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Since this magazine is now read by everyone in the villages, this may be the ideal opportunity to advertise your company or new enterprise; if so, Wendy would love to hear from you.

Over the next couple of editions we would like to introduce the team to you, starting with the Editors:



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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
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	6.15 - 7.45pm	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
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090
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Many thanks to **Henry Arden** 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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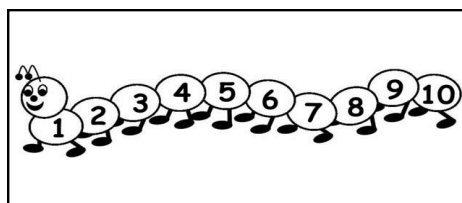
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AVENING FETE 2015

THIS YEAR THE ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION IN HOLY CROSS CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM 10-00am TO 5-00PM ON SUNDAY JUNE 7th

TABLES SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ENTRANTS TO EXHIBIT AND SELL THEIR OWN PAINTINGS - CRAFTS - CARDS - SEWING - JEWELLERY

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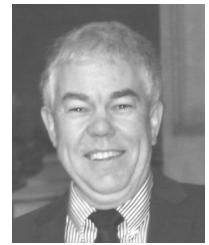


THE DUCKS WILL BE BACK ALONG WITH ALL OF THE USUAL FUN OF THE FETE

FUN DOG SHOW - ICE CREAMS - BOTTLE STALL

SUNDAY JUNE 7th

Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



The new year is well under way, and what a busy start it's been. At the Parish Council, we have already met with the APFA to encourage them on their journey towards a new play centre for the field – there were also some great new ideas coming forward for the future. Then came a meeting to explore options for a new community shop (see separate article); and next is helping with the Memorial Hall committee transition on 3rd Feb – this is an open meeting, and we hope as many people can join us and help shape the next phase of looking after our precious village hall.

We also have a new Facebook site which will help us keep everyone up to date more effectively. It will go hand in hand with the website, which saw another record of 4,500 hits in December! Thanks for your support.

None of this would be possible without all of the dedicated individuals who give up their time and energy to make things happen. Without these people there would be no hall, and therefore no school; no playing field; no cricket club; no WI; no Villager; no church; no caring for vulnerable neighbours; and no myriad of other clubs and societies that enrich our community. If you aren't involved, there are plenty of opportunities coming up.

I am always inspired by the efforts of individuals, and the knowledge they share – their motivations are probably as varied as the organisations they serve, but I suspect the common themes would be to 'put something back', and to 'make things better'. Most don't seek praise or acclamation (though occasional feedback is always welcome), just the satisfaction of seeing the enjoyment of others. Speaking personally, I welcome comments from residents – it helps to shape what we do in the Parish Council, but what niggles a bit is when volunteers' motivations are unfairly questioned. At the PC we have very strict rules on things like planning and finance, especially when any of the councillors has an interest. The rules are there to protect both the public, and also the individuals concerned, and all documents are available for inspection. Better still, we'd love to see some members of the public at the meetings (every 3rd Thursday in the month).

In the run up to May's elections, we have a series of articles in the Villager highlighting how the PC works, and what individual roles entail – we hope you find them informative, and spur you to find out more.

North/South Divide?

Unfortunately, in recent years a 'them and us' culture seems to have developed, with one side of the divide being suspicious of the other. There seems to have been a distillation of two distinct communities, and possibly a third group that is not a 'community' at all – they just happen to live here. I don't know why this should be – when we meet up in the pubs or at events, we speak to each other without any hint of animosity. But then we go back to our own domains and everything changes.

In the summer I was made aware of a neighbourhood problem in the Sunground area that I helped to resolve. But I was embarrassed to admit that I hadn't been to that area for a long time despite regularly walking Alfie for miles around every week. OK, the Sunground isn't naturally on a walking route for me, but I realised the reason is that since my Mum died, I don't have any close friends north of Sandford Leaze, and therefore no reason to go to their houses. More importantly, we don't have any representation on the PC from the north side, so there is a big gap in how we represent the village.

We don't have a major issue here (we just need to reflect on recent tragic world events), and although it's a bit late for resolutions, let's try to get more friendly (I hate the word integrate!) with all of our neighbours wherever they happen to live – I'm sure none of us are that scary really, even on the PC!

*Cllr Tony Slater
Chairman, Avening Parish Council*

Are you missing your village shop?

At the Annual Parish Meeting in May, a question was asked about the possibility of opening a new shop - this is YOUR chance to share your views and ideas for a COMMUNITY SHOP.

You are invited to come to an open meeting at the village hall on Wednesday 25th February at 7.30pm.

We will be joined by a GRCC community advisor who will share successful ideas from other local community shops.

If you are unable to attend, we would still like to hear your ideas – please contact the Parish Clerk Caroline Braidwood at parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk or call 01285 380041

Letter From the Parish Priest



Dear Friends

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked so hard to ensure that Christmas in Avening and Cherington was something really special – the gift of magnificent Christmas Trees, the decorations in our churches, the Carol Services, the superb voices of Avening Angels, and especially my colleague Derrick Pierce (alias, Father Christmas!) There's some good news because the Christmas season doesn't end on Twelfth Night but continues until the second of February when the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Christ Child in the Temple. This is a 'turning point' in the Church's year; we glance back over the past forty days to the manger, and then look forward to Ash Wednesday and the forty days of Lent, and onwards to the Cross of Good Friday. But before we look ahead I would like to take you back to Epiphany when the Three Wise Men presented gifts to the infant Jesus in the manger.

As a reminder to everyone who enters our churches of The Holy Cross in Avening and Saint Nicholas in Cherington, I wrote this inscription on the threshold in chalk that had been blessed by Bishop Michael last year:

20 + C + M + B + 15

As I was writing I said this prayer.....

The Three Wise Men, **C**aspar, **M**elchior and **B**althasar followed the star which led them to God's Son, the Christ Child. **20** Two thousand and **15** fifteen years ago. + + May Christ bless our churches and our homes, bless us and all who visit our homes and our churches through this New Year. Amen.

