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# PARISH LETTER

Dear Friends,

It is a real joy for Jean and me to be living in the rectory and we very much look forward to meeting everyone. As I discovered many years ago, ones' vocation, or God's will for each one of us, is never static. About a year ago I advised the people in the Whitewater Benefice that we would hope to retire in the autumn. Whilst in the Lake District last May during my daily prayer I asked, 'Dear Lord, what next? Where do you want me to be a shepherd for your people?' And now I am to be your Parish Priest with the privilege of bringing God closer to you, and bringing you closer to God.



Since Ordination I have been an Assistant Curate, a Rector, a Perpetual Curate, an Area Dean, and a Rector again! Now, as a Parish Priest, I will have the opportunity to exercise a pastoral ministry for which I was trained. Please call me by my Christian name of Peter.

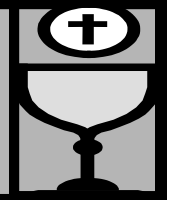
As I write, we are still in the season of Lent; a time for 'refreshing' our faith through prayer and fasting as we journey with Jesus through the events of the first Holy Week leading to Easter. This coming Holy Week Bishop Michael will be leading the services as we encounter Christ en route to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, share in the Last Supper, join his disciples at the Cross on Good Friday, and participate in the Paschal Liturgy on Holy Saturday. We have the wonderful example of how to prepare for the journey through Holy Week in Jesus himself – following his Baptism in the River Jordan he retreated to the wilderness for forty days to prepare for his ministry. Shortly before my Licensing I will be 'in Retreat' at Alton Abbey in preparation for a new beginning for myself and also for these communities. I hope that you too will have time for a Retreat and participate in the Easter triduum.

With my love and prayers

Peter

St Augustine..... *We are an Easter People and alleluia is a song!*

# Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
April 6th	Piers/Cas	Paul	Ann
April 13th	Jeanie/Irene	Derrick	Elizabeth
April 15th	Stephanie	Stephen	Ann
April 18th	Derrick	TENEBRAE	
April 20th	Stephanie/George	Paul	Elizabeth
April 27th	Piers/Margaret	Derrick	Ann
May 4th	Cas/Jeanie	Stephen	Elizabeth

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE IN AVENING ON  
6th April and 4th May**

## **AVENING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 27TH APRIL IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE**

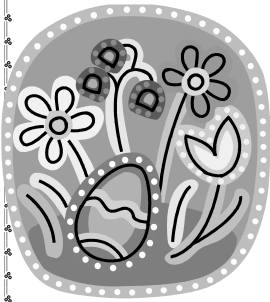
**AND THE CHERINGTON MEETINGS WILL BE ON  
APRIL 28TH AT 6.30 pm.**

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE CHURCH COUNCIL  
HAVE BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST YEAR AND TO HAVE YOUR SAY  
IN THE RUNNING OF YOUR CHURCH**

## *Services in Avening & Cherington*

### *April*

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Service Details</b>
Sunday 6th April	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 13th April	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
<i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	10.45	Avening	Holy Communion BCW Starting opposite the Cross Inn
Tuesday 15th April	7.00pm.	Avening	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 16th April	7.00pm	Cherington	Stations of the Cross
GOOD FRIDAY 18th April	2.00 pm.	Avening	Tenebrae
Sunday 20th April	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>EASTER DAY</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 27th April	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 4th May	8.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy communion BCW



## **IT'S SPRING, IT'S EASTER - LET'S DECORATE OUR CHURCH!**

ALL AGES! Come along on Easter Saturday April 19th between 10 and 12pm.

Bring any greenery, flowers, saucers for Easter gardens, baskets, bunnies etc and we'll have fun!

TEA, COFFEE AND BISCUITS will be available



**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION April 13th**  
**WILL START FROM OPPOSITE THE CROSS INN**  
**@ 10.45am to arrive in church at 11-00**

## **REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

If you would like to have your name added please ask for an application form.

These are available in a folder at the back of the church until 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

OR CONTACT :

**Frances Conway on 01453 832177**



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*The Church looks lovely when it is lit up at night.  
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**Paul Brown**

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*The cost is £5.00 for 2 hours*

# 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.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
Cherington PC	4th Tuesday Bi-monthly	6.30pm	Village Hall	Frances 01453767384
Book Club	1st Monday each month	7.30pm	The Bell	Kristiane 01453 836515
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	David 01453 882914
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
Dial-a-Ride	Thursday	9.30am		Liz Truman 01666 502514
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
Tony's Music Quiz	1st Saturday each month	7.30pm	Social Club	In aid of the Cobalt unit
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090



**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

**AVENING COMMEMORATES**

**WORLD WAR ONE**

**SATURDAY 21ST JUNE, 2014**

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**Featuring Avening Angels, Avening Silver Band,  
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**Anyone interested in taking part, please contact  
Mandy Slater (01453 832318)**

**FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2014**

**An illustrated history on the causes and events of  
WW1**

**by expert Peter Spowage**

**along with an exhibition of Art in the Trenches**

**7pm Village Hall**

## **Photographs in The Villager Magazine**

Many thanks to **Peter Quinnell** 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...!

