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We are pleased to hear that the role of Clerk to Cherington Council has been filled, but there is another important position in village life still vacant - that of Leader of the Youth Club. Cassie Vickery has been an excellent Leader for a number of years and has done a wonderful job and really invigorated the Club. In places like Avening and Cherington it is these sorts of facilities and events which really bring a village to life, and we are lucky that so many people are prepared to help out in village life. So if you feel you might be able to help the Youth Club in any way, or would like to learn more about it, do let the organisers know. It's only a couple of hours a week in term time.

On the subject of village life, we love the old photos of Avening and Cherington which arrive in our mail box from time to time - see page 32 for the most recent offering, sent in by Charles Rymer. Thank you, Charles, and keep them coming!

*The Villager Editors*

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Many thanks to **Gig Binder** 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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Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Social Club	Social Club 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
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	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Baby and Toddler Group	Wednesday (not January)	1.30 - 3.00pm	Avening Playgroup	01453 832695
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
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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Avening History Project	Jean Chatelain	01453 834713
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Stroud Hospital	Reception	0300 421 8080
Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336
Women's Institute	Gwyneth Simpson	01453 836556

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**Avening Parish Council WWW. [avening-pc.gov](http://avening-pc.gov)**

**Avening Church [www.aveningchurch.info](http://www.aveningchurch.info)**

**Cherington Village [www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk)**

**Cotswold District Council WWW. [Cotswold.gov.uk](http://Cotswold.gov.uk)**



# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



In the January PC meeting, Stuart Richards joined us and gave a passionate plea for our support in relation to traffic and speeding issues during school entry/exit times. The perception is that the problem is worsening, and it will only deteriorate further as the 700 new homes in Tetbury become occupied. It is always frustrating that associated infrastructure is never considered, when approving such a huge growth in housing, and it therefore falls to local communities to bear the consequences. With this in mind the PC are fully supportive of plans to monitor traffic flows, to compare with data from a few years ago. We are also jointly looking at ways to record speeding motorists, and arrange occasional speed camera visits (you have been warned!). Recent tragic events on the B4040 only remind us that our small, badly maintained roads can be very dangerous. We don't want any more statistics!

The playing field upgrade preliminary work has started, and I will share the designs as soon as we have them – there's a very rough sketch on the website now. In the meantime, replacement of the children's play equipment will start soon.

It has been observed that canine access to a number of local stiles has been blocked off. This is a great shame, and inconveniences responsible dog owners – Landowners; please ask those responsible to open up the low level doggy entrances, or let me know if you are having any specific issues that have led to the decision.

Briefly; the phantom dog with huge orange poos is back – any leads(!) leading to the identification of the owner will be gratefully received.

Since I last wrote about our Facebook page in July, our followers have now reached an impressive 250! The page is a great way to share information, and can easily reach 3000 people. Recent posts have included job ads, events, and even a lost dog (thankfully returned safely!). Another excellent resource is the parish website [www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk) – I've recently given it a refresh, updated a lot of the contact information, and added the latest reported highway issues. Please take a look, and if you know an organisation that should be included, let me have the details.



Planning is underway for the early summer event, and we'd like to hear what you'd like to see. The 20<sup>th</sup> May has been pencilled in, so mark the date in your calendars. Don't forget, we need your 'Pride of Avening' awards:

- Villager of the Year (for anyone aged over 21)
- Student Villager of the Year (for ages 12-21)
- Youth Villager of the Year (11 and under).

*Tony Slater, Chairman*

## Looking Forward to Summer?

Don't forget Avening Fete, Arts & Craft show, famous Avening Duck Races, Dog show, etc. etc.  
it all happens on June 25<sup>th</sup> this year

For details of stalls and offers of help contact  
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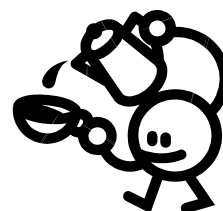
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Academix is a contemporary, 5 piece a cappella (unaccompanied) group whose performance will make you sit up and snap your fingers.

Exhibiting their skills in close harmony by singing in a selection of pop, jazz and other songs, they will send you home with a swing in your step and a smile on your face.

Not only will they be performing in the evening; Academix will also run a two hour workshop during the afternoon before the concert, where they will help those interested in singing and who wish to improve their musical skills and versatility. Close harmony work, vocal percussion and beatboxing are among the aspects of their performance which they will help you practice. This is an amazing opportunity to have fun with music and to learn some new skills. *And* there is a chance for those at the workshop to take part in the evening performance in the church!

