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So quite a busy summer then. Amongst all of that, the Editors are looking out for someone to be our film critic - of course it could be two or three people taking it in turns.

So to every one in Avening, Cherington and Nags Head, we hope that you all enjoy your early summer - and for anyone who doesn't know, the Polling Station is in the Memorial Hall.

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Flamenco Dancing	Monday (excluding school and bank holidays)	7.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
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Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
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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
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Cherington Parish Council: cheringtonpc.org.uk.

Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

Cotswold District Council: www.cotswold.gov.uk



Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



The pre-work on the playing field has started. Having agreed a small package of support with a local surveyor, the topographical survey has been completed. We will soon arrange some temporary test holes to establish what's in the ground (I can hazard a good guess that a lot of rock will be involved!), and to identify drainage requirements. All of this information will enable us to identify the most appropriate surface to lay, produce detailed plans to get costs, and to request grants. We will have a display at the show on 20th May, which will give everyone another chance to shape the final designs.

On the subject of the show, plans are coming along well, and it should be a great addition to Avening's 'summer season'. You can find details in this magazine, but there should be something for everyone – and it's FREE! Outside there will be music; animals; bouncy castle; inflatable slide; soft jousting competition; a big tractor; Pony and cart rides, and lots more besides. In the hall there will be special cup-cakes; a display from the school; many of the village organisations; and of course, the Pride of Avening awards. We will also be using our brand new microphone system to complement the recent audio improvements – that will save me shouting!

Funerals are obviously sad occasions, but they also bring people together. Sometimes very many people, as was the case recently with Barry Robbins. I have never seen so many people in the church, and afterwards in the Social Club – what a great send off on a glorious day, for a lovely man!

Over the last few months, we have had a flurry of planning applications – some straightforward, some more controversial. As Avening is deemed officially as being 'unsustainable' (whatever that means); is surrounded by areas of outstanding natural beauty (AONB); and has a number of conservation zones, it means applications for brand new properties are generally difficult to get through. There are also hurdles for extensions, and even some home improvements. Where land is within a conservation zone, trees are automatically protected by preservation orders (TPO) so can't be felled without permission. The PC provides context and local knowledge for planning applications, but technical and policy decisions are made at CDC, and by the district planning officer. However, everyone can comment on an application (either an objection, or in support), and this is easy to do on-line – the link is on the Avening website – they are all taken into account. We encourage anyone with an application to come and talk us through it, so we understand the background when we pass comment.

Don't forget to vote in the local elections on 4th May!

Tony Slater, Chairman

Avening and Cherington Churches

The Good News gets better

Holy Week and Easter Day, the greatest Christian festival, which we celebrated in our village churches is Jesus' story in seven days, if you like. Great promise, worldly popularity and expectation, spiritual discipline, teaching and example, rejection by his own people leading to torture and death - and then the proof He is right, and justification of who we are and what we are. The gospel is good news which becomes better if we pass it on to the people around us.

One of the convincing records of the first Easter morning tells how a "beloved disciple" recognised the real meaning of the empty tomb, and came to belief. The beloved disciple stands for every one of us, whom Jesus loves, and that is why he is unnamed.

He is close to Jesus at the Last Supper; at the Cross he is the one present who is designated, with Mary, the first community of the saved. Now he is the one whose love enables him to see beyond the empty tomb, even to and beyond our time. He is the guarantor of our tradition, who is to "remain until I come".

Easter Day is about life triumphing over death. It proves why we may put our trust in Jesus of Nazareth, and reminds us of how He puts his trust in us. So, hold fast and hope, even when things go wrong. Always remember it is here, where we are, that we take heart from the past and stand fast for the future.

Easter promises that faith, compassion and goodness will win through, but they are values that need to be stated and re-stated generation after generation. If they find echoes in any community, or any hearer - sacred or secular - then they are not far from sharing the Christian faith. Ours is an inherently Christian community, and we should be proud of it.

When Christianity won its first converts it was slow going, and very, very difficult in the world - or even in the church! But our values were, and will still be, well received if they are faithfully, fearlessly, and honestly preached. That is what we are about.

Richard and Margaret Maslen

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Avening Playgroup

By the time you are reading this article we will have started the Summer term. We are really lucky to be in such a beautiful location. This term particularly, the children are able to spend a lot of time playing outside, climbing, running, pedalling, swinging , playing ball games and keeping fit and healthy.

