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It seems unbelievable, but the next issue of The Villager will be the bumper Christmas and New Year edition. Where has the year gone? Don't forget to let us know about any Christmas festivities in Avening or Cherington. There's a new event this Christmas in Cherington - a Christmas Fair at Trull Farm on 8th December- and lots of other events already planned so it should be a busy and fun-packed time!

We were very pleased to receive a lovely letter from a reader (see Letters, page 16), pointing out how lucky we are to have so many facilities available in and close to our villages (despite the absence of a Village Shop, which will hopefully be remedied in the not too distant future). Many of these can be found advertising in these pages - so if you do source a tradesperson or service through this magazine, make sure you let the advertiser know, so they will remember to continue advertising. And if your business has something special to offer for the festive season, why not let us all know through an advert in the Villager?

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Many thanks to **Richard Jordan** for our cover photo of a recent sunset in West End Lane. 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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THE CHRISTMAS FOOD HALL



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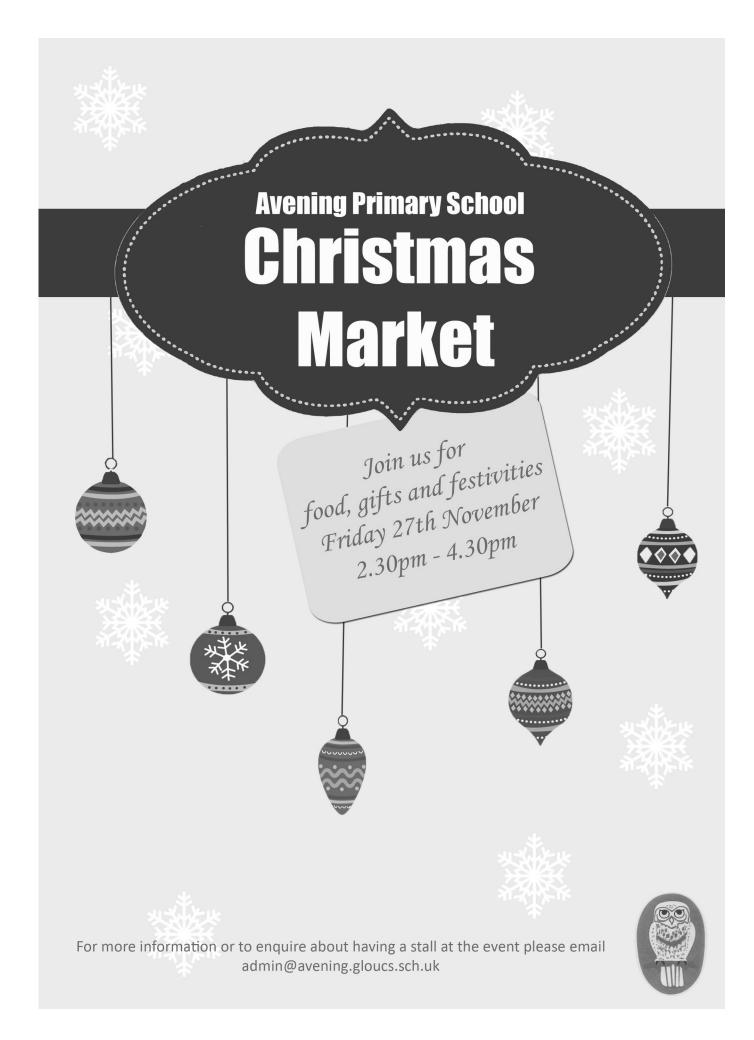
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What's On In Avening and Cherington

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
Flamenco Dancing	Monday (excluding school and bank holidays)	7.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
Cherington PC	4th Tuesday Bi-monthly	6.30pm	Village Hall	Frances 01453767384
Baby and Toddler Group	Tuesday	1.30 - 3.00pm	Avening Playgroup	
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.15 - 7.45pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Steve 07807 700004
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



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Letter From the Parish Priest

In Avening we are fortunate to live in peaceful surroundings, but there are areas of the world where the threat of bomb or bullet in the name of politics or fundamentalist religion, of one sort or another, is a reality. Our age has seen horrendous acts of violence which never cease to dismay or confound us.

The weeks surrounding Remembrance Day remind us again of those who laid down their lives in the vast armed conflicts of the two World Wars, and the more recent conflicts in the hope of a better and more peaceful world. Yet we are perplexed to be inheritors of an even more violent world than previously. We are distressed by the latest wars in Syria and the Middle East and other political tensions that might break into conflict. How do we make sense of it? What is a Christian perspective on it?