Having glanced back to Christmas, we now turn to prepare for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. But firstly, focusing on Lent which traditionally is the time when we think of how Jesus, after his Baptism in the River Jordan, spent the next forty days in the wilderness preparing for his ministry. One thought about Lent is that it is a time for self-denial: 'what shall I give up for Lent?' is a question that is frequently asked. Often the money saved by denying ourselves treats is donated to a charity: Water Aid, for instance. It is also good to use some of our free time for study. This year we shall be working closely with our friends in the Tetbury Benefice on a short course of study based on Prayer. The first meeting will be at Avening Rectory on Monday 23rd February at 7:30pm; full details will be available in our churches. As part of your studies why not set some time aside for reading? This year Archbishop Justin Welby is recommending a small book by Archbishop Desmond Tutu – *In God's Time*. It's about his early life's struggles in South Africa coping with poverty and Apartheid, and his adulthood lived in the glare of the world's media.

Have a good Lent!

With my love and prayers

Angels Appear in the Avening Pubs at Christmas!

Thank you Tony Slater for these photos



If you would like to join the Avening Angels choir then please contact either Mandy Slater 01453 832318 or Derrick Pierce 01453 835090



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Mark Townsend

1969-2014

Andy Smith's tribute to Mark read at his memorial service in Holy Cross church Avening

It is my task, honour and privilege to reflect and share memories of Mark on behalf of the cricket club.

Firstly, we extend our condolences to Mark's family, friends, relatives and work associates. This has definitely been tough for you all, we too, his extended family at the cricket club, have shared in your sorrow.

We too have all felt, shock, grief, sorrow and regrets, but today we are gathered to honour a sporting Gent.

Beyond his family and work Mark had a tremendous passion for sport; skittles, cricket, football, rugby and golf.

But let us not forget his annual affair with the coconut shy at Cherington show, where he would always be seen with his friend, Martin Lee, mischievously trying to give away the coconuts within the hour.

Of course many of us affectionately know Mark as Kermit, the nickname he would never lose after arriving at cricket one day wearing a bright green shirt.

On the pitch he was a massive talent, excellent left arm over bowler who had pace, movement, accuracy, patience and swing in his armoury. It was this swing talent that reminded us of, perhaps his finest hour with the ball. At home to rivals Oakridge in a top of the table clash, he produced an over of sheer brilliance. The batsmen could not deal with the swinging balls - he removed four batsmen in six balls. A lasting memory will always be of him on his knees appealing for his second L.B.W. shout, in a Darren Gough explosion of delight, aggression, belief and exuberance.

He was also pretty tasty with the bat in his hand, but always honest, and even at the slightest nick would always walk, another sign of this sporting gent.

Fielding was not Kerm's strong point, but he did try and was always quick to apologise, in the ten years that he played under my captaincy he probably dropped in the region of twenty catches off my bowling alone, but never a cross word, just a wink, a sorry and even a smile that infectiously led to laughter.

For the lads who could stay after cricket for a beer, or two, we enjoyed his company, always quick to get his round in and usually the reason why we got home so late.

As a club we also shared many golfing days and weekends, once again his sporting was obvious, playing off an 18 handicap, he was a monster, some would say 'bandit'.

It has become a tradition of the cricket club to reflect on the past season by the media of poetry, something Kerm enjoyed and chuckled to, hopefully this ode can pay tribute to a friend, a sportsman, a legend and a gentleman.

Saturday our time to meet,
Pavilion steps he's there to greet

First to ask 'hey how's you',
Well-loved member of our tight knit crew.

On the field he gives his all,
With the bat and with the ball.

Win or lose, we have a drink,
Time to banter not to think.

Hours of chat and stories tall,
Cherished memories for one and all.

Sad, sad, sad, that Kerm fell ill
Massive gap, we can never fill.

His final delivery sadly sent,
We bid farewell to our friend,

To Kerm, a sporting gent.

Mark's brother writes the following;

I can't believe that I'm writing this, it's still not sunk in yet but I am.

We miss Mark and always will... His laughter, his competitive streak, his workmanship and most of all his love.

His Laughter - I have so many stories I could tell as I'm sure many people have - he liked a good time and a drink.

His Competitive Streak - The need to prove himself on the sporting field - He didn't mind losing (too much) as long as his performance was the best that he could give.

His Workmanship - Everything and I mean everything had to be done perfectly. Many a time when trying to complete a task in my own garden I would hear laughter from the other side of the fence followed by banter.

His Love - I know he loved us all, just as much as we loved him and he never would have wanted us to suffer in the way that we have. He was so proud of his girls and his love for them was immeasurable.

We are still trying to come to terms with what has happened and on behalf of my family I would like to thank everybody for their support, whether it's phone calls or visits to us or Vi and Jim who will always love to hear your stories about Mark, as do we.

I will always love you, Little Brother.

Bomber

Avening W.I.

At the end of November we had a successful Christmas shopping trip to Worcester. It was the first day of the Victorian Christmas market. The market was situated in the city centre streets. Many of the stallholders were in Victorian dress and the stalls were very varied. It had a very festive atmosphere. Members and other villagers also took the opportunity to visit the magnificent cathedral, Greyfriars House, Tudor House and as it was a very pleasant day strolled along the river with its huge flock of swans.

During the first week of December we had our Gloucestershire Federation Carol Concert in the grand surroundings of the Cheltenham Town Hall. In addition to the impressive W.I. choir the guests were James Brown, organist from University Church, Oxford, Adam Heron a hugely talented 15 year old pianist who was a chorister at Gloucester Cathedral and now studies at Wells Cathedral School of Music and Aled Jones who was invited back by popular demand after appearing at the event a few years ago. He was very entertaining and sang some beautiful Christmas songs.

We had our Christmas lunch at the Snooty Fox where 17 members attended. It was an excellent lunch and we were all impressed.

Our final Christmas event was our party which is always fun as Shirley Hand comes up with a number of entertaining games. This year was no exception and together with a Bring and Share Supper and Secret Santa gift distribution everyone enjoyed themselves.

At our first meeting of 2015 we had a very interesting illustrated talk by Caroline Sanderson entitled "a rambling fancy - in the footsteps of Jane Austen". The talk was about Jane Austen as a person and the various places that she lived.

The next event will be a walk around Tetbury followed by lunch at the Trouble House. We hope the weather will be kind to us.

We have a good, varied range of speakers booked for 2015. Visitors are always welcome to join us at meetings held at 7.30 pm at The Memorial Hall on the second Thursday of each month.