Academix will be running the workshop in the Church in Avening from 3.30 -5.30pm on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The concert will take place in the Church that evening at 7.30.

Contact Piers Hansen, 01453 836207; 07770 745642 for details and tickets.

**Don't miss it!**

## Silent Space

A `silent space` is available for anyone who wants to take time out to reflect, pray or just `be`.

There will be no clocking in or out, no expectations and all are welcome of faith or none.

Every Thursday between 18.45 and 19.15 starting on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

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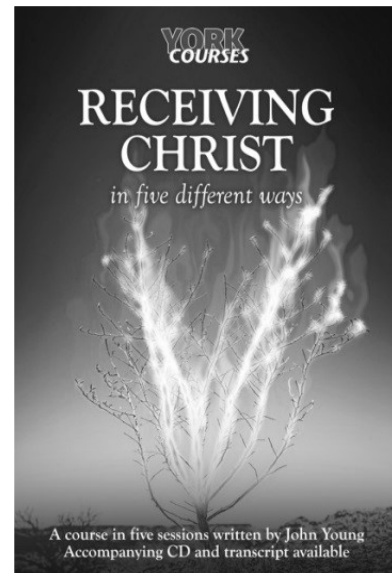
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This raises big questions. Aren't we all children of God anyway? Just how can we receive Christ? And what does it mean to have 'a relationship with God'?



**THE MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE on Tuesdays 7th and 14th  
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# Avening Playgroup

The first few weeks were a busy time of learning for our children. Our youngest children have been learning about colours. They have been sorting and matching colours into groups, finding toys of a particular colour, threading, building towers and making collages, using one colour at a time. They have also been thinking about what makes them feel sad and what makes them feel happy.

Our older children have been mark-making, being encouraged to think about what they are drawing. They have been thinking about what they would like to write with an adult writing it for them and they have been reading it back. They have done lots of activities based on the story of Goldilocks and the three bears, including acting out the story and playing games on the laptop.

All of the children enjoyed our week of activities based on the Chinese New Year and have spent a lot of time practising using scissors. Of course they also spend a lot of time choosing what to play with, both indoors and out, making friends and learning social skills, such as sharing and taking turns.

We have a clothes bank at playgroup for old clothes and paired shoes. If you have any that you would like to dispose of, if you bring them to playgroup in a bag any morning during term time, we would be delighted to receive them. The money we make goes towards helping to keep our playgroup running.

We are always looking for new members to join our committee. Our current chair Keith Chapman will be leaving in July. Our next meeting will be at the playgroup at 7pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to find out more how you can support us, you would be very welcome to join us.

We are also collecting small toys, e.g those with a happy meal to use in a lucky dip, and would be grateful to receive any of these if you have any going spare!

If you are interested in coming to a toddlers group or have a child who will be two or three in the coming year and you would like them to join our happy playgroup, do ring us on 01453 832695 or email us on [aveningplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.com), so that we can put their name on our waiting list.

***Debbie, Angie and Sarah and the Committee***



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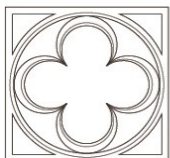
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## Avening W.I.

There is definitely a sign of Spring in the air with lighter evenings and an abundance of snowdrops. Our first successful walk of the year was held this week with a walk around Cherington Lake to view the wonderful bank of snowdrops followed by lunch kindly supplied by Shirley Hand at her house. We also had a spring in our bodies with the help of our speaker this month, Mark Collins who is a teacher of Tai Chi, Qi Gong and other Martial Arts. Some of our members already attend Tai Chi classes and find it very beneficial. Mark explained the background and history of the art and then we all had a go and followed some of the more simple moves and then he showed us some of the more impressive lunges.

14 of our members will be attending the Annual Council Meeting of the Gloucestershire Federation of W.I.s at Cheltenham Town Hall this month. The main speaker will be Dr Lucy Worsley, Chief Curator at Historic Royal Palaces, author and T.V. presenter. Also speaking will be Sara Countess Bathurst and High Sheriff of Gloucestershire. It should prove to be a very interesting day.

The W.I. will be holding another fun quiz at the Avening Social Club on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm for a start at 7.30 p.m. Please come and support us at this popular event with teams of up to 4 members. The cost will be £4 per head to include supper. As usual the proceeds of the quiz will go to local charities.

Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. At our next meeting the speaking will give "The fascinating story of orchids".