First, we have to recognise that terrorism for the evil that it is. The violence and killing that goes on in this way is evil and sinful. No cause justifies this means – no end justifies the violent ways we see being used in so many places in the world to bring about people's political and religious demands. Such wars do not meet the criteria of a 'just war' as expounded by St Thomas Aquinas.

Secondly, such dark times are, in many ways, at the centre of the Christian Faith, not least as we see in the crucifixion of Jesus on the first Good Friday. Here again was the misuse of law using violent means to get rid of an innocent man. Of course it did not rid us of him, but released him through what we call the Resurrection. The Christian Faith maintains that, in the end, evil cannot ultimately succeed – costly loving will eventually win. However, it is costly – so very costly – and we regularly see that cost portrayed upon our television screens.

Thirdly, what does the Faith say? In the long run the only true way to change anything of lasting value is by a change of heart, our individual hearts and the heart of community. That is not at all easy. The call to justice and reconciliation is a tough and demanding challenge for all of us, individually and corporately....

Fourthly, November - the season of Remembrance - starts at the beginning of the month with those who have risen to that challenge. We remember them on the All Saints Day. They are those women and men who have done ordinary things in extraordinary ways. The saints of God are not sugary, pious people but really human, Christ-like people thinking and working beyond themselves and at cost to themselves. Fifthly, the Christian Faith says that this life is not all there is. Of course it is vitally important how we live our lives here and now, but beyond this life, we share in the great communion of saints, the resurrection of Christ and in the glorious presence of God – though what the geography of this is no-one knows! This knowledge should be with us always, but it should never detract from the fact that it is here and now that we are to put Christ's costly love in action and confront evil with that love and the consequences of so loving. In the end, evil men and women can never overcome that love which nothing can destroy.

I am looking forward to my first Remembrance Service in Avening and hope that as many as can join us at the Parish Church for the Remembrance Service on 8th November starting at 10.50 am. We will be there to honour and remember those who laid down their lives for a more hopeful and peaceful world. We must not forget them or the sacrifice they made.

With my best wishes and every blessing,

Michael Irving



Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



One of the biggest problems of running an organisation as a volunteer is the need to be aware of, understand, and implement the myriad of legal, health and safety, and people requirements required, before you even try to do what you joined for. Some of the people stuff is based on common sense – treat everyone equally; don't say or write anything inappropriate; and listen to everyone's point of view. But what about the legal implications – where committees change, over time, any built up experience can be lost, especially where there is a complete change of membership. Rules and regulations also change over time, so it's very difficult to keep on top of things. However, failing to do so can have huge implications – it could invalidate insurance cover, which could lead to massive problems for the organisation, and a big overhead (both in time and money) to sort everything out.

My concern is that this burden on volunteers is now so great that it will be increasingly difficult to maintain village organisations without professional help. The PC recognised this in the budget review last year, and we now engage experts to help look after the village hall – this model will most likely need to be expanded to other areas where we are ultimately responsible.

I am very fortunate to have gained two new councillors with wide-ranging experience of health & safety, and fire regulations. Added to the other expertise within the team, we are in a good position to bring everything we have responsibility for up to date, and also offer help elsewhere. The downside is that where we are 'turning over stones' and asking questions, a lot of remedial work is being identified – we know the fire precautions in the hall need to be upgraded, and there are also some structural issues that need fixing. This is not a criticism of any previous members of village management committees; it is just that requirements change over time, and an old building always needs love and attention. Bringing things up to scratch will obviously take money to fix, but thankfully we had the foresight to build up our reserves over the last few years, so are able to prioritise this at the moment.

The good news is that we have been able to get the hall infrastructure improvements underway, resolve the legal complications associated with the charitable status (mostly thanks to the clerk's efforts), and appoint a bookings clerk, so when the new hall committee forms (see the meeting details in the PC update later), the members will be able to concentrate on the day to day running and longer term strategy, knowing they have the backup of the PC if they need it.

Tony Slater, Chairman, Avening Parish Council



Avening W.I.

