aggressive when challenged – additional signs will be in place to reinforce the exclusion, but just to be absolutely clear, this is NOT an area to take dogs!

A tree has been felled in the wooded area in the playing field – this is a conservation area and property of the PC, so should not have been done without permission and planning permission. The site has been left in a potentially dangerous state, and wood has been removed - we will report this as a crime.

We are extremely proud of our little school – due to many years of hard work and dedication by Jane Rushton and her team (and of course the pupils), Avening Primary School has been recognised by the Rt. Hon. Nick Gibb who is the minister of State for School Standards, as being in the top 1% of primary schools in the COUNTRY for Key Stage 2 reading and maths! They are also the 3<sup>rd</sup> best primary school overall in Gloucestershire. Well done to everyone for achieving these very high standards.

Grant requests – If your organisation wishes to apply for a Parish Council grant in

the year from April 2020, please ensure they are with the clerk <u>before 8<sup>th</sup> April</u>. With significant demand on our limited funds (and because we have not increased the precept above the rate of inflation), we cannot guarantee to meet your entire request. We have also been let down by CDC in our own grant request to fund the Christmas event, despite it previously being agreed in principle – Cllr Morgan has registered a robust challenge, but if unsuccessful it will have a knock-on impact on this year's events.

My family has a long association with Cherington Church; my mum was christened and married there, I was married to Mandy there and our children were christened there. More recently our youngest, Emma had a wedding blessing in September, and this week Shelley's son (our first grandchild) was christened. Gerald was sporting the magnificent green vestment which also has a family connection, as described later in the magazine. The service was lovely, and engaged everyone whether they were regular church goers or not (Gerald does this so well), and Ethan behaved impeccably right through the day. Wendy Eldridge presented Ethan with his candle which was very special – Wendy was a good friend and neighbour of my mum for many years, and it was almost a symbolic passing of the Cherington baton to the next generation. We wish Wendy all the best as she moves to 'the big city'.

#### Tony Slater chair@avening-pc.gov.uk



### Mobile Post Office Tuesday 10.30 - 12.15 at Avening Social Club

# Avening and Cherington Churches



### To Have or to Be?

From Ash Wednesday until Easter Eve (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April this year) but omitting Sundays, we recall the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing himself for his demanding future. No coincidence that this is 40 days as this is a significant period in biblical terms: Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18); Elijah spent 40 days and nights walking to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8); 40 days and nights of rain in the great flood of Noah (Genesis 7:4); the Hebrew people wandered 40 years in the desert while travelling to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33).

Jesus retreated into the wilderness, where he fasted for 40 days, and was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1–2, Mark 1:12–13, Luke 4:1–2). It has since been the Christian tradition to mark this by some self-imposed austerity, for example giving up things, chocolate or alcohol being common, but there are many other ways to use this season.

In 1976 Erich Fromm, a psychoanalyst, wrote a book entitled 'To Have or to Be'. He made the point that sometimes our possessions 'own us' rather than 'us owning them': our apparent dependence on 'things' can hamper us from being the people we really are or want to be. Lent is a very suitable time to ask whether this applies to us.

Another approach to Lent is to read – possibly something that we might not read during the rest of the year. There is no shortage of choice; for example, a look at www.chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk provides a section for Lent reading. Here is a small selection:

The Heart Of It All - The Bible's Big Picture by Sam Wells. The Bible can be daunting in size and scope, a collection of 66 books spanning thousands of years,. Samuel Wells simplifies the Bible's complexity and presents it in a way that will deepen understanding and increase confidence in reading it. Paperback / softback. £9.99

Saying Yes to Life by Ruth Valerio. This is the Archbishop's chosen book for this Lent and is perfect for individuals to think, reflect, pray and be challenged. Paperback / softback. £9.99

Sour-Sweet Days. George Herbert's Poems Through Lent by Mark Oakley. A reading a day for Lent, exploring themes in 40 of George Herbert's poems. Paperback / softback. £9.99

Luminaries: Twenty Lives that Illuminate the Christian Way by Rowan Williams. Rowan Williams invites you to reflect on the lives and legacies of twenty great Christians - saints, martyrs, poets, theologians and social reformers - all of whom continue to illuminate our spiritual landscape, pointing us towards new horizons and fresh pathways to follow. Hardback £12.99

#### Some Lent Evenings

There will be some evening gatherings in Avenng and Cherington where we will look at some poetry suited to the Lent period. If you may be interested in this please contact me for further details.

### Mothering Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Do join us, at Avening (11am) or Cherington (9.30am), for this rather special day of the year. The services will be suited to all ages and will be a celebration of parents and families.

#### From the Church Registers

31 <sup>st</sup> January:	Funeral of Riley Vincent (Avening)
16 <sup>th</sup> February:	Baptism of Ethan Cochrane (Cherington)

#### Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington 01453 883456 gp.south@btopenworld.com

	Holy Cross Avening	St Nicholas Cherington					
	March						
1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.45 am Prayers						
5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Prayir	ng the Parishes*					
8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am Said Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist					
	5.30 pm Evening Prayer	9.30 ani Eucharist					
10 <sup>th</sup>	9.45 am Prayers						
15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist					
22 <sup>n</sup>	8.00 am Eucharist	0.20 am Matharing Day**					
d	11.00 am Mothering Day**	9.30 am Mothering Day**					
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45 am Eucharist (BCP)						
29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist	9.30 am Eucharist					
31 <sup>st</sup>	9.45 am Prayers						
	Ар	oril					
5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Palm Sunday Eucharist	9.30 am Palm Sunday Eucharist					
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.45 am Prayers						
9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm Maundy Thurs	day Eucharist (Avening)					
10 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm Good Friday Ter	nebrae Service (Avening)					
12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Easter Sunday Eucharist 9.30 am Easter Sunday Euchari						

\*venue to be announced

\*\* These Mothering Day services are suited to all ages and will last about 40 minutes.