We finished the Spring term with a stay and play week. The parents and grandparents who brought their children to playgroup were able to stay and play with their children at the start of each morning. The children and their grown ups really enjoyed playing together. We finished the term with our traditional Easter Egg Hunt.

Playgroup is a charity and as such needs a committee of volunteers. If you have some time and would like to join our committee, our next meeting will be at playgroup at 7pm on Wednesday 24th May and you would be very welcome to join us.

We are not running the toddler group at the moment, but have a waiting list. If you would like to add your name please contact us on 01453 832695 and we will let you know when we have enough people wishing to restart it again.

Debbie, Angie and Sarah and the Committee

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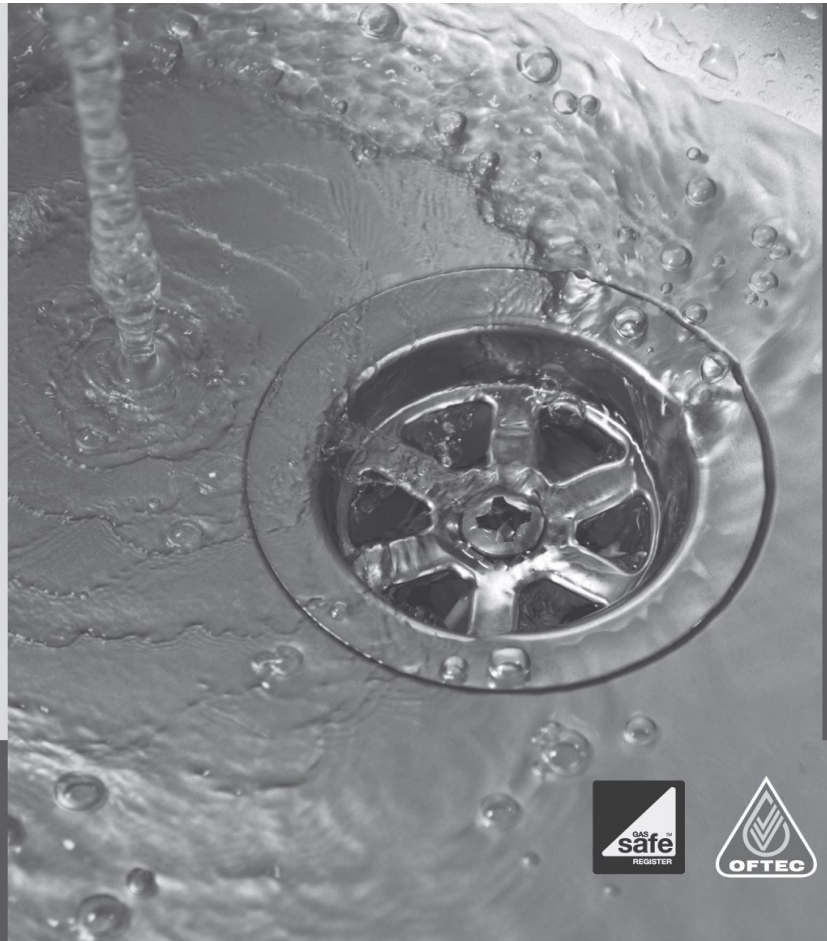
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Avening W.I.

A group of 14 members attended the Gloucestershire Federation Annual Meeting in Cheltenham Town Hall. The hall was completely full of W.I. members from all over the County. We had two excellent speakers in Lady Bathurst who was in her last week as High Sheriff of Gloucestershire and Dr Lucy Worsley, historian, author, T.V. presenter and Chief Curator of the Historic Royal Palaces.

Lady Bathurst spoke enthusiastically about her role as High Sheriff involving herself fully in the work of the police, the fire service as well as prisons. She was proud to have been involved in setting up a new W.I. at Eastwood Park women's prison. She was also delighted to have had a new fire engine at Cirencester Fire Station named after her.

Lucy Worsley spoke of her career and then gave us a very interesting illustrated account of life in the palaces many centuries before, concentrating on bedrooms, bathrooms (which mostly did not exist!) and kitchens.

I am very pleased to report that our very clever quizzers came 1st 2nd and 3rd in the first round of the County Quiz. The team that came first was reduced to 3 so did particularly well to win. The 1st and 2nd teams will go onto the next round at Chedworth in June. This week we start our bid in the skittles competition. Our first opponents come from Bisley W.I. Our history in this competition is not filled with glory and so we hope to change that this year.