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Avening School

A New Year.....A New Term.....New topics.....New Challenges

Things are already in full swing at Avening School this year. With the new term come new class topics which classes got straight into on their first day back after the two week Christmas break. The Hawks Class (Y3&4) have journeyed back to Ancient Rome for their topic - 'The Romans' - and had a very special visitor in their class on the first day of term. Class teacher Mr Wilkinson was temporarily replaced for the afternoon by a toga-wearing, sandal-clad Roman who talked to the children about all things Roman; addressing each pupil by their own Roman name. Rather curiously, the visitor did bear a striking resemblance to Mr Wilkinson himself who made a re-appearance just in time for home time!



Meanwhile, in the Owls (Y5&6) Class, all focus is on 'The Vikings'. This term the class will visit the folk museum in Gloucester where they will make their own shields and investigate Viking longboats.

If you see any paper aeroplanes flying overhead in Avening this term, they will probably belong to the pupils from the Kestrels class (Y1&2) who are exploring 'flight' in their term topic, 'Can it fly?' They have already explored the time line of flight and paid a visit to Kemble Airport and will be using mathematical methods to measure the flight paths of their own paper aeroplanes.

In Sports news, things have already got off to a triumphant start. Just one week into the new term, the trophy shelves already had a new addition to their collection, brought home by the Hawks class for the inter-school gymnastic competition where they took first place. In the same week, pupils from Y4 and Y5 came a fantastic second place overall in the local swimming gala (racing against some Y6 pupils from other schools). What a tremendous beginning to the sporting year!

On a musical note, pupils from Y4-6 took part in the annual Young Voices concert at Birmingham NEC arena on Friday 16th January. The children practised tirelessly at home and school in order to make their performances perfect and did the School very proud at this exciting musical event with their wonderful talent and exceptional behaviour.

Look out in the next edition for details of this year's World Book Day. Another huge thank you to everyone who has 'sponsored a book' for our wonderful 'growing' library. For details on how to sponsor a book for the School please contact the School office.

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 our staff – with pictures courtesy of the children!

Alex Adcock

Would you like to become a School Governor?

The Governors of Avening School are looking to co-opt three new Governors to join them. Under recent legislation, we are currently undergoing what is called re-constitution and this includes some new descriptions for Governors.

Our Parent Governors are elected on a four yearly cycle and our current Parent Governors will continue until the end of their term office.

However the Governing Body can co-opt governors who have certain skills and knowledge that would be helpful in carrying out our statutory duties. The skills we are particularly looking for are in the area of Special Educational Needs, Legal (eg public sector equality/data protection/complaints procedures), and IT skills.

If you feel you might be interested or would like to know more, please contact either Stuart Richards (Chair) or Jane Rushton (Head teacher) via the school email address ([admin @avening.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@avening.gloucs.sch.uk)) or by telephone (01453 833191).

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100 Years Ago: Avening's War

January 1915: World War 1 Becomes Total War

During the night of the 15th of January 1915, three German Naval Zeppelins set out to attack the towns of Eastern England. The attack culminated in several civilian deaths as well as damage to the port areas of two towns – Kings Lynn and Great Yarmouth. Only two of the airships completed their task, one having to return to its base for technical reasons. The enemy also experienced navigation difficulties being unable to recognise the areas they were bombing. In fact, the crew of the airship attacking Kings Lynn actually thought it was over Hull!!

However, news of the attacks reached our troops on the Western Front and anger set in. Forgotten was the “cosiness” of the Christmas truce and the Army generals no longer had to cajole the men into action. However, the trench warfare set in for its three-year haul but, luckily, Avening suffered no fatalities during January and February.

Fred Vening



The William Fowles memorial stands at the junction of Avening High Street with Hampton Hill. The canopied stone memorial contains a drinking fountain (now sealed) and bears a plaque with this inscription:

WILLIAM FOWLES

1835-1896

**This to his memory by those amongst whom he
lived and who knew his worth**

Who was William Fowles? What did he do to inspire the erection of this memorial in such a prominent position in the village?

William Fowles was born in Cherrington in 1835, the second in a family of nine children. His parents were Frederick Fowles and his wife Sarah, nee Whiting. They were married in Avening in 1831. In the 1841 census his father's occupation is listed as a mason, but by 1851 he had become a baker and both William aged 15, and his elder sister Clarissa 17, were also working as bakers.

The 1861 census shows major changes in William's circumstances. Now aged 25, he was living in Avening in Church Street, working as a master baker and Poor Rate collector. He had married Emma Essex, an Avening girl, in 1858 and had two children. By 1863 William had also become the parish clerk.

The 1871 census lists six more children in the family who were now living at Barn Row. William was still a baker, also a collector of tolls and employing three men and

a boy. During the following decade two more children were born but two others died and in the 1881 census we find William was a widower, Emma having died on 29 January that same year. Another son died that July. William had however prospered materially during those ten years. He was now a baker and farmer, with 160 acres of land and employed 12 men and 3 boys.

William was one of the enumerators for the 1891 census, giving his occupation as miller and baker. He was then living at Point House with his second wife Rhoda, a Fowles cousin whom he had married in 1890, and two of his children.

William was parish clerk for many years until his death in 1896. He also served the village as assistant overseer and surveyor of highways, treasurer of the sports committee and clerk to the vestry. He was president of the Avening branch of the mid Gloucester Conservative Working Men's Benefit Society. Very little of importance in the parish took place without his involvement. He seems to have been much liked as well as respected, reportedly having 'a pleasing and affable manner', was sympathetic and kind to villagers of all classes and carried out his many duties in a most conscientious way. He was said to have carried out 'innumerable acts of kindness'.

He had success in business too and at the time of his death owned a number of properties in Avening, Nag's Head and Hampton Fields. An auction held in the November following his death listed twelve separate lots including 23 cottages, stables and an allotment. In his Will he left £4,158.00. The report of William's death in the Stroud News of 7 August 1896 describes how he had contracted blood poisoning some weeks previously 'by wearing coloured socks when he had a small scratch or sore on his foot'. Despite the efforts of his doctors he died on 1 August and was buried in Avening churchyard on 6 August.

His funeral was a momentous and sombre occasion for Avening. In addition to large numbers of villagers, many people came from other towns and villages in the area to show their respect and it was attended by local dignitaries Erskine Pollock, QC of Avening Court and A T Playne JP of Longford's Mill among others. The local MP, Charles Cripps, wrote one of many letters of sympathy. It was he who suggested that a memorial be erected.

