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A Magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head

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The Parish Letter

After the great celebrations of Easter, especially in our parishes of Avening and Cherington, with the retirement of our long serving Parish priest, Rev. Celia, it seems to me that the celebration of the Ascension of Jesus to the heavens above, on May 9th, is a good time to be making a new start.

To Jesus that ascension was not the end of His life here on earth, it was the beginning of something new. A few weeks ago my six year old grandson asked me if Jesus was still alive. Well, there is only one answer to that: "of course He is". So then follows the next question, "Where is He then, and how can He live for 2000 years?" The only explanation that I can think of that a six year old might understand is the story of the caterpillar dying and turning into a beautiful butterfly.

That butterfly is the beginning of a new phase of life, just as Jesus started a new phase of his life at the time of his Ascension, building on what had already been started at Christmas, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It is now a time in our Parishes when we must look forward to the future and build on what has been started. This surely is the greatest tribute that we can offer to Rev. Celia in her retirement.

One of the things that Rev. Celia has always been very good at is visiting the sick, whether at home or in hospital and the Churchwardens and I are very keen that this should continue. Unfortunately my lines of communication are not as good as Rev. Celia's, so I would ask that if any of you know of people, who would like a visit, Home Communion or are in need of our prayers, please make sure that we are made aware of them so that we can follow up on any visits that you will have already made.

Derrick Pierce (Benefice Reader)

I can be contacted by telephone: 01453 835090 or mobile 07762702982
by email, :derrick.pierce@hotmail.com
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Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Tony Slater** for our cover photo. 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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ASCENSION DAY

THURSDAY 9TH MAY

**THERE WILL BE A SERVICE IN AVENING CHURCH
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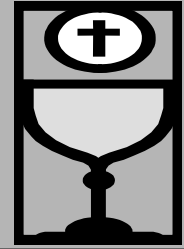
**PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON A LEAD WHEN IN THE CHURCHYARD
AND CLEAR UP ANY DEPOSITS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN DROPPED**

**IT IS MOST DISTRESSING FOR PEOPLE VISITING GRAVES TO FIND
THAT THEY HAVE BEEN USED AS DOGGIE TOILETS AND
IT IS MOST UNPLEASANT FOR THE TEAM WHO MOW THE
CHURCHYARD REGULARLY TO FIND DOG MESS ALL OVER THEIR
TOOLS**

Services in Avening and Cherington

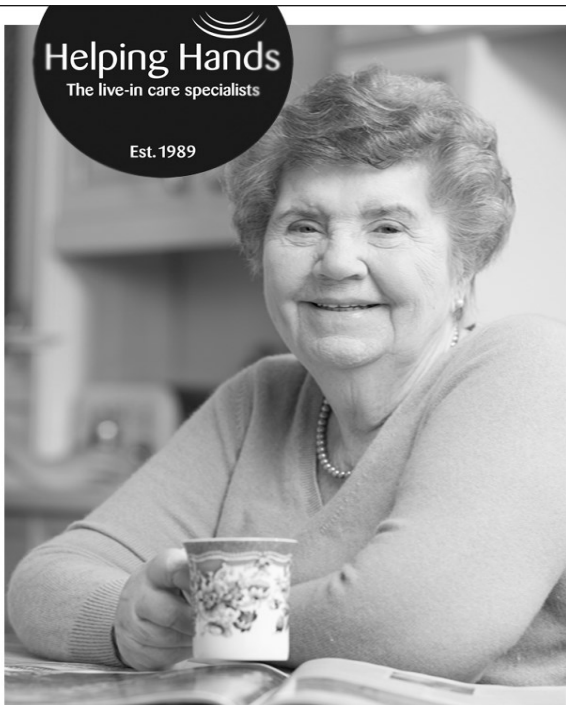
Day/Date/ <i>Officiant at main service</i>	Time	Church	Service Details
Sunday 5th May Fifth of Easter	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Rev. J. Willard</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday school
Thursday 9th May Ascension Day	7.00pm	Avening	Evening Prayer
Sunday 12th May Sixth of Easter	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
<i>Rev. Maslen</i>	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion and Sunday School.
Sunday 19th May Whit Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Rev. Maslen</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
<i>Rev. J. Martin</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday 2nd June	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30	Cherington	Holy communion BCW
AVENING CHURCH FETE			