At the recent Minchinhampton Flower Festival the theme was "Celebrating the Centenary of the Women's Institute". We were one of 17 groups taking part and our particular theme was the W.I. and its contribution to "Dig for Victory" during the Second World. We were allocated the large space around and over the pulpit. Fortunately one member, Gill Adams, who was experienced in flower arranging, made the formal part while a small team of novices decorated the area with hay bales, old tools, old watering cans and baskets, a Dig for Victory poster, fruit, vegetables, jams and chutneys and plenty of greenery cut from hedgerows. We were very pleased with our effort and we were asked to leave it in place for the Harvest Festival Service the following week.

The W.I. skittles team has reached the semi-final of the Plate competition which will be against Marle Hill W.I. and will be held at the Beacon Inn at Haresfield. Our quiz team came second in the County Quiz competition which is the best result we have ever had. A very large number of teams are entered in the County Quiz so our team has been a real credit to our W.I.

We have two workshops arranged in the next few weeks on willow weaving and making dresses from pillow cases for African girls from very poor villages.

We continue to have our monthly walks. The last one was from Chavenage to Beverstone. The next is around Malmesbury.

Our October meeting was our birthday meeting when we have wine and a buffet. This year Avening W.I. is proud to be celebrating 85 years of existence. At this meeting we had a very good speaker in Paul Evans who presented prose, poetry and country tales. He was most entertaining.

Gwyneth Simpson

On 6th November we are holding another of our popular fun quizzes with a ploughman's supper. Proceeds will go to the Shelter Box Charity. Teams of four will be charged £16 to include food. Everyone will be welcome. The quiz will start in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. Our Christmas shopping trip this year will be to Cardiff on 25th November leaving the Memorial Hall at 9.15 a.m. Villagers and friends are most welcome to join us on this trip at £12 per head. Please contact Gwyneth on 01453 836556 to reserve your seat.



Avening School

A Time to Celebrate and Commemorate.

It was celebration time at school last month when we marked the one year birthday of the school library. It's difficult to believe that it has been a whole year since the builders pulled back the boards and revealed our newly refurbished offices, staff room, learning space and school library. A year on we decided to mark the occasion by having a week of activities in and around the library which included; a poster competition, an open library after school each day and a 'dress up as a book character' day - we had a school full of literary figures from 'Where's Wally' to 'Robin Hood'! The library has not only provided the children with the opportunity to borrow books on a weekly basis but it has also instilled an enthusiasm for reading and enabled children to explore different genres and authors. It is largely thanks to the generosity of our local community and businesses that our library is filled with such an interesting and diverse selection of books. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a book for the library and if you haven't done so but would like to, feel free to contact the school office for more information.

This year's Open Day was a roaring success with lots of new faces and some fantastic comments from visitors. Members of our school council and the school house captains acted as tour guides and did the school proud with their enthusiasm and excellent communication skills.

This month we open our doors to more new visitors as we launch 'Fledgings' – a weekly afternoon session for pre-school children aged from 0-4. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to come together in a friendly atmosphere. During each session children will be given opportunities to explore a range of activities such as messy play, sand and water, puzzles, construction and creative activities, such as playdough, painting and junk modelling, led and supported by members of our Early Years Team. Fledging's will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2 – 3pm. For more information please contact the school office on (01453) 833191.



The Kestrels (Y1/2) welcomed members of the local fire brigade to the school last month as part of their term topic 'Fire and Ice'. The visiting firemen gave them a demonstration and explained how the equipment works and even let the children have a go for themselves, letting them hold the fire hose and sound the siren which created great excitement amongst all present (teachers included!)

Meanwhile, the KS2 classes were paying visits to their local Tesco's as part of their 'farm to fork' initiative, which is aimed at creating awareness amongst children, explaining where food comes from and how it gets to the shops. Pupils were given a tour of the store, set challenges and given samples of cheeses, breads and fruit to try.

The first half of term ended with the harvest festival where this year the children brought in donations for Stroud Foodbank. Members of the school council will personally deliver the donations later on this month.

To mark the WW1 Centenary, pupils from the Owls Class (Y5/6) have written poems for a special exhibition that is being held at The Comrades Club in Nailsworth on Saturday 7th November. The children will be visiting the exhibition and will meet author and historian Andrew Robertshaw who will talk to them about WW1. The whole school will also be paying their respects at Avening's war memorial, with children reading names from Avening's roll of honour and the School Council placing crosses around the foot of the memorial. Local historian Fred Vening will join the School and organise the playing of the last post.

We now look forward to preparing for this year's Christmas productions. Details of these will be in next months issue......watch this space!