# **Riley Vincent** 1923—2020 A Life of Riley: A celebration of a long life well lived.



I want to start with a quote from Riley. "I have no regrets; would I change anything? NO!"

For the people of Avening and beyond, Riley has been a walking library containing volumes of books created during his long and fulfilled life. He recalled the histories of Avening, its people and war time events in a way as only someone who was actually there could.

If we could step into this library what would we find?

The first volume must be the boyhood years.

Riley was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1923 in High Street, Avening in a house long demolished to improve

traffic flow! Riley grew up in a very different Avening to that of today.

Starting school at 3 ½ he proved to be an able pupil. Making a special friendship with one Percy Hill they had adventures. Stories abound of them collecting firewood; making treehouses; removing apples from trees [scrumping]; frightening the local policeman, one dark night, by lowering a ghostly sheet from a tree along the Nailsworth road and beating a hasty retreat. What a childhood!

Passing the entrance exam for Tetbury Grammar school he continued his studies, passing his school certificate. Not all his time was wasted on education, fortunately; this is where he met Joyce, life-long friend, fiancée and wife for 72 years.

Our tour of the library continues with the book of the Royal Air Force. Were he able to select one book to take with him on his journey it would be this one. [Squadron Leader Mike Stocks, formally representing the RAF, elaborated on this part of Riley's life., and this will be published in April's villager].

Remember the woman! Riley and Joyce communicated by letter throughout the

war, marrying in 1946 in Cherrington Church and moving to begin married life in Avening shortly afterwards. In 1948 I was born.

Once the war had finished, Riley was posted to a number of air force stations in Germany, Waterbeach and Abingdon. Posted to Aston Down he completed his time in the RAF. He continued working as a civilian there until 1959.

His stories relating to his time in the RAF are legendary- a plane delivering a cow's skull to Liverpool and the tale of the lost racing pigeon are among many stories (see Febuary 2019 Villager for that story!).

Dad felt things deeply. Whilst he returned from his war, Percy, his dear friend, lost his life on a convoy ship, delivering essential fuel supplies- Dad never forgot Percy and often spoke about their adventures together.

The next volume is the book of Riley the engineer.

With his skills as an engineer in great demand, in 1959 he joined the engineering firm of TH &J Daniels as an inspector of products and parts. He was promoted to chief inspector and continued working with the firm until his retirement.

What is less known that in his spare time he became a racing motorcycle mechanic for one Roger Lee. Weekends were spent with my father and the team at Silverstone, Thruxton, Castle Coombe, where I developed my lifelong love of motorcycles. As a car mechanic there wasn't a job that he couldn't do.

Our journey through the library takes us to the Volume or should I say volumes of hobbies. Riley, Steam engine enthusiast, fair-ground organ expert, wood turner, keeper of tropical fish, glass engraver, gardener, an enthusiast of the digital age, expert on the natural world, local historian and poet.

Our final volume must be that of a family man. As a husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather he accompanied us all throughout our life journeys, laughing with us, crying with us and being there. What a privilege!

We all have our personal memories, such as Firework Nights which matched Gandalf's fireworks in the film The Hobbit - outdated thunder flashes and flares featured; Toffee apples at events on Aston Down Airfield; the smell of doughnuts and aviation fuel watching planes at Heathrow.

Your experiences live on in your own library and among the pages will be the memories of meeting and listening to Riley.

The people of Mali have a saying: when an old man dies a library burns down. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 indeed Avening lost a great library.

#### Paul Vincent.

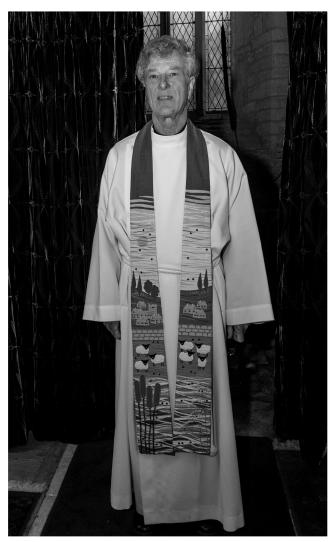
(Dedicated to close neighbours and the wider Avening Community.)

## The Green Vestments of St Nicholas, Cherington

When my father, Richard (Dick) Slater died in 1989, the then rector of Cherington was enquiring whether anyone would like to donate a new set of green vestments. Green is the liturgical colour for 'ordinary time' when the Church is not celebrating the great Christian festivals and, inevitably, since it is worn most often, the green vestments deteriorate fastest. I agreed to donate a new green set in memory of my father and was left to my own devices to find an appropriate designer and maker. I cannot remember how I contacted Juliet Hemingray but I suspect she was already in the news and getting known for making colourful ecclesiastical textiles with solid Biblical themes, after starting her business in 1980. She really came to fame for making Archbishop George Carey's enthronement robes in 1991. She has continued to make robes for succeeding archbishops, as well as for hundreds of clergy and churches all over the country.