**editors@acvillager.co.uk**

# Richard Uzzell

1952 - 2014

Life expectancy nowadays is long...so to be told that you haven't long to live is both shattering and unbelievable. This, as you all know, is what happened to Richard. He was suddenly told that he had terminal cancer and that there was very little the doctors could do.

Both he and Lynne must be two of the most courageous people I have ever known. They both accepted what was said and resolutely faced the days ahead. Richard was not a man who wanted people to feel sorry for him.....in fact that would have been an anathema to him...instead he made light of the horrors he had to endure.

At his last appointment with the specialist, just a week before he died, he was asked if he wanted to stay in hospital or go home. He answered: "If I am going to snuff it, I am not doing it here, I'm off home."

His wonderful, fighting spirit there... as always... to the end.

You have heard stories of Richard's life and his friendships with people with whom he worked. I have a little more to offer from his family.

The Uzzell Family have lived in and around Cherington for all of Richard's life. He was born in Colly Cottage where Bob, his father, worked on Malcolm Tarlton's farm. Soon after Richard's arrival, the family moved to the Forge and from there, to a cottage called 'Windy Corner'... and then finally to Gastons. Sue was born 4 years later and in time they both went to school in Tetbury. Richard never liked school much and was glad to leave at 15 when he got a job at Newman Hender.

His interest was sport, but he preferred to watch rather than play. However, he did play soccer for Didmarton. He was swept up with others in the late sixties and early seventies and became a Rocker. There he was...long hair in a pigtail, leather jacket and, of course...the motor bike. This is when Lynne first met him, through a mutual friend. She says she became more interested when he swapped his bike for a car! He was very proud of his car and loved decorating it with Peacock feathers he picked up in the gardens of Avening Court!

Lynne and Richard got married in 1973 and moved in with Bob and Mary and his sister Sue, at the Gastons, where Stephen was born. Later, they were able to get a house of their own at Iron Mills when Richard was working at Longfords, and John was born in 1977.

For 26 years, Richard was a long distance lorry driver, working away from home during the week and managing to get back home at week-ends. During his time off he enjoyed helping out others with the lorry to move house or to deliver Christmas trees and hampers. He also used to go and get a ton of potatoes and then divide them up amongst his work mates. This was the life he loved and when he made many friends.

Richard was always thoughtful and generous and particularly kind to older people. For example, one day he stopped his lorry and rescued an elderly lady from her car which had gone off the road and got stuck in a hedge. Once he had done as much as he could with the car, he drove her home. Later, his mother Mary received a letter from the lady's niece asking her to thank Richard for his kindness.

When Stephen got married and the grandchildren arrived, Richard was thrilled. He was as proud of his grandchildren as he was of his two sons. The children spend a lot of time with their grandparents and Richard enjoyed taking Jonathan to Rugby at Minchinhampton and went with him on a Rugby tour to Bournemouth last year. His other sporting enthusiasm was for the Robins and motor bike racing.

Richard was sustained through these last difficult months by the loving support of Lynne and his family and their shared Christian Faith. The Uzzells have suffered many tragedies and through all of them have shown us their amazing bravery and resilience. As I have said, they are not a family that allows their suffering to burden others, but I know how all of you - their friends and neighbours - will support them with your prayers and friendship in the time ahead.

We lift the soul of Richard to the love and care of our Saviour Jesus Christ and know that he will be welcomed to that place prepared for him in the Everlasting Kingdom of Love.

*Rev Celia Carter*

#### **OTHER TRIBUTES TO RICHARD INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MINCHINHAMPTON JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB**

“Richard was a wonderful, generous, decent and kind man. I first met Richard when, as grandfather to Jonny, he would bring him up to Beaudesert playing fields in the early days of our age group at the club. Richard could always be counted on to do more than his fair share of helping out in the pavilion, shouting at the boys from the side-lines and looking after children who had somehow managed to mislay their own parents. Richard was always good natured, level headed, positive and fair no matter how badly the boys played, the adults refereed or grim the score line. Without fail Richard would always put everything in perspective with one of his very dry one liners. He had a special way of keeping your feet well and truly on the ground and his commitment to Jonny's rugby was humbling.

When we were lucky enough to secure the ground at Hollybush we called on many members of the club to come and help. Richard was so generous with his time and energy that we would have struggled without him and I doubt we could have done things as well, as calmly and with such style. There was never a job that he would not willingly take on, no matter how unpleasant.

Throughout much of last year I was out of work and spent a lot of time at the club preparing Hollybush for its first season. I was lucky to be joined there regularly by several dedicated members of the club including Richard who would always come up to help whenever he could. I have many fond memories of Richard passing on the road, hooting the horn and giving us a cheerful wave. On most occasions, if it was evening, having disappeared over the horizon one way he would, in pretty short order soon appear back over the horizon and join us to help out. As always in life we come to realise how important things are to us after we have lost them. Richard was an important part of Jonny's rugby, our age group team and the club. There aren't many grandfathers who would willingly "go on tour" with an Under 9's team, but he did and we loved him for it; he will leave a very large gap on our side-line."

