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AVENING CHURCH FETE Sunday June 7th Opening by Louise Minchin

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The Parish Letter

What a wonderful antidote to all the grim and depressing revelations of these last months to find our selves in Rogation tide.....the time of year when the Church traditionally asks for God's Blessing on the fields, the newly sprouting crops, farms, woods and rivers. The things that really matter, for they are the essentials to Life itself.

A reminder too, that we are dependent on God's Creation, both for our food, and for our spiritual well being.

With all the coverage we have had by the media, no-one needs convincing anymore that it is not only the bankers and financiers who have been 'sailing close to the wind'.....taking excessive risks with our money...... but the politicians too have been 'having a ball'.

It is difficult to adjust to the knowledge that people for whom we have a natural trust prove untrustworthy and in some cases corrupt. Yet however angry and let down we feel, justifiably so, we must not allow ourselves to fall into the trap of enjoying another's discomfiture or using their shortcomings to enhance the good feelings we have of ourselves. This is not the Christian way.

Jesus asked us not to pass judgement on others, as none of us are above judgement. Rather than indulging in the negative feelings that follow such revelations and allowing ourselves to be dragged down by all that has happened, we need to think positively, for otherwise, no-one will have the energy to correct what has been going on.

Rogation is a good time to start feeling positive, for it is a reminder that there are other things -lasting things - of great beauty. We have had a glorious Spring with an abundance of flowers and blossom. Living in the country as we do, we have a natural boost to our spirits every time we look around us. We know too, in our hearts. that there are many more good people.....even good, honest politicians and bankers..... than bad. We know too, that in the end, Truth will prevail over deceit and corruption, for Truth is Eternal.

Rev Celia

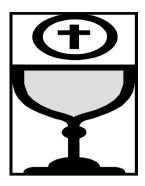
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SUNDAY June 7 th	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
Trinity Sunday	Cherington	9.30am	Holy Communion BCW
	Avening	2 pm	No 11 am service CHURCH FETE
SUNDAY June 14 th	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
1 st Sunday after Trinity	Cherington	9.30am	Matins BCP
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
SUNDAY June 21 st	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Cherington	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
SUNDAY June 28 th	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Cherington	9.30am	Holy Communion BCW
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
SUNDAY July 5 th	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
4 th Sunday after Trinity	Cherington	9.30am	Holy Communion BCW
	Avening	11am	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School



A date for your diary

Bishop Michael will be coming to **Avening on 11th October 2009** to carry out a confirmation service.

Church Duties: AVENING



Date	Sidespersons	Chalice Assistant	Sacristan
June 7 th	Church Fete - no 11am service		
June 14 th	S Hamilton / F Conway	D Pierce	Ann
June 21 st	C Boddam-Whetham/ J Pargeter	S Uzzell	Marion
June 28 th	G Buchanan/ K Lindesay	P Lindesay Ann	
July 5 th	H Graham-Munro / D Martin	P Brown	Marion

Avening Church Floodlighting The church will be floodlit in June:

June 29th In memory of Arthur Whiting, from his wife Phyllis and family.

If you would like to have the church floodlit to commemorate a loved one or to celebrate a special event, please contact

Paul Brown 01453 835983

The cost is £5 for 2 hours

Brian Trubshaw Commemorated in Cherington Church



Some of you may have noticed the arrival of a new plaque on the wall of Cherington church in memory of Brian Trubshaw and his contribution to supersonic travel. The plaque was presented by Brian's widow Yvonne and step-daughter Sally Edmondson.

On 5th April 2009 The Reverend Celia Carter performed a Dedication Service, which was attended by Yvonne and Sally, together with family and friends, including former Concorde test pilot Roy Radford and Brian Boulton who was also involved in the test programme at Fairford







TV Personality to open Avening Fete.....

This year the fete will be opened by TV personality Louise Minchin. Louise Minchin is one of the BBC's top journalists and presenters. As a news anchor, she regularly presents Breakfast on BBC One, and the One O'clock news, and has a regular slot on the BBC News Channel. During her career as a news presenter Louise has covered the major news stories of the last decade and also presents on location.

