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A Magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head

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**'Ello, 'ello, 'ello! Wot's going on
'ere then?**



Scarecrows invade Avening!

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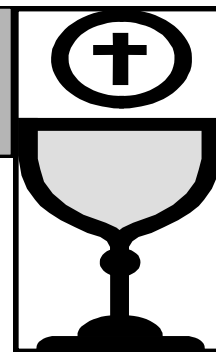
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Sunday Services in Avening & Cherington

Day / Date	Time	Church	Event
Sunday August 1st	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday August 8th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP (& coffee after service)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School & Holy Baptism
Sunday August 15th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday August 22nd	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	19.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School (including update on Zimbabwe by Venetia Winkfield)
Sunday August 29th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School (coffee after service)
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
September 1st	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School (& coffee after service)

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sidespersons	Chalice Assistants	Sacristan
August 1st	George/Piers	Hamish	Elizabeth
August 8th	Margaret/Jeanie	Stephen	Marion
August 15th	Stephanie/Cas	Paul	Ann
August 22nd	Frances/ George	Hamish	Elizabeth
August 29th	Margaret/Piers	Derrick	Marion
September 5th	Jeanie/ Cas	Stephen	Ann

Forthcoming Weddings & Baptisms

Baptism: Alexander James Rannoch Reid
(Sunday 8th August)

Weddings: Bevan Whitehead and Biliانا Ivanova
(Saturday 14th August)

William O Neill and Emma Jane Curtis
(Monday 23rd August)



Wishing a speedy recovery to Postman Ian



Avening postman **Ian Trinder** would like to thank everyone in the village who has sent gifts and cards and has wished him a speedy recovery. He would like you all to know that your thoughts and good wishes are greatly appreciated by him and his family.

Avening would also like to thank Ian for the many years of service he has given the village, delivering the mail in all weathers - as can be seen from this photo! (A hardy breed, postmen) His smile and wave for everyone was always appreciated, and his knowledge of the area second to none.

Hardly surprising, really, since he was born in Cherington and moved to Avening when he was quite young, along with his eight brothers and sisters, most of whom still live in this area. He went to Avening school and then moved on to Sir William Romney's, eventually making Tetbury his home, even though he married an Avening girl. He has two daughters and is proud granddad to a granddaughter and grandson.

But Ian has never lost his links to the village, and as well as being postman here for 23 years, he often returns to visit his sister Margaret (Bleasdale) and other relatives here. A keen skittles player, Ian has played for various Malmesbury and Tetbury clubs - but always returned to Avening for the Church fete where he can be regularly seen 'sticking up' the fallen skittles.

All the village would like to wish Ian a rapid recovery and a healthy and happy future.

The Parish Letter

We are told that the Anglican Communion is threatened with schism. The Anglo Catholics and the Evangelicals within the Church of England are threatening to break away from the 'middle of the road', more liberal, thinking part of the Church.

Those of you who may not have followed the goings on in the General Synod this last month must be wondering what it is that is proving so contentious and controversial.

What are the great issues that concern the Church in the 21st century? Is it the ever rising third world debt that subjects so many countries in Africa and South America to extreme poverty? Or is it the high incident of child mortality, or a child dying every minute of the day from hunger or disease, somewhere in the world? Is it the lack of clean water or the destruction of the rain forests? All issues that should concern the Church. Maybe it is the rise of the Islamic influence in the West, or the issue of unemployment in this country and the burden of individual debt? The unhappy state of our teenage children with their ever increasing dependency on alcohol and drugs?

No.....strangely enough it is none of these issues that have disturbed the Church hierarchy.

The day of heated debate within the Synod...the unleashed fury of the so called 'traditionalists'... the open defiance of certain groups of the clergy to the authority of the Archbishops.....is all over the issue of..... Women Bishops!

It would be laughable if it were not so tragic. The spectacle of indignant priests storming out of the chamber in protest is not only ridiculous but embarrassing, and deeply damaging to the church's image. The impression it gave to the World, both religious and secular, is of an institution which is 'out of touch' and only concerned with its own affairs.

The attitude of certain clergy reflects more of that of the High Priests and Pharisees of the Temple 2000 years ago, than that of the

enlightened followers of Christ.

The Traditionalists appear to be driven by the fear of change and a refusal to trust the leading of the Holy Spirit.

How sad that the union of the Church of England should be threatened by such an irrelevance. In the scale of things how can it possibly matter whether a bishop is male or female? Can the colour purple really have such influence on us all?

Jesus came to free people from the restriction of the Jewish Law. Jesus offered them something new..... moving the focus from religious prejudice and control..... to the things that matter to God "Go and tend the widows, the orphans, the hungry, the destitute, the sick.....those in prison. Care for one another, love one another."

Of course the affairs of the Church should be managed efficiently by those most qualified to do so.....and inevitably the time will come when women are made bishops, but in the scale of things it is no great matter. It is the Christian Mission which should be always foremost in our thoughts: to take the Gospel of Love to the World and to fight for justice and freedom for all people.

The World and her people are in great need, both spiritually and physically and are waiting for inspired and motivated leadership.

