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# Parish Letter

Dear Friends

I must begin with an enormous thank you to you all for the exceptionally warm welcome which Jean and I have received since moving into the Rectory in Orchard Field, and thank you to those, who worked so hard to ensure that the Licensing Service in Holy Cross went so well. I look forward to many future occasions, when 'Avening Angels' enrich our worship.

I remember a comment made by a business colleague, who attended the licensing service when I was ordained Deacon in Gloucester Cathedral, - 'when one begins a new job in industry you may get a welcoming handshake from the managing director, but when you start in the Church, wow!' The service in Holy Cross Church, when Poppy and I were licensed, was full of awe and wonder, and sent a message for all who attended; 'God calls all his people to be disciples, and that includes everyone who claims Jesus as their Lord.' Having told us what we must do, Bishop Michael went on to tell us how - with humility, with patience, with gentleness and with love.' All of us, who joined in the many services during Holy Week and the Good Friday Walk of Witness in Tetbury, were reminded of Jesus' amazing love for each one of us. 'Love so amazing, so divine; demands my soul, my life, my all.'

Later this month, the newly elected Parochial Church Councils will be having a Vision Day in Holy Cross Church. The purpose is to discern how we may become a more Mission- Focused Church and engage with everyone who lives in these communities and beyond.

Within a few days of being licensed as your Parish Priest, I was invited to share Collective Worship with Mrs Jane Rushton at Avening Primary School, a beginning of discipleship for me in the heart of our village. I look forward to meeting Avening Playgroup, Avening Youth Club, members of the cricket club, the Lunch Club..... indeed, every group who gather in these villages. Please invite me!

On the last Thursday in May the Church celebrates the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. Just before he left his disciples he gave them a command...*And Jesus came and said to them, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ..... and remember, I am with you always."*

Since the time of Christ every generation has obeyed that command. Our responsibility is not just to maintain a Church for future generations, but to 'grow' the Church by sharing the love of God with all whom we meet in our daily lives.

With my love and prayers,

**Peter**

(Several villagers have asked what I wish to be called – please call me Peter. In our local school I will be known as Father Peter)

# Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cas/Jeanie	Stephen	Elizabeth
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Irene/ Stephanie	Paul	Ann
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	George/Margaret	Derrick	
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Piers/ Cas	Hamish	Ann
Jun 1 <sup>st</sup>	FETE		

**4th MAY: COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE IN AVENING**

## ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETINGS

**Avening Memorial Hall, Thursday, 22 May 2014 at 7 pm**

**Cherington Village Hall, Tuesday 13 May 7.30pm**

**COME AND JOIN US !!!**

- Find out the results of the Housing Needs Survey
  - Have your say on the Parish Plan Review
- Can you help us with the Village waterways and Mills project ?
  - Come and meet your Village organisations
  - Find out about the Village's new Defibrillator
  - Come and find out about the Village History project
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## *May*

Day/Date	Time	Church	Service Details
Sunday 4th May	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 11th May	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 18th May	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 25th	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
ROGATION	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
SUNDAY	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Thursday 29th May ASCENSION DAY	7.00pm	Avening	Compline
Sunday 1st June	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
AVENING FETE	11.00	Avening	FETE NO SERVICE

**All requests for additional services (Weddings, Baptisms etc.) MUST be made through Rev Peter Quinnell OR if he is not available the Church Wardens**  
Their contact details are on page 3

## THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

You may have spotted Andrea Glover and Sarah Hancock striding out of the village most weekends and wondered where they were going in such a hurry.

Well we are busy training in preparation for doing the National Three Peaks Challenge in June. This is a test of fitness and endurance which involves climbing the highest peaks in Scotland (Ben Nevis), England (Scafell Pike) and Wales (Snowdon), all within 24 hours - no mean feat!

We will be starting the ascent of Ben Nevis at 7am on Saturday 7 June and hope to complete the Snowdon climb before 7am on Sunday morning.

Sarah's husband Paul kindly (with only a bit of arm-twisting) volunteered to act as team chauffeur to ferry the intrepid belles between the three locations, and also provide refreshments at the end of each climb.