We are very fortunate that Louise has agreed to come to Avening to open our fete this year.During her career as a news presenter Louise has covered the major news stories of the last decade and also presents on location.

International Avening Duck Races



You may have noticed a certain air of pending excitement around the village at the moment. Some rather familiar signs adorn our beautiful stone walls and your door bells are ringing to the outstretched hands for your fine wine and long forgotten toys.

The internationally acclaimed Avening duck races are upon us and the boys are more than ready for the day.

After the initial upset of them leaving their well loved home they have travelled to their new training grounds (over the fence) and have been preparing themselves ever since. I held a locker room meeting just this morning and the vibe is upbeat and they are raring to go. Is it me or is there something a little special behind those unblinking eyes of theirs?

Perhaps it is the excitement of our new recruit. Dermot, their much larger cousin, has joined the ranks and will be closing the event with an individual race against the clock. Some say his size will make him slower, some say quicker but only time will tell.

Will you guess the correct time and win the £30 prize money? We all look forward to seeing you on the day and to hearing your cheers of encouragement as we tackle those perilous waters of the Avening stream.

Avening Church Fele Rafle

1st Prize: £500.00 cash 2nd prize: an Apple iPod nano 8GB 3rd prize: A case of wineplus a few more to keep you on your toes..... The Draw: At 4.15pm on Sunday 7th June, 2009 at the Avening Church Fete.

£1 PER TICKET

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE IN MAY AND AT THE FETE DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO WIN A FABULOUS PRIZE!!!

There is still time to book your table for

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Delicious traditional afternoon tea with waitress service. in the lovely setting of Avening Church.

> Where? When? How Much?

Avening Church Sunday June 7th What time? 3.30pm or 4.30pm £5 per person

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Philip Kendell, Chairman email: pj@kendell.co.uk



Avening School

Reception Class Teacher, Nicky Brooke, celebrates 20 years in post

1989: Can you remember where you were?...On the international scene citizens from East Germany broke down the Berlin Wall to bring together a peaceful East and West Germany; on the national scene "Iron Lady", Maggie was introducing the Poll Tax and Salman Rushdie's Satanic Verses made the headlines. On the Avening Primary School scene another important event took place: Nicky Brooke, Reception Class teacher and Deputy Head arrived at our school....and, luckily for us she's still here!

Nicky first came to Avening Primary to teach on a voluntary basis in the Eagles. The school and Nicky suited each other extremely well and she was soon employed, part time, to teach DT in the Owls and Hawks classes. When a full time position in the Reception class became available, Nicky was invited to apply for the post and got the job!

Casting her mind back Nicky remembers the school being a little different at that time. The school only had 3 classes then, rather than the 4 of today, and Nicky taught all the Reception and Year 1 children together. Today's computer suite was then the library, and the new cloakroom and toilet block was an enclosed courtyard where she took the children for outdoor activities such as painting and water projects or playing in the sand. Access to the Memorial Hall was more difficult back then, the children having to enter the Hall from the front of the building which took them along the main road, causing a daily safety concern. It's all quite different now!

When asked about her more personal reflections on her 20-year tenure, Nicky beams as she tells me "the most joyful aspect for me has been getting to know the families and their children. Seeing the childrens' abilities and skills develop and blossom as they grow is very meaningful. I am lucky enough to work with wonderful colleagues who are all supportive of each other and this makes for a fabulous community spirit and sense of goodwill. We are never complacent, always thinking 'Where do we want to be?' which makes for a very

dynamic environment. A particular highlight for me over the years has been our 'Art' weeks which have been fantastic here. Art weeks enable the children to blend different aspects of their learning and give them the opportunity to present their own interpretations. They relish it." Nicky's about the children's comments enjoyment of school are endorsed by the recent Ofsted inspection which also found our children's enjoyment of school "Outstanding".



NickyBrooks, Reception Class

Nicky looks to the future with confidence, as the school goes from strength to strength, and all of her colleagues are delighted that she is very much a part of the team. Congratulations Nicky!

