

The Villager

A magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head

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Avening Church Fete
Sunday 6th June 2pm

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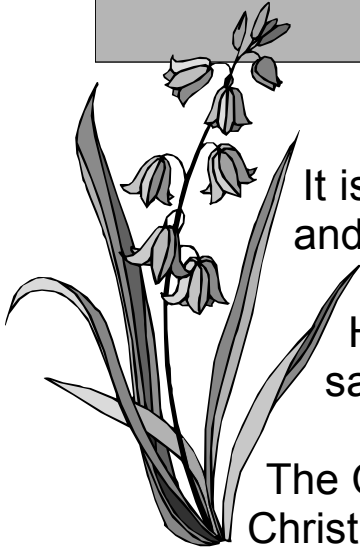
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The Parish Letter



It is often said that religion and politics should never mix and it is easy enough to see why.

However..... good politics and religion share the same principle which is..... concern for the people.

The Christian Faith is a 'community' faith.....motivated by Christ's teaching that everyone is of value and should have equal opportunities and access to care, education and employment. At the core of the faith is the belief in justice, freedom and peace.

Much of what our Country is.....and why it is still the envy of many in the world..... is because it has been built on these principles. The right to vote was fought over many generations with people even being arrested and imprisoned for their principles. It is only since 1928 that we have had universal franchise, and as a result we are privileged to live in a true democracy.

The sad thing is, that now, many feel disenchanted by the thought of voting..... believing it will make little difference. We are disillusioned with our politicians and the way in which Parliament is run. However we may feelit is our duty as citizens in this Country to vote as we feel to be right. We CAN make a difference and it is vital that, at the end of the day, the government we install is truly representative of the people, and one in whom we have confidence to improve, not only the financial situation of the Country, but also the care of our children, the sick and the elderly.

Our right to vote has been won for us by people of vision and courage. We owe it to them to go to the polls to vote on election day.

Rev Celia

Sunday Services in Avening & Cherington

Day / Date	Time	Church	Event
Sunday 2 nd May	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday 9 th May	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday 16 th May	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday 23 rd May			NO 8.00am Service
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday 30 th May	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School (coffee after service)
Sunday 2 nd June	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	NO Service due to Church Fete

Forthcoming Baptisms

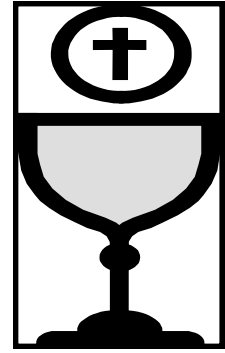
Amelie Mai Townsend Isabel Mai Herbert



Forthcoming Wedding in Avening

Saturday 8th May at 4pm Kate Newton and James Elwell

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sidespersons	Chalice Assistants	Sacristan
2nd May	George/Diane	Paul	Elizabeth
9th May	Stephanie/Piers	Hamish	Ann
16th May	Margaret/Jeanie	Derrick	Marion
23rd May	Frances/Cas	Stephen	Ann
30th May	Stephanie/Diane	Paul	Elizabeth
6th June	(Church fete)	-	-

Don't forget tea and coffee after 11.00am service every 1st Sunday of the month in Evening and on 2nd Sunday of every month after 9.30am service at St. Nicholas Church, Cherington. We would love to welcome you. If you didn't make the service, just come along afterwards!



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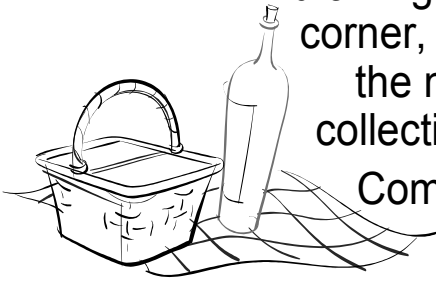
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collection display and competition**



**Come and join in a fun family
afternoon out!**

Where can I get a copy of the Villager Magazine?

The following places sell the Villager:

- Holy Cross Church, Avening
- The Cross Inn
- The Bell Inn
- Avening Social Club
- Avening Primary School

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month at a discount?**

Contact Cas Boddam-Whetham on 01453 834 834

Avening Memorial Hall Update

You may have noticed that the Hall has had its ageing windows replaced. These are identical copies of the old windows, but with modern triple glazing and security locks. The Managing Committee hopes that you will not see anything different, but appreciate that these new windows represent another significant improvement to the Hall: warmer in the winter, cooler in the summer, significantly reduced heating bills (the single biggest annual outlay for the Hall each year). The works have also included the installation of new gates to the side entrance. We hope you will agree that the Hall is now in great shape.