We continue to be in demand for our catering services. Recently we catered at the funeral of Avening's Barry Robbins which was extremely well attended and well over 100 mourners came back to the Social Club for refreshments. We have more requests for catering and we are hoping to produce a large quantity of cakes to be served in the W.I. tent at the 3 Counties Show in June.

We have had another well attended group (+dogs) walk around Box and the next one will be around Tetbury next week. We will be having lunch after the walk at the Royal Oak.

Our speaker this month was Lorraine Stanton who makes and sells sausages all made from free range meat. She showed us how easy it is to make sausages and brought along a small sausage making machine and made several pounds of different flavoured sausages for us to see how it is done. The speaker at next month's meeting is from the Air Ambulance. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings which are held on the 2nd Thursday at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

The summer outing this year will be on Wednesday 7th June including visits to the Royal Mint at Llantrisant followed by the National Trust's Tredegar House and Gardens near Newport. Both venues have restaurants and cafes. This should be an excellent day out and we encourage people from the village and friends to join us. The cost for the coach and Mint will be £20 and the entry to Tredegar House is £9 approx. but free to NT members. We will be leaving at 8.30 am from the top of Sandford Leaze. Please telephone Gwyneth on 01453 836556 to secure your place.

Gwyneth Simpson

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Avening School

The Countdown to Summer!

The last week of the spring term was a busy one at Avening School with the Hawks class kicking off the week with a 'Roman day'. Dressed in Roman attire and under the instruction of Mr 'Wilkinsonus', the class spent the day preparing and then consuming, a Roman feast, lounging on cushions and playing Roman games. Meanwhile, the Kestrels class fled the school for the day and visited '@ Bristol' science and technology centre. The next day, the whole school experienced the martial art of judo when Judo instructor and parent, Mr Maidment, gave each class a display and lesson. The rest of the week was a whirlwind of class photos, a mid-week celebration assembly, an Easter service, an Easter egg hunt in the School Garden and one of the highlights of the year, the school talent show!

And now, here we are: into the summer term already! With less than three months to go until the end of the school year, there is a lot to fit in before we bid farewell to our Year 6 pupils and close the gates for summer.

As the weather warms us up, our topics take an environmental theme, with Year 1 and 2 being inspired by 'Dens and Dandelions.' The Year 3 and 4 children will become 'Eco-Warriors' and in Year 5 and 6 the topic is 'We are the Future.' Visits to Copegrove Farm and the Cheltenham Science Festival are already penned in the diary! The Owls class will be taking part in their residential visit to the Cotswold Water Park, where they will spend their time engaged in water sports too.



The summer term is always filled with sporting fixtures. Forthcoming events include a number of cricket competitions, as well as our usual Sports Day and annual sponsored walk.

We are working closely with our colleagues at Sir William Romney's and this term will see us collaborate on a joint project for Year 5 and 6, based on the text Treasure Island. We will also be joining SWR for a 'Proms in the Park' in July – with children from our school joining the choir.

FOAS are also very busy with their fund-raising, with a return of the very successful Bear Hunt on Saturday 17 June. The FOAS summer fete takes place on Friday 7 July. We are currently fund-raising for IT equipment – and to kick-start the efforts our Chair of Governors, Richard Barley, is cycling 600 km across France. Watch this space for further details on our fund-raising efforts and good luck Richard on your challenge!

As usual, lots to look forward to!

Alex Adcock

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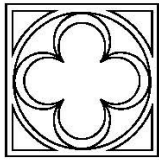


Grove Farm, Cherington, some time in the 1920s. Another lovely old photo sent us by Charles Rymer, who says "My great -grandfather, Edgar Rymer, took the tenancy of Grove Farm in 1902, from Misses Constance and Gertrude George of Cherington Park. Following his death in 1933, his youngest son, Geoffrey Rymer, ran the farm until 1943. A change of landlord occurred in 1934 when E. S. Tarlton bought Cherington Park estate and its three farms; Westrip, Coxes and the Grove."

