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#### **July 2015**

The editors were delighted to receive Villager of the Year Award at the recent Avening Annual Village Meeting. Two other Villager of the Year Awards were made; one to Cassie for her work with the Youth Club and the other to Alex for her work for the school library. At the same time, Jim Parsons was honoured for his hard work for the village over many years. Congratulations to all the Award Winners.

Although the Editors were the grateful recipients, this was an award made to the whole team, which includes Riley for proof-reading and Cas, Wendy, and Gwyneth, without whose efforts organising distribution and advertisements, the Villager wouldn't survive. To be recognised by the community in this way is heartening for all of us. It is obvious that the magazine is widely read and we were appreciative of the positive feedback given at the meeting, on the subject of the new format. Any pleasure our readers derive is equally matched by the editors' enjoyment of the many topical and interesting articles and letters which we receive from you each month.

Keep them coming ..... without you, the Villager would be so much less rewarding for readers and editors alike!

And finally, we're sure you would like to join us in wishing co-editor Derrick a speedy recovery and hope he is home from hospital soon.

The Villager Editors

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Many thanks to **Derrick Pierce** for our cover photo of a tree coming into leaf near Longman's Barn Farm. 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.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday 7.30 - Social Club		Mel 01453 833760	
Flamenco Dancing	Monday (excluding school and bank holidays)	7.00 - 8.00 pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
Cherington PC	4th Tuesday Bi-monthly	6.30pm	Village Hall	Frances 01453767384
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.15 - 7.45pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Steve 07807 744444
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 Art and craft Group	Thursday	10.00am	Longmans Barn	Mick 01453 836318
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090

# Avening Playgroup Needs Your Help!



Thank you to everyone who came to our meeting at Playgroup on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. We now have some volunteers who will join the playgroup committee in July.

However, we still urgently need volunteers to become the Chair and Secretary and Treasurer. These posts can be held by anyone, you don't have to be a parent of a child currently attending playgroup.

If you are able to help us by taking one of these roles from July or with fundraising, please telephone Playgroup any morning on 01453 832695 or call Pip on 07526 187292 to let us know.

Our AGM will be held at Playgroup on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Playgroup, anyone interested is welcome to join us.



'Salt and Pepper' - orphan lambs hand reared by bottle by Eric Carter. First 'outing' to Avening Primary School at one week old.

Photo taken by Eric (aged 12 years)

Submitted by Celia Carter

# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



As we approach the end of the academic year, and school reports are handed out to nervous students, I thought I would be fun to join my teacher friends, and issue a report for the village institutions. So, with tongue firmly in cheek:

**The Church** – got into some fights this year, and as a result has fallen out with a number of friends. Will need a little love and affection to put this behind them.

**The School** – Another strong performance, but suffered an unexpected dip in attendance this year – I'm sure things will be back to normal next term.

**The Playgroup** — Received an excellent report earlier in the year, but has struggled a little to keep up with the pace of change, and doesn't really want to stay all day. Have asked playgroup to sit next to the school for mutual support, so they can develop stronger together.

**The Villager** – This year's star pupil! Very popular with all ages, and tries to speak to everyone – has grown in confidence since having a recent makeover.

**Playing Field** – Must try harder. Has failed to complete homework on time, and gets distracted by playing on the bike. Looks quite dishevelled, and hasn't really progressed from the 1970s, despite some promising ideas.

**Village Hall** – Has been suffering this year following a loving parent's departure, but a new partner is helping to get back on track. May still need additional support.

**Local Roads** – Still bottom of the class, and has fallen well behind what is required. Makes occasional efforts when pushed, but needs to work much harder.

#### And finally:

**The Parish Council** – Often feisty, and can be argumentative. This could lead to a trip to the head's office or detention, but with a little discipline should make a big contribution.

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Thanks to everyone who came, and those who helped set up the displays and catering. Congratulations to all of our Villager of the year winners, and also for Jim's lifetime of service award. We had some great feedback and ideas, so watch this space for developments.

Tony Slater Chairman, Avening Parish Council

# **Letter From the Parish Priest**



I hope, like me, you are still enjoying your memories of the wonderful fete on Sunday 7th June. Wasn't it a wonderful community occasion! We were so blessed with lovely sunshine, and there was such a happy buzz all around the village. It was great to see so many people enjoying the stalls, games, music, arts and crafts, and delicious things to eat ... not forgetting all the entertainment of the dog show!