Some people consider us mad - all that effort and lack of sleep - but we are looking forward to the challenge and hope to also raise money for charities close to our hearts. Sarah is raising funds for Dementia UK in memory of her dad, and Andrea is raising funds for Cancer Research UK, also in memory of her dad.

If you would like to sponsor us you can do so through our Just Giving web pages:

[www.justgiving.com/SHancock1](http://www.justgiving.com/SHancock1) / [www.justgiving.com/Andrea-Glover1](http://www.justgiving.com/Andrea-Glover1)

Thank you for reading this. We hope to include some photos of our exploits in the July Villager, after we have completed the Challenge.

*Andrea and Sarah*

### **Avening Memorial Hall**

The Avening Memorial Hall AGM will take place on Monday 16 June 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome to attend and hear an update on the Memorial Hall and plans for the coming year. The Hall is run by a committee of volunteers who look after the building, finance and bookings. We welcome new committee members - it is an opportunity to be involved in an important part of village life but is not time consuming. If you are interested please come to the AGM or call 07583 073604.

### **Photographs in The Villager Magazine**

Many thanks to **Andrew and Nicky Young** 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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# 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



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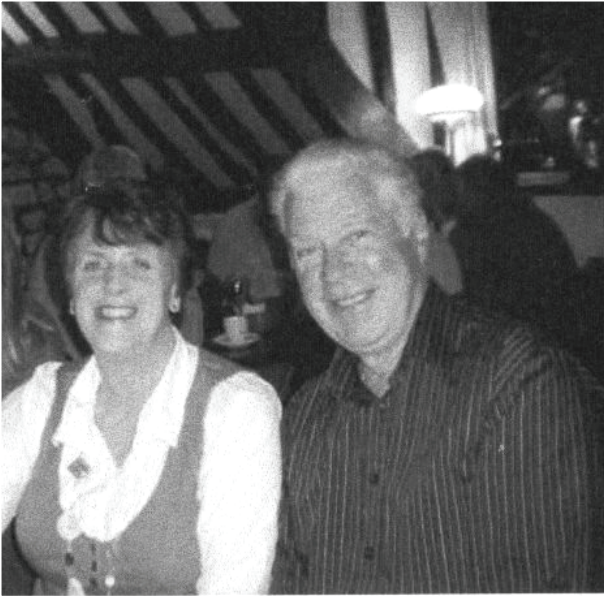
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# Village People

## EILEEN IND



As a relative newcomer to the village I am acutely aware of how ignorant I am about so much local history and the part that individuals have played in the creation of that history, but even I had heard of Eileen and Derrick Ind and the huge part the two of them have played in Avening life for many years. When talking to Eileen at an event recently, I realised what a remarkable story she has. I persuaded her to agree to tell me that story and spent a happy morning with her at her home.

The house in which they live was designed by them, and built on land bought over some years. Part of the land was the garden of Derrick's mother's house, where he had been born. Derrick and Eileen have created a really lovely, welcoming home with spectacular views over the valley. The garden surrounds the house and is a real haven of tranquillity.

Eileen was born in Woodchester in 1943. Her mother came from the Forest of Dean and was one of nine children. She found a position at Atcombe Court where she was 'spotted' at church by Eileen's father. He was a carpenter/builder and as Eileen told me, a 'problem solver'. His mother was a somewhat domineering character and was not impressed by the thought of her son marrying a 'Forest' girl. The young couple, undaunted, persisted in their attachment, their courtship lasting for nearly ten years! After their marriage Eileen's parents, together with Eileen and her sister, lived in the house Eileen's father had built for his parents in their old age, since the grandparents refused to live in it in the end!

Now I have set the scene, I am handing over to Eileen who tells her story in her own words.....(with just a few extras from me!)

On leaving school, I came to Avening in 1959 to take up the two year training for the N.N.E.B. qualification at Avening House Nursery - a Gloucestershire County Council Residential Children's Home. Avening House was a focal point of the village, providing part-time work for a number of people as cooks, cleaners and gardeners. Three new students arrived each year, providing

great interest for the local young men, who frequently came up to the Nursery in the evenings and were chased away when Matron let the dog out. However, in spite of this, at least five lasting relationships blossomed into marriage. Ours was one of those relationships. (Next year we shall celebrate fifty years of marriage). I met Derrick first at the local Youth Club and again later at the Nags Head Pub.