I fell in love with her designs and the quality of her fabrics straight away and her prices were reasonable. Though she did not come to Cherington, she asked me to supply her with photographs of the village and the church, and information on life in the parish. She used these to draw up the design for my approval. The design of

the chasuble is all to the front since, by 1989, most churches celebrated the Eucharist with the celebrant facing the congregation. The back of the chasuble is plain green but the texture of the fabric provides variations in light and movement. The themes of the chasuble are continued on the lower portions of the stole, which an equally memorable piece of is design. Cherington is represented by the waters of the lake; the mixed farming of arable and sheep; the wild hedge parsley that line the lanes in May; Cotswold stone walls and, on the stole, stone cottages, representing the village itself. The main Christian symbols are the rippling waters (of Baptism) and the sheep, since Jesus, the Good Shepherd; Jesus, the Lamb of God; shepherds abiding in the fields in Luke's Christmas story; the parable of 'the lost sheep' and other stories loom large in the Gospels. One can also see the bulrushes (in Cherington Lake), which



feature on both the chasuble and stole, as reference to the story of Moses being found in the bulrushes. All this is supplemented by other wild flowers (I love the wild flowers of the Cotswolds) such as purple loosestrife (which grows round the lake) and poppies from the field edges.

I have to say I was bowled over when the finished articles arrived at my home in Birmingham and could not help but show them to parishioners where I was churchwarden at the time, before bringing them down to the Cotswolds a few weeks later.

Cherington is very lucky to possess such beautiful vestments, made early in the career of Juliet Hemingray, who is now recognised as probably the finest ecclesiastical textile designer of the past half century. People of Cherington, look after them and cherish them.

#### Canon Dr Terry R Slater (Hon Lay Canon Emeritus, Birmingham Cathedral)

### SAVE THE DATE! CHERINGTON SHOW Sunday 19 July 2020

Don't forget to put this year's Cherington Show in your diaries.

This hugely popular local event has a mix of traditional competitions and attractions. These include



horticultural, cookery and many other competitions, lots of activities for children including games and a 'find the teddy' competition, a wide range of stalls from clothes, local produce and books, to cakes and ice cream, a tea tent, music and morris dancers, not forgetting the ever popular dog show!

There will once again be a display from the Cherington Forge

A Company

following their success last year, and some newcomers joining the animals on the village green. Do come along with your friends and family to join the fun.

### A Brief History of Lawn Bowls and the Link to the Stroud Area

Bowls is a popular British pastime with a long and colourful history. From humble beginnings, it survived a royal ban to become a sport played in over 50 countries around the world. Historians have traced the sport of bowls all the way back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Several manuscripts of the period were found to include drawings of people playing bowls, or at least a rudimentary version of it.

The world's oldest surviving bowling green is the Southampton Old Bowling Green, which was first played on in 1299. Bowling alleys had first been established in London in 1455 and were regular spots for the dissolute and criminals.

Both the British Royal Family and Parliament became concerned that the growing popularity of bowls would stop people practising archery, which was an important skill for battle. It was forbidden in the reigns of Edward III, Richard II and other monarchs. The prohibition even continued after the invention of gunpowder and firearms. King Henry VIII was a lawn bowler but he also banned the game in 1511 for labourers, servants and people of a similar social standing, although they could still play on Christmas Day. The word 'bowls' was actually used for the first time in this statute. The ban was lifted following his death in 1547.

The invention of the lawn mower by Edwin Budding of Thrupp, near Stroud, in 1830 is strongly believed to have sparked the creation of bowling greens, even though the mower was originally invented for the cutting of the 'nap' on the woollen cloth, (as can be seen in the Stroud museum). This in turn led to the codification and the rules of lawn bowls, as well as other sports such as football and lawn tennis.

In 1864 William Wallace Mitchel published a Manual Of Bowls and this became the basis of the rules of the modern game.

**Nailsworth Mills Bowling Club** was founded in 1900 and is now based within the Nailsworth Mills Industrial Estate. New members are welcome to this friendly and social bowling club and regular mixed friendly and league games are played during the week and weekends. Taster sessions, open days and the popular Friday evening club nights are open to visitors and prospective new members during the bowls season starting in Mid-April.

Directions and contact numbers can be seen on the Club website www.nailsworthmbc.weebly.com, or just turn up at 6.30 pm at our Friday evening Club nights.

# **Avening Church Fete Sunday 7th June**



# THE GREAT EXHIBITION

June 5th, 6th, 7th 2020 in Avening Church

### Get out your Camera!

Junior Themes: My family and other animals

(Under 14) Sport

Senior Themes: Something unusual

Humour

Capturing a moment

A portrait (place or person)

For additional information for entering etc: see April Villager or contact George Buchanan: buchanan.pg@gmail.com

### NAILSWORTH MILLS BOWLING CLUB

Your local friendly lawn bowls club located on the Nailsworth Mills Industrial Estate. **New members welcome.** 

Come for a "Roll Up" on our regular Friday evening club nights and open days starting at 6.30pm.

Green open in mid-April, see details on our website: nailsworthmbc.weebly.com

# **Puzzle Corner**

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		5				2		
		3	4	5			7	
7	5	9	1	6		4	8	
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					5			9

Answers on page 30

#### 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.

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http://www.puzzlechoice.com

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- 1. Marine mammal (5)
- 4. Type of crossword (7)
- 8. Deviation from the rule (7)
- 9. Fabric (5)
- 10. Rubbing or clash (8)
- 11. Woody plant (4)
- 13. Egyptian statue (6)
- 14. Creatures (6)
- 17. Wander (4)
- 19. Expert on precious stones
- (8)
- 22. Decree (5)
- 23. Inactivity (7)
- 24. Victory (7)
- 25. Larceny (5)

### Down

- 1. Dock (5)
- 2. Get rid of (7)
- 3. Fastidious (8)
- 4. Former name of Sri

Lanka (6)

5. Shout (4)

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6. Male singing voice (5)

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- 7. Admit to (7)
- 12. Feeling remorse (8)
- 13. Glut (7)
- 15. Take aback (7)

16. Social outcast (6)

25

- 18. Excuse (5)
- 20. Helps to raise dough
- (5)
  - 21. Molecule (4)



# Avening W.I.

With the annual Gloucester Federation of WI skittles competition due to start, it was good to have a friendly match with Nailsworth WI to get some practice in. Our captain, Wendy Jennings, organised a very well attended evening at the Social Club. The Nailsworth ladies greatly appreciated the skittling, the company and the lovely bring and share supper. Avening WI won by a short margin.