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
May 5 th	Margaret / Cas	Stephen	Ann
May 12 th	Piers/Stephanie	Paul	Ann
May 19 th	Cas/Jeanie	Derrick	Ann
May 26 th	Margaret/George	Hamish	Elizabeth
June 2 nd	FETE ONLY 8.00am SERVICE IN AVENING		

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What's On In Avening and Cherington

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 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
Line Dancing	Tuesday	7.45-10.30pm.	Social Club	Mel 01453
Cherington PC	4th Monday each month	6.30pm	Village Hall	Sam 01285 885334
Book Club	First Monday	7.30pm	The Bell	Kristiana 01453 836515
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Line Dancing	Tuesday	7.45 - 10.30pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
Yoga	Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Memorial Hall	Elles 0781 555 2952
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
WI	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Maisie 01453 834679
Avening PC	3rd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Caroline 01285 380041
Folk Club	Thursday	8.15pm	Cross Inn	Chris 01453 450 010
Quiz Nights	1st /3rd Saturday each month	7.30pm	Cross Inn	Rob 08444 123 100
Almost Angels Choir	tba			Derrick 01453 835090

Goodbye to Stuart!



Easter Sunday 2013 was a momentous and sad day for Avening, Not only was it Rev. Celia's last service as the Parish priest, it was also Stuart Walkley's final appearance as Avening's organist, as he pulled out all the stops (literally!) for the last time, having played here for eighteen years.

Being the modest man he is, Stuart deliberately asked for no fuss to be made over his departure, but I'm sure the whole village would like to join

the PPC in thanking him for his years of dedication, leadership and musicianship. Stuart is a superb musician; an excellent organist and also a fantastic singer - who will quickly forget his beautiful and heartfelt rendition of 'Where you there when they crucified my Lord' during the Easter service. He has also been key to the organisation of many of the wonderful services in Holy Cross Church, particularly the Christmas Services of Nine Lessons and Carols, the Crib Service and the beautiful and prayerful Good Friday Tenebrae Service.

He will be sadly missed, especially by the less than Angelic members of the choir, who have enjoyed every minute of his rehearsals. We marvelled at the way he managed to extract some passably musical sounds out of his motley crew, (often by singing every part himself, from the low bass to the highest notes of the sopranos), and basked in his fulsome praise after each performance ("Well, I think we got away with it - did you spot anyone grimacing?")

So thank you, Stuart, for everything you have done for Avening - and a warm welcome to Colin and Theo, who will together be taking over the task of Avening organist (yes, it took two to replace you, Stuart!)

PLEASE NOTE

All requests for weddings, baptisms or funerals MUST be made through the church wardens, doing this will ensure that the church is available.

The relevant telephone numbers can be found on page 3

A Letter from Rev. Celia

What a truly wonderful day and how better can anyone celebrate Easter and my last official Sunday Service than with so many of us crowding into the Church to sing the Easter Hymns and to receive the Holy Sacrament together? It was beyond my wildest dreams! All that..... and then the village party to beat all others in the beautiful surroundings of Avening Court!

Thank you so very much to everybody who made the day possible and gave so generously with their time and energy in getting everything ready. Also for all that was donated... ..the venue, the tents, the Hog Roast, the Two Jims and more. The hugely generous collection in Church not only covered the minimal expenses incurred but also gave a large donation of over £500 each to both the church and Hop Skip and Jump.

I shall always treasure the many cards and presents which I have received, along with the beautiful book of photographs which will remind me of so many occasions of both Church and Village events that we have all shared over the years. The presentation of the amazing cheque that I was given can never be thanked for enough. I cannot get over how kind everyone has been. It is overwhelming.

I now look forward to welcoming with you, the new priest in charge when appointed, and in the meantime, I am around and easily contactable. I am authorised to take Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms until the new person arrives.

Thank you all again and again,

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Rev Celia

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Avening Church Music

A Brief History

Legend has it that before the mid 1850's, music in the church was provided by a Flute, Clarinet, Violin and Cello. Prior to that, music was only available from the human voice. We do not know who these later musicians were.

In 1860, Mr Robert Walker, who rented Avening Court from the Playne family, presented to the church a harmonium costing £30. Mr Walker, described in the 1861 census as a Landed Proprietor and Holder was born in London around 1782 and died on the 16th of March 1866. His daughter, Mrs Jane Rawlinson was, for many years, choir mistress and organist in Avening.