On qualifying, I obtained a position as Nanny to a family with two young children in Amberley. Three years later, and now engaged to be married, I found a position at a Day Nursery in Stroud.

In 1965 Derrick and I were married and were fortunate in being allocated a staff council bungalow in my home village of Woodchester. In November 1966 our first daughter was born, and after almost a year, feeling isolated from other mothers in the village, I started a mother and toddler group in the Woodchester village hall, which later became one of the first Playgroups in the Stroud Valleys. On our first morning we welcomed eighteen mothers and their children. The daily charge per child was one shilling and sixpence and the fee the Playgroup paid for a morning in the village hall was five shillings. Conditions were primitive and we carried our young charges through a nettle infested yard to the outside loo, but it was fun and the group flourished for several years until Health and Safety did their worst. It was then that the vicar from Amberley rode to the rescue and offered us the use of a hall below the church for a similar Playgroup.

My links with Amberley were extended further when my daughters later joined the Amberley Girl Guides and I was asked to be quartermaster for a summer Girl Guide camp. This led on to my becoming an assistant Guide Leader, which I did for thirty years.

With two growing daughters (a second born in 1969), who were now both at school, I felt the need to seek full time employment. A job was advertised at The National Children's Home at Ebley, working in classroom settings with therapists and teachers and with pre-school children, who had a wide variety of learning difficulties and behavioural problems. I was interviewed for the post, and a week later started work there. The work was both interesting and exhausting. Whilst at Ebley, I took a further degree in child development and enjoyed the challenges of working in the pre-school unit there for almost fourteen years.

With both children grown up and flown the nest, it seemed time to return to Avening (Derrick still had one leg there anyway, travelling daily to see his mother and maintaining his role of secretary of Avening Social Club and the Cricket Club, throughout the twenty-four years we lived in Woodchester.) After a number of unsuccessful attempts to purchase houses in Avening, we decided to build our current home in Point Road in 1989.

Avening Playgroup were experiencing difficulties in using the village hall for

their sessions and it was suggested that land could be made available for a purpose-built unit, if funds could be found to purchase a building. I joined an enthusiastic band of mothers in fund raising activities. We had great fun arranging an "It's a Knockout" and wheelbarrow races through the village and courtesy of Princess Anne, we sold fresh



filled sandwiches at the Gatcombe Horse Show. Eventually we reached our target, resulting in the building of the present Playgroup.

Throughout this time I continued working with children, setting up and running a Day Nursery provision for children, whose parents wanted to return to studying, at a branch of Stroud College in Dursley.

In 1991 I applied for the position of peripatetic nursery nurse with Social Services, based in Cirencester, and travelling throughout the Cotswolds. I went into homes, teaching parents to play with their children. With the full backing of my managers, I later extended this role, setting up support groups for vulnerable parents with their children in Cirencester, Northleach, Tetbury and Moreton in Marsh and, introducing tutors from Cirencester College, who worked with parents who had limited literacy and numeracy skills. In addition to my group work, I supported parents of children on the "At Risk" register and helped to promote good access visits for parents with their children in care. There have been many heart-rending moments, but I feel privileged to have been allowed to be involved in their lives, and have hopefully made a difference.

Now retired, Avening is still a large part of my life; Trustee to the Playgroup; providing Cricket Teas; arranging "Bite to Eat" events for W.I.; arranging Church Flowers and supporting Derrick with activities at the Cricket and Social Clubs. In addition, I support elderly family members, my grandchildren, friends, and neighbours and am Chairman of the local branch of the Trefoil Guild. I am also a member of the committee of Nailsworth Flower Arranging Society.

Retirement !! what retirement ??

What retirement indeed, Eileen! She is one of those people who makes things happen both for herself and others. I loved hearing all about her life and came home feeling more positive and invigorated than I had for much of our wet and dismal winter.

Thank you Eileen!

**Frances Conway**

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# **Garden Open**

## **18 Star Lane**

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# Avening Open Gardens

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The Old Rectory and 18 Star Lane, Avening will be open to the public on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

18 Star Lane is a hillside garden overflowing with cottage garden plants in calming pastel colours. Steps lead up from a cosy seating area and winding paths draw visitors to an array of borders and different areas of the garden including a pond, rose garden and hotbed of bright summer colour. At the highest point there is a small wooded area that commands far reaching views of the village and golf course. A small willow wigwam has just been planted to provide a play area for young children. It is a romantic plant-lovers paradise grown over time on a limited budget.