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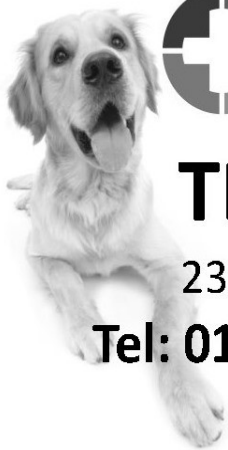
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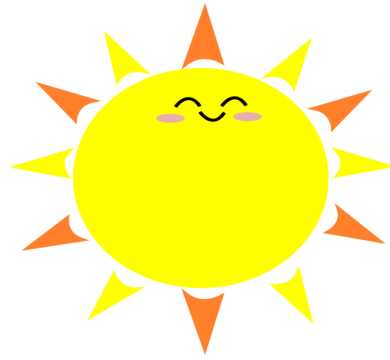
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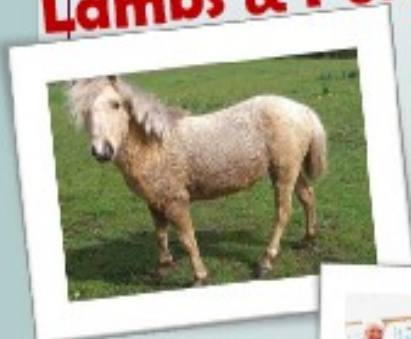
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Down to Earth



No. 4 The Circus Bath

When garden historians talk about the eighteenth century, or Georgian, garden, this usually refers to the landscaped gardens such as Stourhead, Stowe or Painshill. Certainly, town gardens existed but few have been recorded in art or restored. The reconstructed garden behind No. 4 The Circus in Bath may be unique. Archaeological excavations in 1985-

6 revealed paths and beds. Sadly there is no record of what was planted, but following the advice of an expert in the field, Dr John Harvey, and working to a plan of around 1770, the reconstruction was completed and opened to the public in 1990. You enter the garden through a gate leading from the Gravel Walk in the Royal Victoria Park. Before Edward Budding invented the lawn mower, in 1832, greensward was uncommon in small gardens. Instead, 'hoggin', a mixture of clay and gravel, was used. Box hedges edged the borders and plants were placed singly rather than en masse, chosen for their fragrance, their rarity (many were new introductions from overseas) or their double blooms. But, hey, to enjoy the peace and delight of this hidden gem, no prior knowledge or interest in garden history is required! Find the gate, enter – and it's yours to enjoy.

In their fascination with the newly arrived and the exotic in plant introductions, our forebears would perhaps not have considered consulting any 'perfect for pollinators' list. But do you know that the RHS have an online list of such PFPs? Double blooms do not make the list, either because they are too difficult for the bees and other pollinators to enter to find the nectar, and in so doing, pick up the pollen, or because pollen-producing parts have been bred out. It has been a joy to walk out of our front door recently and see the bees a-buzzing around the two



Skimmia 'Rubella'

potted skimmia 'Rubella's and the fragrant, white-flowered skimmia 'Kew Green'. A fortuitously perfect choice of plant, then, the skimmia.

Talking of Kew, we were there on a gloriously sunny Easter Sunday. Prominent – shouting out loud, you might say – in the borders on Main Avenue were groups of euphorbia characias, in full, blowsy, unmissable lime-green yellow. And euphorbias are there on the PFP list. One doesn't realise that trees are in flower for such a brief period; unusual blooms are frequently missed. Such are the stunning, fragrant, lavender-coloured blossoms of the paulownia tomentosa, or foxglove tree. Wonderful.

A pretty (and) useful plant to have in or around the vegetable patch is the limnanthes douglasii or poached egg flower. This attracts the bees and other pollinators, in particular the predators of those wretched aphids that turn broad bean stems black. (Hum, they were sleeping on the job last year, then.) Planted in each of the four corners, it will self-seed with abandon but it is so pretty that one can hardly object to its expansionist habits. (In our last garden, the clumps at the four corners could almost meet in the middle if left unchecked.)



Poached Egg Flowers

Blue IS a lovely colour for flowers but don't turn your soil blue with slug pellets. It is not necessary to carpet the ground with them. In fact, the kind I now use has a clever top beneath the lid which only allows half a dozen pellets to emerge at a time. (Once you have managed to open the child-resistant lid. A friend suggested that I gave it to a child to open.) This is 'Sluggo', German-made and approved by Organic Farmers and Growers, containing iron phosphate which occurs naturally in the environment. Once these pellets have been ingested, the moribund molluscs retreat to hiding places and expire there. This, of course, means that the corpses are not lying on the surface for birds and other wildlife to consume. This iron preparation is so much better than the obnoxious metaldehyde, which, according to a recent report, leaches into water-courses and can be detected in our water supply. There is no known treatment to remove the chemical from our drinking water. Imagine drinking slug pellet water? Not nice.