Straight after the funeral a committee was formed to plan the memorial. It was decided that the monument should take the form of a drinking fountain and that its erection should be linked to the plan to improve the Avening water supply. The latter however was not to materialise for several years and the inauguration of the memorial did not take place until 1900. It was designed in the Gothic Revival style by Cirencester architect, V A Lawson, who was also involved in some alterations to Avening Court and built of local stone by Rowland Fowles, one of William's brothers. The cost was raised by individual subscriptions from more than 150 people, many of them poor who clearly felt that in William Fowles they had known a man of great worth. It was unveiled by Erskine Pollock whose speech voiced the Avening community's regard and affection for William Fowles. 'He had been known and most warmly cherished in the hearts of all of them'.

Jean Chatelain

Avening Youth Club

Readers will recall that in May 2014, the ACEEF took the decision to withdraw funding for Avening Youth Club.

The reason for this was that the Charity felt that the then current arrangements whereby the Youth Club was run by Young Glos was not offering value for money nor structured enough to motivate and inspire the young people of Avening.

It was felt that a temporary closure of the Youth Club would help concentrate minds and that the Youth Club could then re-open with a more sustainable basis.

With some nervousness, the new revised Avening Youth Club opened on 9th September with Cassie Vickery as Youth Leader and a theme of 'Fun and Fitness'. From the outset, it was decided to offer a one and half hour session on the traditional Tuesday night slot. The Youth Club opens at 6.15 and runs to 7.45, although in practical terms, the doors are open from 6.00 pm to 8.00pm. The evening is split into two: the first half is run by Cassie Vickery, supported by her daughter, Jessica who prepare a variety of activities including painting, cooking, table tennis, cake making and many more. At about 6.50, there is a break for healthy snacks which consist of raw vegetables, fruit, rice cakes and other nutritious but healthy options and squash. At 7.00 pm the Youth Club is joined by Simon Sveder-Cain, from Personal Fitness for a 'fun and fitness' session. Simon varies his activities each week and the Children respond well to Simon's infectious enthusiasm, professionalism (he used to be a PE teacher) and vitality. We had hoped that a second trainer, Dazzle, would provide a few sessions, focused on dance. Sadly, after one session, the trainer felt her experience was not up to working with boys as well as girls. We are seeking other options to provide variety and interest, and will use Young Glos next term to provide 2 sessions.

When the Youth Club opened, the first week we had 8 children. Over the term, numbers have steadily grown, and the last two weeks we had 15 children attend. In total, 19 different children have attended at least one week.

Cassie has been brilliant. She has grown in confidence as the term has gone on and is obviously liked and respected by the children. She has worked extremely well with Simon, and they have lots of exciting ideas for developing the Youth Club. She has been a real tower of strength

The Youth Club also has set up their own Facebook page.

In addition, Cassie and Jessica have attended and passed a two evening First Aid Course, and will do a similar training course in Food Hygiene next term. The Youth Club is now fully insured in its own right.

Peter Best

**The Youth Club meets every Tuesday evening
Avening Memorial Hall
6.15 to 7.45 pm**



Next term, the timetable is:

- February 3rd: with Simon
- February 10th: with Simon
- February 17th: Half Term
- February 24th: with Simon
- March 3rd: Young Glos (to be confirmed)

See you all then!

The children are working up to an award night at Easter where parents will be invited to watch children receive awards for fitness efforts, artistic skills kindness, etc and maybe the parents will be challenged to game of dodge ball!

Cassie

Please Note:

Due to the extra time needed to prepare, print and distribute over 500 copies of the Villager, the deadline for contributions is now the 18th of each month.

Many thanks to all our regular contributors for their valuable input - it is much appreciated .

Avening Playgroup

Firstly, the committee and myself would like to a warm welcome back to Debbie who has returned as play leader.

It was a busy end to 2014 and we are so grateful to all those who donated time and effort for our two main fundraising events.

In particular, thank you so much...

to everyone who helped out at the Christmas Bazaar including family, friends, villagers and companies who donated raffle prizes and husbands who built grottos, took down gazebos and looked after the children all weekend. You know who you are and I say thank you. We could not have done it without all of you. The Christmas Bazaar raised a whopping £1,400 and all the children really enjoyed Santa, the Frozen girls and the walking pet balloons. It was hard work but a lot of fun.

to everyone who helped out on the Santa Float. A special thanks to the FOAS team who stepped in at the last minute for the Santa Float, as I was ill. It would have been cancelled without their help and the children so loved Santa's special visit.

The children came back to playgroup excitedly talking about the presents that they had received for Christmas and what they had been up to. They were very happy to be back with their friends and playing with all the toys and activities that we have at playgroup. So far this term the children have been enjoying mark making, using lots of different things such as sticks in sand, and driving toy cars through paint. They have focused really well on fairy tales, which we have read to them; asking lots of questions and joining in.

If you have a child whom you would like to join our happy playgroup please phone Debbie on 01453 832695 any morning to put their name down.

Jo Rayner

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Web Designer we need you!

We would like a simple website set up to advertise playgroup. Unfortunately we do not have the funds to pay someone to set one up. If anyone is able to volunteer to do this for us we would be delighted.

Please phone Debbie on 01453 832695 any morning

Avening Film Club



20th February

7-30pm in the Social Club

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Doug and Abi are taking their three children on a trip to Scotland for a big family gathering. They are in the midst of a difficult divorce, and have asked the kids to keep it a secret from their extended family. But as the inevitable feuds kick in, a completely unexpected turn of events involving the children causes further tensions to rise to the surface. And with the repercussions that ensue - hilarious and emotional in equal measure - the family are forced to put aside their differences and work together or else risk losing what they hold most dear.

A letter to the editors from Sylvia Fletcher who used to live in Avening

I really enjoyed reading Riley Vincent's account of the history of Avening Post Office.

I too recall the time that I was first taken to the Post Office in Point Road, 1930/31– I was 4 then and vividly remember the row of sweet jars on a shelf high in the window - I was delighted when I was asked to choose, and I chose sugared almonds.

I still have a large sweet jar, though not from way then - until recently it was used to make sloe gin.

I love these contributions to the Villager– more please.

Sincerely
Sylvia Fletcher

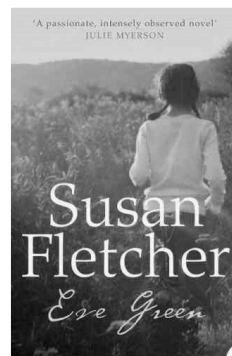
From the editors

Thank you Sylvia for your contribution and we couldn't have put it better! **MORE PLEASE**, we rely on your contributions, great or small; without you there would be no Villager.