Our speaker for February was Claire Salmon of Cherry Orchard Crafts who gave a very interesting account of her decision to leave a well-paid job in the academic world to start a home-based job using her love of needlework and crafting. She developed a range of dolls originally based on the Rosie the Riveter character from the Second World War. Her Mum asked her to design something for a WI craft stall and WI Dolly was born. Having put a picture on a WI website a year ago, she was inundated with requests for the WI Dolly, which can be personalised to order, and she has already made over 800. She also runs workshops and has recently been appointed as a Denman College tutor.

Three Avening members recently enjoyed a lampshade-making day, organised by the Gloucestershire Federation, and brought along to our meeting a beautiful example of the finished result.

Our speakers for March are John and Francesca Caton with a talk entitled The Baroque Lady. They will be bringing costumes to demonstrate what life was like in that exuberant age.

Visitors and prospective members are welcome to join us on Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall.

#### Helen Haiselden

### 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. Please continue to give them to Jennie South directly or leave in the church porch in the envelope provided. 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.

# **Avening Community Cafe**

First there was, courtesy of Gill Thomas, Lemon McDrizzle Cake for our nod to Burns' Night. Then (thank you, Alan Watson) there was Jack Lemmon Drizzle Cake when we added a dash of Hollywood glamour to the Café ahead of the Oscars. And as a final flourish, our Valentine's Week Café saw Viennese Whirlwind Romance biscuits. The cakes are delicious – and the puns a bit tasty too.

But February was about more than the kind of wordplay that makes you laugh out loud in Morrisons, attracting anxious glances and suddenly a lot more personal space. It was also a reminder that our big-hearted Café is about friendship: making new friends, renewing old ones or just having a space for a good long chat with a partner or neighbour. We're incredibly proud of the Café so want to share it with as many people as possible – which was why we've been giving away Gift Cards for customers to share with anyone who hasn't discovered it yet. We repeated our 'bring one, get one free' offer for customers hosting a first-time visitor and when

we heard that one of our loyal customers was a bit under the weather we made sure he had regular supplies of cake to aid his recovery.

As we went to press, we're hoping that our Saturday Pop-Up Café, on February 29<sup>th</sup>, will take friendship to a new level as we're offering free coffee to anyone who proposes (and is accepted) during the morning. We'll keep you posted....



We've tried to improve the Café for young children, with a cosy corner for toddlers with rugs, brightly-coloured bean-bags,



better seating for the 'grown-ups' and the wonderful Alex Adcock came back to the Café at half-term to repeat her popular Story Time. Watching the kids flop down on the bean-bags was the monthly highlight for more than one Committee member!

Congratulations to Rebecca Townsend and team for scooping first prize in our fiendishly difficult Movie Quiz, and to Charles Jones and Peter Barton for winning pairs of tickets to the screening of Downton Abbey. February also saw the inaugural session of the Café Book Club with a thoughtful discussion of Greta Thunberg's book *No One is Too Small to Make a Difference* and other books raising environmental concerns. To panic, or not to panic – that was the question.

We now have regular sessions for readers (Book Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month), artists (Mark Kellend's Art Sessions, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) and writers (Atlanta Rayner's Writing for Fun on the fourth Tuesday, except during school holidays). In March we'll also have a Gold Cup sweepstake and Lil Adams will return for another of her fun crafting mornings on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Our Green Fingered Gardening season starts on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a seed swap, so start parcelling up those surplus seeds (I mean, how many cherry tomato plants do you actually need?). Our next Book Club choice is on Laurie Lee's *Cider with Rosie*, and there's an excursion to The Woolpack in Slad afterwards to carry on discussions in the most appropriate of all locations!

#### **Clare Bebbington**







# DISTRICT COUNCIL

### **Environmental Nuisances**

# Dog Fouling



The Cotswold District Council Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), makes it an offence if you do not remove any poo deposited by your dog. This removal must be done without delay.

The Order, made under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, applies to all public, open, land in the District whether or not warning signs are displayed. The PSPO also requires dog walkers to carry the means to pick up dog poo whilst on a walk.

Any breach of the Order could result in a  $\pm 100$  fixed penalty notice or being taken to court and receiving a fine on conviction of up to  $\pm 1000$ 

The PSPO does not apply to blind or partially-sighted people with guide dogs and those with other trained assistance dogs for specific disabilities.

### Areas Designated as 'Poop Free'

The areas of land which Cotswold District Council has designated under this act are as follows:

- Any highway, footway, footpath and towpath over which the public have a right of way on foot and adjoining verges which are maintained at public expense.
- All pedestrianised areas to which the public have access.
- Open spaces which are owned, occupied or maintained by or on behalf of Cotswold District Council, Gloucestershire County Council, a registered Social landlord/ Housing Association or any Town or Parish Council within Cotswold District Council.
- Car parks, parks, play areas and sports grounds.
- Any cemetery, burial ground or churchyard.