Rev. Celia

Avening Memorial Hall bookings

Please note there is now a new telephone number for bookings / enquiries for the Memorial Hall. Just call or text.

07583 073 604

The Avening Memorial Hall Annual General Meeting will take place in the Hall at **7:30pm on 13 September 2010** - all welcome. This is an opportunity to review the progress made this year with the Hall and hear future plans. If you are interested in being involved in running the Hall, this is your chance.

An Enchanting Walk

On a balmy evening in June, a group of people gathered at the gates of Avening Court for a very special walk through the gardens. We were greeted by our guide, Tony Russell, who led us up the drive, alongside the lake and stream, pointing out interesting trees on the way. Our first stop was in the Italianate formal gardens where the topiary and roses were at their magnificent best



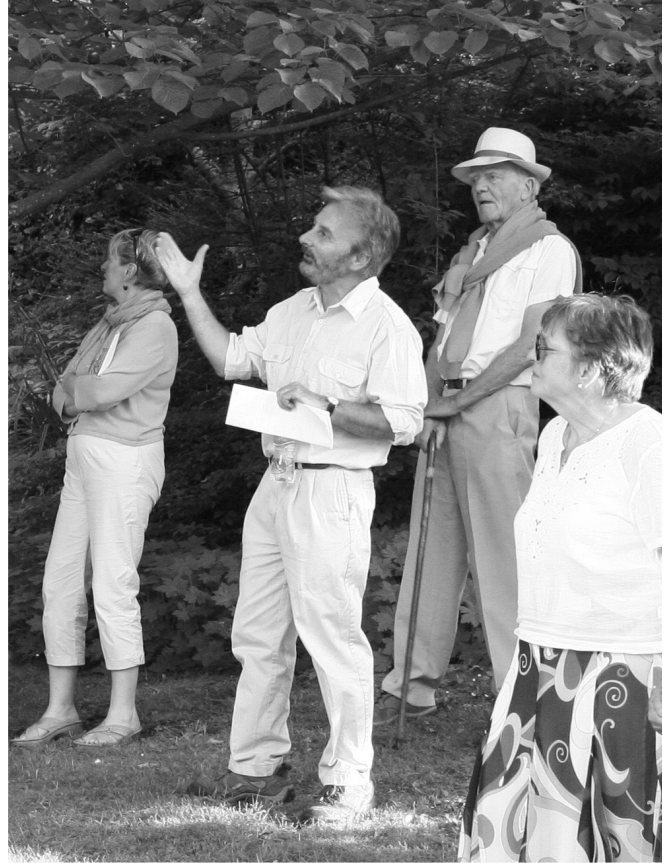
Then on to the less formal grounds nearer the house. Here the stream widens into a series of pools with waterside planting and the setting sun glinting on the water was magical. But our prime interest was to learn about the trees; among many species, these included a gigantic Wellingtonia, a 'Handkerchief Tree', Ernest Wilson's magnificent cherry and a most interesting walnut tree. This tree, nearly 400 years old, is said to have been used as the gallows for the unfortunate victims tried at the court of Judge Jeffries during the Bloody Assizes in the late 17th century. Now reclining at an angle across the stream and partially supported, it is still very much alive despite its great age. A chilling memory of former times.

Tony shared his fund of stories about the early plant collectors who brought so many specimens to our shores from places as far away

as South America and China - not easy places to explore in those days. Our woodland and gardens would be poorer places without the many varieties these provide. We were reminded of the old adage (definitely not PC in the 21st century) -"a dog, a wife and a walnut tree, the more you beat 'em, the better they be" - certainly not true with regard to a dog and a wife, but apparently beating the trunk of a walnut tree is said to actually encourage fruiting!

The walk ended on the lawn at Avening Court where we met up with a second group who were about to set out with Tony on the same route. We all enjoyed a glass of wine and canapés which rounded off a perfect evening.

We are grateful for Tony for guiding us and to Karin and Jack Richards for their hospitality.



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Avening - Where Nothing Happens...

Francis de Paravicini

Vicar of Holy Cross Church, Avening (1856 to 1894)

In the June edition of this magazine, I quoted Francis' writing in the Parish Magazine "Home Works", published on the 1st of April, 1889, when he takes up the subject of Avening Common and the "bloodless coup" earlier in the 19th century, which led to the Common being "no more".

His article compared Avening village life in 1889 to that of seventy years earlier and he goes on to talk about education. He says:

"Of what are now reckoned ordinary home comforts the poor of those days could not have had any. How they obtained food and clothing enough, even of the coarsest kinds, with which to maintain life in health and strength, it is hard to imagine.

And education had not then instructed the dwellers in the poorer homes. A village dame may, perhaps, have taught a few of the young ones to read; and the rents of the Sandford Charity Estate, before it was stolen from the parish, doubtless paid that dame to teach some twelve favoured poor boys, for whom clothing the Charity also provided. But even of that educational advantage the homes of the poor were soon after deprived, when the Sandford Estate was actually stolen from the parish, with its title-deeds, and with all the parish officer's account-books, which recorded the receipt and expenditure of the rents of that estate. Thus all traces of the identity of that estate, and even the proofs of its existence, in its title-deeds, with the LEGAL agreement under which the parishioners had allowed the Common to remain closed for a definite time, and for a special yearly pay-....."