Kenyan Visitors to Avening School

The last weekend in April saw the arrival of four Headteachers/ Teachers from our partner schools in Kenya who came for a 2 week visit to find out about our education system.

Two Kenyans, John and Robert were based at St Mary's in Tetbury, whilst Charles and Tabitha from Elimambo were based with us in Avening. They have been working alongside the teachers in our school and have also visited the playgroup and Sir William Romney's Secondary School to gain an insight across the whole age range of the education system in the UK.

Headteacher Diana Boulton says "The experience has been a very positive one for the children and staff. Our Kenyan visitors have been sharing their experiences with the children, teachers and parents alike about the Kenyan way of life, their people and education system. The children have been able to ask some interesting questions of them and have discovered details such as Kenyan children learning 3 languages at primary school and then continuing their later education in English because that is the official language there.

Overall the scheme has brought the countries closer together as we have discovered lots of similarities which we can share and build upon. It has also provided a wonderfully tangible element to the geography and history parts of our curriculum."



A special Thank You

Diana Boulton with the Kenyan visitors in the Kestrels classroom

to You All!

We would also like to say a special 'Thank you' to the Village Shop and all those who have donated vouchers for schools – over 695 in total! So far we have been able to purchase some 20 books with the donations – all very gratefully received and appreciated by the children.

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Avening WI

An Action-packed Summer Programme

The WI meeting in May was yet again well attended and there were some welcome visitors. Some of our members, who also belong to Avening Group, were away for a long weekend.

A draw was made for one member to attend a reception, to be hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall at Highgrove in July, as part of the 90th anniversary celebrations of the Gloucestershire Federation of Women's Institutes. The places were limited so the Executive Committee invited every WI member to enter a ballot. The visit will start with a tour of the beautiful gardens at Highgrove, to be followed by a reception and tea. The lucky winner was Pearl McLaughlin.

Lists were then available for members to sign up for various visits and events planned for the next few months. These will include a day at Kiftsgate Gardens in June, to Jongo O'Neill's racing stables, and to a Christmas concert with Aled Jones. Early booking is necessary to avoid disappointment.

On Sunday May 17th there is was a visit to Willie Carson's stud, with lunch and polo at Cirencester Park afterwards for members from all over the county. With so much going on, there is never enough time to fit it all in!

One of our members, Mrs Di Wall, gave a talk, illustrated with photographs, of 'Inns & Beerhouses of the Local Area'. Minchinhampton and Avening seemed to have been full of them! There were some lovely pictures of how these villages looked years ago including one of Nag's Head. It was also interesting to see that in the 1841 Ordnance Survey map Cherington is spelt with two Rs.

Next month Mrs Liz Godsell is giving a talk on Cheese Making and Tasting. Do come along if you are interested to learn more about this. The meeting is on June 6th and the competition is for 6 cheese scones.

Wendy Eldridge



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Avening Playgroup

This term we have been delighted to welcome ten new children to playgroup. We have been very proud of our older children who have welcomed the younger children showing them what to do and giving them rides very carefully on the two seater bikes.

Despite the changeable weather the children have been able to play outside each day and we have made good use of outr undercover area. The Vegetables in our vegetable patch have been growing rapidly as they are situated in a very sunny position and are enthusiastically watered by the children. The children have also enjoyed adding water to the sand to make lots of delicious sounding cakes, pies and dinners.

The Playgroup are very excited to be given the responsibility of looking after the church yard games at the Church fete on the 7th June. Children will find some lovely activities including a bouncy castle, Lucky Jars, Coconut Shy and the fabulous Princess Parlour. We will also be running the toy stall, if you do have any toys or unwanted nail varnish that you can donate **Please Please Please** bring them down on the morning of the fete!



All of our toddlers have now moved up to playgroup, so our toddler session on a Thursday afternoon will currently be closed until September. When we hope to have a fresh batch of little ones!

If your child becomes three between September 2009 and August 2010 and you would like them to join our happy playgroup, please ring Debbie on 01453 832 695 with your child's details, so they can go on the waiting list.