So many thanks to everyone who made the fete possible: to Stephanie Hamilton and her team for all the planning through the year, and organising the day; to everyone who made donations and worked on the stalls and games; and to all who came along.

And thank you for all the money we raised to support the work of the church - and in particular to maintain our lovely church and church yard. Of course, in one way, we don't need a building to worship God - we can do that anywhere. And yet it lies at the heart of our life together. It is the place where generations of families, friends and neighbours have come together for christenings, weddings and funerals, committing to God these events of our lives. The place we meet each week to worship God and pray for ourselves and the world. And the place where we come together as a community through the year at the great festivals like Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. Our church is a heart in the community, a sacred place, where heaven and earth meet, and we can connect with God and with each other in his loving presence. Thank you for all you do to support our lovely building with money raised at the fete and through the year.

At the fete, you may also have met the Reverend Canon Michael Irving and his wife Clare. Michael is a retired priest, living now in Painswick, and I am delighted he will be with us over the coming months, leading our services in Avening and Cherington. I'm sure Michael is already well known to many people, having served as a parish priest in four parishes in Gloucester Diocese, the last in Minchinhampton where he was Rector for 12 years. And he is actively involved in local life, including his role as a Deputy Lieutenant of Gloucestershire. It is great to have Michael with us, and our thanks to him for all he is doing.

I hope you have a happy month, enjoying the summer.

With love and prayers,

Poppy

The Revd Poppy Hughes, Parish Priest
The Benefice of Avening with Cherington

## **Avening Village Meeting**



Tony presents Frances and Jane (Villager Editors) and Cassie (Youth Club) with their 'Villager of the Year' awards



Tony Slater, Avening Parish Council Chairman



Jim Parsons is presented with a special award for his many services to Avening

Many thanks to Julian Charrington for these photos from the Avening Village meeting on June 4th.



David addresses a few questions about the plans for a community village shop



#### **Avening Church Fete**



A huge thank you to all those who helped in any way with this years very successful fete: - setting up, clearing, organising ducks and dogs, art and craft, stall holders, bell ringers, the WI for their lovely teas and the Playgroup for looking after the children, Stephen for all his hard work getting the churchyard ready and thanks to Nick for our amazing flags!



Also thank you to everyone who came and supported on such a wonderfully hot, sunny afternoon. Judging by all the positive feedback a really happy time was had by all.

Stephanie Hamilton - Fete committee Chair

(and thanks to Hazel Redding and Julian Charrington for these photos. More in a later edition - Eds)

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## Avening W.I.

This being the Centenary Year of the W.I. there have been many additional events planned. Firstly, one representative from each W.I. in England and Wales was invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace. I was the lucky one from a ballot of those wishing to attend. It was an extremely windy afternoon and many of the ladies' hats were seen rolling across the Palace lawns with their owners in pursuit! There were four Royals in attendance; the Duchess of Cornwall (who is a member of Tetbury W.I.), Sophie Wessex, Duchess of Gloucester, and Princess Alexandra. We were given a very elegant tea and entertained by 2 military bands. There was plenty of time to stroll around the gardens which were surprisingly informal but very beautiful.

Two days later another representative from Avening, Di Wall, attended the A.G.M. and conference at the Albert Hall. The Queen, Princess Royal and Sophie Wessex attended and the Queen cut a centenary cake. The main speakers at the conference were Lucy Worsley who is preparing a TV programme about the history of the W.I. and Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, the Paralympic athlete.

Our own more humble events have continued with another enjoyable walk around Amberley. Our speaker this month was Diane Gaskins who gave a summer cookery demonstration preparing 4 different dishes at the same. Her simple pea and mint soup was really delicious.

The ladies of the Avening W.I. provided refreshments at the Village Meeting and teas at the very successful Village Fete. They were extremely busy all afternoon and the cream teas were much admired!

The summer coach outing to Hampton Court Castle and Gardens near Leominster will be on 13<sup>th</sup> August leaving at 9 a.m. near the Village School. The cost will be £20 or £18 concessions. Everyone welcome. This should be a really enjoyable day. Please ring me to book your seat on 836556.

**Gwyneth Simpson** 

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## **Avening School**

#### It's that time of the year again!

It's hard to believe that we've come to the end of another school year... already! This year has flown by, but when you look back at everything that has happened - the sports events, the school trips, the school performances and concerts, the visits, the after school activities, and not to mention the constant learning, perhaps it is time for a holiday! However, before we reach the end of term, there are still some exciting things planned, including our Y6 leavers' tea party for parents and supporters of the school and our annual school summer fete. Organised every year by FOAS, the summer fete is always the perfect way to combine essential fundraising with plenty of fun! This year we have firm favourites including teas and cakes, the Avening boat race, our amazing Avening second-hand bookstall, class run stalls and brand new additions to our line-up such as our mystery Wonka trail and performances including country dancing and cheerleading.