I hope we are all potting up spare plants for the fête plant stall?

Marilyn Jones

Eddy and Elsie's FGR Experience

FGR vs. Chester

On the 14th of April my Dad and I went to watch Forest Green Rovers play against Chester in front of a crowd of 1,936 people! The match started well as we were the dominant team; we managed to keep the ball up in the attacking end for the large majority of the first half, which meant we had many chances to score. However, we couldn't score one in the first half despite all the chances we had, but we did hit the post a couple of times which kept things tense. Although, when Chester did have the ball they used all their pace to get into the other half of the pitch to challenge Sam Russell (FGR's Goalkeeper.) Luckily their shots missed, got saved or were blocked; in one case we managed to get the ball back from them but one of our defenders passed it back to the Goalkeeper, and he was taking his time to kick it up the pitch. As he was doing this, a Chester player ran towards Sam pressuring him to do a big circle with the ball, in attempt to get away from the attacker, and gave away a corner kick which isn't good. Thankfully, that was no threat to us as we got it straight back up in the other end.

During half time the FGR ladies team came onto the pitch to receive their awards and trophies. They did incredibly well this season winning their league which means they're getting promoted next season! Well done to the ladies and the people who supported them through their journey.

On to the second half now where there was a lot more action because in the 5th minute of playing Christian Doidge scored his 25th goal of the season! Putting Forest Green 1-0 up. After this both teams started to get a bit more physical with each other for one instance one of our defenders Emmanuel Monthe was dribbling with the ball and a Chester player came up to him, ran into him, and bounced off of him so hard that he fell over! This was so hilarious because Emmanuel Monthe just carried on not phased by what had happened and the look on his face looked like he didn't know that anything had happened. Further on in the second half Liam Noble scored an amazing goal from quite a distance. It was like everything was still and no one moved, even when it had gone past the goalkeeper. My Dad and I were so confused why people weren't cheering but there was nothing wrong with the shot and people started to realise that a couple seconds after it was scored, and then the whole stadium started cheering. It was really weird but a fantastic goal scored by Liam! Kaiyne Woolery had an outstanding game but was very unlucky; he had several chances to score but they either hit the post, hit the

crossbar or missed the goal by a centimetre but the game finished 2-0 to Forest Green Rovers which means we are guaranteed to have a play-off place.

Overall it was a great win for Forest Green with Kaiyne Woolery getting man of the match. Let's hope they can keep it up!

COME ON YOU ROVERS!!

Elsie Heslop

FGR vs. Maidstone United

Forest Green Rovers' last home game of the season was held against Maidstone United on the 22nd of April.

In the first half, FGR were immediately on the attack, and in the 1st and 3rd minutes they had 2 great chances. In the 11th minute, that attacking had paid off when Liam Noble set up Keanu Marsh-Brown, who scored to put Forest Green one goal ahead.

Then, at the half time break, a cameraman walked past the corner of the pitch by the Main Stand. To the amusement of the watching crowd, a sprinkler turned on and showed the cameraman what it had in store...

In the 56th minute a cross into the box by Keanu Marsh-Brown got on the wrong end of an unfortunate defender, who put the ball in the back of his own net. Six minutes later, Maidstone's Harry Phillips bagged himself a goal after Sam Russell made a mistake. Maidstone's confidence was boosted after that goal - now in full contention for the win, they pushed harder until Joe Pigott scored to level the score up to 2-2. The game stayed that way until the end.

"Are they supposed to be pulling each other's shirts like that?" asked my Mum.

"Is this cake vegan? It seems very heavy!" said my Dad.

This 2-2 draw was observed by 2,030 fans, 280 of whom came from Kent.

Player Awards: After the Maidstone game, FGR held an award ceremony for the club members and players. Some of the awards were: Player of the Year (Christian Doidge), Goal of the Season (Omar Bugial) and Primary and Secondary Ambassador of the Year (Wilf Doble and Elsie Heslop).

I was very surprised and delighted to be awarded runner-up in the Primary Ambassador of the Year!

Don't forget to look for the date of the play-offs against Dagenham and Redbridge!

