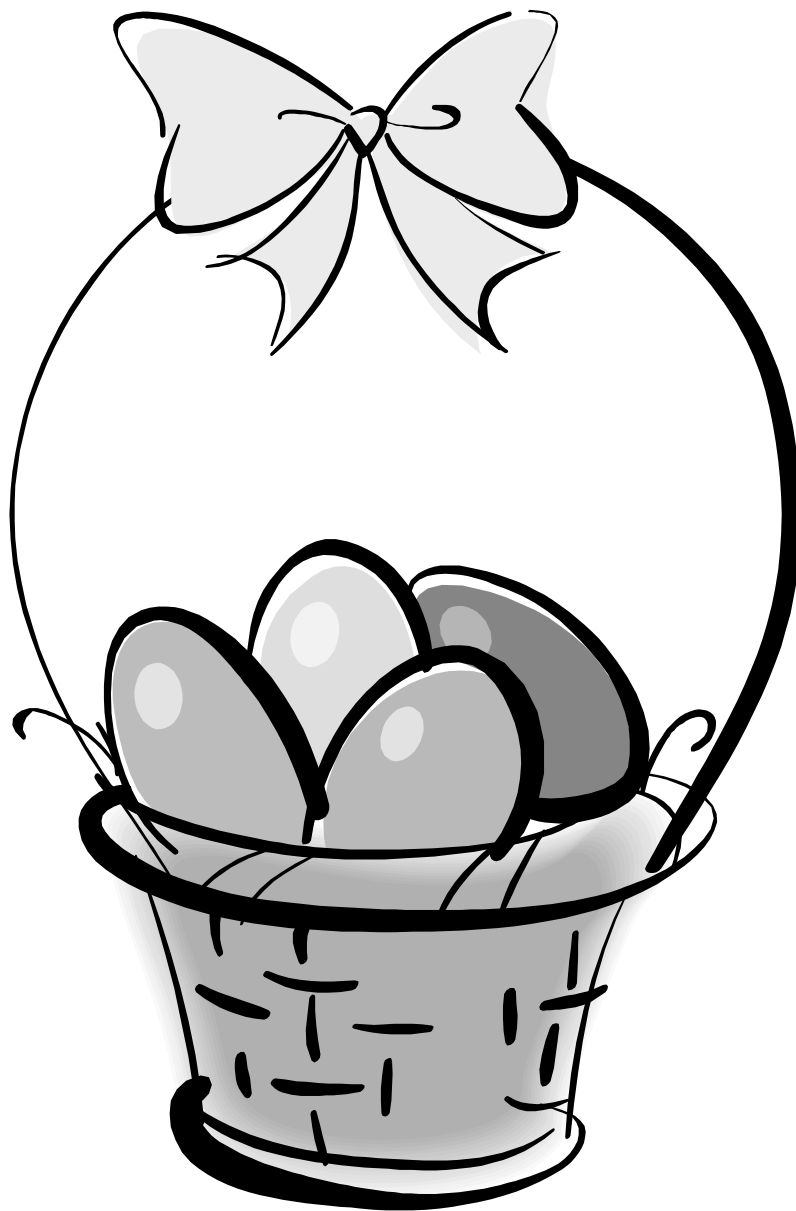


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The Parish Letter

EASTER

One of the greatest strengths I draw from my faith is the Christian Promise of 'New Beginnings'. However dark the day..... whatever disappointments we may experience..... however often we feel we have failed.....there is always a new dawna chance to begin again.

The Christian Faith speaks of forgiveness, for it is in forgiving that the slate is wiped clean. Whether it is when we ourselves forgive some hurt or injustice done to us, or when we forgive ourselves for the pain we may have inflicted on others, all human forgiveness is wrapped in the forgiveness of God. It is through this forgiveness that we are free to move on.

Easter is the great festival of New Life. The promise won for us by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He, having suffered all the pain, rejection, ridicule, humiliation of His trial and Crucifixion, forgave Humanity for all it had done.

“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do”

He forgave us.....and died.

The world was plunged into darkness as the sun was blacked out, and the people fled in terror through the streets of Jerusalem. Yet the power of evil and the darkness was soon to be overcome. Three days later Jesus the Son of God rose from His tomb. Life is stronger than death and Good stronger than Evil.

His Divine power to forgive overcame death, and he rose to NEW LIFEa new dawn broke.

Every day for us is a new dawn, and can bring new hope, and a

chance to start again. Nothing need overcome us, however tragic, however devastating. With the help of the Spirit of Christ we can forgive, and forgive again. It is then we can claim a new beginning and move on.