And here the quotation ends as the following page of that edition is missing. Well now, what do we make of that?

In the Church on the west wall behind the organ and to the left of our War Memorial hangs a wooden board detailing the works of the Sandford Estate Charity, a portion of which is shown in this photo.

M^r Sam^r: Sandford late of LONDON £ = s
gave the Interest of ----- 200-0
for ever to teach six poor boys to read:
and when they can read their
Primer & say their Catechism to be
cloathed, and put away: & then the
like number to be taken in, taught,
& cloathed in like manner. The
Management whereof is left en-
tirely to Sam^r: Sheppard Esq of this
Parish, and his Assignes.

Francis went "to press" with the accusation but was careful enough not to name names. Did he know who was responsible?

I shall investigate further to see if we can identify who had upset our vicar, causing him to be so adamant in his condemnation.

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The Avening Open Garden 2010 event on the 4 July was very successful, and raised over £1,600, which will be shared between the Memorial Hall and Holy Cross Church.



A total of 11 gardens opened on the day and provided visitors with a diverse range and styles of gardens to visit, ranging from the impressive and spacious grounds of Avening Court to the wonderful efficiency of Riley Vincent's flower and vegetable garden - not an inch wasted - and

the intimate and beautiful small gardens of Pike House Mews.

Refreshments were provided in the village hall, with a plant stall outside, while the church hosted bell ringing at 2pm, and Fred Venning provided information on family history inside. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and well attended by more than 200 visitors! Many thanks to all who opened their gardens and the volunteers who made the day such a success!!!



STOP PRESS! *The Avening Memorial Hall Management Committee would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Avening Open Gardens Committee for their very generous donation of over £800 from this year's Open Gardens event, which will help with the roof repairs.*



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From our Foreign Correspondent previously based in Senegal....

Ever wondered what happens to those old clothes you donate to Oxfam?

“Friperies” – a much better word in French than the English translation of “second-hand clothes” - is big business in Senegal. Throughout the capital city of Dakar there are roadside stalls selling used shirts, dresses, shoes, children’s clothes, even underwear (clean, I hasten to add!). The stall holders who sell these items usually have to buy them from a small number of importers, who



Women sorting clothes in the FripEthique sorting facility in Dakar

are free to set prices as they wish. Since March 2007, however, Oxfam has been working to ensure that good quality clothes can be accessed by traders at all levels at competitive prices. When I was in Senegal in May (as illustrated in last month's Villager!) I had the opportunity to witness this unique business in action.

Donated used clothes not sold in Oxfam shops in England are sent to a large warehouse in Huddersfield, and some of these - about 48 containers, or 1,200 tons - are shipped annually to Senegal, to be sorted and sold by an Oxfam private enterprise subsidiary, in Dakar called FripEthique. The company, which was set up in 2007, employs 25 people, with many others benefiting both directly and indirectly, thereby helping to reduce poverty through encouraging a vibrant private sector.

It's amazing to watch the team of women rapidly working through large piles of clothing, deftly separating the items into over 40 distinct categories - everything from nightwear, trousers, children's dresses, baby clothes, men's shirts and T-shirts for all ages, to accessories such as baseball hats or belts, with additional categories for sheets, towels and material. Anything considered unusable as clothing is categorised as rag, but even this has a market. The women work hard, eight hour days in a frequently hot, dusty warehouse, but staff retention is excellent and there is a queue of women waiting to be employed should the opportunity arise. They have good salaries and, in comparison to similar jobs, excellent working conditions, with masks and gloves to protect them, and fans to reduce the heat.

The sorted clothes are put into large plastic sacks, and compressed into tightly-sealed bales weighing 45kg. They are available for anyone to purchase, from a market stall holder walking in off the street to buy a single bale of men's shirts, to a large scale dealer looking for a variety of clothing to supply to his customers throughout Dakar. According to FripEthique, traders are keen to buy from them because the quality of second-hand clothes from the UK is much higher than those received from other countries. A bale of cotton dresses sells for the equivalent of £65, while the highest selling item - surprising enough, a bale of bras - goes for about £200.

Food for thought when you next have a clear-out of your wardrobe!

Jane Archer

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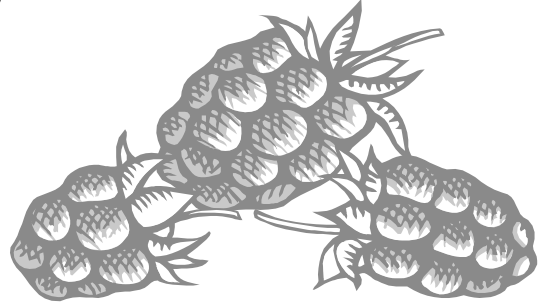
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Every few months we will be sharing a recipe from the bistro that uses seasonal fare. Our first recipe features the summertime treat, the raspberry, and is proving to be one of our most popular desserts! It is simple yet elegant and will be enjoyed by adults and children alike.