FOAS news:

We are planning to organise a 'Village Dinosaur Hunt' as an annual event commencing Spring 2016, Any households/organisations wanting to be involved can contact luciehawkins@hotmail.com for more information on this.

Alex Adcock

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

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

Certain events occurred the other day that made us realise how lucky Avening is I having local efficient tradesmen to use.

- The washing machine started to leak and it was fixed the same day.
- The oven stopped heating up and within the same day a new heating element was supplied and installed.
- The lawn needed cutting and that afternoon this was completed.
- Our wedding anniversary came around and we had an excellent evening meal out.

All within a few days, so very many thanks to

- Matthew of Nailsworth Domestic Appliances Repairs, who lives in Avening, for both the washing machine and the oven.
- Simon Woodman Garden Services.
- The staff at the Queen Matilda Tavern.

With best regards Jane and Tom Beardsell

Too Small for School?

Come and have a taste of Avening Primary School at Fledglings Stay and Play!

Who? Pre-school children from 0-4 (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Where? Chamberlain Room, Avening Village Hall

When? Thursday 2.00p till 3.00 pm

(12th November, 19th November, 26th November and 3rd December)

Fledglings is a perfect opportunity for parents and carers to come together in a friendly atmosphere. During each session children will be given opportunities to explore a range of activities such as messy play, sand and water, puzzles, construction and creative activities, such as playdough, painting and junk modelling, led and supported by members of our Early Years Team.

We look forward to welcoming you all soon!

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Avening Playgroup

The children have really enjoyed playing outside in the beautiful weather that we had in October. On a few days we were able to take the children on a walk around the playing field and woods near to playgroup. The children were really interested in looking at the apples and berries growing on the trees and bushes and collecting conkers.

At playgroup the children are given lots of opportunities to develop the skills they need to become independent. Debbie, Angie and Sarah support the children in learning how to wash their hands, put on their coats and shoes, pour their own drinks, spread toppings on toast, hold a pencil correctly and how to use a pair of scissors. The children gain greater hand control through playing with lots of activities such as peg boards, threading and play dough.

Our toddler group which runs on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.00 is proving popular with the youngest children in our village and their carers. They are enjoying playing with our toys and equipment and making new friends.

Tempest Photography are coming to playgroup from 8.30 on Friday 6th November to take photographs of the children . If you have a baby or toddler and would like their photograph taken, please ring playgroup to let us know.

Our popular cosy coupes are wearing out. If you have one you no longer need we would be very grateful to receive it.

Our Christmas Bazaar will take place in the village hall on Saturday 5th December. If you are able to help, by donating an hour or two to help to get raffle prizes or can help on the day itself, please could you let Cassie know by giving her a ring on 01453 834182. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to find out more about our lively playgroup, please phone any morning on 01453 832695.

Debbie Brown

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100 Years Ago September 1915

Loos, France. This was the largest British offensive of 1915 and was an attempt to break away from Trench Warfare. It was the first time that the British had used poisoned gas and it was the first large scale use of British New Army units in battle.

Avening lost two men during the battle, the first being Charles Fletcher (born 1885 in Avening) who died on the first day of the battle - 25th of September. He was a member of the 10th Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment for which he had volunteered in November 1914. It is likely that he volunteered following the death of his oldest brother, Fred, who died in October 1914 during the 1st Battle of Ypres. Those of you who read a detailed account of Fred's life will recall that the Fletcher family struggled with living space at home and Charles was also affected. In the 1901 census he was living away from the rest of his family with his Aunt Eliza Ind in her cottage at Woodstock. On her death in 1909, he had to move back to his family in their cottage behind The Bell Inn. Although his mother had died some eight years earlier, they probably found it difficult for all of them, 6 males and one daughter, to fit into 3 rooms!! However, later in 1901, Charles married Alice Hanks in Tetbury and they were blessed with a son, Charles John later in the year. The couple moved to Tetbury Hill and had two further children, Leslie and Hilda.

Our second loss was that of Charles Smith. He was born in 1895 possibly on Old Hill but the death of his father by 1911 had forced his mother to take her two sons to Star Lane. He was unmarried. He followed the call and volunteered for the New Army joining the Grenadier Guards on the 23rd of November 1914. After arriving in France on the 14th of August 1915, his battalion was detailed along with others, to act as a Reserve Force to back up the attack that took place on the 25th of September. That first day of the battle had, in some respects, been a success but Reserves were required to complete the job. Although sent for at the right time, their despatch was delayed and by the time they arrived, the enemy had reorganised and the Reserves, together with the original British attackers were faced with accurate artillery and machine gun fire.