### What can I do to help?

- You can report any dog fouling to us and we may make arrangements for further bins and signs to be installed.
- If you know of any persistent offenders you may also report this to us and we will investigate and take appropriate action.
- Scooping the Poop' benefits everyone by maintaining a cleaner environment. So don't wait for the law to make you 'scoop the poop'.

### The importance of 'scooping the poop'

Apart from the nuisance of fouling, dog mess can often contain harmful things, like toxocara canis. Although the risk to human health is small, in rare cases eyesight can be damaged.

# Four simple steps you can take:

- I Worm your dog regularly
- 2 Always "scoop the poop"
- 3 Use the dog bins provided
- 4 Adopt good hygiene practices



### For more information and free advice contact:

Cotswold District Council Trinity Road Cirencester Glos GL7 IPX Tel: 01285 623000 Email: ers@publicagroup.uk Visit: www.cotswold.gov.uk









# **Avening Playgroup**

Over the past few weeks the children have been very busy learning about:

- The Chinese New Year of the rat
- The story of 'The 3 Little Pigs', as well as other traditional fairy tales
- Language associated with position, height and width
- Numerals 1-6

The children have been looking at books and talking about the Chinese New Year and have made egg box dragons. They have also used their fine motor skills to make Chinese fans and to use chopsticks as well as colouring in the 12 animals of the Chinese New Year.

The playgroup staff have been reading the story of 'The 3 Little Pigs' and the children have been acting out the story themselves as well as using dolls and animals to act out the story. We have been talking about the characters in the story and what they do. The children have been building the pigs' houses out of Duplo blocks.

We have been rolling the dice, finding the matching numeral and counting the correct amount of actions. The children have been





tracing over the numbers, doing number puzzles and looking at number books.



Our next fundraiser will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at Avening Memorial Hall and the garden outside the school. The Committee are organising an Easter Egg Hunt and are hoping to include face painting, clothes/toys stall, refreshments and have invited Usborne books as well. Please see the advertisement in this article for further information.

Playgroup is open weekday mornings during term time between 9.15 and 12.15. We run a lunch club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 1.15. If you would like your child to join us please call us on 01453 832695 or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com.

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# **Avening School**

### Books, books, books.....

It's that time of the year again when we go reading crazy at Avening School! We will be celebrating World Book Day this year with a celebration of Julia Donaldson's books and characters. The school will transform overnight into the Deep Dark Wood and school will be overrun with Gruffalos, Stick People, witches and perhaps even the odd Snail and a Whale! The children will be mixed up into their school houses for the day and will undertake different activities linked to the stories and themes from her books. In addition to this, we will hold a book swap and also, back by popular demand, our bedtime story session will take place after school where children can enjoy stories and hot chocolate – the perfect combination! A group of children from KS2 will also be paying a visit to Ilsom House residential care home where they will share stories with some of the elderly residents during that week.



Our KS2 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Stratford-Upon-Avon last month where they watched a performance of an adaptation by the RSC of David Walliams' bestselling children's book 'The Boy in the Dress'. In true Walliams style, the show was funny, brilliant and heart-warming: a story about difference and the power within us all to be extraordinary.

The school has been filled with music and dance recently, with a dance workshop for y5/6 pupils run by two pupils from Westonbirt School. There is also now music played at lunchtime due to a generous donation of a music player from FOAS. The school council selected their own play list which plays over lunchtime; songs include old favourites such as the

Macarena and Cha Cha Slide.

The School Council have also been busy planning activities to raise money for Sports Relief on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Children were asked to wear sports clothes into school and the whole school took part in a mile long run around the playing field or play ground with each child bringing in a donation for the sports relief fund.

Fledglings' pre-school sessions will resume after half term starting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Sessions take place weekly on Fridays 2-3pm. Contact the school office for more details on this.

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



### Nailsworth Festival www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk Nailsworth Festival 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Tim Brooke-Taylor has been booked to appear at this year's Festival. Tim, a comedy legend, will share a wealth of great stories and anecdotes from his career on stage, screen and radio with writer and broadcaster Chris Serle. As ever, the Festival will kick off on Saturday with free entertainment and market stalls in the town centre and evening events will run across the week. There is a welcome return of the Sacconi Quartet, but this time with the addition of soloist Freddy Kempf. We have some interesting 'in conversation' events set up: one with Rod Hansen, the Chief Constable of Gloucestershire Police and another with Festival Patron, Sue Limb, discussing her work with BBC Radio. Chloë of the Midnight Storytellers returns to the Festival, celebrating 20 years of telling tales for grown-ups. We have drama with Jenny Wren Productions presenting "Bletchley Girls" and finally for fans of country blues, Sadie and Michael Roach are performing together at the Festival, following the launch of their album "Tryin' Times".

There are many more things happening across the week and a full programme of activities is available on the Festival website www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk.

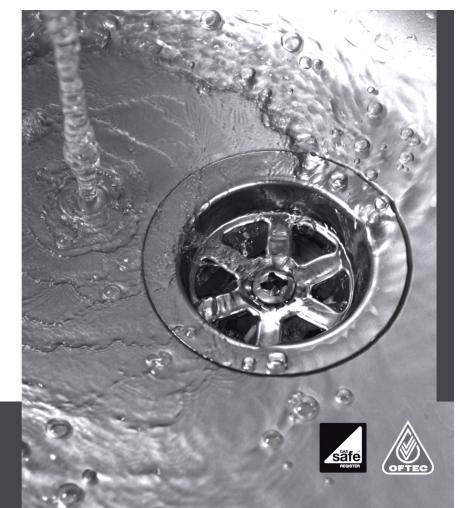


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# Wild About Avening

This month I want to let you know about a new project for the village - the **Avening Community Orchard**. The project aims to turn the north-west corner of the playing fields into a small orchard - a 'Pocket Orchard', for all villagers to use. This little part of the playing fields already has some fruit trees planted a few years ago and the idea is to build on this while boosting the biodiversity of the park and creating a place to sit quietly and take in nature.