Avening Book Club

Eve Green by Susan Fletcher

Following the death of her mother, Evie is sent to live with her grandparents in rural Wales. She is an eight year old with spirit who is surrounded by mystery. Flowers appear on the door step, everyone looks at her twice, she doesn't know anything about her father and is not allowed to ask. Mr Phipps, the village shop keeper, despises her and she doesn't know why. Into this mix comes the disappearance of Rosie, a child in Evie's school. Eve Green is a haunting tale that is a mystery, a love story and a mourning for lost parents.



Finding an old shoebox with a collection of her mother's mementoes, Eve manages to piece together bits of the story of her mother's affair with the man who became Eve's father.

While this story is full of loss and mystery, it is beautifully balanced by some really wonderful and very compassionate characters – which is what really made it stand out for me. To begin with, Eve's grandparents are both, in their own ways, wonderful. The disappearance of the child in the village and their own daughter's wayward departure and death leave the grandparents out of their minds at times with worry for Evie. Her friend, protector and eventually husband, the lovely Daniel is a calm, strong and incredibly kind character from the start. His maturity and compassion transcend his years. Finally we have Billy an almost mythical character who figure has been physically and mentally scarred when a bucking horse disfigured his face. Evie forms a friendship with Billy that is both illuminating and heartbreaking. It is however, through the enigmatic Billy, that Eve is able to discover the truth about her mother and the mysterious man called K.

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May 4th 2015

The Messenger by Markus Zusak

June 1st 2015

TBA C.J Sansom

TIME LINE 2050

Beautiful Norman Church in Avening to Close

The Villagers of Avening are saddened and shocked at the recent announcement by the Bishop of Gloucester that their historic church is no longer sustainable.

The small worshipping community, who, for years, have faithfully been voluntarily trying to maintain the churchyard and raise funds to maintain the building, have had to admit defeat. It is now unsafe and services can no longer be held there.

One of the residents interviewed said `If only we had realised that maintaining the church was actually the responsibility of those living in our community, whether church goes or not, and now its too late.`

2015 The Clock is Ticking

If we, as a village, want a church building for our baptisms, weddings, funerals etc we can't rely on `them` (whoever they are) to sustain the graveyard and maintain the building.

Currently there is no state funding, as in France, even though we have a grade 1 listed Norman church in our midst. We are reliant on our own fundraising and this is mainly falling on the shoulders of the worshipping community, which is non-sustainable.

A concerned resident

Dying without a Will. Now that's a real tragedy.

No-one likes the thought of dying, so it's hardly surprising that almost 3 out of 5 UK adults don't have a valid Will (*source: www.unbiased.co.uk 2010*). Yet having one is one of the most important arrangements you can make during your lifetime.

My name is David Martin. I live in Nailsworth and I'm the local consultant for *Steele Rose & Co* - one of the UK's Premier Professional Home Visit Will Writers. After 22 years serving my country in the RAF, I have spent the last 28 years of my life professionally advising my clients on all personal financial matters and specialising in Wills.

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Diary of a Self-Build

Part Two



The early months were all about the shape and size of the house, and what would be in it. But in October we had to start splashing some real cash! We had 3 expensive pilot holes drilled to establish the soil structure – actually a good investment, as it confirmed we didn't have to spend around £20k on piles. That was just the start - so far there have been fees for the structural engineer to design the foundations and drainage, and then a deposit for the timber frame; fees for third party walls; fees for building regs; mortgage

fees; inspection fees - the list of authorities wanting a slice of the action seems never ending, and that's before even putting a spade in the ground.

But, everything was going smoothly – designs were coming along, we appointed an excellent local builder, and we were starting to choose the fixtures to be incorporated. But then a bombshell – the architect couldn't get hold of our frame contact, and thought he had misdialled the number. However after trying a few alternative contact methods, we had a sick feeling in the pit of our stomachs – some investigations confirmed our fears that the company had gone into liquidation, and we had lost a significant sum paid as a deposit! Was this an early end to our dream?

We don't give up that easily, but aside from the money, it also cost us 6-8 weeks on the plan as we had to start the research all over again for a new timber frame supplier. We completed the process over Christmas, and with a fair wind they should be delivering in March.



Our friends and neighbours in Sandford Leaze will be fully aware that we started the site excavations on 5th January, and as we are going to press, the last of the spoil (some 600 tons!) has been taken away – a pretty good achievement in a little over 2 weeks. This has left an enormous hole, but this will soon have a concrete base and retaining walls in place, ready to receive the afore mentioned frame.

Just to make things interesting, we have a Channel 4 film crew following our progress, with Charlie Luxton from 'Building the Dream' giving us his input. We did some shots down by the stream before we started at the site, and future visits will incorporate more views of the village

– hopefully we can get Avening on the map!

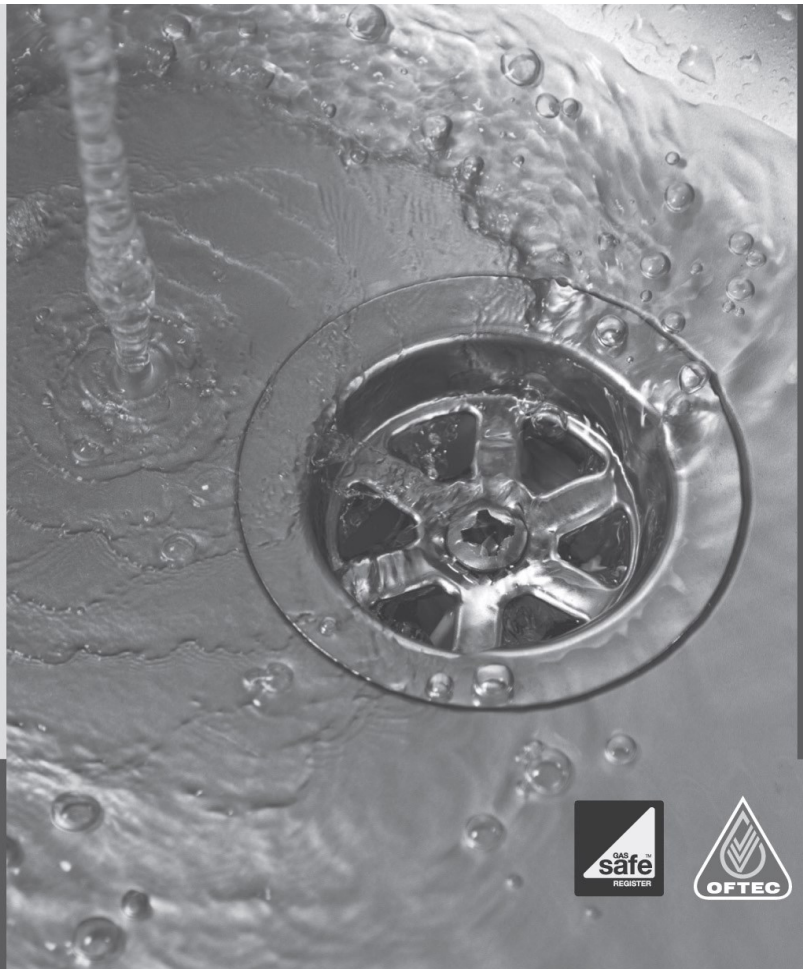
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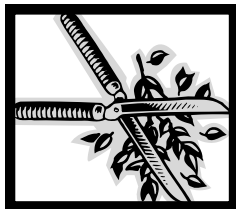