Since we last reported on the Hall's progress we have reached final agreement with the Gloucester County Council on the long terms leasing of the Hall to the School under fair and equitable terms. Whilst the legal documentation is yet to be signed, the major commercial arrangements are now settled.

The arrangement should secure the financial future of the Hall and ensure the Hall is maintained to a good standard well into the future. It also then allows the committee to focus on fund-raising and explaining the benefits of the Hall to Parishioners. We have now three regular evening users and the weekend and party bookings are significantly higher in 2010 than in 2009. The Hall is a fantastic village resource and is there for you.

I would also like to thank Gill Parsons and Jo Skillen who have recently resigned from the committee. Without their support, expertise and hard work we would not have made so much progress. Also Sharn Lyte who, whilst remaining on the Committee, has stepped down as our treasurer. Without Sharn the Hall would have fallen into darkness on several occasions.

The Committee is always seeking new people to join. Our AGM is in June/July and will be well advertised in advance.



Simon Wheatley, Chairman

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

A Little More Avening History

Francis de Paravicini

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

Writing in the Parish Magazine "Home Works", published on the 1st February 1889, Francis takes up the subject of attendance at Avening Village School.

He talks about the benefits of education to all children and of the interest shown by parents to the children at home. He writes:

"....and home education , in your example and training, is as necessary to the formation of your children's minds and characters as is the teaching of the school to their acquisition of knowledge. Indeed, on your example and home influence may depend the success and failure of your children in the school and in their later life. When parents are, unhappily, indifferent to the training and education of their children, we too often see those children grow up in ignorance and disobedience, which too frequently ends in vice and misery"

No changes there then!

He goes on: *"To those of you who have exercised this necessary home influence, through your example and training, it will be a satisfaction to read the following record of your children's exemplary attendance during the past three months at school. During those three months the school has been open 99 times. The following list gives the names of children who were most regular in attendance:-*

William May, Frederick and Annie Barnes, Matthew Nunam attended 99 times

George May and Minnie Luker attended 98 times

Annie Hill and Constance Ludlow attended 86 times

James Fletcher and Julia Ind attended 95 times."

He lists others of a high attendance and says how satisfactory these numbers are. However, he continues:

*"In **contrast** to these cases of **exemplary attendances** I regret to have to put before you twelve other children, whose negligent and irregular*

attendances mark sufficient bad examples to be censured. They are the following twelve children, viz:-

He goes on to "name names" and there the page runs out.

Among them, though, is one Beatrice Luker, sister of Minnie Luker mentioned above. At the time, both girls lived with their parents at the top of the High Street, Minnie aged 8 and Beatrice being two years older and they had three younger siblings. Mother Gemma Luker was, in the 1891 census, listed as a tailoress so perhaps Minnie was kept at home to support her mother.

I wonder if Francis took all this into account before writing his piece?

Do I hear the Reverend Celia sharpening her pencil?!!

To be continued with tales of deception, fraud and theft.....

Fred Vening

Almost Angels...

Avening's new village choir, as already heard at the Carol Service, singing carols around the village and in the church at Easter.

Available for any celebration — parties, fetes, weddings, baptisms, anniversaries — whatever you are celebrating!

New members always welcome (especially men!) No auditions, just turn up to a rehearsal and join in — most Sundays in the church at 12.15.

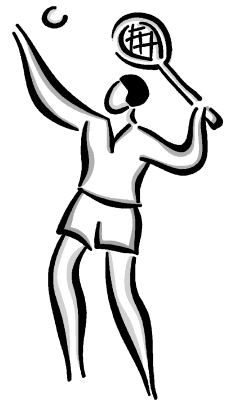
It's all very entertaining (for us at least) and we have a good laugh, under the baton of 'maestro' Stuart Walkley. We even occasionally hit the right notes!