Charles Smith died on the 27th. Neither he, nor Charles Fletcher have known graves and were declared 'Missing'. Both are remembered on the Loos Memorial which lists some 20,000 British men who have no known grave. Both next-of-kin would have received notification of their being declared missing.



Mrs Smith receiving a telegram on the 30th of October with the other telegram at around the same time. It is possible that Charles John Fletcher, Charles' eldest son would have started school by then, and would have appeared on the School photograph of 1916'

This report is a little late but not too late, I hope, for you to raise a glass for these two young men who undoubtedly knew each other, living less than a stones throw apart.

Details of both these men can be seen in the Roll of Honour Albums available in the Church

Fred Vening



Elsie's FGR Experience



On the 22nd of September FGR had their toughest match yet against Cheltenham where they drew 2-2 and managed to keep their position at top of the table. It was a great match; with the Away stand full it was a sold-out game. With the attendance at 3,127 this was the highest it has been at the New Lawn this season.

Recently, Forest Green Rovers have played: Gatesheadhome, Grimsby-away, Aldershot Town-away and Guiseleyhome. They won against Guiseley and Aldershot Town both 3

-0 a great result. However, they lost against Gateshead 1-0 and drew with Grimsby 1-1.

Games coming up in November are: Tuesday 10th away against Welling United, Saturday 14th home against Dover Athletic, Saturday 21st away against Cheltenham Town and Saturday 28th home against Altrincham.

I hope to see you there to support the team as it would mean a lot to me and Forest Green Rovers. SEE YOU THERE!

Elsie

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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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A headstrong Victorian beauty (Carey Mulligan) has her choice of three different suitors: a sheep farmer (Matthias Schoenaerts), a dashing soldier (Tom Sturridge) and a prosperous, older bachelor (Michael Sheen).

Director: Thomas Vinterberg: Screenplay: David Nicholls Running time: 1h 59m



Dates for your diaries for the Film Club in 2016:

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CHERINGTON VILLAGE CHRISTMAS



SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER

5 pm Christingle Service at St Nicholas Church Followed by the lighting of the Cherington Christmas Tree on the Green (approximately 5.45 pm)

And aftercarols, drinks and mince pies in the Village Hall

Do join us to start our village celebrations

We have made it early so our youngsters can come before bedtime and the grown ups before supper !



Avening Youth Club



Avening Youth Club has started the new term strongly with a good selection of activities and plenty of new faces. Run by Cassie Vickery, ably supported by Jessica Vickery and Jamie Dyer, the Tuesday gang have created a fun, warm and challenging set of activities to interest all kids in the 8 to 14 age group. The second half of the evening, the Youth Club is joined by Simon Sveder-Cain who brings his infectious enthusiasm as

he runs a 'fun and fitness' session. Simon has a never-ending bank of great ideas to get the kids burning off some energy whilst having great fun.

We are pleased to show two images of a typical night of fun.

The Youth Club is primarily funded by the Avening Church of England Education Fund whilst the hire of the Village Hall is generously provided by the Parish Council. Regularly, 20 to 25 young people enjoy a great night's fun and we would welcome new youngster's to join the Youth Club. Doors open at 6.00 pm on Tuesday during term time and the session officially begins at 6.15 and lasts till 7.45.



Come and join in the fun!



Down to Earth

And so, we made a start on re-ordering the garden for next year and they say that a job well begun is a job half done. Then we turned our backs on it and drove up to North Yorkshire to see some early to mid-eighteenth century landscape gardens. Well, to call them gardens made be stretching the point a little, but to Messrs Aislabie (father and son) and the 3rd Earl of Carlisle at Castle Howard, these were gardens at the very cutting edge of fashion.

To garden historians, Wray Wood, just to the east of John Vanbrugh's splendid Castle Howard, represents a crucial turning point. George London's design had been for straight paths, or rides, radiating from a central point in the woods, in other words, *formality*. The 3rd Earl of Carlisle decided otherwise and devised, in around 1705, a series of *informal* meandering paths, punctuated with statues, seats and temples, to create, in Stephen Switzer's words, 'the highest pitch that Natural and Polite Gardening can possibly ever arrive to.' From this point onwards, Art was used to transform Nature so that Nature itself became Artfully Natural! Wray (or Ray) Wood has now been replanted. Meandering paths remain, though the follies etc have long since vanished.