*Gwyneth Simpson*



### **Nailsworth Festival 20th – 28th May 2017**

During Festival Week there will be music for all tastes, including popular local band Thrill Collins, British singer/songwriter Kathryn Williams and the Madi Stimpson Quartet. For classical music fans, the Committee are pleased to have secured the services of the London Bridge Trio. Other highlights include M&M Theatrical Production's adaption of the classic 'Wizard of Oz', a talk by author Alice Jolly and a performance from Preston funny man Tony Vino. For youngsters there will be a Footie Fest on Sunday 21st May, while for all ages there will be a Nature Ramble on Sunday 28th May.

A full programme of activities will be on the Festival website: [www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk](http://www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk).



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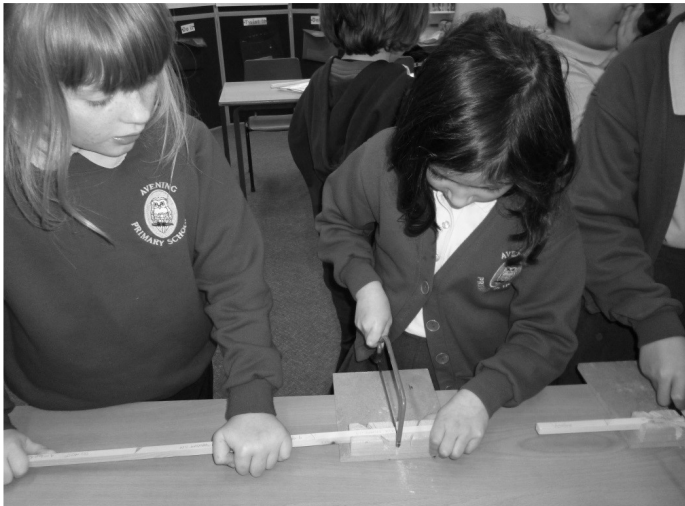


# Avening School

## Time to get Reading!

It seems a long time since our trip to Young Voices held at the Birmingham NEC but it must be given a mention as it was such a fantastic event and the children sang and behaved beautifully throughout. It was a long day with a two and a half hour rehearsal session in the afternoon followed by a two hour performance in the evening, but it was such an enriching experience for all involved and even the parents were made to sing and dance!!!

We're well into our second half of the spring term now with plenty of outdoor activities planned to make the most of the warmer weather. After school clubs have started up again with tag rugby taking the place of football club and plenty of sports tournaments taking place. Our KS2 netball team made us all proud back in February by coming second place out of four teams in a tournament held in Stroud, earning them a place in the finals at the end of the month. Our cross



*School members involved in a craft workshop*

country runners have also been busy competing as well as our school hockey team.

The KS1 children will be taking part in a gymnastics event at Kingshill School in Cirencester later on this term, while the Owls have a go at tennis and the Hawks take part in a tag rugby day. There is also a swimming gala which some of our KS2 pupils will participate in and school will be having an archery day during this second half of term,

where every class will take part and experience using a bow.

The Owls class (y5/6) will be putting their reasoning skills to good use with an interschool debating competition. We also have several Owls – suitably suited and booted – taking part in a mock trial against another school later this month, facilitated and judged by a magistrate. This is always an extremely valuable experience and this year the trial centres on a case of arson.

The Hawks Class (y3/4) will be travelling to Caerleon at the end of February as part of their term topic on the Romans. More on this in next month's issue.

The whole school is looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year marks 20 years since 'World Book Day' began. This year we will be theming our celebrations on J.K Rowling's 'Harry Potter' books and



'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson for our younger readers. Every year we extend our celebrations to run all week. This year, activities will include bedtime story-time with hot chocolate provided by FOAS; library time every day; dressing up and a school book swap.

Our Fledglings sessions this month are as follows – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March (to include afternoon tea with Mrs Wilkinson's cakes!!) Please contact the school office for further details.

Finally, on behalf of FOAS we would like to personally thank everyone who took part in last month's quiz which raised considerable funds for the school. It was a fantastic evening with a tremendous turnout; thank you all for your support, it is greatly appreciated. Watch this space for further FOAS events.

*For further information about our happy, busy place of learning, please see our school website; [www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk).*

**Alex Adcock**

## **New Am-Dram Society in Minchinhampton is looking for members!**

Since the demise of the Minchinhampton Dramatic Society in 2009, the town's am-dram aficionados have had to go outside the town to find their dramatic fix. Fortunately, this unsatisfactory state of affairs is set to change thanks to long-term Minchinhampton resident, Sue Simmonds, and newcomer, John Mounsey (both old hands at am-dram), who are actively seeking to start a new drama group in the town.