### **AND THIS POEM FROM A PREVIOUS EMPLOYER**

Richard was hired back in 88  
By my Dad no less, who sealed his fate  
I joined them all back in 89  
All of us young with plenty of time

My girls they called him the Grizzly Bear  
As that's how they saw him to be fair  
A cantankerous, grumpy, bearded chap  
Who would shout and bawl and snarl and snap

His bark was definitely worse than his bite  
And he'd shy away from a fisticuff fight  
A generous, friendly, genuine lad  
A heart of gold he definitely had

Going back before we used mobile phones  
My girls were babes, so I worked from home  
Two way radios we used back in the day  
And with the mike my daughter would play

Hiya Richard Hiya she would shout  
As how to use it she soon worked out  
He would patiently play along time & again  
Her patience rewarded with a reply from her friend

A pushbike he carried in the back of his truck  
So if he came north my girls were in luck  
A playmate to ride around the yard  
And in circles they would peddle hard

Lynn keeps a clean home with polish and bleach  
Unfortunately to his truck this did not reach  
Richards truck which some of you may know  
Had the scruffiest cab out on the road

Years ago I refused to drive our little truck  
Too big for me so in the office I was stuck  
Until Richard talked me into taking me out  
So it's his fault you drivers now scream and shout

Down in London at the Earls Court Show  
The Lads worked hard, the day was slow  
Tired and grumpy, the machines were loaded  
Banter was made tempers were goaded

A machine went over, and Richard with it  
The story I'm told was funnier to live it  
His arms and legs they did protrude  
And the comments he made were very rude

But roll around in mirth and laughter  
With remarks made and plenty of banter  
The lads did laugh at Richards cries  
Richard was not hurt except for his pride

Then we come to 2002  
He went off to work in pastures new  
So for Trevor & Jim he went to drive  
A mind of information was kept alive

Over the years we did lose touch  
And didn't have need to talk that much  
Peter kept us up to date with each other's trends  
As they became the greatest of friends

For 26 years in this industry he did toil  
For Macvan, T&J then finally Carnival  
A larger than life character everyone did know  
For who a dignified respect we all do now show

Richard from our daily lives you have certainly gone  
In our hearts and memories you are sure to stay strong  
You shall be remembered and talked about in the times that follow  
With a smile and some laughter but also with sorrow.

# INTER- PARISH QUIZ

**DATE:- MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**LOCATION:- LARKHILL GRANGE , LONG NEWNTON**

**By kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Nick Mitchell**

The quiz is being organised by Long Newnton and Cherington and it is hoped that we have as many teams as possible from local parishes.

8 people per team at £10 per person We hope every parish will bring at least one table. ( Cherington has 2 already , we need at last one from Avening )

Each table will bring their own picnic and drinks.  
Arrival will be at 7pm so that you can set up before the Quiz begins at 7.30pm.

If you want to join us contact Heather Witchell on 01666 502427 or [heatherwitchell@gmail.com](mailto:heatherwitchell@gmail.com) and book your table.



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# ROBERT EVERSLED

8-2-1949 - 29-1-2014



Lots of people in the village will remember Robert walking to catch the bus to Stroud, buying his Radio Times at the top shop, and in the Church.

Robert had lived at Old Quarries for 46 years.

A celebration of Robert's life took place at Westerleigh Crematorium on 7<sup>th</sup> February. The service was led by Su Chard and was attended by his family, past and present staff and service users.

Robert's favourite music by Andy Stewart and Daniel O'Donnell and the hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful (all chosen by Robert himself) were played.

Robert will be remembered fondly by many Villagers and people from Old Quarries.

Memories of Robert were read by Su Chard from staff who had known Robert for many years.

Robert had a long and happy life in Avening, and a very supportive family who rang every Sunday evening, and visited whenever possible.

Robert, you will be missed.

*Sharon and Maureen*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY (APRIL 17TH)

**BISHOP MICHAEL WILL PRESIDE AT A SPECIAL SERVICE  
IN St. MARY'S CHURCH TETBURY**

**Celebrating the Liturgy of Maundy Thursday  
Commencing at 7.00pm.**

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*Bishop Michael will also be joining the service in Cherington on  
Wednesday April 16th*

# Avening Roll of Honour

Those of you with long memories will recall that I first started writing in November 2007 about those who are named on our Roll of Honour in the church.

In 2006, I was moved to hear the names of the fallen of Avening read out during the Remembrance Service and asked myself "Who were these people? Hence my monthly entries into the Villager giving the readers what information I could discover.

Since then we have had a number of new residents in the village and, as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the First World War, I plan to rewrite the life history of those who fell, concentrating more on their lives rather than their military service. I hope to write each month in which one of our Villagers fell, starting with November of this year when Fred Pollock died in 1914.