Raspberry Posset with Shortbread

(approx 8 servings)

Possets

- 250ml Fresh Raspberry Puree
- 500ml Double Cream
- 150g Caster Sugar
- Juice of ½ Lemon

Shortbread

- 200g Plain Flour
- 100g Cornflour
- 220g Soft Butter
- 100g Caster Sugar

For the possets, bring the cream to the boil and simmer for 2-3 mins. Remove from the heat and add the sugar, puree and lemon juice, stirring until thoroughly mixed. Let the mix cool slightly, pour into wine glasses and chill in the fridge until set.

For the shortbread, mix all the ingredients till they come together into a smooth paste. Roll into a sausage shape, wrap in cling film and chill in the fridge for an hour. Slice into biscuits and bake on a non-stick tray at 160°C for approx 12 mins. till the edges of the biscuits start to turn golden.

Did You Know.....

- The raspberry (*Rubus idaeus*) is a member of the rose family
- Yellow, orange and purple raspberries are grown in some parts of the world
- Raspberries are high in potassium, fibre, iron and vitamins A and C.

Jessica is our shining STAR

Jessica Robins: what a month she has had!

Jessica is a pupil of Sir William Romney School, a member of Stroud Athletic Club, and also a member of Dursley Dolphins swimming club.

At Sports Day in early June, Jessica broke the school record in the 800m race, which had stood for 24 years. She also just missed breaking the record in the 200m race by only 0.6 of a second .

On the weekend of 19th- 20th June, Jessica took part in the Open Meet Swimming Event at the Gloucester GL1. On the Saturday Jessica swam in four races and won 3 silver medals and a bronze, on the Sunday she swam in five events and got two gold, one bronze, one 4th and a speeding ticket for going to fast!!!!. And she also won a trophy for the under-13 age group for the most points scored over the weekend. Wow, what a GIRL! We are all so proud of her.



Della Robins, Jessica's grandmother

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Out and About

*Places you could visit if you get bored with Avening & Cherington.
Quite impossible, we know, but.....*

Photo: Anne Minors



**The Egg Theatre,
Bath**

This bijoux, intimate 100 seat theatre just down the road in Bath is the first purpose built theatre for young people. It's been open about five years, is perfect for a little person's first theatre experience and caters for all ages to 25 years. Each production is age ranged and everything my children have seen they loved. The auditorium looks stunning and the foyer is welcoming with a kids activity corner, kiddy sized loos and a cool café.

It's a great outing to incorporate when visiting Bath and is easy to find as it's part of the Theatre Royal complex. Park and Ride drops off in the main shopping street just around the corner from the entrance or there are car parks nearby.

Box Office: 01225 823409
The Egg, Saint John's Place, Bath, BA1 1ET

Liz Bury

If you too have a favourite place, please email us! - Ed

Queen Matilda's Day Celebrations

Saturday 11th September

Exhibition of Wedding Dresses in the Memorial Hall

Please gather your wedding outfit, photos, stories/videos, replica of your bouquet and cake or just one or two of these. Let the Parish Office know what you will be exhibiting. If you were married outside the village you are welcome.

Sunday 12th September

Their majesties King William and Queen Matilda graciously request your company at the anniversary of the consecration of their Church and then to a Pig Face Feast in the grounds.

6.00pm at the Church. The Feast begins at 6.45pm.

Please dress in medieval style. Cotswold Costumes (Nailsworth) can help. If you have any further queries, please contact Click on

01453 836390 or clickmitchell@aol.com

In 1080 the building of Holy Cross Church was completed. Queen Matilda commissioned this out of remorse of her imprisoning Britric the Lord of the lands of Avening (from Tewkesbury to Worcester) when she married King William and came to England in 1066. Britric was sent to the Earl of Flanders as our Ambassador and the Earl's 14 year old daughter, Matilda, made a pass at him, which he rejected.

So 930 years ago, on Holy Cross Day (September 14th), the Royal couple came to the village and celebrated the consecration of the Church with a Hog roast (hog obtained from Gatcombe woods).

The school children will be told this as the very core of the history of the village in which they live. The Church has been central to the community for hundreds of years and it is hoped that this weekend will bring the community together yet again. The Parish Council has put forward sponsorship of £600 for which we are all very grateful. We aim to raise more to make it a fantastic event.

Click Mitchell

Avening Roll of Honour No. 28

Albert Henry Chipp

Private: 28th Battalion, Australian Infantry

Fate can be cruel but sometimes maybe benevolent. Such was the case with Albert Chipp. In 1911, he said fond farewells to his parents, brother and five sisters at their cottage on West End and emigrated to Perth, Western Australia. It is likely that they thought they would never meet again.

Albert settled as a painter and decorator at 46 Short Street, Perth but in December 1915 he volunteered for service with the Australian army. He enlisted in January 1916 and after training, set sail for France in the troopship "Ulysses" on the 1st of April that year, joining his unit at Etaples in August. Sometime during January 1917 he experienced difficulties with his left heel and was admitted to hospital in France on the 21st and was then transferred to Guildford War Hospital in Surrey. It took several weeks for his heel to recover and here fate stepped in again, as he was granted nine days leave in March prior to repatriation to France. One can imagine the joyous family reunion that took place in Avening early in March 1917.