#### Join us on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July - 12 - 2.30pm.

Money raised will go towards paying coach expenses for next year's school trips and sports events, providing new books for our library and classrooms, equipping the classrooms with new furniture and updating our IT equipment with tablet computers and touch screen whiteboards.

School is also having an 'arts week' inspired by the four elements – Earth, Air, Water and Fire. We have a team of professionals joining us to enrich the learning, including an artist, musician, fashion designer and story-teller. The week will culminate in a performance and celebration for parents, to include a



much anticipated catwalk show!

At the end of June, we celebrated all things sporty with our annual school sponsored walk, followed by our School sports morning the next day. Our Y5/6 Owls Class also had a fantastic time on their residential trip to

South Cerney where they took part in activities such as raft building and paddle boarding.

Summer term wouldn't be complete without our annual Musical Soiree – always a highlight of the year and this year was no exception with inspiring performances



from both our KS1 and KS2 choirs as well as our violinists and guitarists.

As always the last week of term promises to be an emotional one with fond farewells and good luck to all our Y6 leavers as they embark on exciting new adventures in secondary school and also to our Owls class teacher, Ms Geller, who will be joining the team at Nailsworth Primary School in September as Deputy Headteacher. We wish Ms Geller and our entire Y6 all the best for the future and look forward to welcoming our new reception pupils in September, as well as a new teacher for our Owls class, Miss Smith.

On behalf of all at Avening School, thank you for your support throughout this past academic year and we look forward to starting afresh in September.

A wonderful Summer to you all!

Alex Adcock

# **Avening Youth Club**

#### The Youth Club meets every Tuesday evening Avening Memorial Hall

6.15 to 7.45 pm

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Now that The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is full up with its long-term residents, co-managers Muriel Donnelly (Maggie Smith) and Sonny Kapoor (Dev Patel) have a dream of expansion, and they've found just the place: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. With plans underway, Evelyn and Douglas (Judi Dench and Bill Nighy) venture into the Jaipur workforce, wondering where their regular breakfast dates will lead. Meanwhile, Norman and Carol (Ronald Pickup and Diana Hardcastle) navigate the swirling waters of an exclusive relationship, as Madge (Celia Imrie) juggles two very eligible suitors, and recent arrival Guy Chambers (Richard Gere) finds a muse in Sonny's mother, Mrs. Kapoor (Lillete Dubey) for his next novel. As his marriage to Sunaina (Tina Desai), the love of his life, quickly approaches, Sonny finds his plans for the new hotel making more claims on his time than he has available. Perhaps the only one who may know the answers is Muriel, the keeper of everyone's secrets. As the big day nears, family and guests alike find themselves swept up in the irresistible intoxication of an Indian wedding.



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#### Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

Just a quick note to say Avening Silver Band were very grateful for the donation of money collected from the funeral of June Jellyman recently. She loved our band and although not playing for the last few years she would regularly attend fetes and sit nearby to enjoy listening to us.

If any of your readers are interested in playing with us we would be very pleased to welcome new players. We can lend instruments. We practice on a Monday evening at Minchinhampton Baptist Church at 7.30pm. We play at various summer fetes and at Christmas time lots of carols. To boost numbers, players from King Stanley band and Woodford band join us.

You are never too old to start!

For more information please contact our band master, Jim Hill, on 01453 834438/01453 834438.

#### Emma Evans, Avening Silver Band

The Editors are always happy to receive and print letters of concern or interest to the people of Avening and Cherington, but reserve the right not to publish if we consider they are inappropriate or offensive. We stress that letters represent the opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the Editors or the Villager Magazine.

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People For You provides a volunteer befriending service offering regular companionship to the isolated, housebound, vulnerable and older people in our community.

We introduce a reliable, local volunteer who visits you regularly in the comfort and privacy of your own home. The volunteer will visit regularly – and their visits also provide a unique opportunity for the volunteer to let you know what is happening in your community.

It's a sad fact that with an ageing population, families scattered or no family at all, a lot of older people do not receive regular companionship and People For You tackles this very issue head on.