EASTER is Life.....Life in all its loveliness.

Rev Celia

Easter in Avening & Cherington

Wishing you a very happy and blessed Easter

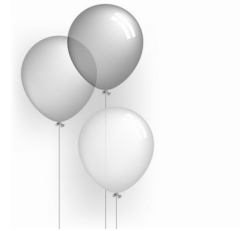
From the Churches of St Nicholas & Holy Cross who welcome you all to any of these Holy Week services.

Tuesday 30th March	Cherington Church Candlelit Taizé Meditation & music	7.30pm
Maundy Thursday 1st April	Avening Church Agape Supper (a re-enactment of the Last Supper to which all ages and denominations are welcome)	7.30pm
Good Friday 2nd April	Cherington Meditation Avening Meditation (reflections with music during the hours of The Crucifixion)	12.00 noon 2.00pm
Easter Day 4th April <i>The Celebration of Life!</i>	Avening Holy Communion Cherington Holy Communion (with Easter Eggs!) Avening Holy Communion (with Easter Egg Hunt!)	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00am

*Further details of these and other Easter events
can be obtained from
the Parish Office or see noticeboards*



AVENING CHURCH FETE 2010



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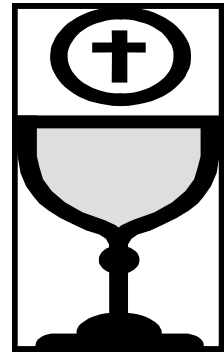
Sunday Services in Avening & Cherington

Day / Date	Time	Church	Event
Easter Sunday 4th April	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW (Easter Eggs after service)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School (Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee after service)
Sunday 11th April			(no 08.00am service in Avening)
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP (Coffee after service)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday 18th April	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School. Shortened service as this is followed by the AGM to which everybody is welcome.
25th April	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday 2nd May	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School (coffee after service)

Forthcoming Baptisms
Rufus Hull, Beverley Townsend



Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sidespersons	Chalice Assistants	Sacristan
4th April	George/ Stephanie	Stephen & Paul	Ann
11th April	Diane/ Margaret	Hamish	Elizabeth
18th April	Piers/ Cas	Derrick	Marion
25th April	Frances/ Jeanie	Stephen	Ann
2nd May	George/ Diane	Paul	Elizabeth

Please join us for a **Childrens Easter Egg Hunt** and **Coffee** at Avening Church after the 11.00am Easter Sunday Service



CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING Avening Church was floodlit as follows:

- 15th March: 'To celebrate the birth in March of Clementine Maisie Stuart Duff, a granddaughter for Christine.'
- 14th April : 'For Jack Harvey on his birthday. With love from Peggy and all the family.'

If you would like to have the church floodlit in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event, please contact:

Paul Brown 01453 835 983

The cost is £5 for 2 hours

The Villager Magazine – from the new Editors!

Jane and Nicholas hope you enjoy our first edition as editors of this Magazine.

On behalf of the villages of Avening and Cherington we would like to thank Kathleen Lindesay for the huge amount of hard work she has put in over the last 11 years to make this Magazine as enjoyable and informative as it is. We have a lot to live up to!

Please forgive us in advance for our mistakes, as we still have much to learn. We're not looking to change Kathleen's well tried and tested format too much, but if anyone has any ideas for future editions, or suggestions of how the Magazine may progress, please feel free to contact us – we'd welcome your input. It's your Magazine!

Please note our new contact details at the front. E-mail is our preferred method of contact, if at all possible.

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SONGS OF PRAISE in CHERINGTON

a date for your diaries -

Saturday 26th June at 6 pm

~ an evening service of favourite hymns ~

followed by a shared picnic in The Gastons Field.

More details later.



Coffee at Cherington

On the second Sunday of each month, tea and coffee are provided after the 9.30am service at St. Nicholas Church, Cherington - we would love to welcome you ! If you have not come to the service, just come along at 10.20am!

A Little Bit of Avening History

Francis de Paravicini

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

Francis was born in Kensington about 1817 and became vicar of Avening in 1856. His first mention in the Parish Register is his officiating at a Burial on the 25th of May of that year with his first Marriage on the following 3rd of June and his first Baptism on the 8th of June.

His last event was on the 19th of July 1894 and over the period of his tenure he officiated at 830 Baptisms, nearly 300 Marriages and 550 Burials.

If you had ancestors living in the village during those years, Francis de Paravicini would have known them.