I am aware that in the eyes of the younger generations, 1914 seems a long time ago but I still feel that we should continue our Remembrance of those men of Avening who gave their lives. It may be worth pointing out to our new residents, that acts of remembrance will be carried out in their own "birth" town or village wherever that may be.

Meanwhile, research into various facets of our war dead continues. We still seek information as where William Freeman lived prior to his death in early April 1918.

He is number 23 on our Church Memorial but we have no record of any residence in Avening. He does not appear in the village's births or marriages, nor does he show in any of the village census Returns. As a final resort, I am waiting for a copy of his Pay Book Will which, I hope, will at least give us some idea as to who were his next of kin. Meanwhile, if you can throw any light on William, please let us know.

Our plan is to put more plaques on the houses where we know our heroes lived before the hostilities started. This has stalled for the last couple of months but I hope to become active on these in the coming weeks. I may be asking you for assistance!!

***Fred Vening***

# **The Cross Inn**

## **What's on in April**

### **Thursday is Grill & Sizzle Night**

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Food service Wednesday - Saturday lunchtimes 12 - 2.30

Tuesday - Saturday evenings 5 - 9

Sunday roast 12 - 3, favourites, light bites & Tapas 3 - 8

### **Not to be missed, Graham's Big Quiz, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April ....**

1<sup>st</sup> prize £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize luxury hamper, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 2 course Sunday lunch for 2

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# Down To Earth



*Peacock butterfly*

A sudden joyous flash of yellow and then another! The brimstone butterflies had woken up. The brimstone sightings, in the first week of March, were followed by a red admiral, tortoiseshells, a comma, and - as I write this - a pair of peacocks, dancing in the air in a swirl of ecstasy. Perhaps we should make time in our busy lives to record our sightings and notice their habits. Patrick Barkham, a young journalist, did just that

when in 2009 he aimed to spot and record every one of the 59 species that visit or reside in the British Isles. The resulting book: 'The Butterfly Isles: A Summer in Search of our Emperors and Admirals' is delightful.

The garden is waking up, a thrilling time. In greenhouse and on window-ledge there is no room to manoeuvre among the seed trays and propagators. All is unbridled aspiration; everything is possible! Time now to lift and divide clumps of snowdrops. Divide those perennials that have an expansionist and neo-colonialist habit and give the pieces to your unsuspecting friends - or not! (Perhaps they already know that when a gardener offers off-cuts these will be precisely those plants which rapidly grow too big for their boots or have ideas above their station!). Trim close to the crown the old stalks of perennials that marked their position. Leave it too late and the new shoots will make this impossible. Delphiniums are emerging and the slugs are waking up too and looking for a hearty, juicy meal. Surround the emerging shoots with grit. Additionally, a sacrificial cabbage or lettuce leaf or bowl of beer would lead them away from your precious plants to a place where they may have a good feed, be caught napping and disposed of!

I used to avoid sowing seed of perennials out of misplaced impatience. Could I be waiting until the following year for the flowers? But actually there are many species that do flower successfully in their first year, but you need to hurry! Campanula, coreopsis, penstemons and achillea are all fairly reliable. Last year I was thrilled with the success of *Gaura lindheimeri* which I raised from seed. It produces panicles of the prettiest white starry flowers.



*Gaura lindheimeri*

I had occasion recently to study facsimiles of The Gardeners' Chronicle, a popular weekly gardening journal that was founded in 1841, although the series I was looking dated from 1874. It is quite extraordinary to contemplate the skill and the enthusiasm of Victorian

gardeners. The articles cover a wide spectrum, including foreign gardens and new plant discoveries. Each edition bore a bold advert for 'Peruvian Government Guano'; there was also William Honey's greenhouse 'Vaporizing Stove' run on kerosene. Not so sure about that one! (The importation and selling of South American guano provided the fortune on which Tyntesfield was built.) I suppose pelleted chicken manure is our modern day guano equivalent, but nowhere near as good. The outstanding BBC series from the 1980s, *The Victorian Kitchen Garden*, is available to watch on YouTube and I would recommend it to a younger generation who did not see it the first time around. The book, by producer Jennifer Davies, is excellent, too.

I move my plants around far too much. It's a wonder they flower at all. The reason? Wrong place, either for aesthetic reasons or for the plant's 'wellbeing'. Having recently cleared an area in semi-shade, we went off with my wish-list to Derry Watkins' Special Plants at Cold Ashton. This is an exceptional nursery, with knowledgeable staff and ... special plants! I bought: *omphalodes cappadocica* 'Cherry Ingram' (stunningly beautiful blue flowers), *gillenia trifoliata*, (although it will need a large hole packed with rotted leaf mould or equivalent as I'm not sure whether it will be happy in our alkaline soil), white *veronicastrum*, *aconites* and *tiarella* (foam flower). All of these should be happy in full or partial shade.