Cotswold Woolgatherers knit and spin for charity

On Saturday 9th May 2009, the *Cotswold Woolgatherers*, a team of eight, produced an adult's sweater - from sheep's back to man's back in a day. The sheep, was provided from **HRH The Prince of Wales' organic flock of Lleyns**, reared at Tetbury, Glos.



Our team was competing in the *International Back to Back Challenge*, an annual competition in which teams all over the world attempt to hand-shear, hand-spin and hand-knit their sweater faster than any other team. All teams must follow the official pattern.

The *Cotswold Woolgatherers* are the first team to compete this year, and completed their sweater in a fantastic 9 hours, 40 minutes and 13 seconds. Winners last year were the *Toronto Spiders* in a blistering time of 5 hours, 55 minutes and 50 seconds

To complete the sweater, the team produced over 1,010gm of unwashed yarn and knitted in excess of 47,500 stitches

During the course of the day, spectators poured hundreds of coins into our collection buckets and the finished sweater was auctioned off through a silent auction. The event has raised approximately £500 for Macmillan Cancer Support

In November 2008 a call for knitters and spinners went out in the Gloucestershire area. After contacting numerous Guilds and knitting groups, a core team established itself, the Cotswold Woolgatherers. The team practised spinning and knitting with unwashed fleece and yarn, as per the rules of the competition.

The event had to be staged between particular dates in May and June and, happily for us, we were able to tie our challenge in with the Stroud International Textile Festival, thus promoting traditional textile practise to a contempory audience.

On Saturday 9th May, our team assembled at the Museum in the Park, Stroud; one shepherd with sheep from HRH The Prince of Wales' organic flock of Lleyns, plus seven knitters and spinners. Beneath a tent provided by the Nailsworth scouts and fortified with refreshments given by a variety of supporters, the Cotswold Woolgatherers spun and knitted and posed for photographs... until the sweater was complete. At 6.40 in the evening - 9 hours, 40 minutes and 13 seconds after the shepherd began shearing - our task was over.





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Avening Memorial Hall *Putting the FUN in FUNdraising*

After the repairs, renovation and decoration last year, Avening once again has a lovely bright Memorial Hall.

The Hall is already used by lots of villagers... WI, Youth Club, the School, Parish Council, private parties etc. Now the Trustees are discussing further improvements to make it a good space for other groups. Ideas so far include stage lighting and curtains; updating the kitchen in the Chamberlain Room; replacing the fire escape so we can use the Upper Reading Room again.

If we want to do any more work, then we need to raise funds

Come and join in the Great Avening Scarecrow Trail on Sunday 28th June, 10–4

Enjoy a walk around our lovely village looking out for hidden scarecrows.

There will be tea and stalls at the Memorial Hall and a Prize Draw

If you would like to 'host' a scarecrow, or for more information, ring **834075 or 833830**





Avening Memorial Hall AGM June 3rd 7.30 pm

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Simon Wheatley Chairman Trustee's AMH

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Cherington Parish Council

The Parish Council were pleased to see so many residents at the Village Open Meeting. They also welcomed Mr David Bragg from Neighbourhood Watch and Pcso Paul Hancock from Tetbury Police station who gave a report. Should anyone wish to see the report please contact the Clerk.

The BT pole planning application still has issues to be resolved before it can be brought before CDC planning department.

The Parish Council has had two complaints from residents about dog fouling. Please could you ensure you clean up behind your dog in the Village and on the Cricket Field. Cotswold District Council now have powers to issue a fixed penalty notice of $\pounds75$ if you do not clean up or if a prosecution takes place a hefty fine (up to $\pounds1,000$).

Planning

The Old Rectory Cherington 09/00253FUL

Construction of swimming pool, associated plant room, conversion of existing garage to ancillary accommodation. Erection of detached garage/garden store. Insertion of walling and pedestrian gate.

The Coach House, Cherington 09/00898/FUL 09/00899/LBC Erection of single storey extension and gazebo.

Aston Farm, Cherington 09/00997/AGFO Proposed grain store.

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 457. The Old Rectory, Cherington.