The 1/3 of an acre is a labour of love for gardener Anita Collins, a primary school teacher, who educates children to make healthy lifestyle choices. She bought the cottage with her husband, Simon, 10 years ago and began by digging a border in an awkward slope that her husband did not like to mow! Anita's mother, Suzanne, was a great amateur gardener and had a beautiful garden bursting with plants. The first border was filled with clumps divided from her mum's garden. So much was Simon's dislike for lawn maintenance that she began to dig more and more borders to reduce the size of the lawn. The original plants were divided over and over to fill the space and added to with the odd purchase here and there.

When her mum died of cancer 8 years ago Anita's interest in gardening grew and she worked harder and harder as a tribute to Suzanne's memory. She hopes her mum would be proud of the garden as it is today and is delighted that much of the money raised from open gardens will be going to Macmillan Cancer Support, the charity that helped the family, when Suzanne was in the last few weeks of her life. The nurse was an amazing support and the care received got the family through some difficult times.

Please come and enjoy the garden which is a pretty place to appreciate the beauty of the English countryside. Simon will also be showing a collection of classic motorcycles for people to view.

Please note however, that there is no parking at the property.

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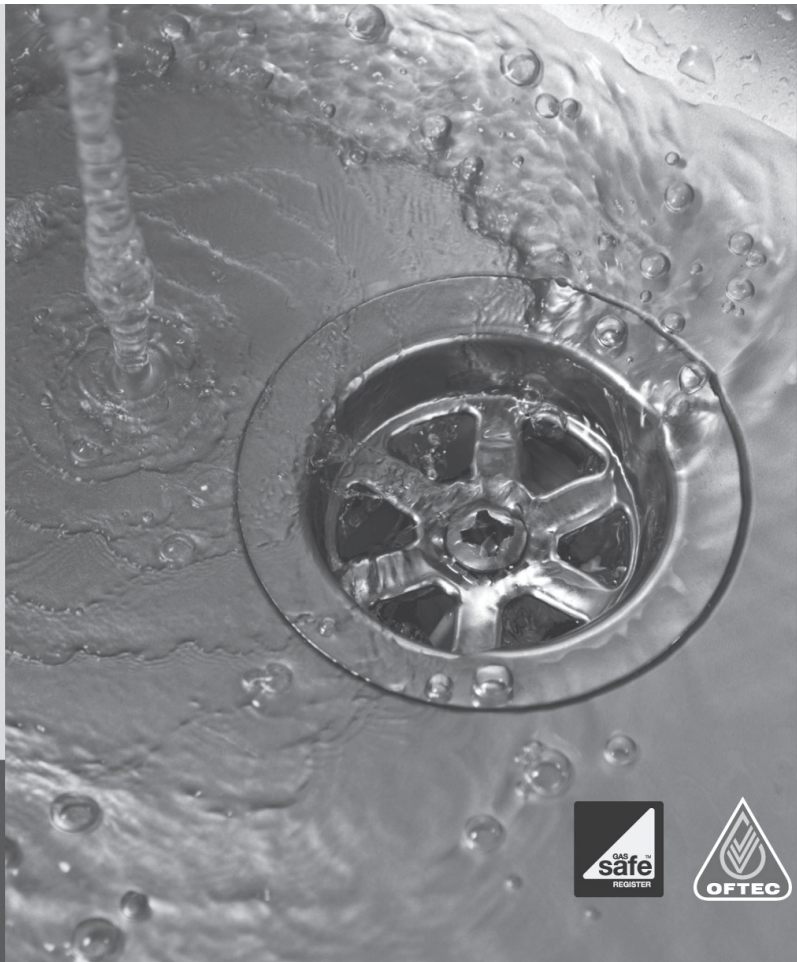
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# Down To Earth



*Magnolia x loebneri* 'Leonard Messel'

It's Magnolia Month! To see the National Collection of magnolias, over 500 different types, travel to Caerhays in Cornwall, not far from the Lost Gardens of Heligan and the Eden Project, where huge tree magnolias stand laden with blossom, amidst camellias and rhododendrons in what has been called 'Britain's most important exotic woodland'. J.C. Williams, the great-grandfather of the present owner, worked closely with the two Victorian plant-hunters, George

Forrest and Ernest Wilson, and was at the forefront of their cultivation and hybridisation. Although Cornwall has acidic soil, accounting for the abundance of rhododendrons and camellias there, magnolias are not fussy. Two years ago we planted the one pictured above and it has delighted us since with its star-shaped flowers.