An outspoken man, he wrote the Village magazine, entitled "Home Words". I have been given copies of four pages of that magazine, in which he writes, with some candour, about various things which interested him. As an example, I quote from an article written by him in the early part of 1889.

"As an instance of the kindly feeling entertained by the labouring and poorer classes of the village towards their former employers and kind neighbours, it is gratifying to record that on the recent marriage (25th September 1889) of Miss Emily Jane Wigmore of this parish with Mr. Edward Forrester, the villagers presented them with a handsome marble chimney timepiece and a handsome set of tea service.

Naturally the ringers of the Church bells proposed to express their own, with their neighbours, good wishes for a member of the oldest resident family in the parish, whom they all respected, by a welcome and joyous peal of the church bells on the occasion of her wedding.

But, can you believe it! an order went forth that the bells should not be rung. That order, however, proceeded from one who was powerless to enforce it. He had no authority. He might intimidate by threats his own working men who were bellringers and so prevent their ringing bells, but he could not deprive the Rector of his legitimate and sole authority over the bells, and the Rector cheerfully consented, on so auspicious an occasion, to the pealing of the bells of the church within whose sacred walls a Christian marriage had just been celebrated"

So there!! To be continued

Fred Vening

When God created Mothers

(read by Julia Walkley in Avening Church on Mothers Day)

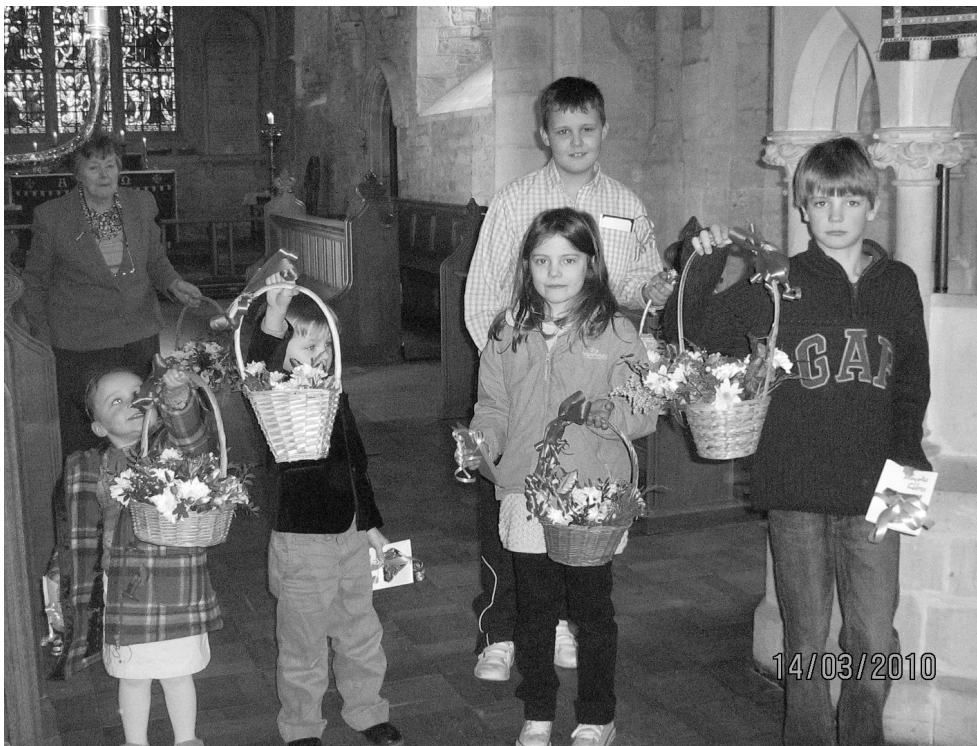
When the Good Lord was creating mothers, he was into his sixth day of overtime, when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the spec on this one? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 180 moveable parts, all replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers; have a lap that disappears when she stands up, a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair, and six pair of hands. "The angel shook her head slowly and said," Six pairs of hands...no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord." It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair for seeing through closed doors, when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there?", when she already knows. Another, here, in the back of her head, that sees what she shouldn't, but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, "I understand and I love you," without so much as uttering a word."



Flowers for the congregation on Mother's Day in Avening Church



Hugging the Church during the Mothers Day service

"Lord," said the angel, touching his sleeve gently, "Rest for now. Tomorrow..."

"I can't," said the Lord. "I'm so close to creating something close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

"The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly. "She's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what the mother can do or endure."

"Can she think?"

"Not only think, but she can reason and compromise," said the Creator. Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

"There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you, you were trying to put too much into this model." "It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You're a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked sombre: "I didn't put it there."