After about ten years, the harmonium was deemed insufficient and the two Sunday School teachers, Miss Annie Cox and Miss Rhoda Coates undertook to raise funds for a better instrument. Assisted by Mr John Davies, who had lately moved into the Old Rectory, they raised £60 in house to house collections and a new organ was installed around 1875.

This was a wind-driven instrument and had to be hand-pumped, usually by younger boys from the congregation. A tube containing a float gave indication as to when more pressure was required. It was installed across the entrance to the South Transept and the space behind it used for a church museum.



The Company in charge of the building of the organ was Liddiatt and Sons of Leonard Stanley. They bought in the necessary parts required from a Company in Belgium. In 1901 Liddiatts were asked to refurbish the organ.

Sometime in the early 1950's, George Osmond and Co. of Taunton was invited to carry out further improvements, one of which was to replace the hand-operated bellow pump with an electrically driven one. This left the need for the choir's younger member operators!!

Those later pumpers included Jim Hill, Jim Parsons, Don Hopes and Riley Vincent.

The later organists were Alfred Morris, the schools headmaster, Roy Cudmore, Jack Harvey and the last, Stuart Walkley.

In early 1997, the question of a replacement organ was raised during a PCC meeting when, following an inspection by a diocesan adviser, it was declared that our old friend was wrongly positioned and now difficult to maintain. Funds were limited at the time, with major modifications being under way to the Brydges Aisle and further expenditure anticipated for the Millennium Cross and it wasn't until 2001 that discussions were reopened in the PCC meetings.

Over the coming months, these discussions continued including a trial of a new digital organ, with an eventual acceptance that Avening church would lose a much-valued old friend but it would be replaced by a modern electronic instrument. This was installed at the west end of the nave in mid-2002, with speakers placed strategically to bring the sound to every part of the church.

More discussions followed concerning the fate of the organ pipes and, in the end, these were bought by the parishioners as mementoes of 'days of yore'. It would be interesting to learn what people did with these pipes. Are they now a talking point, on display or are they mostly deep in many Avening attics?

Fred Venning



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Avening Primary School

THE 'APPRENTICE' COMES TO AVENING!

Whilst you could never compare her to Sir Alan Sugar, Avening Primary School headteacher Jane Rushton has had a taste of what it's like to be on TV show The Apprentice during April.

The Hawks class (Year 3 and 4) ventured into the world of business with the aim of raising funds for the school and the Friends of Avening School (FOAS). The 'Enterprise' project has seen the pupils apply several elements of their curriculum learning to the development of a business plan.



Hawks class teacher Mark Wilkinson says: "This project will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to put their learning in all areas of the curriculum into practice. They are continually building on their previous knowledge and want to learn new skills to help them solve the many challenges of running a business."

The plan was presented to Mrs Rushton through a video and powerpoint production involving all the pupils in that class. Its goal was to secure a loan to buy seeds to grow vegetables and herbs to sell at the FOAS summer fair in July. The plan contained all the key elements:

- Aims (to raise funds for school/FOAS)
- Vision (to grow herbs and vegetables in time to sell them at the FOAS fair in July)
- Health and Safety (eg always have an adult present when gardening)
- Market Research (questionnaire sent home via all pupils)
- Customers (the school cook, and various staff members)

- Competitors (Tesco, Bramleys etc)
- 'Our edge' (we are local – you know where the products are coming from)
- Sales and marketing (posters)
- Finance (loan from Mrs Rushton/ getting pricing right)
- Risks (the weather)

The class were successful in their bid for a business loan and have been busy propagating the seeds in the school garden. Mrs Rushton commented:

"The Hawks have really impressed me with their teamwork and multimedia presentation. I am sure we have some budding entrepreneurs among them and I look forward to seeing how their 'business' develops."

Two of the pupils commented:

"Business can be quite hard. It is a lot of work." - *Olivia*

"On the 13th of July the Hawks are making a Healthy Hawks Vegetable stall for the summer fete. We are raising money for FOAS. I am looking forward to selling all of the vegetables we have grown." - *Greta*.



WATCH OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOAS SUMMER FAIR AND DO COME ALONG TO SEE THE HAWKS CLASS BUSINESS GROW.

If you are interested in finding out more about our school please take a regular look at our website (www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk) which is updated often. In particular take a look at the interesting introduction to all our staff – with pictures courtesy of the children!