The intention is to use the Minchinhampton Market House for the company's productions and to involve as many people as possible, of all ages, from the town and surrounding villages. Profits from productions will go to the Market House, which – unlike most other market houses in the area – has to pay its way on a daily basis, having no endowment to support it.

In addition to actors, Sue and John are seeking enthusiastic volunteers who may be able to help with front-of-house and marketing, scene-painting, costume-design, scenery construction and other backstage disciplines.

So anybody who likes the idea of getting involved in an exciting – and hopefully, fun – new dramatic venture should email John ([jch.mounsey@gmail.com](mailto:jch.mounsey@gmail.com)) or Sue ([susan.simmonds45@gmail.com](mailto:susan.simmonds45@gmail.com)) now to register their interest.

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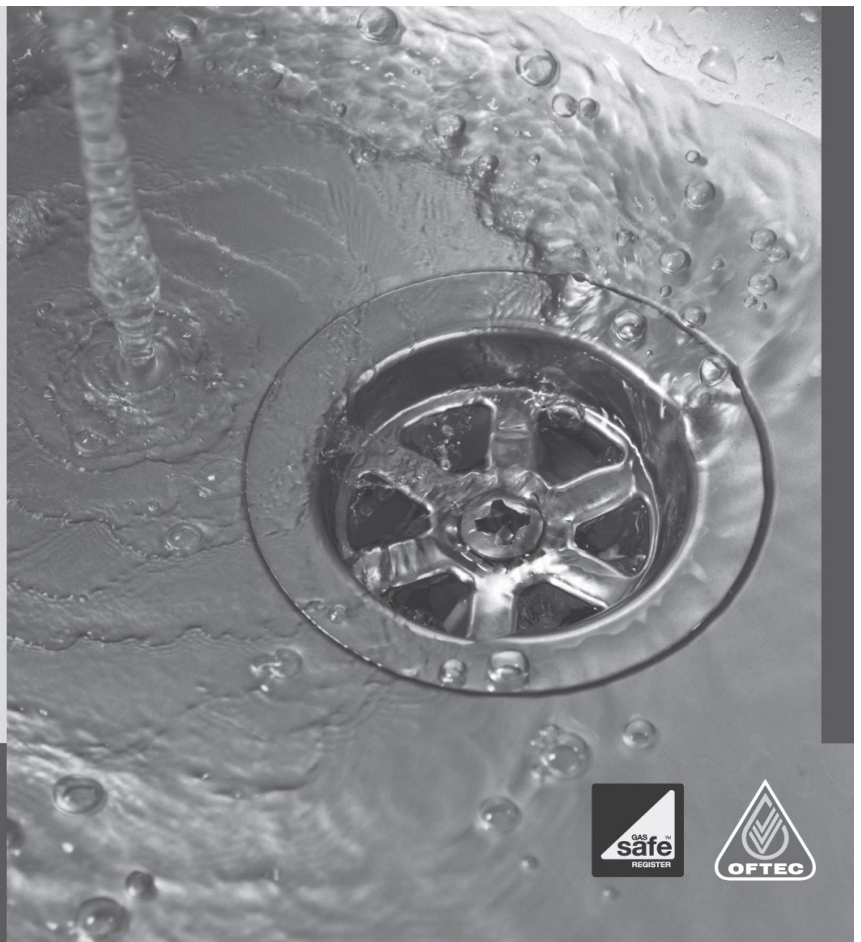
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*Archway into Westonbirt Italian Garden*

herb-lady and legend, Jekka McVicar, besides many others. Entry is free to the shopping marquee (for plants and plant related items) and tickets for the 21 lectures can be applied for online.

Not everyone realises that Westonbirt House and Gardens are nowadays quite separate and distinct from the Arboretum across the road.

After George Holford, son of Robert Stayner Holford who was the main creator of the arboretum, died in 1926 the property was sold to become a school for girls - and so it remains. Thus, opportunities to take a tour of house or garden and marvel at the two other and very different achievements of the 'man who planted trees' are few. The Holford Trust work to ensure that the historical connections are preserved, the gardens, in particular, are maintained and that both house and garden are presented to the public on specific days with appropriately informative tours. Holford was stupendously rich (with inherited wealth from a family legal business in London and from the New River Company which brought fresh water to London – besides owning several other houses hereabouts) and he pursued ardently and knowledgeably his interests in art, literature, trees and horticulture. The jewel in the formal gardens close to the house is the Italian garden, with its symmetrical layout, twin pavilions designed by a pupil of Lewis Vulliamy (who was to be the architect of the house itself, 20 years later, in 1864) and twin archways which resemble those seen in several Italian gardens, such as Isola Bella.