The tulip tree (or liriiodendron) is in the same family but flowers a little later in the year **with**, rather than **before**, the leaves. There is a specimen at Westbury Court, in the wilder area to the rear. The leaves can be identified easily by their apparently shaved-off end.



Leaf of the liriiodendron  
*tulipifera*

The clematis *alpina* 'Frances Ravis', bought two years ago at Miserden nursery, is in flower. Like the clematis *macropetala*, this bears lilac-blue, bell-shaped flowers and copes well with a position on a north-facing wall, though not entirely in shade. Mulching is a good idea for guarding against clematis wilt, a fungal disease. According to the RHS, clematis 'prefers a deep and fertile soil in a moist and shaded habitat' and disease will only attack if they are stressed and unhappy, especially in their root-run. Early-flowering clematis, it must be remembered, need pruning after flowering in the previous year so that they can then grow new stems which will produce the flowers. The later flowering types, such as the 'Jackmanii' should be cut to about 20 cm from the ground in spring. They will flower on new growth.

Some young plants, such as lettuce, resent disturbance and transplanting and are inclined to sulk, but tomato seedlings will thank you if you pot them on gradually, increasing the size of pot little by little. I use a piece of plastic guttering for sowing pak choi and lettuce. The young plants can then be slid into a hole in the ground so gently that they hardly know what's happened. Just keep talking to them.

Many gardening writers come to horticulture from a seemingly unrelated academic discipline. Gertrude Jekyll was one of the first female students at the South Kensington School of Art in the 1860s and learnt about the colour wheel and colour theory from Michel Chevreul, Head of Dyeing at the Gobelins textile factory in Paris. When her sight deteriorated, she transferred to gardening her knowledge of complementary and contrasting colours. She applied the arrangement of receding colours, such as violet, blue and mauve, and salient, hot, fiery colours, such as scarlet and orange, to great effect in the flower border. In his book, *Colour for Adventurous Gardeners*, Christopher Lloyd advocates typically daring and flamboyant juxtapositions. So before you somewhat distractedly pop the next plant into the nearest available gap, consider the possibilities of interestingly colourful partnerships, be it in harmony or creative tension!



How does one brighten up a corner where the sun never shines? In a long, low stone trough in shade, I took a chance and planted a pachysandra with a luzula, or woodrush, on either side. This spring the luzula has, for the first time, flowered delightfully. A good partnership. Nearby are large pots in which

pieris, skimmias and variegated ivy have settled in nicely and are giving of their best. Whether it's finding the best plant for the place or the best place for the plant, it's immensely satisfying when a plant looks happy in its home!

*Marilyn Jones*

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# Avening Primary School

## WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN.....



The end of the Spring term arrived with a celebration of several months of learning in each class.

Included in our showcases of work were a medieval banquet featuring court jesters; a University Challenge, a river 'rap' and surprisingly funny play about the Egyptians!...

The Owls class (Years 5 and 6) were able to present what they had learned about the Egyptians in an unusual and entertaining way with the help of Mark from Konflux Theatre. With just a few hours preparation the class produced a 'Play in a Day' all about Cleopatra and the Ancient Egyptians. The play was full of facts and illustrative scenes including the deaths of

Julius Caesar and Cleopatra. The children needed very little prompting as they performed their play with energy and a great sense of humour to parents and children – it really was a fabulous production.

In other news we can report a flurry of competition successes including:

- getting through to the next round of the Wildlife Quiz by beating Croft School by four points
- coming fifth place in a tag rugby tournament out of schools from the whole Cotswold region
- gaining fourth place overall in the small schools swimming gala.



We also enjoyed an Easter visit from our new village



Reverend, Father Peter, who made our end of term assembly even more special.