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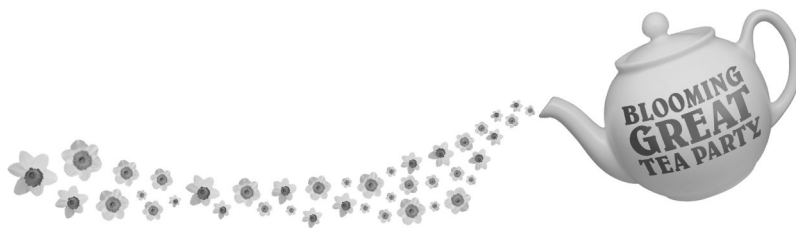
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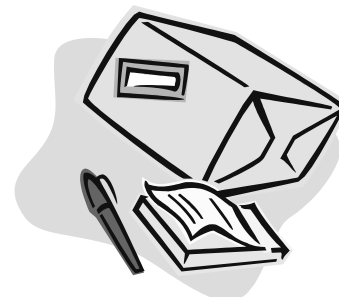
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Whatever you need we will be happy to oblige so pop in and see us **Love Karen, Graham and Jo.**

Photos from Rev. Celia's party on Easter Sunday



Our thanks to Liz Bury and Tony Slater for these photos

AVENING CHURCH FETE

Sunday June 2nd at 2 pm

All the usual attractions, including:

Cake Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Plants.....and many more

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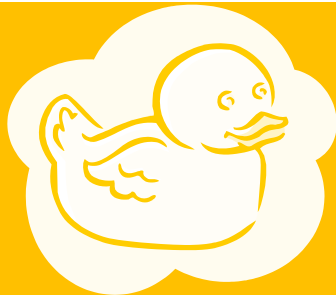
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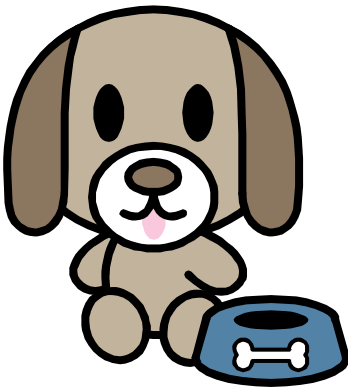
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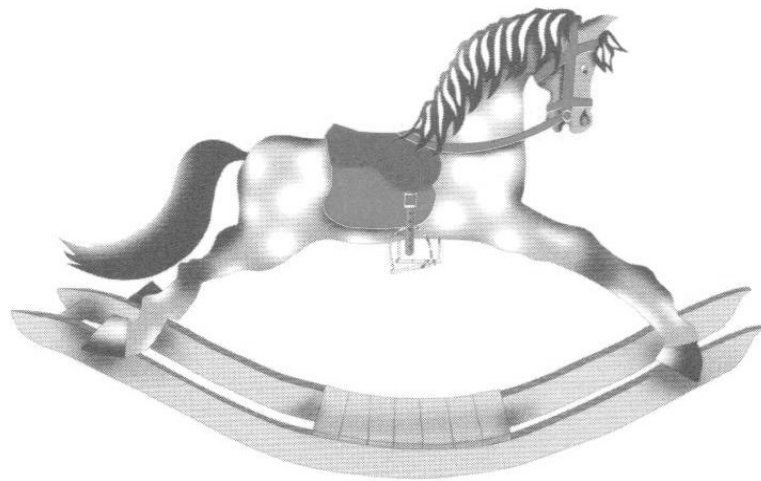
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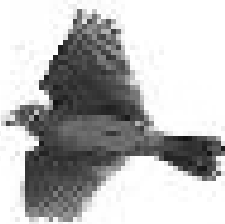
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Hugo Winkfield's Nepal Trip

Clothes bag collection - big thank you!

A big thank you to all of you who had a recent sort out of clothes, packed them into Hugo's green Happy Bags and left them out for him to collect. We have not got a final figure he raised as at the time of writing they had not been collected by the Happy Bag people, but what we do know is that we can hardly get into our TV room as it is bulging with bags (maybe a good thing to be off TV for a bit anyway).

Hugo (13) is off to Nepal next year with Deer Park School and World Challenge. He will be helping in a local school for a bit, doing a trek, etc. and



has to raise the bulk of the funds for this trip himself, clothes collection being one of the fund raising ideas. Thank you again!

Coming to look round The Old Rectory Garden?