While the balustraded terraces and formal parterre gardens which characterise the gardens close to the house were very much in fashion in high-

Victorian garden design, the landscaped gardens further away from the house hark back to the eighteenth century, but with one important difference: Robert Holford was keenly interested in new plant introductions which resulted from contemporary plant-hunting expeditions and he used these to great effect. If you haven't already been there, do take an opportunity to go and see it for yourself.



*Nero di Toscana (grown in Avening!)*

Who needs imported Iceberg lettuce from Spain, laden with air-miles and sprayed with goodness knows what? One of my best winter vegetables was Tuscan kale, Nero di Toscana or Cavolo Nero. Same thing. Easy to grow from seed, but needs protection from the birds when first planted out. Slugs give it a miss.

The plant stall at the village fête last summer was a great success, thanks to all of you who kindly donated plants, then came along to buy some more. My AG and I will be running the stall again this year. Perhaps everyone could begin thinking now about producing a few extra plants, whether from seeds, cuttings or spare rooted 'offcuts'. If you haven't got a garden, perhaps you could turn your hand to propagating some house plants. Let's make the Avening Plant Stall the biggest and best for miles around.



*Galanthus 'Hippolyta'*

Now, friends and neighbours will know that I can be rather a glum and gloomy Eeyore about my garden around this time of year. Two strategies help. Firstly, to go round the garden, before setting to work, looking at any newly opened flowers. Each one is a tiny marvel of design. Today's discoveries were the iris reticulatus 'Harmony' and the galanthus 'Hippolyta', a pretty little snowdrop bought at Colesbourne. Secondly, to aim to tidy, weed or plant up one small, manageable section – then give myself a pat on the back for the achievement. I wish I could add to the bottom of my seed order to Kings, 'a barrow load of encouragement, please!'

***Marilyn Jones***

# Elsie FGR Experience

On Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February Forest Green Rovers played against Boreham Wood. It's been a while since I have been to the New Lawn but the team they put out on the pitch this time had some changes in it since I last saw them. They have sold Elliot Frear, Keiffer Moore and Charlie Clough and personally I thought they were some of the main players. However, FGR's new signings changed the game completely: Mark Ellis, Jake Gosling, Kaiyne Woolery and Omar Bugiel all had a major impact on the game.

In the first half, the game seemed pretty equal with both teams standing their ground fighting to keep the ball in their attacking end. Although, no goals were scored in the first half leaving both teams feeling deflated; but what made me laugh was the coaching from the other team in the dugout area, he couldn't stop shouting and whistling the whole way through which was quite funny for me.

Anyway, straight into the second half where both teams came back even stronger and a while into it Christian Doidge scored FGR's first goal of the game putting them 1-0 up. But we weren't stopping there because almost immediately after being subbed on, Omar Bugiel, making his Forest Green Debut, scored a magnificent goal in the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute leading Forest Green to victory!

This was FGR's first win at home in their last 8 home games! This is a comeback for FGR and hopefully it can carry on guaranteeing us a place in the playoffs. A great win for FGR in front of 1,575 people of which 30 came from Boreham Wood. Let's hope we can win our next match.

COME ON YOU ROVERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Who's it against!	Date!	Time!	Home or Away!
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Dagenham & Redbridge	Saturday 11th Mar	3:00pm	A
Wrexham	Saturday 18th Mar	3:00pm	H
Solihull Moors	Tuesday 21st Mar	7:45pm	H
Lincoln City	Saturday 25th Mar	12:15pm	A

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# Avening Youth Club

The second half of term is going to be one of the best yet for Avening Youth Club and it is packed with interesting and exciting fun evenings!

**28th Feb BOUNCY CASTLE AND LOUD MUSIC!!!!:** We have booked two of Bisley Bouncy Castles most popular bouncy castles and football games. It will be chaos but great fun.

**7th March BLACK ROCK REPTILES:** Come and 'get to know' a variety of friendly little reptiles! This will be your chance to meet, feel and touch a nice collections of snakes and other reptiles. A must for all pet lovers!

**14th March QUIZ NIGHT:** Test your skills and see if you are ready for 'Pointless'

**21st March CHILDRENS ENTERTAINER:** This will be the highlight of the term. We have booked Tom Elliott, who is a comedian, a magician and Christian communicator. Tom is well known throughout the South West as one of the best and funniest magicians. You can see a preview by looking at his web site at [www.tom-elliott.org](http://www.tom-elliott.org)

This gig would be of interest to adults and teenagers as well, so all are welcome. It should be a great evening. Kids, bring along your mum and dad. It should be fun.