John Aislabie was the Chancellor of the Exchequer in Robert Walpole's government at the moment in 1720 when the South Sea Bubble burst, and, rather than stay to face the music, he retired to his Yorkshire domain and created a most extraordinary composition of geometric pools, surrounded by



Fountains Abbey and River Skell

greensward, on a bend in the River Skell, having already turned a section of it into a canal. Reflected in the waters are the trees of the steeply wooded valley slopes and threading through these trees are paths linking temples and seats which allowed surprise views onto the scene below. The grand climax was originally the imposing ruin of Fountains Abbey, although today, unfortunately, the National Trust

oblige the visitor to pass by the abbey *first*. With autumnal tints to the trees and a mistiness in the late afternoon light, it is truly of breath-taking beauty.

John Aislabie's son, William, had, somehow, to surpass this – and did so by creating an experience of the dramatically, awe-inspiring Sublime (or

Picturesque) in his 'garden' at Hackfall, created around 1750. Here the Grewelthorpe brook plunges down a steep wooded valley into the River Ure.



Water Gardens at Studley Royal

When the visitor has negotiated steep paths and rickety bridges (without plunging self headlong into brook) there are temples and seats and mock Gothic ruins, at which to regain composure - and prepare for the next precipitous stage in the descent. The Hackfall Trust (based in Ripon) was formed in 1988 and any restoration is done with a very light, sensitive touch in order to preserve the atmosphere and natural biodiversity - Hackfall being also a Site of Special Scientific

Interest (SSSI). The Landmark Trust has restored the dual-sided banqueting house for holiday lets; only from inside can the doors be flung open to reveal the dramatic, plunging prospect.

Back in Avening, I was perturbed to see that my Skimmia 'Kew Green' had chlorotic, yellow leaves, indicative of lack of iron. Now, my assistant gardener despairs when I turn to the internet rather than a book. But here's a curious fact: I always *thought* that the skimmia was ericaceous (requiring acid soil). When I potted my newly acquired 'Kew Green', my RHS Encyclopedia of Plants made no mention of ericaceousness. So, I looked on the RHS *online* site: 'soil – acid to neutral'. Ah, so slightly ericaceous, then! I

applied a remedy of a diluted solution of



Ginkgo biloba leaves in autumn

seaweed extract with sequestered iron. That should restore it to good health!

Butter yellow is also the autumn colour of the *gingko biloba* tree at this time of year, but this is not due to chlorosis. This is a seriously ancient tree, many millions of years old. It is resistant to pollution and indeed a few specimens were the only local living things to survive the Hiroshima atomic bomb in 1945. Look out for it when next you visit Westonbirt.

Marilyn Jones



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Diary of a Self-Build Part 11

Screed. Strange stuff! A specialist team prepared our floors with a waterproof membrane, and another thick layer of insulation – all before lunch time. Then we waited... and waited. The lorry finally turned up at 4.00pm, which was just 90 minutes before we had a viewing on our current house. As the liquid was pumped into the lower floor, what seemed like dozens or people flooded



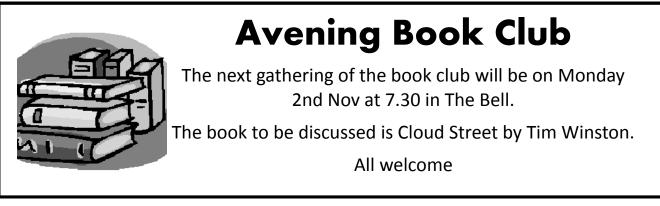
out of the front door – I'm convinced some of them had actually moved in! Within about 30 minutes the job was done, and it actually took much longer to clean the equipment afterwards – but they were away just before our visitors arrived. The product itself is remarkable – a small amount was left over and spread over what will be our drive, and it has set as hard as steel. It's good to know that our floors won't be going anywhere.

The last few weeks have been even more frenetic than usual, and many detailed decisions have been needed – tough on Mandy, as I am away for most of the week. The first fix electrics, plumbing, and plasterboard is mostly complete, and the top skim done on the top floor and master bedroom. We dried it out in double quick time with the aid of an industrial strength dehumidifier, and the painter has already completed the bedrooms and landing. We have also ordered the remaining hardware and ceramics to get the second fix underway.