Following his leave he was sent on to various training establishments in Southern England before leaving for France in October. He was caught up in a number of battles throughout the remainder of that year and, later, in the attempts to hold back the Germans' big push in April 1918. It was during the Allied counterattacks that followed when Albert lost his life, being killed on Monday the 10th of June. His records give a location of his burial but the search for him at the end of hostilities proved fruitless and it is likely that he is one of the unidentified soldiers buried at Villers-Bretonneux cemetery. He was just over 28 years of age, having been born at the family's West End home on Wednesday the 9th of April 1890. He was baptised in our church some six weeks later on Sunday the 1st of June.

His father, William Henry Chipp was born in Essex and had married Elizabeth Yates in 1887 at Chelsea. William was a gardener and, in Avening, worked for the Calcutt family who, at that time, lived at Avening Park. Albert was educated at Avening school and from the age of 14, served a five year apprenticeship with A E Drysdale, a company

of plumbers in Nailsworth. He was unmarried. The awards of the Victory Medal and the British War Medal which, together with his Memorial Scroll, Memorial Plaque and "Where the Australians Rest" pamphlet, were received by his father in November 1922. We have found no relatives in the village but we have been able to familiarise his brother's granddaughter in Norfolk with the details of her family's hero. Albert is remembered, with honour, on our church War Memorial and on Memorials in Perth.

Fred Venning

Anyone recognise any of this lot?



Fred Venning also recently found this photograph, taken around 1900 and presumed to be of some of the workforce at Longfords Mill.

Do you recognise anybody? Apparently, the girl at the right hand end of the second row from the front is Alice Fowles, daughter of Rowland Fowles Snr, landlord of the Butchers Arms, Avening.

Email us at editors@acvillager.co.uk and we will publish a follow up.

Avening Arts Group



Well into our third 'Season' and encouraged by our success at the Avening Church Fete Art Show in June, we are planning an exhibition of our own in the Autumn - for your diaries, it will held at Avening Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th October.

With a range of themes including 'Jack Frost' (one of our winter themes); 'Chocolate Box (Easter); 'New Growth', the Art Show competition theme; and Flowers in the Wild, our current focus, we'll have lots to show. And there's still time to join us, if you would like your work to be included.

We meet every Thursday, from 10.00 – 12.30 and would welcome new members. Contact Mick Williamson by phone on 01453 836 318 or send an email to rmwilliamson@mac.com for more information.

Shown, a pastel by Jeannie Pargeter, an inspiration to us all, as she's only just discovered the 'artist within'!

Mick Williamson

Play Ranger Holiday Sessions in Avening

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Play Gloucestershire are offering a holiday play session one day a week in Avening. The Play Ranger service has been provided as part of CDC's Big Lottery Children's Play Programme since 2008.

The summer holiday sessions will be on Friday 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August. The session will take place at the Playing Fields (10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm). There is no need to book.

Appropriate for 8-14 year olds (under 8's welcome with a parent/ carer). Families are welcome. Please remember that the sessions are open access – children can come and go as they please (Play Rangers are sorry, but this is not "daycare" for children).

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The Great Avening Scarecrow Trail

A wonderful sunny day at the end of June and scarecrows appeared all over the village! We had an amazing 48 scarecrows this year, admired by an estimated 150 Trail followers.

A lot of effort and imagination went into all the scarecrows, and this year's winner, as voted by the Trail followers, was the Hutton family's scarecrow - a birdwatcher in a wheelie bin.

Many thanks to all the scarecrow makers and to everyone who walked the Trail - we raised £300 for the Memorial Hall which will be used for buying crockery for the use of Hall hirers and the remainder will be put towards the funds for repairing the flat roof.



Thanks also to the W.I. and Eileen Ind for providing and serving well deserved refreshments.

We look forward to even more





Scarecrow Trail entrants voted 1st prize bin man bird watcher, 2nd prize parachutist and 3rd prize police car, all pictured here.



Many thanks to Tony Slater for these great photos.





Avening Primary School

TERM ENDS IN SUMMER STYLE

Two 'showcase' events were part of the busy schedule which marked the end of the summer term for the Avening School pupils.

Great Plant Hunt Open Afternoon' enabled the children to show off the vast amounts of work they did last term to investigate plants in all their guises. The afternoon, which was open to all families and friends of pupils, included:



Oli (left) and Jack from the Kestrels with their class's plant-based artwork

- A film of the dances the children put together with the help of Sarah Shaw, Dance Specialist. The dances were all developed around episodes in the life of Darwin
- Beautiful wall displays in the hall made up of flowers stitched by every one of the pupils and carefully made into complete hangings by volunteer staff and parents
- Eager classrooms full of children waiting to guide visitors through the results of their work

Laura (left) and Kelly present their findings on the uses of aloe vera



this term – colourful wall displays including the rainforest (Eagles) and printing using plants as art materials (Kestrels)

- Impressive animation films about Charles Darwin's life and sophisticated powerpoint presentations on ways in which we use plants such as tobacco and aloe vera.