**28th March TEAM BUILDING AND GROUP GAMES:** A constructive and challenging evening for all ages.

**4th April SIMON PERSONAL TRAINER:** And finally, a welcome final return of Simon Sveder-Cain. Simon is well known to the young people of Avening and Simon will join Cassie at her final Avening Youth Club. Make sure as many as possible can come to give Cassie, Jessica and Simon a fond farewell.

Remember, Youth Club starts at 6.15 and runs till 7.45. It costs just £ 1 and healthy food is provided.

*Peter Best*



*Irish Night*

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm*

*Irish Music, and Craic! £10, including Guinness Stew*

*Christchurch, The Chipping, Tetbury*

*Contact Kieran (01453 832992) for details*

## **Situations Vacant**

We are looking for a new Youth Club leader plus assistant.

Sadly, due to relocation, our terrific Youth Club leader, Cassie Vickery has decided to call it a day after 10 full years of helping and then running the Youth Club.

Cassie has done a fantastic job for the young people of the village, at times will limited support. However, a recent relocation to Kempsford means that she can no longer run the Youth Club.

This sad news means that we are seeking a new, energetic Youth Club leader who can devote 2 hours a week on a Tuesday night to educate, entertain and enthral between 10 and 15 young boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14.

Although we can offer some resources in the form of training and remuneration , potential candidates would need to be local and be able to pass CRB ( Criminal Record Bureau) checks.

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The event will be held in the Royal Oak, Tetbury car park as last year from 9.30am - 3.30pm. Teams can be made up of 3/4 people from companies, friends or regular competing teams. The Friends are aiming to have 30 teams compete this year.

The entry cost is £80 for a team of four people. The price includes coffee and croissants during registration **plus** a French Lunch with wine or French beer. All profits from the event will go to Tetbury Hospital.

Entry forms are available from Vinotopia Wine, Baytree Court, The Chipping in Tetbury or you can email Andy Cole at [Andy@vinotopiawine.co.uk](mailto:Andy@vinotopiawine.co.uk). **The closing date for entries is 5th May.**

The Friends of Tetbury Hospital runs many fund raising events each year, all locally based. They are publicised in the Tetbury Advertiser and on the Friends page of the hospital's website ([www.tetburyhospital.co.uk/friends](http://www.tetburyhospital.co.uk/friends)).

Tetbury Hospital Trust is a charity established in 1991 which receives payment from the NHS for patient treatments though not for new or replacement equipment. The Hospital's survival depends on local fund-raising and the generosity of local people. In addition, local people donate money through their wills and over recent years income from legacies has grown.

Since the recent NHS re-organisation, the Hospital serves both Gloucestershire and Wiltshire with more than 20 consultants from both counties holding regular clinics there.

**If you would like to send along a reporter/photographer to the event please contact Jeremy Hill at [jeremy@vinotopiawine.co.uk](mailto:jeremy@vinotopiawine.co.uk) or Andy Cole at [Andy@vinotopiawine.co.uk](mailto:Andy@vinotopiawine.co.uk) or call them on 01666 502262.**

**The Friends of Tetbury Hospital editorial contact is Nicky Gordon who can be contacted on 07734 968749 or at [nic@gordonassociates.co.uk](mailto:nic@gordonassociates.co.uk).**

# THE ANNUAL CHERINGTON VILLAGE QUIZ



It's that time of year again to get those teams together, to have a fun evening trying to remember what we used to know, what we should know and what we really wished we knew !

Same format :- Tables of 6-8 £10 per person Bring your own drink and picnics All monies raised to go to the Village

Numbers are limited in the Village Hall so why not reserve a table now and think about your guests later. If you do not wish to host a table but still want to join in we keep back a couple of tables for that purpose . So book now and we will make up your table.