With the scaffold now down, we can see the rear of the house clearly for the first time – a different perspective to that available to our regular visitors.

The viewing mentioned above has led to a sale, and if everything goes to plan, we will need to move out in the next few weeks. Shaun and the team are working flat out to get as close to completion as possible in time, but we may have to camp out with friends for a couple of weeks. We are still planning to be in for Christmas!

Tony and Mandy Slater



Congratulations...



.....to Sinéad Archer and James Batchelor, who were married at Holy Cross Church in Avening on 26th September.

Special thanks to all the people from Avening who helped make it such a special day: the Avening Church flower Avening Angels Choir; team: the churchwardens and churchyard team; the gardening Avening Bell Ringers; Tallulah Blue (beautiful fascinators); Rose Grant for the bouquets, buttonholes and gorgeous flowers at the church gate; Doreen Pierce and Eleanor Archer for the amazing cake; and all the people who waved and cheered as we walked down

New Inn Lane from our house and up to the church.

In particular, our heartfelt thanks go to Rev. Poppy Hughes for a truly moving, thoughtful and meaningful service.

And a special thank you to whoever arranged the unbelievably glorious weather!

Jane Archer





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Cherington Parish Council

Planning Applications

15/0380/FUL: Replacement of 3 antenna units with new units and installation of SAMO cabinet, 1 FCOA cable and associated feeder cables within existing compound and ancillary development at Arqiva, Trull Farm transmitting station

15/04005/LBC: Listed building consent to replace entrance gates (retrospective) at Cherington Park, Cherington.

Harvesting and Marketing Timber

In the afternoon of Tuesday 10th November there will be a course running at Haileywood Sawmills led by a member of the Royal Forestry Society and also the forestry manager for the Bathurst Estate. The course costs £2 - to book a place email rfsglos@yahoo.co.uk and quote 'Cotswold Tree warden Group'.

Cotswold Photography Competition

The Cotswold Conservation Board who oversees the Cotswold AONB are holding a photography competition with 2 categories – adults and under 16's. You are invited to submit up to 3 images which best reflect the beauty of the Cotswolds AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). Closing date November 30th www.cotswoldaonb.org.uk

Changes at Cirencester Fire Station

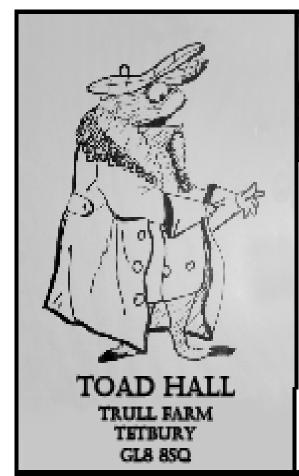
On Friday 27th November there will be a drop in consultation day from 3-8pm at the Churn project in Cirencester to look at changes in the provision of staff at Cirencester Fire Station. Alternatively you can look at and complete the consultation survey on-line at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/consultfire

Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel is looking to appoint a committed and energetic person from Gloucestershire to be co-opted to the panel to help oversee and scrutinise the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. If you are interested and have 1-2 days a month to attend daytime meetings then for further details contact peter.clark@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be either Tuesday 5th or 12th January at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Dates of meetings for 2016 will be confirmed at November's PC meeting. All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend parish meetings. There are15 minutes of public time at the start of each meeting where you can bring up any issues.

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



New Planning Applications:

15/03717/FUL: Wingfield, 11 Hampton Hill, Avening

Erection of dwelling with separate garage (Amendment to planning permission 15/00619/FUL to relocate dwelling closer to the western boundary

15/01878/FUL: 25 ,Tetbury Hill, Avening Erection of a dwelling - New Details

15/03978/FUL and 15/03979/LBC The Old Quarries, Rectory Lane, Avening Reconstruction of a section of wall using original salvaged material

15/04095/TCONR: 1 Church Farm Barn, Point Road, Avening Tree Works: a) Weeping Silver Birch for removal; b) species unknown - for removal; c) species unknown - for removal

Public invited to help shape the future of council funded public transport in Gloucestershire

Following a public transport survey, Gloucestershire County Council wants to hear from the public on proposed changes to council funded public transport in the county.

There were over 1,300 responses to the survey earlier this year. Almost a quarter stated that existing buses didn't meet their needs. The response to the survey has now been used to inform proposed changes that could be made. The county council needs to ensure that subsidised bus services are reaching people who need them, are not duplicating commercial services and are busy enough to guarantee long term sustainability.