Cherington Parish Council's next meeting is on Monday 6th July 2009 6.30pm in the Village Hall, members of the public are welcome to attend.







Avening Parish Council

New Planning Applications – April/ May

09/00711/ FUL	Avening Park House, West End, Avening, Tetbury, GL8 8NE Proposal: Two storey extension to single dwelling house, including addition of dormer windows Decision: No objections
09/00964/ FUL	3 Powis Lane, Avening, Tetbury GL8 8PA Proposal: Erection of double garage Decision: Objected: Removal of part of the hedge which is protected

Decision Notices Received – March/ April

08/01479/FUL Glebe House Cottage, 5 New Inn Lane, Avening, Tetbury, GL8 8NB Proposal: Erection of double gates at existing entrance to property. Decision : Application Disposed

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Wednesday the 13th May 2009 with speakers from the Youth Club, Avening Playgroup, Police, County Council, Memorial Hall Management Committee and Avening Playing Fields Association. They advised the parish on what they had achieved over the last year and any new projects forthcoming. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

On Thursday 21st May the Parish Council held their AGM and Cllr Jim Parsons was re-elected as Chairman for the year 2009/10.

New Councillor

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that Cllr Tom Beardsell was

co-opted on to the council on the 21st May 2009.

POLICE REPORT FOR AVENING PARISH COUNCIL

There were three substantiated crimes in April 2009, this compares to five in the same period of 2008.

CRIME CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

- There were No incidents of BURGLARY. Compared to 1 in 2008
- No incidents of THEFT/HANDLING. 2 in 2008
- 3 incidents of CRIMINAL DAMAGE. 1 IN 2008
- No incidents of VIOLENCE. 1 in 2008
 No other NOTIFIABLE CRIMES

SUMMARY

Overall the figures for April 2009 have again been positive and seen an overall reduction in crime for Avening.

0845 090 1234 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

Tetbury Police Pcso Paul Hancock & Sue Fellows PC Matt Shorter & Sarah Bradley

Summer Village Clean Up

The Summer Village Clean Up will take place on **Saturday 13th June 2009** from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Please meet at the Village Hall to collect your litter picking equipment. All welcome!

The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be the held on Thursday, 18th June 2009 at 7.30 pm in Avening Memorial.



Wendy Jennings, Parish Clerk, Wingfield, Hampton Hill, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8NS Tel: 01453 832881 Email: <u>parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk</u>



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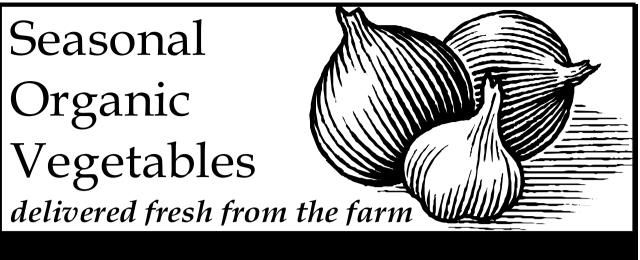
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
June 3rd	Memorial Hall AGM	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
June 5th	WI Quiz Night	Social Club	7.30pm
June 7th	Avening Church Fete		2 pm
June 11th	Avening WI meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
June 13th	Avening Village Clean Up	Avening Memorial Hall	10 am -12 noon
June 20th	FOAS Car Boot Sale	Cross Inn	9am -12
June 28th	Avening Great Scarecrow Trail	Starting from Memorial Hall	10 am- 4 pm
July 26th	Cherington Flower Show	Cherington Village	2 pm

THE MOBILE POLICE STATION will visit Avening & Cherington in June		
June 10 th	Avening 8.30-9.30am: Cherington 9.45-10.30am	
June 28 th	Avening 1.30-2.30 pm: Cherington 2.45-3.30pm	

FIVE VALLEYS MOBILE LIBRARY The mobile Library operates in this area as follows: June 5th & 19th The Green, Cherington 12.30 - 12.50

Useful Telephone Numbers

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Cherington Parish Council	Sue Russell	01666 503370
Cotswold District Councillor	Jim Parsons	01453 836596
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