DATE:- SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March

Time 7pm for 7.30 start

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## **OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER :-**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March the Village Litter Pick at 10 a.m.**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March the Cherington Show Preparation Meeting  
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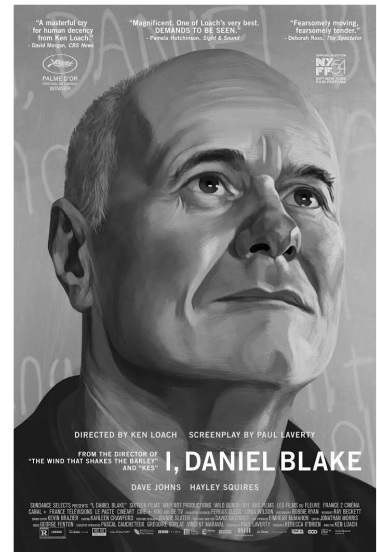


# Avening Cinema Club

The film on March. 24th will be

## I, DANIEL BLAKE

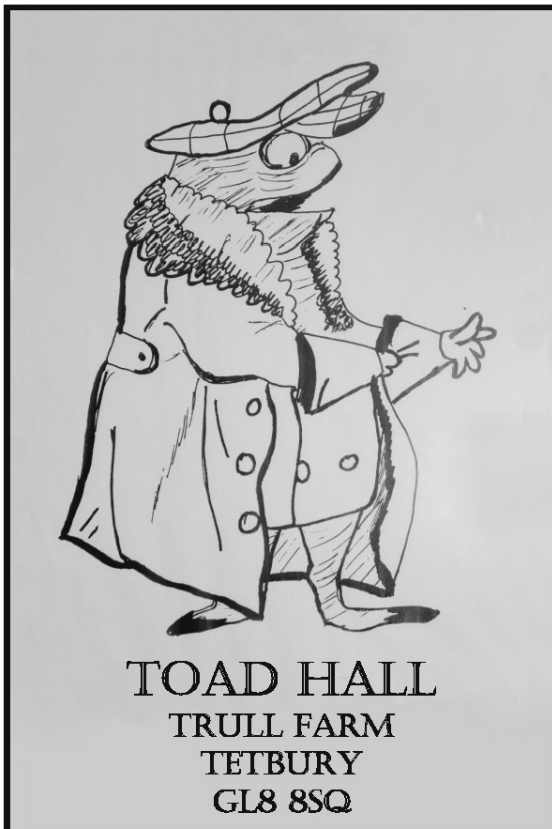
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# Down Memory Lane

Pear Tree Row, Cherington, early 1900



This photograph of Cherington, looking towards Pear Tree Row, shows a number of adults and children standing still while the picture was taken. The horse drawn cart stands in front of the old village shop. I would imagine that the photograph was taken in the early 1900s, as the road was not yet covered in asphalt (work which was undertaken in the late 1920s or early 1930s), and there were no pavements yet.

*Charles Rymer*

## Cherington Parish Council

There is no council report from Cherington this month, but we would like to congratulate Beverley Rymer, who has been appointed to the role of Clerk to Cherington Parish Council, and we look forward to working with her in the future.





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# Avening Parish Council



The minutes of the meetings will be published shortly but some of the issues raised at the meeting are listed below.

## **Planning Applications**

16/04836/ FUL

Full Application for Erection of a dwelling and garage (revised scheme) at Land At Wingfield, Hampton Hill Avening Gloucestershire

*Updated drawings were submitted and no objections were raised*

Ref. No: 16/05389/FUL

Received date: Fri 30 Dec 2016

Status: Pending Decision

Retrospective application for the formation of a platform hardstanding to provide parking - 3 Lawrence Road Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NP

*No objections raised*

Ref. No: 16/04986/FUL

Full Application for Erection of dwelling and associated works at Brandhouse Farm West End Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire

*Some concerns were raised about the size and scale of the project and this application will be the subject of further discussion.*

Ref.17/00216/FUL

Full Application for Erection of a detached live/work unit together with off-road parking and other ancillary development (alternative to previously approved scheme). at 11A High Street, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8LU

*A number of concerns were raised and it was felt that the application could not be considered as there was insufficient details in relation to measurements.*

Ref. 17/00430/FUL

Full Application for Alterations and extensions at Pimbury Park, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SF

*No objections raised*

## **Police Report**

Our Police Community Support Officer, Paul Hancock, attended the meeting and presented the monthly Police Report which thankfully only reported 2 crimes, one incident of a car being damaged and one incident of violence within a care facility. Councillors mentioned the previously reported concerns about road safety and Paul confirmed that the police would be happy to help with information and advice about using mobile speed cameras, similar to those used in neighbouring parishes.

There were reports of heavy goods vehicles regularly driving through the village and it was felt that we should report this to Gloucestershire Highways with a suggestion that the lorry management route from Tetbury should be better signposted.

### **Display Map for Visitors**

It was agreed to seek quotes for producing two maps, showing points of interest to visitors and for these to be displayed at either end of the village.