Erma Bombeck

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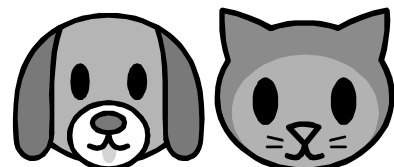
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Avening Roll of Honour No. 24

Arthur George King

Private: 6th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment.

From the Public Records, John King, father of Arthur King, is a mystery. By the census returns of 1881 and 1891, he was born around 1848 and 1849 at Sapperton but he cannot be specifically seen in the earlier census records. We have a record of him marrying Fanny Ludlow in the Stroud Registration District in 1877 and, in 1901, Fanny was a widow living with her family on Pound Hill. We cannot find a registered Death for John, although he must have died around 1897. He was a stonemason and was employed at Peaches Farm and other farms around Hampton Fields. This is where Fanny was born in 1853 and prior to her marriage she was employed by the Ricardo family as a housemaid at Gatcombe House. The family lived at Hampton Fields from at least 1878 and this is where Arthur George was born in 1879. He was one of eight children, all of them being baptised in Minchinhampton. However, by 1901 the children had lost their father and the family had moved into Pound Hill. Arthur was then 22 and described as a Yard Labourer, his younger brother Wilford as a stonemason and a sister, Mildred, then 14, as a Rug Weaver.

Unfortunately, Arthur's military records have not survived but his Medal Rolls tell us that he initially enlisted in the Dorset Regiment. That Regiment are unable to tell us when he joined or why he left although it could have been that he was wounded and, on recovery, sent to one of the most needy units, which turned out to be the 6th Wiltshires.

He faced Ludendorf's final push which sprung from Operation "Michael" launched at the end of March 1918. Having ground to a halt on the advance on Amiens the German army turned North causing further havoc to the depleted British 5th Army.

At the start of the week of Sunday the 7th of April, the 6th Wiltshires were sent in to the front line with 591 men. They were temporarily withdrawn on Friday the 12th with a strength of only 180 men. On that day they received reinforcements of a further 275 men and during the night of the 13th returned to the front as a force of 390. They were finally



Mendinghem War Cemetery

relieved by the 22nd French Division five days later, only 254 reaching their billets near Abeele. The battalion was so depleted that it effectively ceased to exist and was therefore disbanded. Arthur was one of the casualties and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission gives the date of his death as Saturday the 20th of April but by that time the Battalion had been relieved. However, the Stroud Gazette gives the same date but states that Arthur "died of wounds" so it supposed that at some time during April he was wounded and taken to a field hospital away from the fighting, where he died. He is buried at Mendinghem Cemetery, one of three cemeteries attached to three separate field hospitals. These field hospitals, situated in Western Belgium, near Ieper, were popularly known by troops as Mendinghem, Dozinghem and Bandaghem.

He received two medals, the Victory Medal and the British Medal and is remembered with Honour on our War Memorial tablets in our Church. We have been unable to locate any relatives.

Fred Vening

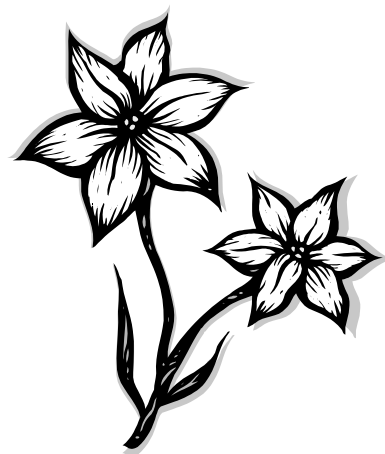
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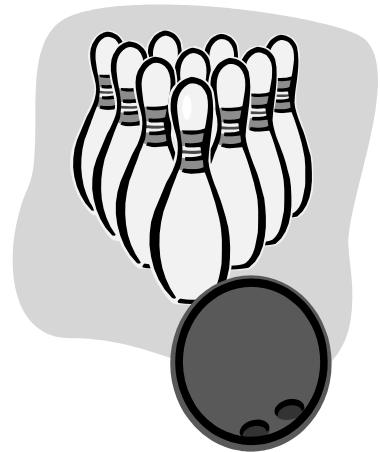
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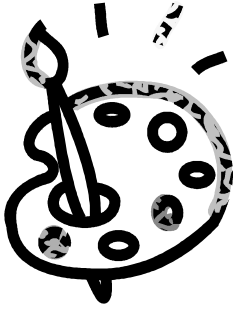
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Avening Art Show

Holy Cross Church

4th, 5th & 6th June, 2010

Planning is now well underway for this year's Art Show. We hope to be exhibiting the work of more than 20 local artists, many of whom will be coming along to the Preview evening on Friday 4th June, 6.00-8.30pm. For art lovers and buyers, this is, without doubt, the time to come along. Not just for the wine and nibbles and chance to chat with the contributors and organisers but also because this is when many of the best works are earmarked with their red Sold stickers. This year, the Preview evening is by invitation only – so, to be sure you get past the gatekeepers (and you must know what the Fete Committee are like!) please contact Mick (contact details later) or Reverend Celia.