In the last week of term the children in Years 3 to 6 put on a 'Musical Soiree'. The show was a first for the school, filling the village hall with the sound of music (and applause) for over an hour. Like the annual talent show, headteacher

Years 3 and 4 pupils show off their recorder skills



Diana Boulton hopes that this is the start of another school tradition. The event gave the children an opportunity to perform tunes learned on their chosen instrument, whether that is through lessons at school or at home. The instruments ranged from the recorder (descant and tenor) to the guitar, flute, clarinet and violin. Several pupils also gave us a flavour of their piano skills. The audience of more than 60 guests were invited to join in and sing

along to a guitarists' performance of Abba's 'I have a dream'!



Perhaps some musical stars of the future in the making!

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Ruby (left) and Emily rehearsing before the show starts

Good luck to Avening Primary School leavers!!!

At the end of the summer term we said 'au revoir' to all the children in Year 6 – Jodie, Kelly, Jessica, Jemima, Grace, Ellie P, Ellie R, Luke, Jordan, Matthew, Sam, Stanley, Edward, Zac, Harry and Joshua. We wish them all the very best as they go on to secondary school. We also say farewell and good luck to Lucy (Kelly's sister) as the family moves to another area.

Avening Primary School

Avening Playing Fields cycle track news

Following on from the success of the Flying Fox, and after much research into what might be appropriate, the Playing Fields Committee have organised a fabulous 400m long cycle track to be constructed around the perimeter of the playing field. This will be a simple packed gravel track, level with the surrounding grass, encouraging all youngsters (maybe we should say all those who feel young) to get their bikes out and have a bit of fun in the safe environment of the playing field. This was only possible with the help of generous funding from both the Parish and County Council.

Currently under construction by Pete Savage and his team, the track should be completed within a week or two.

Jon Glover
Chairman APF Committee



Avening and Cherington Cricket Club

Hard to believe, but the cricket season is over half way through, so it must be time to provide an update of the teams performances so far.

The First XI have had a brilliant season to date, with a 100% success rate! They play in division 5 of the County League and have played and won 8 games, and lost 4 games to the weather.

Sadly, the second XI have not faired quite so well. They have also played 8 games, lost 6, won 1 and drawn 1, and also lost 4 games to the weather. At the moment they are in the relegation zone of the 2nd division of the Cotswold District Cricket Association.

The second team naturally acts as support to the first team squad and when the firsts are short of players, the second team provide the replacements. This means that so far this season there has been an enormous amount of players turning out for the second team in order to make up the shortfall - over 30 players have been called in to help out on various weeks. Some only play once or twice a season but they turn up when needed. It is great that the club can call on people like this, but it does have an effect on the team working together as the they are rarely the same players week on week.

At the end of the season, we hope to be able to report that the First XI had a brilliant season and won promotion, and the Second XI had a good closing run and finished mid table in their division ... please keep your fingers crossed and watch this space.

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Avening Playgroup



The summer term was busy and enjoyable. Despite a rainy start to the day families, children and staff had a lovely time at Cattle Country playing inside in the play barns and outside on the trampolines and paddling pool.

A group of parents, staff and children spent a Saturday morning painting the outside of playgroup to keep it looking nice and in good repair. Our thanks to all those who helped.

We sadly say good bye to the children and families who are leaving us to start school. The children made and decorated fairy cakes which they ate at the end of year party, before those leaving were presented with a present, their learning journey of their experiences at playgroup and a medal. We would like to share some comments that parents have written about their child's time at playgroup.

"He has loved being at Avening Playgroup. He is so excited about going there in the mornings."

"He has learnt a lot and enjoys doing the topic work and chats to us at home about what it is he learns at playgroup."

"Her confidence and independence have noticeably increased"

"She has learnt a lot at playgroup, setting her up for the step to school."

"I feel the staff have prepared him well for school. They have taken the time to get to know him and they understand how to get the best from him."

"He has made some good friends, loves playgroup and has formed

a bond with the excellent teaching staff.”

“She loves going to playgroup so much that she doesn’t like it when it is the school holidays.”

“She has had a very positive pre school experience. She has been able to enjoy a wide variety of activities in a safe and nurturing environment without feeling under pressure.”



If your child becomes three before the end of August 2011 and you would like them to join Avening Playgroup during the coming year do phone playgroup to book a place on **01453 832695**.

Jenny Jones

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A few words about local roads

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Priority obviously goes to Trunk roads, followed by A roads, B roads, and finally small lanes and local streets. The problem is that with limited funds over many years, our local roads



Potholes on Westend - soon to be a thing of the past?

have almost always missed the cut. The lack of a long term repair and replacement programme for our minor roads has resulted in them gradually breaking down – and the winter snow and ice highlighted this all too clearly.

This situation is not likely to improve in the short term given the change of government and the state of the country's finances! However it is not all gloom and doom. The Parish Council has an excellent relationship with the team at Highways, and we regularly advise them of local hot spots that need attention, which are usually dealt with promptly.

Indeed at the height of the winter repairs, we advised them of multiple potholes along a stretch of local road; this was marked up by the evening and repaired the following day.