*Harry Dodson in the walled garden at Chilton*

Well, prepare for the invasion of the Easter bunnies

**Marilyn Jones**

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Our younger children have been really getting stuck in to their Castle topic this term! A visit to Chepstow Castle fired their imagination and the foggy weather they had that day added to the intrigue! On the visit they met a knight who told them all about the history of the castle and amazed them with his archery skills. They continued with their castle theme back at school when the 'lords and ladies' of the Eagles and Kestrels



classes were invited to a medieval banquet. Thanks to the imagination of our teaching and catering staff, they feasted on roast chicken and salmon, served on trenchers (slices of bread, used as plates) and were entertained by court jesters, jousting tournaments, music and dancing.

And it wasn't just medieval dancing that was being hotly rehearsed in March. Key Stage 1 dance club and the Hawks class performed at the Sir William Romney Dance Festival and our Year 6 children took part in the Stroud School's Country Dancing.



In addition, as we went to press, we eagerly awaited the dancing (and other) skills that would be on show at the end-of-term talent show.

On another note, worthy of mention is the group of Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the Mock Trial competition which was run at Ebley House, presided over by a 'proper' magistrate and

judges. Our team (acting for the prosecution in the case of a stolen iPad) won with convincing roll play performances all round.

***If you are interested in finding out more about our school please take a regular look at our website ([www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk](http://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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It is hoped that The Friends of Avening Church will unite all those who love the space, tranquillity and peace that our Church has provided for the parishioners of Avening for over 930 years, and ensure that it will continue to do so for the next few centuries.

Maybe you were baptized, married or have had a relative buried in the Church? Or maybe you have visited this fine Norman Church, and felt the serenity of its calm atmosphere.

If you like the idea of joining this new club or feel that you would like to join the committee, please, in the first instance, call Peter Best on 835287 or email [peter@avening.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:peter@avening.eclipse.co.uk).

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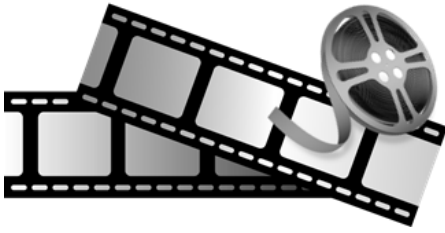
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<http://avening-pc.gov.uk/cinema%20club.htm>

## **DON'T FORGET AVENING CHURCH FETE**

### **SUNDAY 1st JUNE 2014**

The Fete Committee are looking forward to seeing you all at this year's Fete. Lots of time has been given to make sure that the fete has games and stalls for all the family, we are sure you will have a good afternoon, do invite your friends and family to join in the fun.

If anyone would like to offer help or make contributions then please contact one of the following:-

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## FLOOD AID



We would like to say "Thank you very much", to all those who responded to our Flood Aid flyers, which we posted around the village earlier this month.

We received anonymous drops of all manner of useful things, including offers to help transport the donations to Bridgewater. A late night visit from Rev Celia and Clarissa, with horse feed and carrots rounded off the cargo.

The volunteers in Bridgewater were very grateful indeed, and it was assuring to see the shift in tempo from our previous visit during the February Half Term holiday. They were considerably better-organised on this occasion, with all requests being channelled through one person. Although grateful for our contributions - had determined that the way forward would be to receive financial donations via their Facebook page FLAG. I enclosed a card from our village, with contact details, should they have any other specific requests.

Once again, many thanks to all who contributed.

*Annabel and Karen Bowen-Nielsen*

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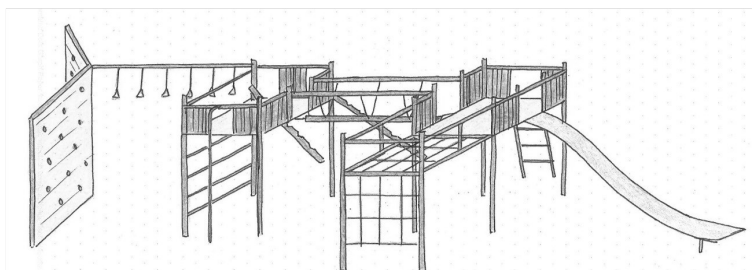
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## **Avening Playing Fields is going to have a new climbing frame!**

The playing field is a fantastic resource for the village, offering a hard court basketball area, a hugely popular “flying fox” and a recently created cycle path - well used by cycling enthusiasts young and old along with dog walkers and joggers (including the school cross country team).

Avening Playing Field Association (APFA) has worked hard in recent years to improve the facilities in the park and its attention has now turned to the sub-standard and rather ageing activity play equipment. This equipment has not been updated in over 20 years, shows significant signs of wear and tear and, more importantly, offers limited challenge to the children in the village.



*This is a sketch of the proposed new climbing frame.  
We think it will be quite exciting....*

APFA is very keen to replace the existing equipment with a new multi-faceted climbing frame, along with swings, etc., that would provide fun and interesting challenges for children of all ages in a safe environment. The annual mandatory insurance inspection has helped APFA come to this decision. After 3-4 companies were asked to tender for a similar design, APFA selected a contractor (Playahead) based not only on the competitive cost, but the local support that the design received, the enthusiasm with which the proposal was given and the fact that the contractor is very local – Stroud. This preliminary design and cost was then finalised, see the attached sketch.