As we all celebrate VE Day, never let us forget that the older generation have some wonderful memories to share, such a rich vein of history to tap into - what a sacrilege if these memories were never shared, and consequently lost.

Needless to say, our volunteers are the lifeblood of the service, they bring joy, they bring pleasure, they bring a bit of gossip but, most importantly, they bring themselves. We simply couldn't exist without their support. And we have a lovely group of volunteers that visit in the community doing a wonderful, wonderful job. It is heart-warming for me, as project co-ordinator, to hear how both parties' lives are enriched.

So if you have the empathy and commitment to be a volunteer please do get in touch. We provide training, ongoing support and also an opportunity to forge new friendships. Remember – it only takes an hour a week to transform someone's life.

No-one needs to feel alone or un-heard - this service is here to support you.

Please contact Sue Black (project co-ordinator) on 07810 630167 / 01452 528491 or email sue.peopleforyou@grcc.org.uk



#### **Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman**



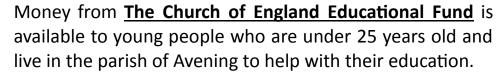
Avening welcomed the Internationally renowned folk duo of Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman on Thursday 11th June when they played a superb concert in the Church of the Holy Cross.

An audience of over 70 enjoyed a 90 minute concert filled with beautifully crafted folk songs many of which came from their new album, *Tomorrow Will Follow Today*. Many of the songs were written by Kathryn and Sean, although several traditional West Country songs were woven into the program. At the interval, the artists mingled with the audience and answered questions as well as selling a range of their CD's like hot cakes.

At the end of the gig, the audience showed their appreciation by demanding an encore and a thoroughly good evening was had by all.

Peter Best

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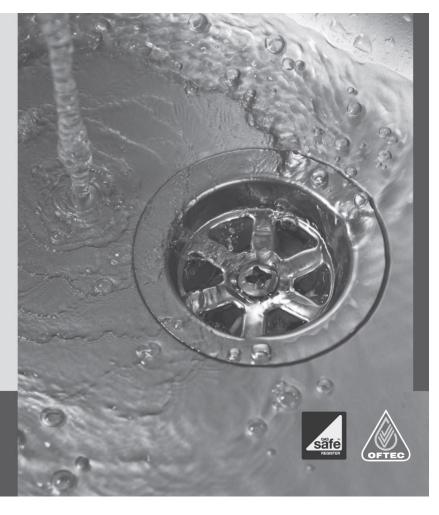
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My name is David Martin. I live in Nailsworth and I'm the local consultant for *Steele Rose & Co* – one of the UK's Premier Professional Home Visit Will Writers. After 22 years serving my country in the RAF, I have spent the last 28 years of my life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

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# Diary of a Self-Build

#### Part 7

After months of anticipation, the day finally arrived – at 9.30 the first truck arrived with our 'flat packed' house on board.

Within an hour or so, everything was unloaded, and the erection team were off to work. By the end of the first evening, we had the lower ground floor almost complete, and were ready to crack on the



next morning. However, that's when the problems started. There were a number of vital components that hadn't been sent, and the next delivery wasn't until the next day, so progress was minimal. But it gave us time to do the latest update for 'Building the Dream' (Charlie will be coming in August!), and spend some quality time with the architect.

Quite a good day on Wednesday, but then the erectors realised they had the wrong plans. Not only that, there were more bits missing, including a critical Glulam beam that hadn't even been made! Originally, the suppliers said we wouldn't need a crane, but due to the size of the steels we had to scrabble around at the last minute to hire one. Mandy had a very high stress day on Thursday trying to sort everything out, with the help of Shaun and James, our builders.



At the end of week one, and after the G&Ts had done their magic, we could reflect on the overall success of the operation; there are still issues to overcome, but nothing that can't be resolved. On the way we have tried to educate our young 'urchin' erectors that on a residential site, it is not acceptable to be 'effing and jeffing' loudly, and that they need to pay at least a passing nod to health & safety!

**Tony and Mandy Slater** 

#### The Mobile Police Station

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#### **Down to Earth**

'A tangle of honeysuckle is one of the essentials of the English garden. It is a link with our native hedgerows and with our earliest cottage gardens, and a symbol of our scorn of formal gardening and classical symmetry.' Thus wrote Stephen Lacey. (The Startling Jungle: Colour and Scent in the Romantic Garden). In Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream', Titania slept:

'Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine'.

Both the name 'woodbine', with its evocation of twining tendrils, and 'honeysuckle', referring to the nectar, are indicative of the plant's place in our native heritage.