For more details, phone Derrick on 01453 835090 or email srwalkley@btopenworld.com,

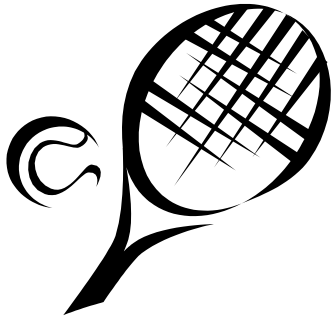


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- June 23rd



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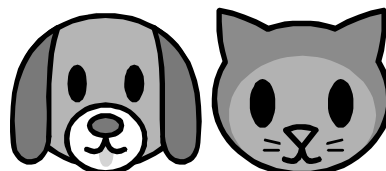
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Avening Roll of Honour No. 25

Samuel Luker

Private: 4th Battalion Gloster Regiment

Nags Head on Wednesday the 9th of August 1876, saw the birth of Sam Luker. His father, William Luker (1822 - 1889) had been married twice. His first wife, being a widow, came with a child from her first marriage and bore him at least three further children before passing away in 1871 and his second wife, Hester had also been married and came with a further three children from her first marriage. Her maiden name was Uzzell and she was the daughter of Emanuel Uzzell of Oaksey. She had married an Ind (not from Avening) and it was from this union that her first three children came. She was widowed in the 1860's and married William at Holy Cross Church, Avening on Saturday the 4th of April 1874. Sam's elder brother, John was born in 1875 and two sisters followed in 1881 and 1883. All four were baptised in Avening, Sam being welcomed into the Church on Christmas Day 1878.

In his early working life he was a groom but on the 11th of January 1896, aged 19, he joined the Gloucestershire Regiment. At that time he was 5 feet 6 inches tall (1.67m) and weighed 133 pounds (60.3 kgs) with a chest measurement of 34 inches (86 cms) expanded to 36 inches (91 cms) - not a big man.

He spent the first year of service in the UK but on the 13th of January 1897 set sail with his battalion for India where he remained until January 1904. During that time he served in Calcutta, Darjeeling and Allalabad. It was during this time that he suffered from malaria but appeared to recover. He remained with the Glosters until completion of his engagement in January 1912.

He married Emily Rhoda Frape at Rodmarton on Saturday the 2nd of June 1906 and he and his new wife settled in 47 Castle Street, Cirencester. The couple were blessed with five children, four girls and a boy, born between 1906 and 1912. On entering civilian life, Sam took up labouring and worked in a number of different companies in Cirencester.

He volunteered for more military service in December 1915 and returned to the Glosters after a short Reserve engagement in June 1916. Shortly after his malaria reoccurred, this being followed by a persistent cough

and loss of weight. He was admitted to Colchester Hospital in August 1916 and pulmonary tuberculosis was diagnosed, said to

have been caused by his military service. He was discharged from the service in September 1916 and returned home to Cirencester. After visits to various Medical Boards he was awarded a military pension at Chisledon Camp in February 1917. Sam worked as a labourer during the latter part of 1917 but he died of TB on Thursday, 2nd of May, 1918 at the Workhouse Infirmary, Cirencester. He was buried at Chesterton Cemetery some days later. He was 41 years old and left Emily with the four children but so far, we have been unable to locate any descendants. He is



Sam Luker's grave, Chesterton Cemetery

remembered with Honour on several War Memorials in Cirencester and plans are afoot to add him to the Avening Roll of Honour in Avening Church.

Fred Vening

SONGS OF PRAISE in CHERINGTON

This has been changed to

Sunday 27th June at 6.00pm

~ an evening service of favourite hymns ~

followed by a shared picnic in The Gastons Field.

Contact Liz workman for further details: 01285-841 294



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AVENING SOCIAL CLUB

Do you fancy a fun night of 5 a side skittles
on a Thursday/Friday night during the Summer?

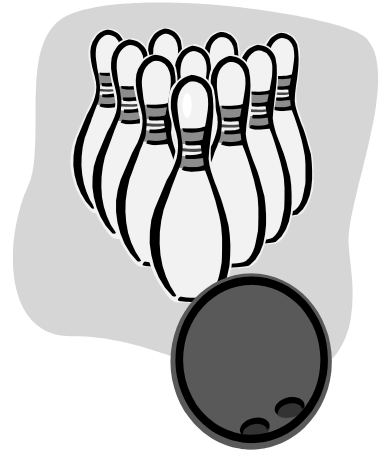
Then you are warmly welcome to enter a team in the