### **Highways Issues**

We have produced a list of roads and paths in need of maintenance (blocked drains, potholes etc.) and this has been logged with Gloucestershire Highways. The road issues log is available on the Avening village website ([www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk))

### **Old Water Pumps**

The restoration of the pumps has cleared LBC/planning and we will be working with our generous sponsor to source the replacement parts soon.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 16 March 2017 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Agendas will be displayed on the village notice boards. Minutes of our meetings are available to view on the Avening Parish Council Website.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: [parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk) or by phone: 01452 770792 07866 297098 (mobile)



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# Church Services in Avening & Cherington in February

Wednesday March 1st	7.00pm	AVENING	Ash Wednesday Communion Service
Sunday March 5th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday March .12th		Cherington	NO SERVICE
	5.00pm	Avening	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday March 19th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday March 26th	9.30am	Cherington	Morning Prayer
		Avening	NO SERVICE
Sunday April 2nd	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)

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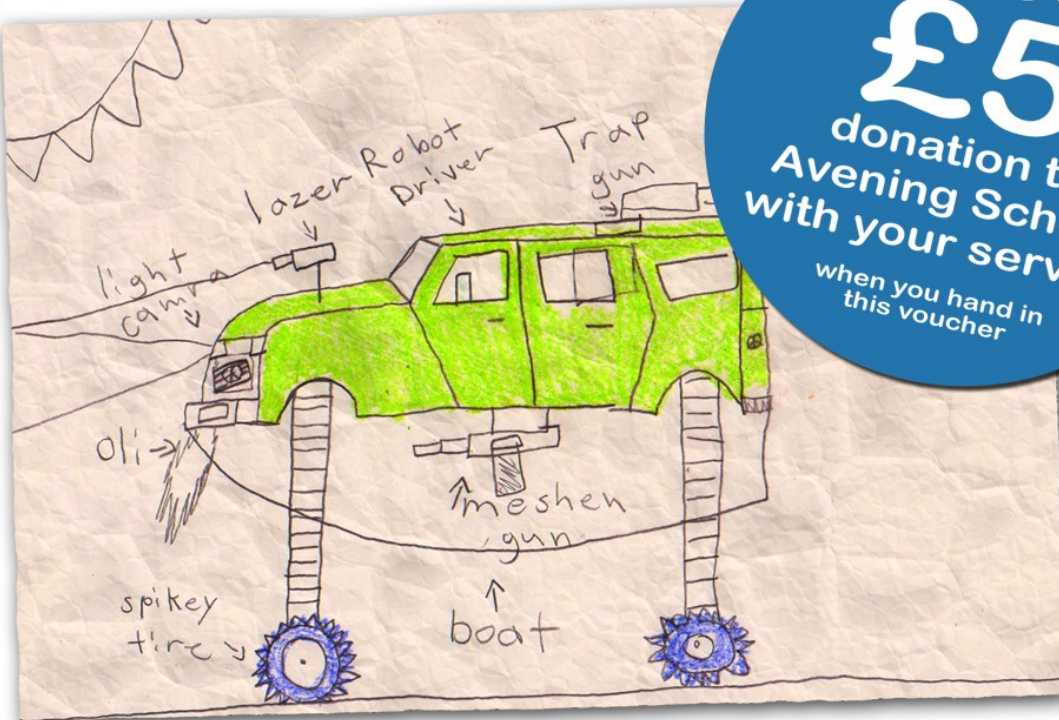
Tuesday 7th March	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Tuesday 7th March	1st Avening and Cherington Lent Meeting	70, Sandford Leaze, Avening	7.30pm
Saturday 11th March	Cherington Litter Pick	Cherington Village Hall	10am
Thursday 16th March	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 18th March	Cherington Show Village meeting with refreshments	Cherington Village Hall	10am
Friday 24th March	Avening Cinema Club showing 'I Daniel Blake'	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Saturday 25th March	Mary's Coffee Morning for Cobalt Unit	N0 4 Cherington	10am
Saturday 25th March	Cherington Annual Village Quiz	Village Hall	7 for 7.30pm start
Saturday 1st April	Cherington Annual Parish Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	10.00am
Saturday 1st April	FOAS Race Night	tba	
Saturday 29th April	Academix Singing Workshop And Concert	Holy Cross Avening	3.30-5.30pm
Saturday 29th April	Academix Concert	Holy Cross Avening	7.30pm
Sunday 25th June	Avening Church Fete	All around the Church	Afternoon

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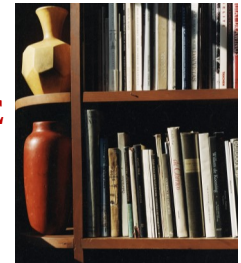
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