So now our thoughts turn to the Summer term - always a busy one! We have the annual sponsored walk, farm visits, the summer fair and sports day to look forward to...and the learning continues!

***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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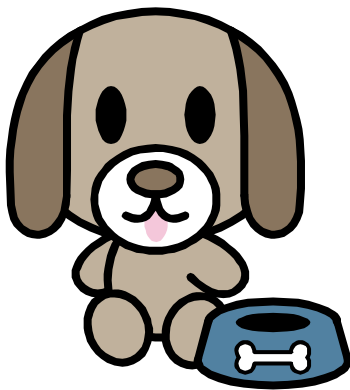
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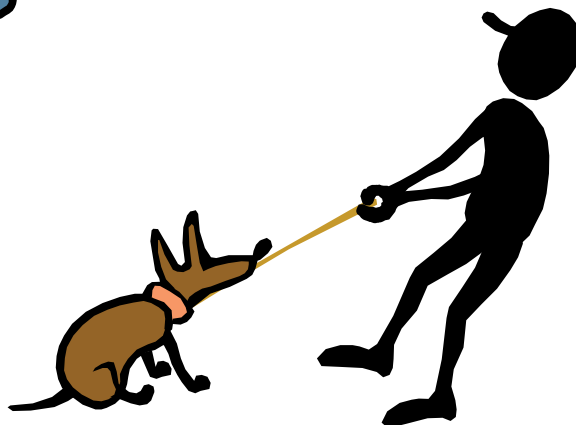


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### **SHOW:**

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# Avening Cinema Club

## Avening Cinema Club Presents

**21st May 7.30 at Avening Social Club**

**THE RAILWAY MAN (2013) – Drama** - Contains a scene of torture and moderate violence

**Cert: 15 – Run time: 1 hr. 56 min.**

**Rotten Tomatoes audience rating: 75%**

### **Cast & Crew**

Colin Firth, Nicole Kidman, Jeremy Irvine, Tanroh Ishida, Stellan Skarsgård

**Director: Jonathan Teplitzky**

Based on the remarkable bestselling autobiography, THE RAILWAY MAN tells the extraordinary and epic true story of Eric Lomax (Colin Firth), a British Army officer who is tormented as a prisoner of war at a Japanese labour camp during World War II. Decades later, Lomax and his beautiful love interest Patti (Nicole Kidman) discover that the Japanese interpreter responsible for much of his treatment is still alive and set out to confront him, and his haunting past, in this powerful and inspiring tale of heroism, humanity and the redeeming power of love.

## **FILMS SEEN RECENTLY IN AVENING**

### **March: *Philomena*.**

After a very successful first film night back in January, we weren't sure what turn-out to expect for our second film but all doubts were cast aside after 59 people got settled into their seats ready to watch the film choice for this month, which was *Philomena*.

*Philomena*, starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan, tells the true and rather harrowing story of Philomena Lee, a woman who gave birth to a son as a teenager only to watch him being adopted away from her as a young boy and taken to America. Powerless and emotionally bereft, Philomena lived her life for almost fifty years without knowledge of where her child was but never gave up hope of finding him one day. In a fortuitous twist of fate, former BBC journalist Martin Sixsmith comes into Philomena's life and with her help, attempts to piece together the missing fragments of the puzzle and help her to find her son.



The film is not without its heart breaking moments, but the sheer brilliance of Dench and Coogan's acting coupled together with their remarkable on -screen chemistry manages to add light and hope to a very emotional story, giving the film an uplifting spirit despite the very heart wrenching reality that not only is this a true story, but it is also a story shared by thousands of others in very similar situations to Philomena.

**April: *Saving Mr Banks.***

Our third film night in Avening saw 37 people enter through the doors of the social club for this month's film choice – *Saving Mr Banks*.

Emma Thompson stars in the lead role as author P L Travers whose classic novel Mary Poppins made such an impression on the infamous Walt Disney's daughters that he endeavoured, for 20 years, to win the film rights to the tale. Tom Hanks' portrayal of Walt Disney is so believable that you quickly forget the actor and become absorbed in the character. However, this is a film that includes many integral characters, one such being the wonderfully kind, endearing chauffeur, Ralph, whose own personal story uncovers a softer side to the seemingly unmeltable ice-cold exterior of Travers.