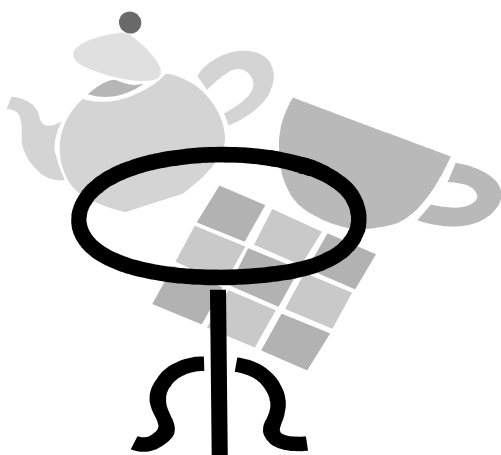
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Avening Playgroup



The children have returned from their Easter break happy to be back with their friends again.

They have been delighted to see that the vegetable seeds they have planted before the holiday have started to grow. The playgroup staff are equally pleased as last year all the vegetables planted were eaten by slugs and snails as soon as they sprouted due to all the rain we had.

The children have made some pretty blossom tree collages and have made some lovely observational drawings of cuttings from various shrubs. During free play our older children have been making lots of cards to send to their friends and families, and making models from various construction materials.

If you would like your child to join our happy play group please phone Debbie any weekday morning on 01453 832695 to arrange a visit.

Emma Silvey-Ratcliffe

CHILDREN'S CRAFT WORKSHOP IN CHERINGTON

Because children's entries had dwindled and we realise that family lives are so busy, last year we held a craft workshop for children to make items for entry into several classes at Cherington Show. This was well attended and a great success – lots of fun was had with the children producing some wonderfully creative work. SO - we're doing it again this year!

WHERE Cherington Village Hall

WHEN between 10.00am and 12.30pm on Saturday 15th June

COST £3.00 per child to include all materials and a mid-morning snack

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Now that we have left the icy grip of winter behind we can think about outdoor activities. We have already organised one walk for members and another one is planned for May. On a bitter cold day 3 weeks ago a large group of members met for lunch at the Cat and Custard Pot in Shipton Moyne. Luckily there was a welcoming blazing fire and we all had a very enjoyable meal with plenty of chat!

The members who attended the annual meeting of the Gloucestershire Federation of W.Is. were very impressed by the excellent speakers. Sharron Davis recounted experiences from her childhood when her swimming training was in the hands of her father. Being a bit of a tomboy, Sharron fell out of a tree and broke both her wrists but her father was not having any interruption to her training and made her swim with her legs while both arms were strapped together! Later she damaged her knee so he adopted a similar method by tying her legs together so she had to swim with only her arms. No wonder she went on to win an Olympic Medal.

Phil McCormick was another very good speaker talking about traditional Mystery Plays. These take place all over the country and next year players will be meeting in Gloucester for a festival of Mystery Plays.

This month's speaker was Catherine who is the sole proprietor of the Angel Bakery in Tetbury. Catherine bakes all kinds of cakes from wedding cakes to tray bakes but at the moment her most popular line is cup cakes which are very popular at weddings. She brought in examples of some of her beautifully decorated cakes and also some little cakes for us to sample. They were delicious. She demonstrated some of the icing techniques she uses and told us that she uses mostly locally sourced ingredients including butter.

Our summer outing this year when both members and non members are invited will be to RHS Waterperry Gardens near Oxford. If you are interested please make a note in your diary of the date, 8th August.

Gwyneth Simpson



Saturday 11th May
Avening Social Club
BOOGIE BOP BOYS

£5 to include supper

Avening Book Club

Jitterbug Perfume – Tom Robbins

So, this is the storyline. 8th century Alobar, a tribal leader in ancient Bohemia, dodges death at the hands of his own people, as is their custom after showing the first signs of aging. After fleeing he must live a simple travelling life as a peasant. He travels through Eurasia and meets the goat-god Pan, who is losing his powers as that part of the world turns toward Christianity. In India, he meets Kudra, who goes on to become his wife for hundreds of years. Their unfading, impassioned love is like something from a fairy tale albeit an adult one. An experiment with transcendental meditation separates them in the 17th century and they are unable to reunite until the present day.