Eddy Turner

Avening Youth Club

Sadly, the 4th April was the final Youth Club under the brilliant guidance of Cassie Vickery. The kids have had a terrific term and there has been some notable visiting attractions. I would like to thank Cassie for her dedication, hard work and calm assurance that she has brought to the job for over 10 years. I cannot underestimate the work and hours that Cassie has applied to the Youth Club, and she has been a super role model for a whole host of Avening's young people as they have graduated from children to young adults. Most ably assisted by her daughter, Jessica and a number of other helpers, Avening Youth Club has offered a first class and dynamic Tuesday night. We wish Cassie (and Jessica) all good wishes for their new life in Kempford.

Regretfully, despite many hours of trying and three advertisements in The Villager, we have been unsuccessful in recruiting a new Youth Club leader so far, so it is with sadness that there will be no Youth Club during the summer term. However, the search will go on! We have tried to work with our neighbouring Youth Clubs to see if we could 'borrow' one of their Youth leaders, but to no avail. Young Gloucester, the County Council based Youth support service, may be able to provide something in the future and we have had some preliminary discussions with Tetbury about a new position that perhaps we could share the costs of a Youth Leader. So I am hopeful that maybe the Youth Club can start again in September but any ideas or help in filling this role would be gratefully received.

Peter Best

Congratulations to our two Avening Forest Green Rover Ambassadors and Villager correspondents !



Elsie Hislop won the Secondary School Ambassador of the Year Award, and Eddy Turner was runner-up for the primary School Ambassador Award

Well done to both of you from the Villager and keep up the good work, we love reading your reports!

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Lion will be the film shown at the next Film Club on Tuesday 13th June

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Cherington Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 1st April and was well attended. The minutes are now available from cheringtonpc.org.uk, the new Parish Council website. The main topics discussed at the meeting were as follows:

Chairman's Report

Councillor Mitchell thanked the Cllr Hicks for his work as County Cllr over the last 20 years, as he stands down at the GCC elections on 4th May. He listed a number of successful events that had taken place over the year in the village and thanked all involved for their hard work. He also announced the new website, described the work done to refurbish the bench near the Village Hall and the agreement with the GCC to install bins for dog waste shortly. Representatives from Best4Ben were invited to describe the forthcoming Fun Run which will take place from Cherington on 21st May.

County Councillor's and District Councillor's Reports

County Cllr Hicks described the financial challenges on the budget, particularly that of social care. The performance of schools was high despite relative low funding and the Council will undertake more structural work on Highways in the coming year. Fire and Rescue services were improved and both he and District Cllr Parsons were hopeful for the improvement of health care support as a result of changes being made under the NHS Partnership plans.

Village Hall

New chairs had been donated this year and there are plans to paint the outside of the hall in the coming year.

Police Report

PC Hancock has left Tetbury and is replaced by PC Leah Davis and PCSO Sue Fellows. He reported 2 crimes in the village in the past year, both burglaries.

Defibrillator

District Councillors have received a small grant towards the cost of providing defibrillators in their areas. The Parish Council are researching the issues involved.

Local Highways

There was discussion of the state of local highways and County Cllr Hicks offered support to report issues to the Highways Department. Since the meeting the contractors have done work in the village and the Parish Council

will review the situation. Work to clean village signs should also be reported to the Highways Department.

Broadband

Fastershire has commissioned Gigaclear as its provider and Cllr Gregg reported that a contract is now ready for signing. Cherington is in Phase 3 delivery and residents are encouraged to register on the Fastershire website to receive notifications.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday May 9th 2017 at 6pm in the Village Hall. An agenda will be placed on the village notice board.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend meetings; the agenda includes public participation time to enable you to raise any issues. The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01453 832100, via the Contact page at cheringtonpc.org.uk or email at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk.

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Avening Parish Council



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Village Party and Annual Parish Meeting

Arrangements are in place for our Village party and Annual Parish Meeting on the afternoon of Saturday 20 May 2017 2pm – 4pm. We've got lots planned including a bouncy castle, inflatable slide, live animals (lambs and ponies), live music, Pride of Avening awards, village representatives and of course tea and cake. Look out for the posters around the village. We are hoping lots of villagers will be able to come along.

County Councillor, Tony Hicks

Cllr Hicks will be retiring in May 2017, so presented his final report to the Council. Councillors thanked Tony for all the years of service he has given to Avening and for all the work he has undertaken on behalf of the village.

Grass Cutting Contract 2017 - 2020

The contract has been awarded to Avendale Garden Maintenance.

Community Speed Watch

To help improve road safety, we are hoping to organise a community speed watch and will have information available at the village meeting on 20 May on what this involves and will also be looking for volunteers!! (full training will be offered).