Orchards are valuable places for wildlife as well as people. The mix of trees, dead wood, grassland, and wildflowers provide food and shelter for a vast range of species, many of conservation importance. Traditional orchards are designated priority habitats in the UK due to their wildlife and heritage value. Since the 1950s, 90% of traditional orchards have been lost to neglect, development or conversion to intensive orchards. Many more are declining due to lack of replacement tree planting. Creating our own 'Pocket Orchard' in the village will be a small step to reversing this decline.



The idea is to plant heritage fruit trees (apples, pears, damson, cherry), hopefully selecting species with long standing connections to Gloucestershire. There are already some good habitats in the 'Pocket Orchard' for wildlife with reptiles, small mammals, owls and insects all active. The orchard will be managed carefully to protect these habitats while making the area more accessible to people. A small wildflower will be created around a bench,

the long grass will be managed to boost wildflowers, and the blackberry bushes will be retained but kept a little more in check. If possible, bat boxes, bird nesting boxes (including Tawny owl boxes) and bug houses will be put up making this a great place for children from the village, playgroup and school to investigate and learn more about wildlife and where food comes from.

With the help of a very kind benefactor we have some of the funds we need for your Community Orchard. We will be looking to raise additional funds to allow us to make this orchard a really great place for the whole village to enjoy. Items we will need include wood to make frames for protecting trees; trees; a bench; wildlife boxes; an information and interpretation board; mulch/weed supressing mats, and more. As valuable as cash donations are, there is huge value in your enthusiasm and willingness to help with everything including fundraising, grass cutting, tree planting, watering and putting up wildlife boxes. And, of course, enthusiasm for picking and using the fruit when it's ready in a few years' time!

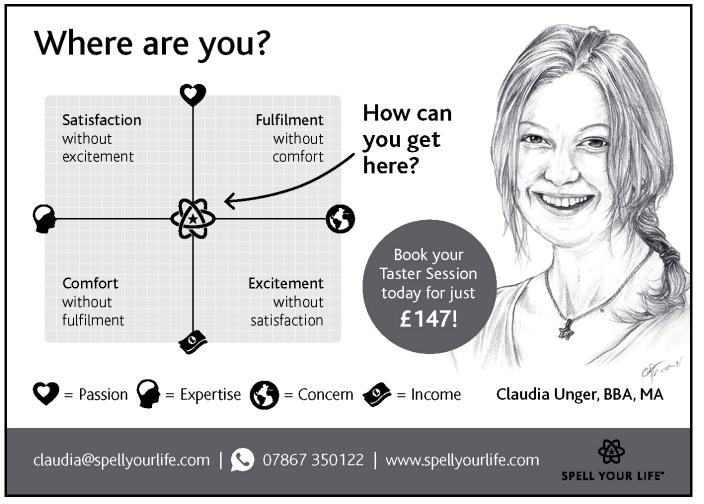
The project has Parish Council approval and I hope to raise all additional funds to be ready to plant trees in November. I would like to begin preparations before November, however, with some footpath preparation and selecting areas for the trees to be planted. If you are interested in helping in any way to create Avening's Community Orchard please do get in touch with the editors.

The Community Orchard will be for *everyone* to enjoy and will hopefully bring people a little closer to each other and a little closer to nature too.

#### **Recycling at Home**

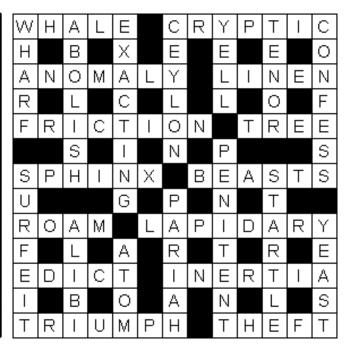
March sees kerbside recycling changing. We will be able to recycle much more than previously which is great news. I know it can feel tedious to separate items for recycling but as a county we are only recycling 50% of what we could be! People are still putting food waste and recyclable items in the black bins. Between June 2018 and May 2019 the county generated nearly 96,000 tonnes of waste. Some goes to landfill and some to the new incinerator. It's worth noting that there is no pre-sorting of items at the incinerator so many recyclable items are just burnt and destroyed. If everyone took the time to recycle at home we could make a difference to the waste we generate and make a difference to the planet when it's needed the most.

Phoebe Carter



# **Puzzle Corner Answers**

9	3	4	6	2	1	8	5	7
2	7	1	5	8	9	3	4	6
5	8	6	7	4	3	1	9	2
8	9	7	2	1	6	5	3	4
1	4	5	3	9	7	2	6	8
6	2	3	4	5	8	9	7	1
7	5	9	1	6	2	4	8	3
3	1	8	9	7	4	6	2	5
4	6	2	8	3	5	7	1	9





# A Bite to Eat?

# Arranging a Group Lunch, Christening other social event ?

Avening WI 'Bite to Eat' scheme may be able to assist with your catering needs. We can provide and serve a selection of freshly prepared sandwiches, scones, cakes etc; a fork or finger buffet; or a two course meal.