Meanwhile, in the present-day, Priscilla is an amateur perfumer trying to locate an elusive base note from a fragrance. While attempting this, she contemplates the mysterious beets that keep being delivered to her apartment. *“The beet is the most intense of vegetables. The radish, admittedly, is more feverish, but the fire of the radish is a cold fire, the fire of discontent not of passion. Tomatoes are lusty enough, yet there runs through tomatoes an undercurrent of frivolity. Beets are deadly serious.”* In New Orleans, Priscilla's stepmother, Madame Devalier, is also working to recreate the same fragrance. Bingo Pajama also features as a mysterious supplier of Jamaican jasmine as he is followed by a swarm of bees.

The cast is as eccentric as the story is quirky. Robbins is an unconventional writer who has a loyal cult following. I would however, hesitate to recommend this novel beyond the twenty something reader. For two of the members this was a second reading of the novel and both found that it held more allure on first reading a couple of decades ago. This led the group to discuss the idea of novels and how they can be read differently at different stages of life. This was a slightly poignant realisation in some ways. The group welcomed Alex, a new member who first read about our group in Switzerland!

Kristiane Maseyk

13th May 7.30 @ The Bell ***Gone Girl*** by Gillian Flynn

3rd June 7.30 @ The Bell ***The Sense of an Ending*** by Julian Barnes

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Avening Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday, 23 May 2013 at 7 pm in the Memorial Hall

We hope that as many local organisations as possible will be represented.

This will be your opportunity to find out what is happening in Avening and to tell us what you think !

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US !!

ANNUAL LITTER PICK

Saturday, 25 May 2013

Please contact Cllr Tom Beardsell 01453 832977 for further details

PLANNING

New Planning Applications: None

Planning Applications Responded to: None

Decision Notices Received:

13/00393/FUL

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Variation of condition 5 of 12/01483/FUL to extend timescale for completion

Application Permitted 21 March 2013

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COUNCIL TAX BAND SCAM

Cotswold District Council is aware that at least two men have been making phone calls to local residents, advising them that their Council Tax bands may be too high. They offer to work on behalf of the residents for a fee to obtain a reduction. The pattern of calls suggests they could be working their way through the local telephone directory and these types of approaches have been noted in other parts of the country.

CDC says that despite what these callers may suggest, there are very few circumstances in which appeals against Council Tax banding would be successful. However, if anyone wishes to appeal against their banding they can do this themselves very easily by contacting the District Valuation Office on 03000 505 150. It is not a complicated procedure and there is no requirement whatsoever for a third party to intervene.

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The next meeting of **Avening Parish Council** will be the **ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on **Thursday 16 May 2013, at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall**. Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month. All are Welcome. The Parish Council address is below.

Parish Clerk, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1BQ
Tel: 01285 380041 Email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

Cherington Parish Council

Notice of Annual Parish Meeting : Cherington

Monday 13th May

7.30 pm Village Hall

All welcome. This is your opportunity to talk to your Parish Council. If you cannot attend but have anything for the agenda please mail to

cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH CLERK:- We still have a vacancy for this position. This is a paid position and is a very interesting role. Even if you have not done anything like this before but would be interested, call and discuss with Kate Gegg on 01453 834805. Training will be given.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:-

CHERINGTON SHOW SUNDAY 21ST July 2013

Notice of Annual Parish Meeting : Avening

This year's **Annual Parish Meeting** is being held on **Thursday, 23 May 2013 at 7 pm** in the Memorial Hall. This is a meeting that is open to all parishioners and its purpose is to enable the registered electors to informally discuss parish affairs and to discuss such issues as Planning and the Environment in Avening, Facilities for Children and Young People, Crime and Disorder, Roads and Transport, Facilities for Older People, Businesses and Services.

The meeting will be hosted by the Parish Council and in view of last year's success, it will again be an informal affair in an effort to broaden the meeting's appeal and attendance.

This means that we are trying to keep the boring bits (e.g. minute signing, Parish Council Chairman's report, recording any proposed and passed resolutions) to a minimum, allowing more time for people to learn about the variety of activities and groups within the village, provide parishioners with an opportunity to meet others and find out a bit more about the organisations that are delivering services to Avening. It will also be a chance to meet the Avening Parish Councillors.

AN INVITATION TO YOU.....

TO HELP US ACHIEVE OUR AIMS, we would be delighted if groups are able to attend and take a table/stand (or at its simplest, just a name label!). We hope this will be a great opportunity to meet people from the Parish.