On the Saturday (5th) and Sunday (6th) the Show will be open from 10.00 – 17.00. This year, as well as showing work by local artists we will also be having a Children's Art exhibition. There will also be a competition - the theme for entries is 'New Growth' - with a prize sponsored by Avening Arts Group of a voucher for £20 worth of art materials.

For invitations to the Preview, Entry Forms for the Art Show or for information about Avening Arts Group, please contact Mick Williamson by telephone 01453 836 318 or email: rmwilliamson@mac.com

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Concert in Cherington Church

The Society of Bacchus and Orpheus from Yale University came to perform in Cherington Church on March 10th. This was in every sense a first; first concert in the church, first time many had heard fine 'a capella' (unaccompanied) harmony singing and first time many had been to our church. All thanks to Roger Maggs of Westrip who introduced this group of university students by way of fund-raising for the church as they were here on tour. For some the detour entailed driving around English lanes on the wrong side of the road and getting a bit lost! So the surprise element for the audience was that commencing with just 10 or so singers the group expanded as the laggards caught up and came bouncing in from the cold to complete their complement of 18. Each one charmingly stepped forward to introduce themselves and emphasised how much they enjoyed the opportunity to sing in our church.



The Society are one of several at the university and was founded in 1938. Some of them are trained singers from the Juilliard School of Music and some just have the voice - bass, baritone or tenor - all greatly talented and able to hold their own harmony and sing solo. A capella harmony singing is a great tradition at universities in America, barbershop singing and Glee Clubs abound and if you have a voice they'll want you to sing. The programme included several much loved traditional American ballads, folk songs such as 'Shenandoah', spirituals - 'Ride the Chariot' and a striking arrangement of Jerusalem as well as a couple of jazz numbers. It being Lent they thoughtfully left out some of the more risqué in their repertoire!

Roger Maggs provided the 'Bacchus' aspect of the evening over in the Village Hall with generous refreshments for all, during which the Society had more surprises up their sleeves, breaking into encores of more lovely music as they circulated amongst us. We were able to chat and hear that another custom is not to divulge to the freshmen amongst them how the tour would unfold; their parents knew where they would be going but to the younger boys their next destination was an exciting mystery.

The church was full and we accumulated well over £600. A good start to our fund-raising drive and we resolve to do this again.



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2009 - 9 hours, 40 minutes and 13 seconds

Fred shears our sheep in 2009

On Saturday 8th May, our team will once again assemble at the Museum in the Park, Stroud; one shepherd with sheep from HRH The Prince of Wales' organic flock of Lleys, plus seven knitters and spinners.

The Cotswold Woolgatherers will hand-shear and spin and knit... until the sweater is complete. Following the official *International Back to Back Challenge* knitting pattern, we will produce over 1,000gm of unwashed yarn and knit in excess of 47,500 stitches

In our first attempt in 2009, we completed in 9 hours, 40 minutes and 13 seconds – and were the tenth fastest team IN THE WORLD!!

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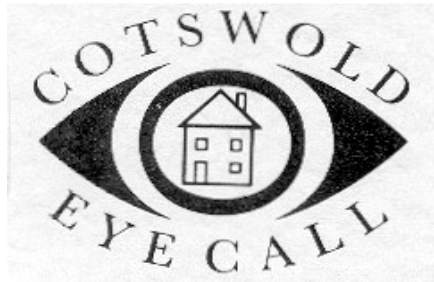
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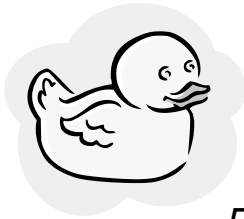
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A Bridge Too Far?

(Note: The views expressed in this or any other letters in this publication do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editors)

Duckrace Towers
Avening



Dear Sirs,

Living, as I do in the centre of this thriving metropolis, gossip has come to my notice that a bridge is to be erected across the village stream to connect the school playing area South of the river to the new plot immediately to the North of the brook, a plot recently (so my informants tell me) purchased by the Church for the benefit of the school teachers and their children.