The consultation will be open from 6th October 2015 until 4th January 2016. For more information and to take part in the survey visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fundedtransport

There will be a drop in event on 10 November, 10am to 6pm at Stroud Tesco.

FIRE & RESCUE IRMP 2015-18: Operational Response Review Consultation

In April 2015 Gloucestershire County Council approved the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2015-18 put forward by Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS). The IRMP outlined three key activities that would be undertaken by the Service in the first year to ensure that planning and resources would be based on risk; these were:

- Fundamental review of operational response
- Development of risk based response targets
- Development of the Demand Management Service Delivery Model

The review of operational response is now complete and the service Strategic Leadership Team agreed on consulting on two proposals:

Proposal 1 - To reduce risk and deliver additional prevention and protection activities in Painswick and the surrounding communities enabling provision of future emergency response from Stroud and close Painswick Fire Station.

Proposal 2 - To change the way in which staff are provided at Cirencester Fire Station to deliver prevention, protection and emergency response using the two fire engines currently based at the station.

Consultation on the proposals began on 1 October 2015 and will run for 90 days during which the views and opinions of all interested parties will be sought.

For further information go to: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/consultglosfire. In addition, public events will take place at the following locations:

Cheltenham – The Pavilion Monday 16 November 3-8pm Stroud – Subscription Rooms Thursday 26 November 3-8pm Cirencester – Churn Project Friday 27 November 3-8pm

New Tree Warden for Avening

Tim Little has been appointed Parish Tree Warden to advise the Parish Council on Tree Works applications and provide a link between the Village and the Cotswold Tree Warden Group. Tim can be contacted via the Parish Clerk.

Appointment of Co-opted Independent Members of Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel

The Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel is looking for a committed and energetic person from Gloucestershire to help oversee and scrutinise the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The role of a Panel member will be an important and demanding one. The typical commitment required is expected to average up to one or two days a month, including preparation time. Meetings will generally be held during normal office hours at Gloucestershire County Council and members will be able to claim reasonable travelling expenses. Members will receive induction and other appropriate training. For more information go to:

http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/article/119822/Appointment-of-Co-opted-Independent-Members-of-Gloucestershire-Police-and-Crime-Panel

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 19 November 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Chamberlain Room at the Memorial Hall.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk or by phone: 01285 380041 or 07870 170823

Church Services in Avening & Cherington in November

	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
1st November	11.00am	Avening	HOLY communion with Holy Baptism (CW)
8th November Remberance day	9.30am	Cherington	NO SERVICE
	10.45	Avening	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
15th November	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
22nd November	9.30am	Cherington	Matins (BCP)
	11.00am	Avening	FAMILY PRAISE
29th November ADVENT SUNDAY	9.30 am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Saturday 5th December	5.00pm.	Cherington	Christingle Service followed by Lighting Christmas tree
Sunday 6th December	11.00am.	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)

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

Everyone is welcome to the family service in Avening Church. This is normally held on the last Sunday of each month and is designed to be a family friendly non Communion service lasting about 45 minutes followed by tea, coffee, soft drinks and, of course, biscuits, giving a chance to meet together and still get away from church soon after 12 noon.

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The cost is £5.00 for 2 hours





Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 3rd November	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	6.30pm
Friday 6th November	WI Quiz	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 8th November	Service of Remembrance	Holy Cross Avening	10.50am
Friday 13th November	Avening Ceilidh	Memorial Hall	7.30- 11.30pm
Thursday 19th November	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 21st November	Cake and Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall	9.30am- Noon
Wednesday 25th November	WI Shopping Trip to Cardiff	Memorial Hall	Bus leaves 9.15am
Friday 27th November	Avening Primary School Christmas Market	Avening School	2.30-4.30pm
Friday 27th November	Avening Film Club	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Saturday 5th December	Avening Playgroup Christmas Bazaar	Memorial Hall	2.00-4.00pm
Saturday 5th December	Christingle Service & Christmas Tree Lights	St Nicholas Cherington	5.00pm
Tuesday 8th December	Cherington Christmas Fair	Toad Hall (Trull Farm)	10.00am- 4.00pm

Waste collection arrangements for the forthcoming Christmas and New Year period in Cotswold District:

Friday 25 December will move to Monday 28 December 2015

Friday 1 January will move Monday 4 January 2016

Friday 8 January will move to Saturday 9 January 2016



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