We have just completed the annual walk around the village with our main Highways contact, and this is what we can expect to see over the coming months:

- Clearer Give Way signs have already been placed at the junction around the Cross, and an additional 'pedestrians crossing' sign will be added soon. New 'SLOW' and 'Keep Clear' markings are also to be added to the road surface, all in an effort to make it safer for customers using the shop and pub. Highways will also be repairing the damaged gully/sunken drain on the High Street.
- The long planned patching along Westend is rising up the 'to do' list and will hopefully be done this year.
- The *Chavenage Lane* link from the Tetbury road is being reviewed with a view to the worst sections being re-laid.
- Separately, we understand that the gas main between Avening and Tetbury will be replaced in the next financial year – so unfortunately we'll have to put up with the smell of leaking gas for a while longer.
- The 'temporary' traffic lights by Longfords Mill may actually be history by Christmas! After almost 6 years, the work is being scheduled between September and December this year. It will mean the Nailsworth road being closed for up to 12 weeks, but the whole road should finally be fixed.

If you spot something on the roads or pavements that is dangerous or needs attention, you can report a problem directly to Highways on 0800 0514514, or online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Tony Slater
Avening Parish Council

‘Music for A While’ Ensemble

Those who attended this concert on Friday 16th July in Avening Church were privileged, in these beautiful surroundings, amply and beautifully decorated with the flowers prepared for a wedding on the morrow, to be transported in time back to the age of the Baroque era.

The “Music for a While” ensemble - **Katy Bircher, Flute; Katherina Sprekelsen, Oboe; Jonathan Manson, Cello; James Johnstone, Harpsichord**, under the leadership of **Margaret Faultless, violin**, treated us to an evening of “Bach and Friends”, incorporating the melodious sounds of baroque-style instruments.

The programme of chamber music by J.S Bach and Telemann would have brought delight to the ears of their ducal patrons at the court of Weimar. Johann Sebastian Bach and Georg Philip Telemann were contemporaries. They knew each other well; in 1714 Telemann became godfather to Johann’s son, Carl Philipp Emanuel.

We heard both a Trio and a Quartet from Telemann’s Tafelmusik : a collection of music in lighter style intended for playing to accompany banquets. The Bach programme included the Suite for solo Cello no 1 in G major, a Trio in G major and a Sonata for Violin and Harpsichord in C minor.

In addition we were introduced to the Ricercar. I think few of us knew this term, meaning:-

“To seek out. As noun, applied musically in 16th to 18th cents. to an elaborate contrapuntal instrumental composition in fugal or canonic style (a famous example being that by Bach in Das musikalische Opfer.)”

We were treated to two Ricercar pieces from Bach’s Musical Offering; a three part Ricercar before the interval, during which wine and canapés were served in the churchyard, and once the audience was fortified, a six part Ricercar.



The musicians delighted a full audience with their musical excellence and sheer enjoyment of the music they were presenting. The icing on the cake was that the programme was sponsored by the Cecil King Memorial Foundation, which ensured that the proceeds from ticket sales could go completely into the church fabric fund. We were able to bank £1,410 in the Queen Matilda Fund as a result of the generosity of the Cecil King Foundation and the hard work of our “Music for a While” team.

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Margaret Barton

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Avening Youth Club

Don't forget, Avening Youth Club continues to meet every Tuesday evening in the Memorial Hall throughout the school holidays. If you are between the ages of 8 and 15 and haven't yet tried it, why don't you pop along one Tuesday between 6 and 8 pm. You'll find we have a lot of fun - like hat making!

Cassie Chesterman



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It is Avening WI's 80th birthday this year and we are marking this great occasion with two events. In August we will be dressing up and enjoying a celebratory evening meal at Minchinhampton Golf Course. In October, which was the month when Avening WI first started, we will be hosting a birthday party for past and present members in the Memorial Hall. We will be having a buffet supper followed by entertainment. It is hoped that we can include as many past members as possible to come along and join in the festivities.

Our July meeting was entitled 'One Egg or Two?'. This was a very interesting talk by Rosemary Proscer describing her life on a farm running a Bed & Breakfast business. She kept us amused with tales of numerous guests and all the excitements of life on the farm. She obviously worked very hard, but enjoyed her experiences enormously, meeting such a variety of visitors. We all left the Hall that night feeling very well entertained. She did however mention, on a more serious note, the danger of walking in the countryside in long grass, woodland and overgrowth. It is possible to contract Lyme disease from ticks, and it is advisable to keep legs covered when out walking.

Tetbury WI hosted this year's group meeting at the Dolphin Hall and 18 ladies from Avening attended. We sat at tables, all mixed up with the other institutes, Tetbury, Coates and Kemble, by way of different coloured napkins. 'Aveningites' had to sit at places with blue napkins. It was a good idea and we all enjoyed chatting with different people. We were served a delicious supper with wine or elderflower to drink. Our speaker, the BBC TV weatherman, Richard Angwin, phoned to say he would be arriving a little late to give his talk. He normally broadcasts from Bristol but on this occasion had been sent to the Glastonbury Festival site to give the forecast – just two and a half minutes long! He eventually arrived and gave a 'short and sweet' talk but in spite of this hiccup we all agreed we had enjoyed a very convivial evening.