For prices and any further details phone Liz Knowles 01453 833803 or lizknowles@hotmail.co.uk



### FOREVER YOUNG OVER 60s LUNCH

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month 12.30 start

### **Avening Social Club**

Phone Chris Howell on 01453 833246 to book your lunch

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A big thank you to all who have supported us in the past

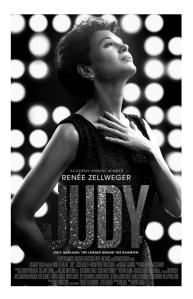


# **Avening Cinema Club**

# THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

### Doors open 7pm. Film starts 7.30pm AVENING MEMORIAL HALL Admission £5

Thirty years after starring in "The Wizard of Oz," beloved actress and singer Judy Garland arrives in London to perform sold-out shows at the Talk of the Town nightclub. While there, she reminisces with friends and fans and begins a whirlwind romance with musician Mickey Deans, her soon-to-be fifth husband.



Director: Rupert Goold

Starring: Renée Zellweger (who recently won the Oscar for Best Actress for her portrayal of Garland), Jessie Buckley, Finn Wittrock, Rufus Sewell, Michael Gambon

The film club is a not for profit community event. Any profit made after screening/licence costs will be donated to local charities. Please do check our Facebook page or contact Katy Upton for more information and for the chance to vote on films.

Phone: 07806 614753. Email: katywingrove@hotmail.co.uk

# **Church Floodlighting**



The church was floodlit on:

9th February - In memory of Joan Newman.

22nd January - In memory of Basil Fletcher from John, Valerie, Celia and Sylvia Fletcher.

19th February - In memory of Michael Powell who captured England's green and pleasant land on celluloid. We celebrate the humanity in 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:

Paul Brown 01453 835983. The cost is £10 for 2 hours

# Strauss Overture: Die Fledermaus Sibelius Violin Concerto Soloist: John Pearce Brahms Symphony No. 2

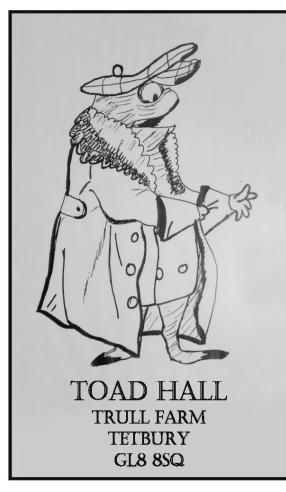
Conductor: Jonathan Trim Leader: Angela Spencer

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# Avening Youth Club



### Our theme for March is Where do I belong?

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Mini Olympics	Take	part	in	sports	day	style
41	challenges						
12 <sup>th</sup> March THURSDAY	Painting. Expres	s yourse	elf thro	ugh	art		
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Cookie Decorati yourself!	ng. Sha	are wit	:h a	friend c	or eat	them
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebrating Ear keep the planet		r. Thin	k of	f fun ne	W Wa	ays to
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Cardboard forts.	Whose	e team	can	h build th	e bes	t?

#### Check out the Facebook Page

Youth Club is for anyone aged 8 to 14, from Avening, Nags Head, or Cherington. We meet every Tuesday in term time from 6 to 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall. Once you're 13 we'll ask you to be a Young Leader and help out (don't worry, we'll give you training). Cost is just £1 a time to include a healthy snack. Just come along and see what's what if you haven't been before.

For parents or carers: Youth Club is run by The Door (find their website at www.thedoor.org.uk). They provide qualified and experienced Youth Workers. You just need to leave an emergency contact number when you drop your young person off. If they come on their own, we need them to give us a number to contact.

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# Avening Community Café AGM

Our first AGM will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Club, and everyone is invited to come along to hear how we're doing and share their ideas and feedback. We've been holding sessions with the teams of volunteers too, making sure that we listen to those who do most to make the Café what it is. Below Peter Barton shares his perspective on the Café as a volunteer – it's hard work, but great fun too. Give it a go!

# Pete Barton, with help from Cas, Nanette and Maura, gives a volunteer's perspective on the Café:

If you have visited our Community café you will know what a great place it is to spend a Tuesday morning. Always a warm welcome with great coffee, tea and cakes and even hot chocolate with marshmallows!

The teams of volunteers make the whole thing possible and it can be great fun being part of one of them. There are usually one or two team leaders each week who know the ropes so anyone joining from scratch is broken in gently in a very friendly and understanding atmosphere.

The setting up begins at 8.20 a.m. but Derrick is often there first to set up the tables and chairs. There is a folder of guidance, which covers everything from where to find the aprons to how to operate the coffee machine but the team leaders always point you in the right direction.

If you are willing to bring a cake then great but don't worry if you don't want to because we have a bank of excellent bakers to help us out.

There are tables to be laid with cloths and flowers and the coffee, tea and cakes to be arranged for sale. There are lots of jobs but everyone gets stuck in and before you know it the café is ready for the first customer to walk through the door at 9.00am.

It's lovely to serve behind the counter as you get to meet everyone who comes and there is also a chance to chat when clearing tables.

If that doesn't appeal there is always a need for washing up!

It may seem daunting to see the 'baristas' trying to keep up with demand during rush hour but everyone is very patient and there is always someone to talk to whilst a new jug is brewing.

At 11.30 the café starts to wind down and some of the 'customers' help to clear away so that we are usually leaving by 12.00.

The teams take turns to run the café so the more people there are on the rota the more we spread the load.

If you would like to get involved please give it a go by contacting Jennie South on 01453 883456.