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Down to Earth

'How precious are the flowers of mid-winter!' wrote Vita Sackville-West. Indeed. When they can still hold their little faces towards us after being blasted by winds, battered by hail and crushed by snow, then there are still reasons to be cheerful amidst the gloom. I always find that snowdrop flower buds, before the petals open, are so fragile, so demure and so pure. Fragrant, too. A symbol of hope.



There must be some transcendent quality that drives *galanthus elwesii* otherwise sane individuals into frenzies of galanthophilia. (In 2008 a single specimen of the *galanthus nivalis* 'Flocon de Neige' – snowflake – went for £265!) One especially prized species is the *galanthus elwesii*, discovered by Henry John Elwes during a plant-hunting trip to Turkey in 1874. Elwes was born and lived at Colesbourne Park, just north of Cirencester; his descendants still live in a house on the estate and open the grounds every year at the beginning of February for the spectacle of their snowdrop carpets.

A significant number of shrubs and small trees bear scented winter flowers either with or before the leaves. My *Lonicera purpusii* 'Winter Beauty' is obliging with delicate, white flowers. I had been warned that it had a disorderly habit; it really doesn't seem to know which way to turn. But I rather like it. (Perhaps I have met a kindred spirit!). My small *cornus mas*, or a Cornelian cherry, which I brought here in a pot nearly five years ago, now produces tiny yellow bursts of flower, like sparklers. I hanker after a *chimonanthus praecox*, or wintersweet, but, like the *cornus mas*, this takes several years to flower. The *hamamelis mollis*, or Chinese witch hazel, is another winter beauty, each flower bearing tiny ribbon-like petals.

If you are not in possession of a bucket-load of patience which is required when planting these trees or large shrubs, then go visiting instead and head for the winter garden at Anglesey Abbey, north of Cambridge. The trek across country is well rewarded by the unfolding discoveries as you walk the winding pathway between daphnes and hellebores, *cornus* (dogwood) and *salix* (willow) stems to reach the ghostly white stand of *betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii* (Himalayan birch). In the opposite direction (but same distance) is the garden at RHS Rosemoor, in north Devon, which I intend to visit later this month.

I was pleased to see that my favourite seed company, Kings, was featured in an article in the RHS magazine, The Garden, last month. Seed prices generally are rising as seed production, including F1 hybrids (which some prefer as they are more reliable and can have disease resistance) is outsourced to places as far afield as China (yes!) and South Africa, yet Kings still produces up to 20% of seed at home. It began 125 years ago as a family-run business and retains a local (to Kelvedon, Essex) base. They are always pleasant and knowledgeable to deal with and their seeds are very competitively priced. Another seed company to check out is Franchi Seeds. A

family run business, all their seeds are produced in Italy. Plus, the packets are very generously filled!

It is nearly 300 years since the first inn specifically for *garden visitors* was opened! In 1717 the New Inn at Stowe was built for visitors to the garden which Lord Cobham was creating with a 'dream team' of designers which included John Vanbrugh, Charles Bridgeman, James Gibbs and William Kent. Thomas Jefferson, third President of the USA, made the trip in 1786, although the grand Corinthian arch was not to his liking, having, 'a very useless appearance.' The first guide book to a garden, in 1744, was Benton Seeley's 'A Description of the Gardens of Lord Viscount Cobham, at Stowe in Buckinghamshire',. On the title page are these lines by Alexander Pope:

Here Order in Variety you see,
Where all Things differ, ... yet where all agree!

On May 24 we shall have Evening Open Gardens once again. Put the date in your diary – and watch this space!