Rural Banking

Councillors raised concerns about the proposed closure of banks in both Tetbury and Nailsworth and are looking into ways to raise public support for keeping banks open in rural locations.

Planning Applications

17/00382/FUL: 11A High Street Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LU
Full Application for Variation of conditions 2 and 11 of 13/03106/FUL (APP/F1610/A/14/2211813) to allow for amended drawings showing alternative arrangements for parking / vehicle manoeuvring and associated landscaping at

A site visit by the Planning Officer is being requested regarding the concerns and objections already raised.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 18 May 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.

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	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday May 14th		Cherington	NO SERVICE
	5.00pm	Avening	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday May 21st	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday May 28th	9.30am	Cherington	Morning Prayer
		Avening	NO SERVICE
Sunday June 4th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)

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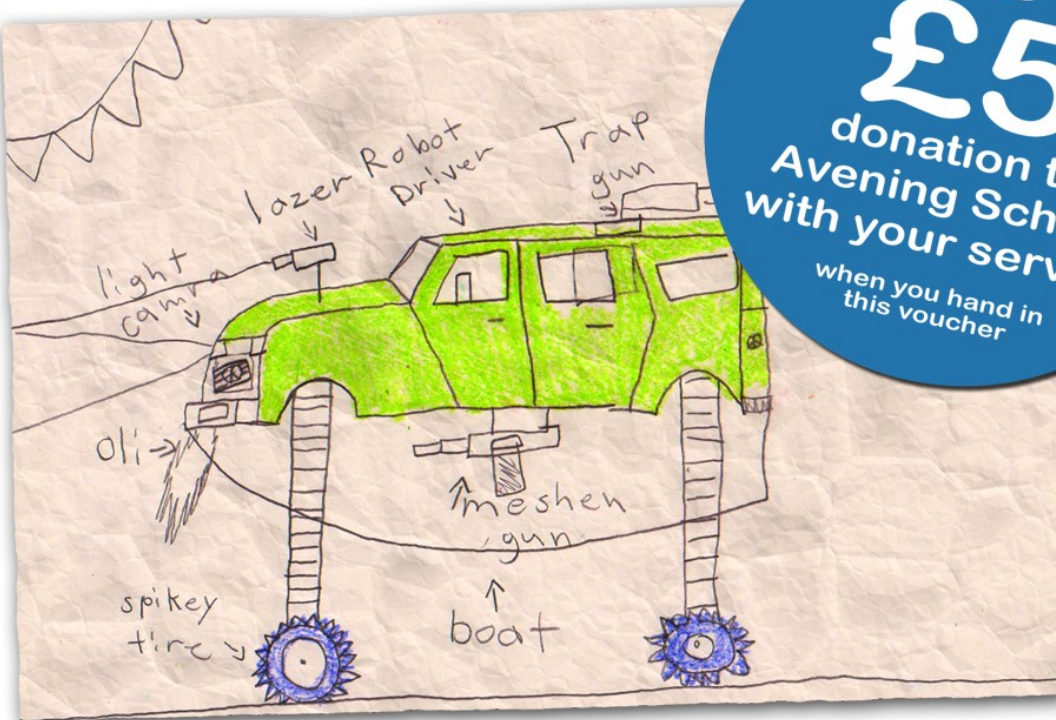
Tuesday 9th May	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Wednesday 17th May	Forever Young Over 60s Afternoon Tea	Avening Social Club	2-4.30pm
Wednesday 17th May	Cinema Club showing The Light between the Ocean	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Thursday 18th May	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 20th May	Avening Parish Council hosts Village Party together with Annual Parish Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	2-4.00pm
Sunday 21st May	Best for Ben BBQ & Cherington 10K run	Cherington Green	11.30am
Wednesday 7th June	WI Visit to the Royal Mint, Llantrisant & Tredegar House	Bus leaves Sandford Leaze	8.30am
Saturday 17th June	FOAS Bear hunt	Around the village	Tbc.
Sunday 25th June	Avening Church Fete	All around the Church	Afternoon
Friday 7th July	Avening School Fete	Around the School	Afternoon
Sunday 21st July	Cherington Village Fete	Various locations in the village	Afternoon

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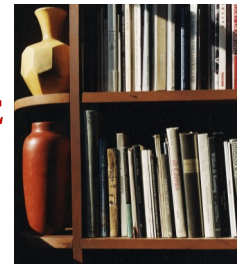
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