Its fragrance is strongest in the evening when it attracts the pollinating moths, so a good position would be close to the house or entrance gate or forming a bower over a west-facing seat (so placed that the sunset may be enjoyed, wine in hand?). I planted five, a couple of years ago, yet still the most scented is the one that was already planted. (Does attractiveness increase with age, I wonder?)

Although I have a couple against a wall, this is not the best place, as you then need to provide a few pins and wires and inevitably the honeysuckle entwines and embraces itself. A three-dimensional structure, such as a tree, trellis or shed roof, provides a more suitable subject for clothing in 'luscious woodbine'. The semi-evergreen *lonicera purpusii* 'Winter Beauty' is very fragrant and more of a bush than a climber, but be warned: it has a wayward habit and will go every which way it will.



Corner of the garden, Snowshill Manor

At Snowshill Manor, high above the Cotswold escarpment, you will find honeysuckles and red valerian clothing the walls and all manner of 'spilly', romantic plantings in a pleasingly eccentric series of garden rooms. To quote Stephen Lacey again, **Snowshill Manor represents** 'traditional England at its picture-postcard best'.

Charles Paget Wade (1883 – 1956) was an English architect and poet, gardener and collector, who bought and developed the gardens at Snowshill Manor in the 1920s. While his diverse and eclectic collections fill the house, the garden acquires its idiosyncratic character from features such as a 'nychthemeron', or wall-mounted zodiac clock, a figure of St George poised to strike a bell, and aphorisms painted on wooden boards. Garden furniture, doors and ornaments were all painted in his own paint mix, a kind of smokey turquoise blue. Highly individual, enchanting and worth a visit.

A similar shade of blue was used on all wooden structural work at the Chateau de Brécy, which we visited recently. Just as 'Wade blue' served to enhance the Cotswold stone and surrounding green at Snowshill, so the blue at Brécy enhanced the Caen stone used in the building there. Others use a red

bridge Japanese to make statement. We have one here in Avening! There is also a series of four or five in the water garden at Wilton House (Wiltshire). Biddulph Grange Staffordshire, (shown here) designed by James Bateman, an archetypal Victorian collector diverse exotica, has an enchanting Chinese temple and bridge, appropriately painted in red, green and yellow.



Biddulph Grange Chinese garden

Plant colour can make a statement, too. There is the bold, carefree abandon of unthemed variety; the calm, considered schemes of shades of pink, white and blue; the Jekyllesque planning of 'hot' and 'cool' colours. Ah, yes. Then there is Christopher Lloyd. In his book 'Colour for Adventurous Gardeners' he urges us to be bold and embrace daring combinations. Nobody could do it quite like Christopher Lloyd. The photos in the book are of stunning plant partnerships and juxtapositions. But Great Dixter was — and is - a garden of dedication and high maintenance. If a plant were fading or failing, or the combination simply didn't work, it would be replaced, even if the replacement were still in its pot.

In our more modest ways, we can make statements with colour, too. In the year of the Jubilee (and in subsequent years, owing to failure of imagination) the six bowls opposite our front door were filled with red and white geraniums and blue lobelia. This year I planted pink geraniums and am glad I did: pink for Princess Charlotte and pink for Breast Cancer Awareness.

**Marilyn Jones** 



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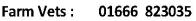
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## **Cherington Parish Council**

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# Church Services in Avening & Cherington in July

Date	Time	Church	Service Details
5th July	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
12th July	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
19th July	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
26th July Cherington Show	9.30	Cherington	No Service
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW) and Baptism
2nd August	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)

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

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Please note that there will be no family praise service in July

## **Dates For Your Diary**

Wednesday 8th July	Film Club: Second Best Marigold Hotel	Social Club	7.30pm
Saturday 11th July	Avening School Fete	Around school and gardens	12-2.30pm
Sunday 12th July	Music and Picnic	Longmans Barn	12 Noon
Wednesday 15th July	Playgroup AGM	Playgroup	7.30pm
Friday 17th July	End of term	Avening School	
Sunday 26th July	Cherington Show	Around the village	From 2.00pm
Saturday 1st August	Deadline for Applications for Education Fund		
Thursday 13th August	WI Outing to Hampton Court Castle	Meet at Avening School	9am
Thursday 3rd September	Back to school	Avening School	



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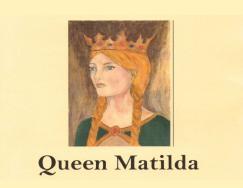
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