APFA is now in the process of applying for grants. All being well (and completely fund dependant), the new installation will be up and running at some stage this year. There will also be some minor remedial works to the existing facilities at the playing fields over the next few weeks so don't be surprised if you see a few goings-on – goal keeper areas being made good & flying fox take-off area being repaired, etc. Then we all look forward to the happy day when the new installations are in place – we are confident that these will serve the village well.

### **The APFA Committee**

Jon Glover (Chair) Chris Turner (Secretary)

Paul Hancock (Treasurer) Nicholas Winkfield (Projects)

# *Avening Youth Club*

## **Avening Youth Club**

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It was very good to see such a large turnout for our March meeting. We have a number of new members who are most welcome.

The speaker this month was Lindsey Shelton from Cobalt, the Cheltenham based charity which has raised huge sums of money over many years to purchase the latest imaging equipment mainly for Cheltenham Hospital. Although most of the equipment is used in the fight against cancer there are now going to be projects to research into dementia and Alzheimer's Disease which in an ageing population is clearly vital work. Lindsey spoke about the progress in development of imaging equipment and that the medical staff are always wanting the very latest technology so the fundraising never ends. These machines can be huge and cost hundreds of thousands of pounds. To get one machine into the hospital a number of walls had to be demolished and rebuilt!

A few days before the meeting 18 members went to try out the newly revamped Trouble House just outside Tetbury. We all had an excellent lunch there and were very pleased to support the new proprietor Sally who lives in Avening.

We are making plans for our summer outing which this year will be on 4th July. We will be going to Kew Gardens. For those of you who have enjoyed our coach outings before please join us and encourage your friends to come along. We do like to fill the coach. In view of the distance and the cost of entry to Kew the charge will be a little more than usual but it will still be extremely good value.

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Finally please remember the W.I. quiz to be held at the Avening Social Club on 4th April at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome in teams of four. A ploughman's supper will be provided. The proceeds of the quiz will go to Cobalt in memory of Richard Uzzell the late son of Mary one of our members

**Gwyneth Simpson**

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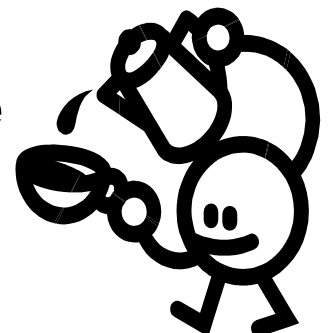
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# Avening Playgroup



This term we have been busy doing lots of playing with playdough. The children love making shapes and moulding things. Here is our recipe we use to make our own, so you can have a go at home with your little ones.

## Playdough

1 large cup of plain flour

½ large cup of salt

2 tsp cream of tartar

Colouring (whatever colour you would like the playdough to be)

1 tbsp cooking oil

1 cup of water

Mix all ingredients in a pan. Cook over a low heat until mixture leaves the side of the pan.

We are currently taking names for those children who will be three during the school year 2014/2015. So ring Debbie on 01453 832695 if you would like your child to join us.

Playgroup would also like to give a big thank you to the Cross Inn for their support collecting donation buckets.

*Abigail Harness*

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A great profit of £284 was made, so a very big thank you to all who helped make this possible, by buying and/or selling quiz sheets. For those who are still trying to work out the answers they are given below.

Thank you all again.

*Beryl Milsom*

1. Put a man's name with a part of the body (8) **SIDMOUTH**
2. Sounds like wet soil plus a compass point and a crossing (8). **MUDEFORD**
3. Take this on a picnic. (8) . **SANDWICH**
4. Sounds like to put away ,following a cat. (10) . **FELIXSTOWE**
- 5 . A religeous part of the body? (8). **HOLYHEAD**
6. A musical instrument joined to lot of water. (7). **HORNSEA**
7. Sounds like it is ironed plus part of a candle.(9) . **PRESTWICK**
8. Similar to but not a woolly jumper. ( 8 ) . **CARDIGAN**
9. Add a Virgin to a drink. (8). **MARYPORT**
10. Sounds like to put money into a common fund. ( 5 ) . **POOLE**
- 11, Change the first letter of a sleeping place into a vegetable. (5). **PERTH**
12. Add male animals - to a barrier. (8). **RAMSGATE**
13. Put not likely to overturn after most of a colour. ( 10 ) . **WHITSTABLE**
14. Sounds like a wanderer preceded by part of the alphabet. (6). **CROMER**
15. Take an old gun and remove some hair. (5). **FLINT**
16. Take a loud noise and add otherwise. (6). **BANGOR**
17. Add the left to not old. (7). **NEWPORT**
18. Join a type of acting to what sounds like a Mop. (7). **FAREHAM**
19. A unit of pressure follows a colour. (6). **DUNBAR**
20. Join a colour with a place of safety.(10) **WHITEHAVEN**



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Residents of Avening may be interested to hear about developments at Woodchester Valley Village, previously known as Crystal Fountain. This is a landscaped village for the over 60s, located just beyond Nailsworth on the Stroud Road. In addition to a range of individual houses and apartments, it also includes a restaurant and shared facilities such as a library, games room and lounge areas. A number of the houses are owned by the parents of Avening residents, as it is one of the nearest retirement villages to Avening.