Bridges are a great innovation, and at times extremely convenient, but I must protest that a bridge linking these two plots is, as is so clearly depicted in the great Dambusters epic film, **A Bridge Too Far.**

Every year our river is the focus and arena for the Avening Sunday School Duckraces. Highly trained ducks race from the road bridge by the Bell to the smaller bridge at the Pike House. Thousands standing on the lower bridge watch as the ducks swim and scabble their way to the finishing line. The ducks are followed by Mr. Ron Major OBE, our probationary Junior Assistant Trainer.

He follows the ducks. He nudges them, he watches for infringements, jostling and fowl play. How can he do this if a bridge is placed across the river, and so close to the finishing line? Mr. Major is not what we would term a tall man, but even he will find it difficult to crawl under a bridge no more than twenty inches high.

Let common sense prevail! Let the children run round by the main road, or surely they can wade! If they must travel dry footed across the stream then please, let us have an intelligent bridge – one that swings or lifts, or arches so high that Mr. Major can travel beneath

Avening Youth Club

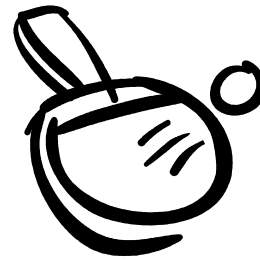
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13th April	pasta pictures
20th April	door signs
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- **table tennis**
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- **card games**
- **ball games**
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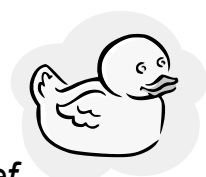
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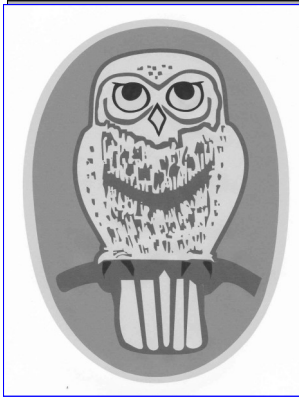
without having to duck. There is, I believe a Bristol based bridge building company that manufactures just such a lifting bridge for as little as £182,000.

Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to state my views.

Yours very humbly,
George Buchanan

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Avening School

ORDER! ORDER! ORDER IN COURT....

Members of the Owls class (Years 5 and 6) have donned their suits ready for 'their day in court' – here is Year 6 pupil Matthew's account of the experience:

MOCK TRIAL

Some of the Owls class took part in The Stroud Mock Trial competition on Friday March 12, along with a lot of other schools from the Stroud area. Members of the Mock Trial Club do a lot of preparation and practice before they take part in the actual court case at Stroud Magistrates Court. Our case concerned a teenage boy, Terry Sheppard, (who was perfectly acted by Jordan Crosthwaite,) who had apparently been seen spraying graffiti. Our school had to defend this chap. His friend, who helped us in the case, was called Tony Grant and was acted just as well by Joshua Whelan. I was the usher so I had to fetch all the witnesses from their seats and take them to the witness box and ask them to say the oath ("I promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth") before being questioned by our defence solicitors (Harry Stimpson and Grace Kunzler) and the other school's prosecuting solicitors. Another of our witnesses, Mr Reynolds, was played by Stanley Lucas, Terry Sheppard's parents were played



by Jodie Bolland and Ethan Steele, Jessica David played a member of the witness service and Hugo Winkfield was our court artist. Lucy Cook, Thomas Bury and Adam Foster were also members of the Mock Trial club.

The school we were against was called Stroud Valley Primary School. When everyone had been questioned, our magistrates (Edward Oliver and Jemima Dring) and the opposing schools magistrates went into another room (the retiring room) with the bench chairman to decide if Terry Sheppard was guilty or not. After a nerve racking wait they came out of the room and gave the verdict: not guilty! Avening School had won the case. Unfortunately we didn't win the whole competition but our court reporter (Sholto Millar) won the prize for best court report out of all thirty schools that took part. On Thursday 18 March, The Editor from The Citizen and Stroud life came to the school to present Sholto with his prize. The sixteen members of Mock Trial club learnt a lot and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Sholto receiving his prize

SONG OF THE CENTURY

The Owls class pupils have also been exercising their vocal skills in another forum – they have been practicing hard to take part in 'A Century of Song' - a singing concert showcasing many songs from across the years. The practices culminates in two major concerts at the Stratford Park Leisure Centre which sees around 500 people gather to enjoy the combined voices of more than 15 primary schools in the area. It is a very exciting experience for the pupils when they sing songs like *Summertime* and *Moonriver* accompanied by a live band.