Another forthcoming event is an evening village walk in August, meeting at the Hall and finishing up at Sue Osborne's along at West End, for refreshments.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Why not come along and join us. Visitors are always made welcome.

Doreen & Wendy

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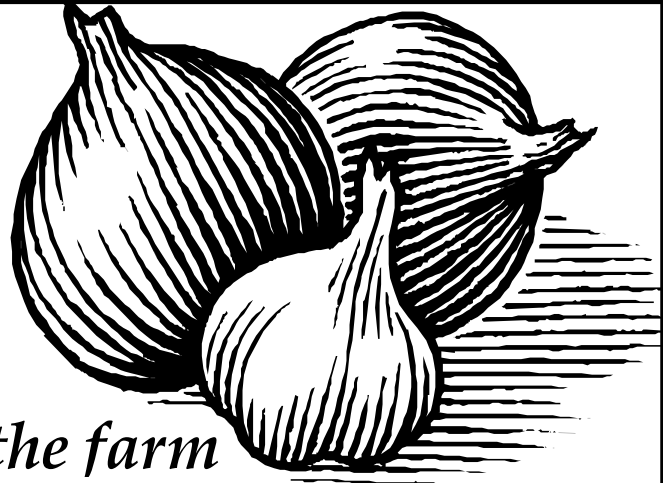
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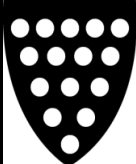


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POLICE REPORT FOR AVENING PARISH COUNCIL

There were 8 substantiated crimes between May and June 2010, this compares to 2 for the same period of 2009.

The Year to date 1st Apr 2010 to 30th June 2010 stands at a total of 11 Crimes compared to 5 at the same point in the previous year.

CRIME CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

- There were 3 incidents of **BURGLARY**. Compared to 0 in 2009
 - 0 incidents of **THEFT/HANDLING**. 2 in 2009
 - 1 incident of **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**. 0 in 2009
 - 2 incidents of **VIOLENCE**. 0 in 2009
 - 2 incidents of **FRAUD**. 0 in 2009
- No other **NOTIFIABLE CRIMES**. 0 in 2009

Summary

The figures for the past two months have unfortunately seen for the first time in awhile a rise from 2 crimes last year to 8 this.

The 2 incidents of violence occurred at the same time after a disturbance at a licence premises. The Burglaries were all non dwelling with breaks into shed's, garages and out buildings and once again highlights the need to look at your own security in this area.

The criminal damage involved an unknown person pulling planks from the bus stop located in Mays Lane. This took place between 1700 Saturday 26/6/10 and 0800 Monday 28/6/10 any residents has information as to who may have carried out this attack then please contact the local Police or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Contributed by Roger Newton

(it just had to be a man who contributed this! — Ed)



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New Planning Applications/Decisions – June/July 2010

10/02455/LBC	Rodways Place, Point Road, Avening, GL8 8NA Proposal: Revision to approved scheme 09/01518/LBC (involving reduction in width of extension) The Parish Council had no objections to the application.
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Decision Notices Received

10/02516/ CLOPUD	Foxhollow, 27 Point Road, Avening, GL8 8ND Proposal: Demolition of garage and replacement with new garage Date decided: 28 June 2010 Decision: Application Permit
10/02031/FUL	Ayres Cottage, 41 High Street, Avening, GL8 8NF Proposal: Erection of single storey rear conservatory Date decided: 12 th July 2010 Decision: Application Permit

Plans can be seen on www.cotswold.gov.uk go to weekly planning list.

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The next meeting of the Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 16th September 2010, at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome.

*Deborah Cook, Parish Clerk
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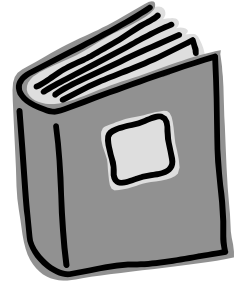
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Sunday 22nd August	Update on Zimbabwe by Venetia Winkfield	Holy Cross Church Avening	11.00am
Thursday 2nd September	School term starts after summer holidays	Avening Primary School	9.00am
Sat & Sun 11th & 12th September	Queen Matilda's Day Celebrations	Avening Playing Fields	All weekend
Monday 13th September	Avening Memorial Hall AGM	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 16th September	Avening Parish Council meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 18th September	Gig in the Quarry (in aid of The Meningitis Trust)	Paul Kirby's Quarry Tetbury Hill	2.00pm
Thursday 14th October	WI Birthday party	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Friday 22nd October	School breaks up for half term	Avening Primary School	
Wednesday 3rd November	School resumes after half term	Avening Primary School	

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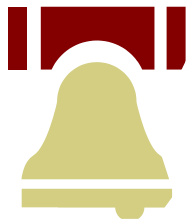
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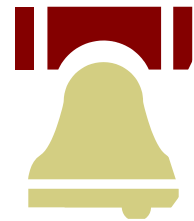
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