Marilyn Jones



Betula utilis var. jacquemontii



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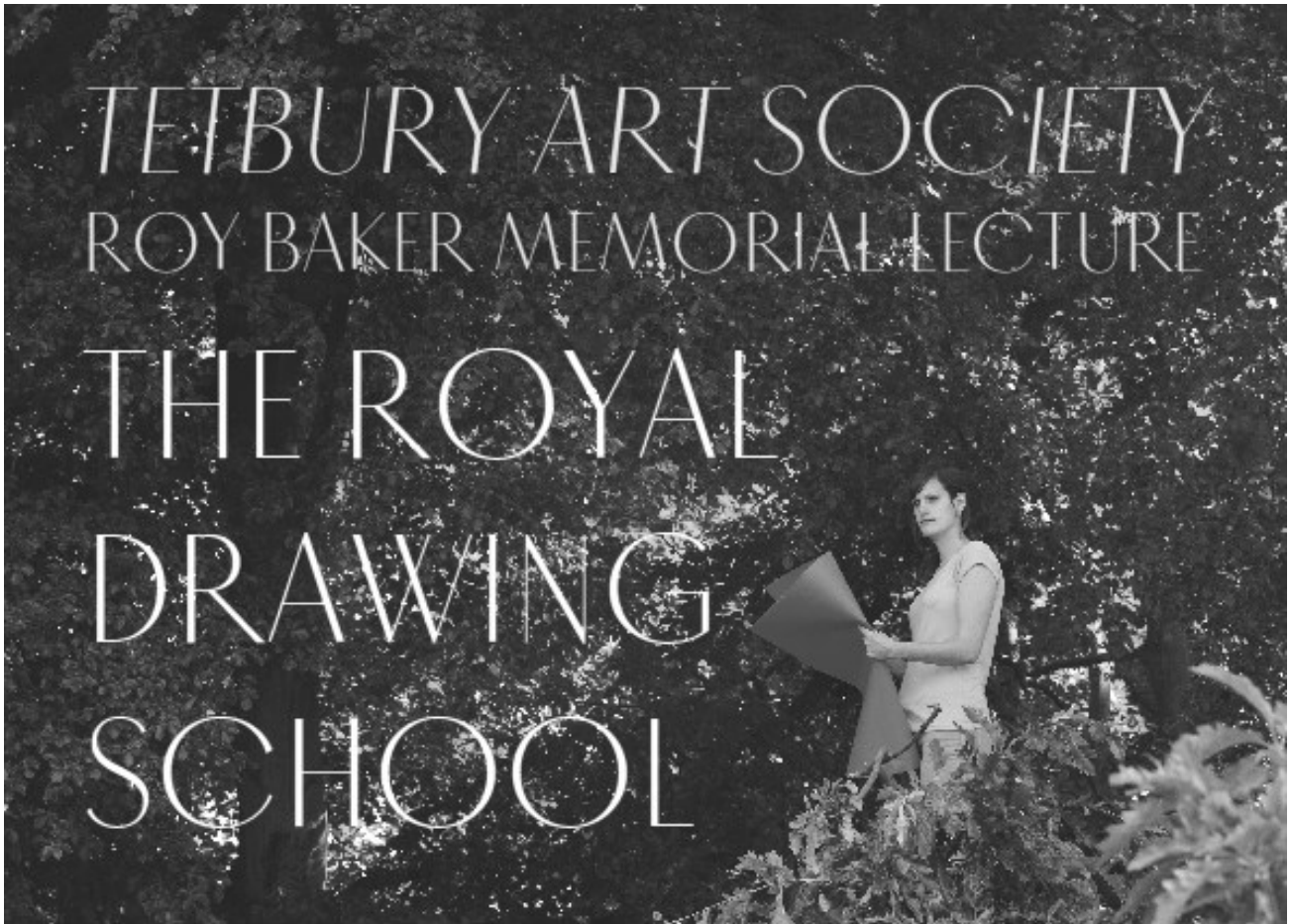
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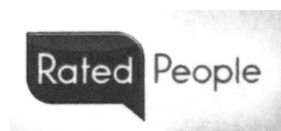
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14/04880/FUL

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14/02911/FUL

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Proposed Road Closure

Gloucestershire County Council's Highways Department have recently informed the Parish Council of a proposed road closure. They are proposing to undertake rebuilding work to a wall supporting the carriageway by St. Nicholas church from the 23rd February for 5 weeks. Councillors are currently looking at the ramifications of this proposal and possible alternatives.

Local Plan Consultation – 16th January to 27th February 2015

Cotswold District Council's Local Plan will be identifying the use of land across the district up to the year 2031. If you would like to comment on proposals then please go to www.cotswold.gov to look at the local plan or you can see a copy in the District Council Office or local libraries.

Closing date for comments is February 27th 2015.

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Feedback on key issues and ideas from last year's surveys and consultations can be found on www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/tp3

Parish Council meetings for 2015

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday March 3rd at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Dates of future meetings:

Saturday April 18th at 10.30 am – Annual Parish Meeting

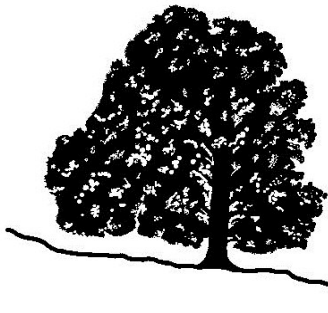
Tuesday 12th May at 6.30pm – Annual Council Meeting

Tuesday 7th July at 6.30pm

Tuesday 1st September at 6.30pm

Tuesday 3rd November at 6.30pm

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



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Avening Parish Council

January 2015



Planning Applications

New Applications

14/05537/FUL

Avening Mill Mill Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8PD: Change of use of commercial/private parking area to the north-west of Avening Mill to residential parking

14/05282/FUL

Overdale Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT: Erection of single storey front extension

Decision Notices Received

14/04224/FUL

Wingfield, 11 Hampton Hill, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8N: Proposed new dwelling and detached garage - **Application Withdrawn 18 December 2014**

14/04703/FUL

Avening Mill, Mill Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8PD: Alterations and extension to existing cottage - **Permitted 18 December 2014**

14/04704/FUL

Avening Mill, Mill Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8PD: Alterations and extension in the conversion of part ground floor of Avening Mill to one residential unit (Unit 1) - **Permitted 18 December 2014**

14/04705/FUL Avening Mill, Mill Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8PD: Conversion of former cart shed to one dwelling - **Permitted 18 December 2014**

People for You

Offer a free local volunteer befriending service for older people. If you or someone you know could benefit from the service contact Sue Black 07810 630167 sue.peopleforyou@grcc.org.uk

If you have an hour a week to spare, why not volunteer ? Contact Sue Black.

CDC Local Plan is now available for consultation:

http://consult.cotswold.gov.uk/portal/fp/local_plan_2011

2031/lpr18/local_plan_reg_18_consultation_development_strategy_and_site_allocations_january_2015

or see the link on the Avening website



We're now on **FACEBOOK!**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Avening/771280462908088?fref=ts>

Please 'like' us and add your events and comments

Next Parish Council Meeting

Will be on **Thursday, 19 February 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall**. Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month. **All Are Welcome.**

www.avening-pc.gov.uk

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

Future of the Memorial Hall

The Committee that has run the Hall so successfully for the past few years is now looking to retire. The Hall is such an important hub for the Village that it now needs a new group of people with the energy to drive it forward and carry out improvements. If you would like to be part of the future of our hall, and are interested in helping the Parish Council to develop this valuable resource come to The Bell on

Tuesday, 3rd February from 7.15 pm

Or contact Tony Slater (669930), Mick Williamson (836318) or the Parish Clerk

What do you know about Parish Councils ?

Parish Councils have their roots the feudal system and Parish Church Vestries but Parish Councils, as we know them today, were formed by the 1894 Local Government Act giving elected corporate bodies the power to raise a precept and the responsibility for the administration of a parish's services and civil functions. The subsequent Local Government Act of 1972 and the Localism Act in 2011 have increased some of the original powers and removed others.

There are about 9,000 Parish Councils in England but not all communities have one:

- some areas are un-parished and administered by Borough or District Councils (this applies to parts of Cheltenham);
- some areas are very small and are served by Parish Meetings which must meet only once a year; and

- some areas are covered by Town Councils, which have exactly the same powers and responsibilities as Parish Councils.