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Avening Playgroup

The children have been enjoying looking at books and listening to stories. They brought in their favourite books as part of World Book Day and some of them were so popular that the children knew every word! We had a lot of fun with fairy tales, especially The Three Little Pigs, which was acted out by the children both indoors and out whilst they were playing. The children did some lovely paintings and made models of the pigs' houses.

As the term draws to a close the children have been playing in the sunshine and having 'picnics' outside with the dolls and teddies. They have baked delicious cheesy shortbread and made cards for Mother's day and Easter.

A date for your diaries : A sponsored Dad's bike ride has been organised between seven local play groups for May 16th. More information in the next Villager.

Playgroup is busy at the moment. If you would like your child to join playgroup in September please ring Playgroup any morning on 01453 832695.

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Our first Craft morning in Cherington Village Hall was successful with a bring and share lunch. The next craft session was in the afternoon with tea and cakes.

We are varying the times so that anyone interested will have the opportunity to take part. The next craft session will be on 28th April at 2 p.m. in Cherington Village Hall.

We seem to have a very busy time ahead with many events arranged including a trip to 'Calendar Girls' at the Everyman Theatre in June.

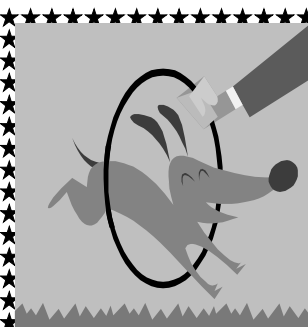
A small party are attending the County ACM in Cheltenham Town Hall in March and looking forward to hearing talks by Adam Henson from the Cotswold Farm Park and David Barby from the BBC Bargain Hunt and Flog It.

Our speaker in March told us about Animals in Show Business. We enjoyed hearing her tales of life on the set of 'Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves' plus many other famous films.

We have our first skittles match in the County Knock-out competition in April.

We are holding a Quiz on 23rd April at 7.00pm in Avening Social Club. It's a fun evening with a free Ploughman's supper and so long as you don't buy too many drinks at the bar, the questions are not too difficult! The cost for teams of 4 is £12, so come along.

Wendy and Doreen



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Cherington Parish Council

Spring Clean. Many thanks to all who helped with the annual spring clean of the verges. As you may have seen by the collection outside the Village Hall it was successful. A lot of rubbish came from one lane but overall there does seem to be a reduction from previous years.

Car Park. Spaces now available please let me know should you wish to rent one.

Village Open Meeting. 17th May 2010 at 7.30pm in Cherington Village Hall all residents welcome.

Planning Permits

<u>10/00057/LBC</u>	Location: 2 Grove Farm Cottages, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SH, Proposal: Installation of a satellite dish Date decided: 23 February 2010 Decision: Application Permit
<u>09/03348/FUL</u>	Location: Westrip Farm, Westrip Farm Lane, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SL Proposal: Erection of stable buildings and yard Date decided: 08 March 2010

Planning Application

<u>10/00966/FUL</u>	Location: Barn Lodge, 24 Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SN, Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension Date: 15 March 2010
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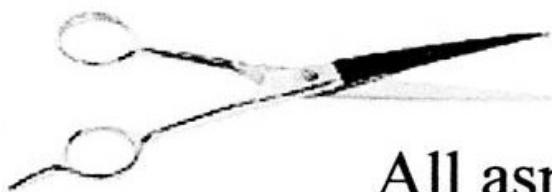
Plans can be seen on www.cotswold.gov.uk go to weekly planning list.

The next Parish Council meeting in on Monday 17th May 2010 at 6.30pm in Cherington Village Hall followed by the **Village Open Meeting at 7.30pm**, all residents welcome to attend.

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Avening Parish Council

New Planning Applications – March/April 2010

<u>10/00662/FUL</u>	<p>Location: Avening Primary School, High Street, Avening, GL8 8NF</p> <p>Proposal: Erection of a footbridge over the stream</p> <p>Decision: The Parish Council had no objections.</p>
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Decision Notices Received

<u>09/03590/FUL</u>	<p>10 High Street, Avening, GL8 8LU</p> <p>Proposal: Replacement of four windows to front</p> <p>Date decided: 26 February 2010</p> <p>Decision: Application Permit</p>
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Councillor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. For an informal discussion or for more details please contact the Parish Clerk.