The residents have recently come together to create a not-for-profit mutual to acquire the freehold of the village from the previous owners and to run the village for the sole benefit of its residents. The creation of the mutual is an exciting demonstration of “grey democracy” where a group of residents, ranging in ages from 60 to over 90, have taken on the responsibility of determining the future of their own village. All aspects of the running of the village, such as landscaping, building maintenance and social activities, are organised by elected committees of the residents assisted by their close relatives, who possess professional expertise in law, accountancy, engineering etc.

Since the take-over, the village has been rebranded as Woodchester Valley Village with a new eye-catching logo. The gardens have been upgraded and the communal areas have been refurbished and decorated to a high standard of interior design. In addition to acquiring the freehold to the village, the mutual has also acquired the somewhat decrepit old pub on the Nailsworth Road and this is now for sale to be redeveloped as a more attractive entrance to the village.

The village contains a number of houses and apartments for sale and to rent. For further details please contact Mrs Jane Rutter at Woodchester Valley Village, email [manager@woodchestervalleyvillage.co.uk](mailto:manager@woodchestervalleyvillage.co.uk), telephone 01453 837703.



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If you've ever fancied having a go at dry stone walling or blacksmithing then visit the Cotswold Conservation Board newsletter for details of courses taking place locally in May and June [www.cotswoldaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldaonb.org.uk)

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This is a new scheme run by Gloucestershire County Council aimed at people with physical, memory, learning disabilities and mental health problems. Telecare uses special sensors which detect emergencies such as falls, wandering, medication management, gas leaks and floods. It has a 24 hour monitoring back up service. For more details ring 01452 426868 or look at the website at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/telecare/home](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/telecare/home)

## **Dates of Parish Council meetings for 2014**

Please note I omitted a meeting date in the last newsletter – May 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Beryl for spotting that!

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm. Further dates are: 13<sup>th</sup> May, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend parish meetings. If you have any concerns, issues, queries or comments you would like to make relating to the Parish then please don't hesitate to contact the

*Parish Clerk – Frances Ashfield on 01453 767384 or via email at [cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk)*



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# Avening Parish Council

## Planning: New applications

**14/00882/FUL** Woodhouse Cottage, High Street, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NH Two storey side extension

**14/00258/TPO** Rectory Cottage, 48 Rectory Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NN - Fell 2 Ash trees

**14/00584/FUL** Brandhouse Farm, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE

Change of use and conversion of barn to provide self-contained residential accommodation in connection with the Brandhouse Farm Estate.

## Decision Notices

**13/04186/OPANOT** Avening Mill, Mill Lane, Avening, TETBURY, Gloucestershire, GL8 8PD

Change of use of Avening Mill from Class B1(a) (offices) to Class C3 dwelling houses being 8 self-contained residential flats

Prior Approval Notification given 4 March 2014

For further information and details of planning applications please visit [planning@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:planning@cotswold.gov.uk) Go to weekly planning list. You are also able to sign up for Planning Alerts so that the emails can come straight to your inbox..

## Waste Collections During Easter And Spring Bank Holidays

Ubico/CDC have confirmed that there will be no changes to the normal collection days and Ubico will be working on Bank Holidays.

## Annual Village Meeting

Will be held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 22 May 2014 at 7 pm

COME AND JOIN US !! **MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH**

The next meeting of **Avening Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday, 17 April 2014 at 7.30 pm 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:

*Caroline Braidwood, Parish Clerk, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1BQ*

*Tel: 01285 380041 Email: [parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk)*