Each tier of local government has responsibility for different services and these are laid down in statute. Parish Councils are often referred to as the 'first' tier of local government, being the closest to its electors. Whilst all 3 tiers - Parish, District and County (unitary in some areas) - impose tax on residents, only Parish Councils are not subject to capping.

Each Parish area is reviewed periodically by the Boundary Commission to ensure that the size of the electorate is equally represented. In practice the District Council carries out this work and such a review has recently taken place together with a review of District Ward boundaries.

There are approximately 900 electors in Avening represented by 9 Parish Councillors; they are voluntary and elected to serve for 4 years. Our next elections will be on 7 May this year when all 9 seats will be open for election. The District Council runs elections and residents whose names appear on the Electoral Register will be able to vote at the Memorial Hall. Sometimes Councillors resign during their term of office and this is known as a Casual Vacancy. Again, CDC will run an election to fill the seat but they require a request from 10 electors to do so. If this fails, then it is up to the Parish Council to co-opt someone to fill the vacancy.

Parish Councils have few duties but the list of powers is really quite staggering ! Provision of allotments, baths and washhouses, burial grounds, bus shelters, support CAB, clocks, community centres, conference facilities, flagpoles, acquire land, lighting, litter, promote lotteries, mortuaries, open spaces, parks and pleasure grounds, comment on planning, public buildings, recreation facilities, village halls, seats, maintain war memorials to name but a few !! In addition, a Parish Council can spend a specified amount each year per elector to benefit the whole community.

The ability to provide all of these services obviously has to be balanced with local need and the inevitable costs which impact on Council Tax.

Your Parish Council meets on the third Thursday of the month in the Memorial Hall. All of our meetings are public and anyone can come and raise issues or just listen to the debate. Councillors are very keen to meet residents and support the community to help make the Village and even better place to live and work.

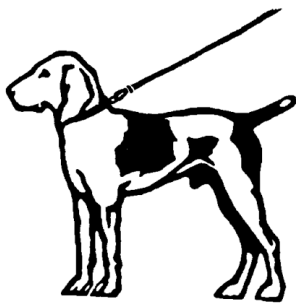
Watch the noticeboards on the front and side of the Memorial Hall and at Nags Head or the website and The Villager for further details.

If you would like more information about the Parish Council or the forthcoming elections please contact the Clerk parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

Responsibilities of a Councillor, the Chairman and the Clerk to follow !!

Avening Playing Fields

Dog Poo on Avening Playing Fields - Please Help!



I am afraid we all know about this problem and do need to address it asap.

The VAST majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dog, but there are a few who don't and it is not good!

If you have a dog, please can you ensure that whoever takes it for a walk picks up the dog's poo. If you ask your children to walk your dog, please remind them about this and ensure that they have a plastic bag or two.

If it is dark, ensure that you keep a sharp eye on your dog, it is so easy to miss that special moment....

If you spot somebody blatantly ignoring their dog poo, either approach them and ask them to remove it or, if you feel that is not appropriate, report them to the Parish Clerk to take further action. (parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk)

Put used bags in the dog poo bins or take them home to dispose of (and don't put them in the hedge!)

We don't want to ban dogs from the Playing Fields but it is being considered.

Please help us getting this under control.

Thank you.

Avening Playing Fields Committee

(Jon Glover, Paul Hancock, Nicholas Winkfield, Chris Turner)



The Mobile Police Station



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Saturday February 14th
in Avening from 09.00 to 10.00 and
Cherington 10.15 to 11.15

Church Services in Avening & Cherington February

Date	Time	Church	Service Details
1st February	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion (BCP)
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
8th February	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion (BCP)
	09.30	Cherington	Matins (BCP)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
15th February	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion (BCP)
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Wednesday 18th February	7.00pm	Avening	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion (CW)
22nd February	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00	Cherington	Family Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Family Service
1st March	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion (BCP)
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)

COFFEE WILL BE SERVED IN AVENING CHURCH AFTER THE SERVICE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Lent 2015

The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is on the 18th February. Poppy and I have decided, at the request of several members of our congregations, to run a course on Prayer. We shall be using primarily two resources, The Holy Bible and a course book titled, Life Source: A Five-session Course on Prayer for Lent by Robert Warren and Kate Bruce.

At times prayer can seem like hard work or a bit of a mystery. At other times it is an encounter with the Living God. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, Life Source will encourage a discovery of new found joy and and delight in prayer for novices and old-hands alike. The course combines Bible study and discussions with a creative, hands on exploration of five prayer patterns drawn from the richness of Christian heritage. In five interactive sessions this course aims to help groups explore:

Source of Life:	Prayer as relationship.
Source of Joy:	Prayer as enjoying God.
Source of Light:	Prayer as listening.
Source of Wholeness:	Prayer as honesty.
Source of Love:	Prayer as care.

The course begins on Monday 23rd February at 7:30pm at Avening Rectory. You are most welcome to join us: if you would like a copy of the accompanying course book please contact Peter (email quinnell708@btinternet.com)

Further reading: you may find these books helpful.....

How to Pray by John Pritchard

Prayer through Life by Stephen Cottrell



Church Floodlighting

Avening church has been floodlit recently in memory of the following:

20th December

Maurice Wagstaff : Two years have gone Dad and we still miss you.

Kim and Bob, Darren, Beckie, Tam and Pheobe.

22nd January

Remembering Basil Fletcher on his Birthday

Sylvia, John, Valerie and Celia and families

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

*If you would like to have this in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event, contact **Paul Brown 01453 835 983***

The cost is £5.00 for 2 hours

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 2nd February	Book Club	The Bell	7.30pm
Tuesday 3rd February	Future of the Memorial Hall	The Bell	7.15pm
Friday 13th February - Friday 20th February	Half Term	Avening Primary School	
Thursday 19th February	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Friday 20th February	Avening Film Club	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Monday 23rd February	1st Lent meeting	Avening Rectory	7.30pm
Wednesday 25th February	Community Shop Open Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 3rd March	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	6.30pm
Wednesday 11th March	Tetbury Art Society (Royal Drawing School)	Highgrove House	2.15pm
Saturday 18th April	Cherington Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	10.30am
Thursday 7th May	National and Local Elections	Memorial Hall	All day
Sunday 7th June	Avening Fete and Art Show	Around village	Afternoon

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