Through two inter-twining stories, we learn the real reason behind Travers reluctance to sign over her creation. To her, Disney is a man whom she can't help but loathe even before meeting him and it often seems impossible that the film of Mary Poppins will ever get made. But here is the wonderful part of the film, we know that it does get made and having that knowledge makes the unravelling of Travers' true character and background all the more intriguing.

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***Alex Adcock***

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# A Day on the Gloucester Canal



Monday April 14th: Mary and I set out with 15 others from St. Marys Monday Club to join the Willow Trust boats at Saul for a trip on the canal. Mary is a member of the group which consists of 16 lovely ladies. A team of volunteers, myself included, help to make Mondays an industrious and entertaining day with a good cooked lunch which is fetched from Sir William Romney School.

The day for our trip was just beautiful. Everyone was made comfortable and warmly welcomed before coffee and biscuits were served.

The canal looked lovely, people walking and cycling along the towpath, swans nesting on the banks, a family of geese bobbing along and many ducks not worried at all about the boats going by .Colourful narrow boats were moored up at the sides .

The Willow Trust run 2 boats for the elderly and disabled, running from April until October, again by volunteers. At lunchtime we moored up side by side, some had wheelchairs taken on to the bank ready for their picnic lunch which for our group had been catered for by 2 helpers. Sandwiches, rolls, crisps, quiche, cakes and fruit went down a treat. After lunch those who wished could go up in the lift to the wheel house and have a go at steering the boat. Mary kept a good straight line considering the boats are 70ft. long, but help was always at hand.

It was a very uplifting day for us all.

**Wendy Eldridge**

# *Avening Youth Club*

## **Avening Youth Club**

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At the end of March four members attended the Annual General meeting of the Gloucestershire Federation of W.I.s. in Cheltenham Town Hall. The organisation is prospering and new W.I.s. are opening all over the country. The main speaker at the event was Simeon Courtie, a broadcaster, comedy writer and author.

A few years ago Simeon, his wife and three young daughters undertook a huge adventure driving round the World in an elderly and unreliable motorhome. The plan was to sing their way round the World by performing Beatles songs as an unlikely Beatles Tribute Band. His account was both extremely interesting and hilarious. The Gloucestershire Federation had found a brilliant speaker in Simeon.

The speaker at our own April meeting was David Cramp from the RSPB. He gave a most interesting illustrated talk on our native birds and other wild life and how to encourage them into our gardens. With modern farming methods many traditional farmland birds are being driven away from farms and into our gardens by the destruction of, or over trimming of hedges, and the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilisers which destroy nesting sites and traditional sources of plants, berries and seeds the main diet of many birds.

The fun quiz was a success yet again with eleven teams taking part. The proceeds of the quiz went to Cobalt in memory of Richard Uzzell. We have entered the County skittles competition again this year and won our first match against Yew Trees W.I from Painswick. It was a very good evening held at The Rose, Paganhill. One of our new members, Helen, was our star player.

2015 marks the Centenary of the W.I and many plans are in place to mark this amazing achievement. As they unfold I will include details in the report.

*Gwyneth Simpson*



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The aim of the event is to raise funds towards the purchase of a mobile hoist for the local charity "Allsorts" which provides help and support for families with disabled children. The charity is not state funded and is run a small management committee and many dedicated volunteers ,providing activities and clubs for the disabled children giving the families much needed some respite. The support network is invaluable to the families affected and a mobile hoist will enable the more severely disabled children to join others on trips out.

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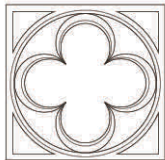
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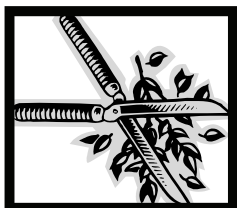
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# Avening Book Club

## **Life After Life by Kate Atkinson**

This is a hard book to review because it certainly isn't without merit; it has an interesting idea for a narrative and some really delightful characters. Our book group was quite divided in opinion about it and those who didn't like it found things within it that grabbed them despite their frustrations with the story. The crux of the story is Ursula's dying and being re-born over and over (and over and over and over) again. We all took to the book with great enthusiasm with most, if not all of us, having read and liked at least one other Atkinson book – we really wanted to like this book.