***PLEASE CAN YOU HELP...?***



**VILLAGE LITTER CLEAN UP  
SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**MEET AT THE MEMORIAL HALL @ 10am**

### **The Mobile Police Station**



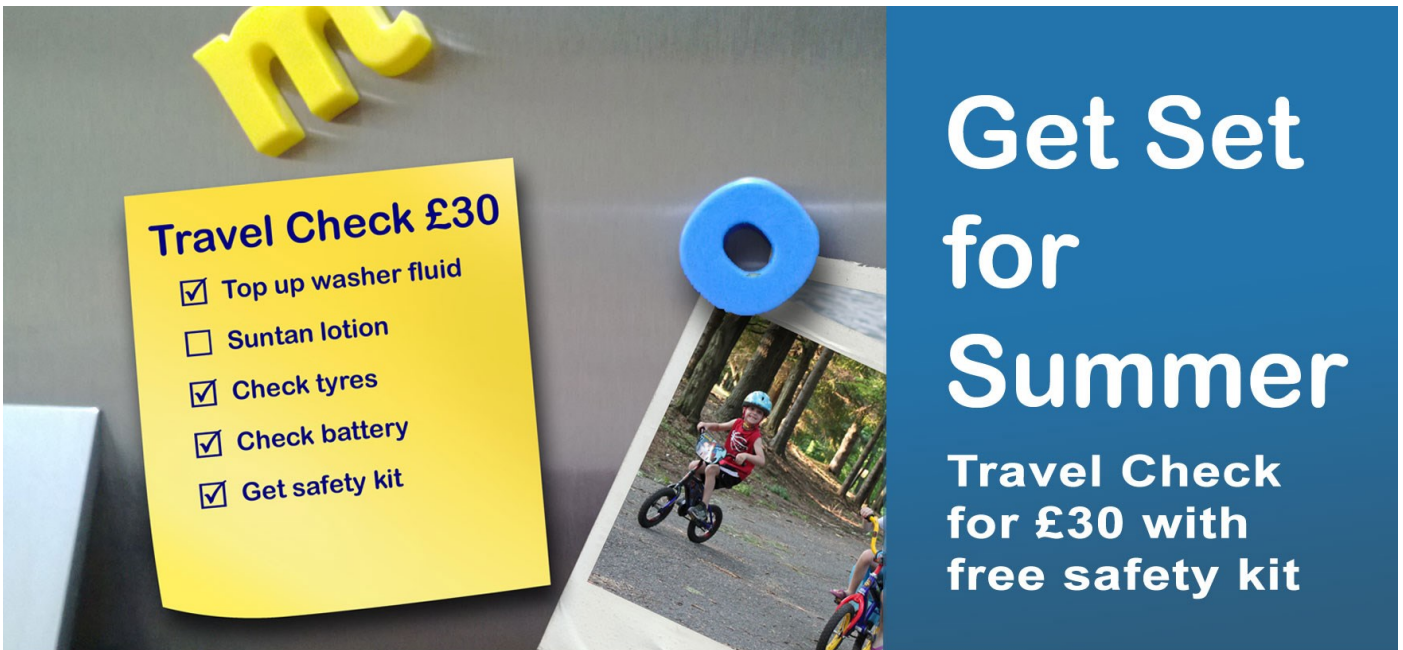
**Non-emergency phone 101  
THE MOBILE POLICE STATION WILL  
BE VISITING ON April 22nd in  
Avening from 2.30pm to 3.15pm and  
Cherington 3.30 to 4.00pm.**

# Useful Telephone Numbers

Avening Parish Council Clerk	Caroline Braidwood	01285 380041
Cherington Parish Council Clerk	Frances Ashfield	01453 767384
Cotswold District Councillor	Jim Parsons	01453 836596
Avening Sunday School / Messy church	Doreen Pierce Elizabeth Buchanan	01453 835090 01453 833016
Avening Tower Captain	David Govier	01453 882914
Avening Primary School	Jane Rushton	01453 833191
Avening Playgroup	Debbie Brown	01453 832695 Home 835983
Avening Village Agent	Aileen Bendall	07810-630156
Avening Youth Club	Cassie Vickery	01453 834182
A and C Cricket Club	Derrick Ind	01453 835752
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
Avening Book Club	Kristiane Maseyk	01453 836515

# *Dates for your Diary*

Mon. 3rd March - Thurs. 1st May	Road Closure	B4014	
Saturday 5th April	Concert: Angelico Singers	St Nicholas Church Cherington	6.30 for 7.00pm
Sunday 6th April	Bach's St John Passion	The Chapel Wycliffe College	7.30pm
Monday 7th April	Inter-Parish Quiz	Larkhill Grange, Long Newnton	7 for 7.30pm
Wednesday 16th April	Avening Cinema Club	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Thursday 17th April	Bishop Michael: Maundy Thursday service	St Mary's Church, Tetbury	7.00pm
Sunday 27th April	Parochial Church Council AGM	Holy Cross Church Avening	After 11.00am service
Saturday 10th May	FOAS event	Avening Social Club	8.00pm
Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th May	Nailsworth Festival	All around Nailsworth	Various
Thursday 22nd May	Avening Annual Village Meeting	Memorial Hall	tba
Sunday June 1st	Village Fete	In and around the Church and school	2.00pm.
Sunday 15th June	Garden Open	Old Rectory Avening	2-6.00pm
Saturday 21st June	WW1 Concert and Celebration	tba	tba
Friday 27th June	WW1 Event:Talk & Exhibition	Memorial Hall	7.00pm



## Be sure before you go

As the weather gets warmer and the days longer, what journeys are on your mind? A holiday, a trip, a visit to distant friends or relatives? Then add 'get the car checked' to your to-do list. The winter weather has been pretty demanding on your car. You certainly don't want to end up stuck somewhere with a flat battery. And the little things like correct tyre pressure can make a big difference to fuel economy.

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