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Cherington between **10.15** and **10.45**

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Avening Tower Captain	David Govier	01453 882914
Avening Primary School	Jane Rushton	01453 833191
Avening Playgroup	Debbie Brown	01453 832695 Home 835983
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Over 60s Lunch Club	Christine Howell	01453 833246
Avening Silver Band	Jim Hill	01453 834438
Friends of Avening School	Jo Missenden	01453 833688
Cherington Village Hall	Beryl Milsom	01285 841248
Avening Memorial Hall		07583 073604
Tennis @ Avening Park	Roger Lindley	01453 835115
Avening Group Oil Coordinator	Frances Lindley	01453 835115
Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336
Avening History Project	Fred Vening fred@fvening.fsnet.co.uk	01285 850624
Stroud Hospital	Reception	3000 421 8080
Women's Institute	Maisie Stanton	01453 834679
The Cross Village Shop	Rob	01453 569756
Avening Book Club	Kristiana Maseyk	01453 836515

Dates for your Diary

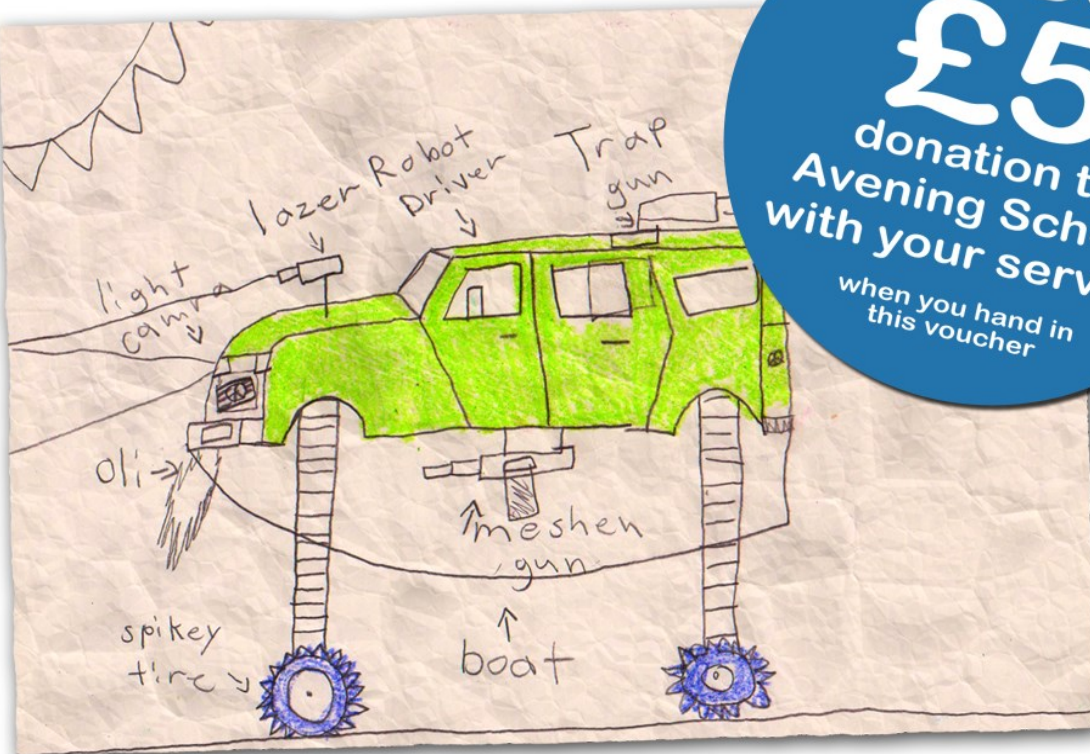
Saturday 11th May	Boogie Bop Boys	Avening Social Club	Evening
Sunday 12th May	N.G.S. Open Garden	The Old Rectory 60 High St	2-6pm
Monday 13th May	Annual Parish Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 16th May	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 23rd May	Annual Parish Meeting	Memorial Hall Avening	7.00pm
Saturday 25th May	Annual Litter Pick	Avening	
Saturday 18th - Sunday 26th May	Nailsworth Festival	Various venues around the town	
Friday 31st May - Sunday 2nd June	Avening Art Show	Holy Cross Church	Various opening times
Sunday 2nd June	Avening Church Fete	Various venues	2pm
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Avening School Half Term		
Saturday 15th June	Children's Craft Workshop	Cherington Village Hall	10am-12.30pm
Sunday 21st July	Cherington Show	Various venues	Afternoon

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