Ursula's family are interesting and entertaining. Her mother's lack of maternal interest and antipathy towards her husband (but sporadically, in-between Ursula's many lives) make her a curious character. I felt a little cheated that we didn't learn more about her thoughts and feelings. Also both of Ursula's parents and the rest of her family have a dislike of the eldest brother. This also engages the reader's interest with its multiple possibilities but doesn't fulfil or satisfy our curiosity. Ursula's wayward aunt is also a fantastic character. I kept thinking that there was so much possibility in this novel that was never fully realised.

In one version of Ursula's life she seems to have déjà vu and strong instincts telling her that she needs to do something to avoid a mistake that took place in her last life – such as push her family maid down the stairs to avoid her picking up and contaminating the family with the fatal flu epidemic sweeping the country. The scenarios to stop this replay themselves a few times and becomes tedious, and the whole idea and the way it is drawn by Atkinson becomes tedious - but when the same scenario is revisited more than once the novel becomes clunky and frustratingly absurd. The déjà vu is so apparent to her family that she is sent to a psychiatrist and yet Atkinson later (in another reincarnation) forgets the déjà vu, so the reader is left to wonder what 'instinct' Ursula used to guide her avoidance of other unfortunate and fatal episodes.

Another repeated snippet in the story is where a child is killed by a stranger – the culprit is never found and the murder goes unsolved. When this is repeated the child misses the lone encounter with her killer and when it is repeated yet again she is killed again. The story culminates with

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Ursula shooting Hitler with her father's gun. This seems like a tired old idea that has been kicking around for some time - perhaps it would have been interesting if Atkinson had explored the aftermath of the Hitler-less world.

***Kristiane Maseyk***

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# Avening Parish Council

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The next meeting of **Avening Parish Council** will be the **ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** to be held on **Thursday, 15 May 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.**

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# *Cherington Parish Council*

## **Annual Parish Council meeting – what's been happening in 2013/14**

Every year the parish council has to hold an 'Annual Parish Meeting'. This is an opportunity for anyone who lives in the parish to come along and find out what's been happening over the past year with reports from local organisations, police and local councillors.

The meeting also provides a chance for the public to ask questions of the Parish Council and to put forward ideas and make comments.

This year's Annual Parish Council meeting will take place on **TUESDAY MAY 13th at 7.30pm at the Village Hall**. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Parish Plan for Cherington – Opportunity to Shape your Parish**

In March representatives of local groups met with a some members of the Parish Council to discuss the development of a Parish Plan for Cherington parish. This plan will aim provide a list of issues that local people feel are important and will form the basis for an action plan which will work towards resolving issues raised.

Everyone in the parish will get the chance to complete a questionnaire and make comments on what they would like to see relating to the village and wider parish. The results will then be made available for everyone to see.

We'd be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and return it as soon as possible.

Watch this space for updates on the Parish Plan.

For more information please contact Kate Gegg 01453 570754 or Mike Mitchell 01285 841413.

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  
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## *Useful Telephone Numbers*

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## *Dates for your Diary*

Saturday 10th May	FOAS event	Avening Social Club	8.00pm
Tuesday 13th May	Annual Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall Cherington	7.30pm
Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th May	Nailsworth Festival	All around Nailsworth	Various
Wednesday 21st May	Avening Cinema Club (The Railway Man)	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Thursday 22nd May	Annual Village Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.00pm
Friday 30th May -	Avening Art Show (Preview)	Holy Cross Church Avening	30th May 6-8.00pm
Sunday 1st June	Avening Art Show	Holy Cross Church Avening	31st May: Noon-5.00pm 1st June: 10am- 4.30pm
Sunday June 1st	Avening Church Fete	In and around the Church and school	2.00pm.
Saturday June 7th	Stuart Singers Charity concert	St. Mary's Church Tetbury	7.30 pm.
Sunday 15th June	Gardens Open National Gardens Scheme	Old Rectory & 18 Star Lane Avening	2-6.00pm
Monday 16th June	Avening Memorial Hall AGM	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 21st June	WW1 Concert and Commemoration	Memorial Hall	6.30 pm
Friday 27th June	WW1 Event: Talk & Exhibition	Memorial Hall	7.00pm

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