Spring Village Clean Up

The Parish Council is organising the Spring Village Clean Up, this will take place on Saturday 15th May from 10am -12noon. As usual, please meet at the village hall at 10am – everyone is welcome!



Bus Service to Neighbouring Towns

Following the closure of the shop the Parish Council have looked into the possibility of a bus service to Nailsworth.

Gloucestershire County Council are looking into changing some times on the Avening to Minchinhampton Bus and the connecting bus from Minchinhampton to Nailsworth so that there is a connecting service. They are also looking into providing a longer term solution in the Stroud Area Review which will be completed in July/August.

We have been offered a bus service on a Thursday morning to Tetbury, through Tetbury Dial-A-Ride. This will be from around 9.30am to 1.30pm approximately. The Dial-A-Ride bus caters for older people and those with disabilities. There is a small cost for the bus journey. The bus will drop you at a prearranged point for example a shop, post office, bank etc. To use the service you must pre- book with Tetbury dial-a-ride on 01666 502514 (9.00am—1.00pm weekdays).



Please note there is also a dial a ride service to Cirencester on a Friday, please phone 01285 658802 for information.

Antisocial Behaviour

The Parish Council has sadly had reports of some antisocial behaviour in the village. The Police have asked that anyone witnessing or being subjected to incidents of antisocial behavior should telephone them on 0845 0901234 (if it is an emergency then telephone 999). You can remain anonymous if you chose. The Police need to know what is happening and when in order to address the problems.

The village and police (by working together) were successful in tackling the last bout of antisocial behavior, so please do report any problems.

Gatcombe Horse Trials Tickets 2010

The Parish Council has arranged with the organisers of the Horse Trials to provide us with some free tickets for residents. We will be given 18 tickets. The Council will be donating these to the Scarecrow Trail (for the Avening Village Hall) and Avening Church Fete as raffle prizes.

Lorries in the Village

Would you please report any lorries over 7.5 tons travelling through the village to the Clerk (contact details below), with details of the organisation they are from, the date and time they were seen and ideally the number plate. (Please note lorries are allowed into the

lorry management zone if they are delivering in the area, but not if they are just travelling through. They must find alternative main routes to use.)

The Parish Council has received further complaints about lorries from a local supermarket depot turning at the High Street/Cross Inn junction. The Lorry Management Zone Team at the County Council are assisting with stopping the problem.

The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 15th April 2010, at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall.

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Place	Time
Thursday 15th April	Avening Parish Council	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 18th April	Avening PCC AGM	Avening Church	12.00 noon
Monday 19th April	Cherington PCC AGM	Cherington Church	6.30pm
Friday 23rd April	Avening WI quiz night	Avening Social Club	7.00pm
Saturday 15th May	Spring Village Clean Up	Meet at Avening Memorial Hall	10.00am - 12.00 noon
Sunday 16th May	Sponsored Dad's bike Ride for Playgroup	tba	tba
Monday 17th May	Cherington Village Open Meeting: all residents welcome	Cherington Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sunday 6th June	Avening Church Fete	Avening	2.00pm
Saturday 26th June	Songs Of Praise	Cherington Church	6.00pm
Sunday 4th July	Avening Open Gardens	Avening	2.00pm

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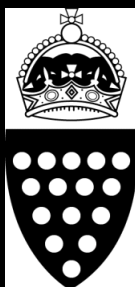
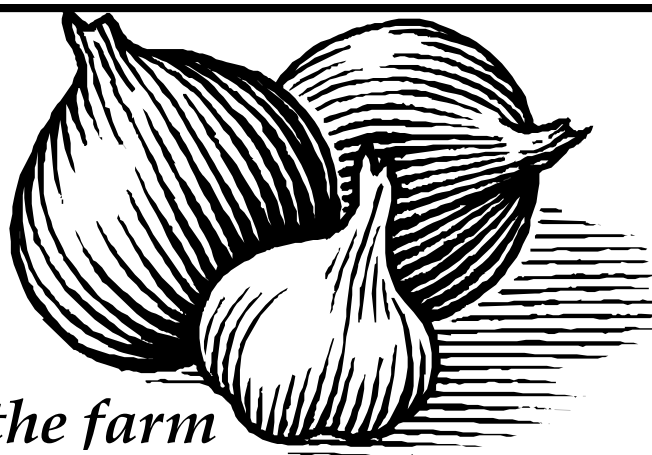
April 19th Avening 1.30-2.30 pm: Cherington 2.45-3.30pm

Useful Telephone Numbers

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Cherington Parish Council	Sue Russell	01666 503370
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Avening Tower Captain	David Govier	01453 882914
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