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# **Tetbury and District U3A**

#### March 19th Sue Limb 'What's so Funny?'

Sue Limb is a British writer and broadcaster. She studied Elizabethan lyric poetry at Newnham College, Cambridge and then trained in education. She lives on an organic farm near Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire. Sue has written very funny parody sit-coms for radio 4, 'The Gloomsburies' and 'The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere' and is also the author of fiction for young people and adults and also biography. She coined the word 'bonkbuster' for a certain type of literature.

### AGM U3A 15th April at 10 am in the Goods Shed, Tetbury

This is out first AGM as a newly formed U3A and it will be a very important meeting as we need to elect a new committee. Thus it is critical that as many members as possible attend. The talk by Mike O'Donnell (The Changing Face of Health at Work) will take place after the meeting at around 11am.

# **Avening Baby & Toddler Group**

### Mondays during term time 1pm – 3pm.

### At Avening Playgroup, The Sunground, GL8 8NW.

The group is open to everyone with preschool children, so if you're a parent, grandparent or carer of a little one aged 0-5 then do come along!

Please note the group runs during term time only, so there will be no session during half term (Monday 17th February).

The cost is £2.50 for an adult and child, plus £1 for each additional adult/child over 6 months.

For more information contact Katy Upton: 07806 614753 katywingrove@hotmail.co.uk

# **Cherington Parish Council**

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday March the 3rd at 6.00 pm at Cherington Village Hall - and I'll be placing an agenda on the notice board and on the website: www.cheringtonpc.org.uk. I can be contacted via email at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

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# **Avening Parish Council**



The minutes of the meeting on 19 February 2020 will be published shortly, but some of the items discussed are summarised below.

#### Hedge Laying Workshop The weekend of February 29<sup>th</sup>

If you are attending the hedge laying workshop don't forget to dress for the weather! Adults and accompanied children welcome. A great chance to learn an ancient skill.

#### Parish Council Grants

It was agreed at the meeting that in order to budget effectively the Parish Council will only consider the allocation of grants annually. If you wish to apply for a grant this coming financial year 2020/21 you need send in your applications before the meeting in April.

#### Crime

A tree has been felled in the playing field and a lot of wood removed. This is a crime and will be reported to the Police. Not only is it theft, it is in a conservation zone, so permission needs to be sought from CDC Planning to remove any trees and from the PC as owners. If you have any information about this please contact a member of the Parish Council in the strictest confidence, or report it to the police on 101.

In addition to this there were 4 crimes in Avening during January: 1 theft, 2 violent and one that is listed 'other'. The theft was from a vehicle and the violent crimes were historic allegations. Unfortunately, the police are unable to supply more information regarding 'other'.

Please report anything suspicious. Non-emergency please ring 101 or email 101@gloucestershire.police.uk.

#### Dogs in the Playing Field

The fenced area in the Children's playground is a dog free zone. Do not allow your dogs into this area. Pick your dog mess up. A resident has received a £100 fixed penalty fine this month.

#### **Cotswold District Council Announcement**

The Parish Council were shocked to be informed that CDC have committed to spend £512,000 towards the development of 158 new parking spaces at Cirencester Rugby Club in order to improve town centre parking – but for weekdays only. We were also made aware of other significant borrowing and spending plans, which will be decided on  $4^{th}$  March.

#### **County Councillor Report**

Cllr Stephen Hirst confirmed that he has been allocated £25,000 for local investment in roads and pavements.

### Potholes

We continue to work with Highways, but please remember that you can report potholes directly to Highways on 08000 514 514 or via the GCC website

#### **Planning Applications**

18/04043/FUL: Barn at Owl House, West End. Conversion of barn to dwelling and installation of pitched roof (Approved - amended design). No objections.

20/00076/FUL: 14 Spinners Cottage, Longfords Mill. Replacement of rear conservatory. No objections

#### **Tree Works**

20/00201/TPO: 40 Sandford Leaze. Reduce Maple. No objections

#### **Decision Notices**

19/04417/FUL: Owl House, West End – Erection of 2 storey Extension – Permitted 19/03687/FUL: Land Parcel, Woodstock Lane – Variation of conditions - Permitted 19/04095/FUL: 23 High Street – Front porch & single rear extension - Permitted 20/00567/DD: Avening Court Fell Norway Spruce - Permitted

#### Village Plan

The PC have agreed to create a Village Plan/Development plan in cooperation with CDC to ensure our local planning needs and design requirements are formally recognised. This will involve public consultation and we would welcome help from anyone with related experience. We will also be updating our emergency plan. You can comment on any application on the CDC portal.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Jim Parsons Reading Room.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

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Tuesday 3rd March	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Wednesday 4th March	Friends of Tetbury Hospital Film Night show- ing The Runaways	Dolphins Hall Tetbury	7.00 for 7.30pm
Thursday 5th March	Avening Film Club Showing Judy	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 10th March	Avening Community Café AGM	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Friday 13th March	FOAS Quiz Night	Avening Memorial Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
Saturday 14th March	Cherington Village Litter Pick	tbc	tbc
Wednesday 18th March	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Jim Parsons Reading Room	7.30pm
Saturday 28th March	Playgroup Family Easter Egg Hunt	Around Avening	From 10.00am
Sunday 29th March	CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR	British Summertime begins	2am
Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April	Easter holiday Avening Primary School and Play Group		
Saturday 16th May - Sunday 24th May	Nailsworth Festival		
Friday 5th June - Sunday 7th June	Avening Photographic Exhibition	Holy Cross Church Avening	
Sunday 7th June	Avening Church Fete	School and Church	2.00pm.
Sunday 19th July	Cherington Show	Around the village	tbc

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