Avening Social Club Summer Skittle League

All welcome – no experience necessary!
male/female/mixed teams

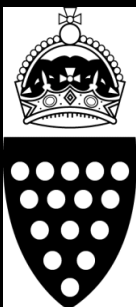
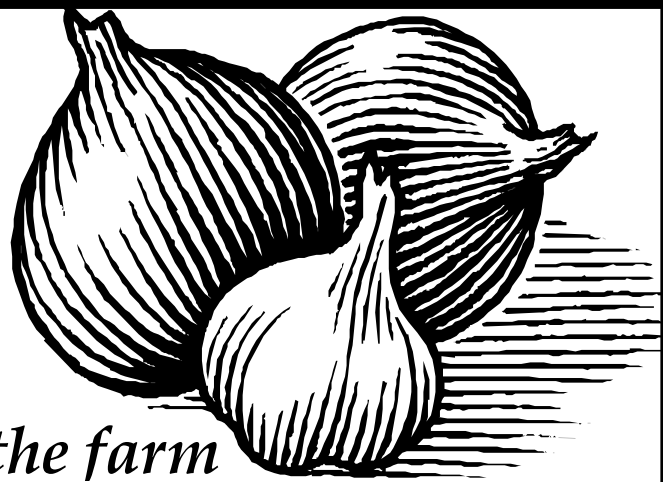
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THE YELLOWLIGHTED BOOK FESTIVAL TETBURY, MAY 2010

The new(ish) bookshop in Tetbury, Yellow-Lighted Bookshop, is running a Literature Festival through the month of May. There are over 30 events, split between venues in Tetbury and Nailsworth, and in local schools. They have both nationally famous authors (such as Patrick Gale, Katie Fforde, William Fiennes, Alastair Sawday and Susan Hill), and more quirky events (such as the Dalai Lama's ghost writer, Birdscapes, archaeology and fiction - and bookbinding!) - and a major coup is Christopher Reid, the winner of this year's Costa Book of the Year Award.

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Avening & Cherington Cricket Club

Having completed a series of indoor nets, Avening and Cherington are now gearing up to a new season of league cricket. The club runs two Saturday sides, the 1st XI playing in Division 5 of the Glos County league with the 2nd XI playing in Division Two of the Cotswold District leagues.



Last season, the 1st XI finished mid-table with the 2nd XI just missing out on promotion. As well as Saturday cricket the club also has the occasional Sunday friendly and midweek matches. In addition, it runs junior coaching on a Thursday evening.—see below. The club is always on the lookout for new players and supporters - if you are interested please contact Dave Thomas - dave.thomas17@tiscali.co.uk.

For more information about the club and our fixtures please view our website: www.avchcc.co.uk.

Youth Section 2010

Outdoor training sessions begin at the ground in Cherington on Thursday 22nd April at 6.30pm and continue every Thursday through to the end of June.

We look forward to welcoming back existing juniors, and invite any new players from 9 years of age upwards to attend.

The cost of membership is £15 per year.

Dave Thomas
Youth Organiser, Avening & Cherington
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Everything you want to know about...

Avening Youth Club

OPEN: every Tuesday Evening (including school holidays)

TIME: 6.00 - 8.00pm

LEADERS: Cassie Chesterman and Leonie Roseblade

Since October 2009, Avening Youth Club has been run by Cassie and Leonie, two young Mums from the village, with some support from the youth organisation, Young Gloucestershire. Their first task was to clear out the old, broken and abused paraphernalia from the hall and then they bought new equipment, including a new television, an ipod, a new stereo system and lots of arts and crafts materials.

The regular routine for a Youth Club evening includes activities such as pool, table tennis, card games and dominoes in the Chamberlin room, with music, dancing and chat in the main hall from opening at 6pm. For the last half hour there are group games like hockey, football, dodge ball, basketball, etc. to get rid of some excess energy before the club closes at 8pm. The children's birthdays are celebrated with a cake and party games. The club also has the best tuck shop in Avening, selling sell sweets, chocolate and crisps!

In addition to these regular activities, however, every month the children decide what other things they want to do, which have included candle making, hama beads, sewing, cooking and painting. Some other entertainments they have recently enjoyed include 'I'm a celebrity get me out of here', a Christmas disco, a talk by the local Police and an introduction to the healthy eating with Young Gloucestershire.

The monthly planner gets displayed in the hall, outside the school and now in the Villager for anyone interested in joining (see page 28). Among the things planned for the next few months are face painting, a fire engine visit, summer disco, football skills training and outdoor activities in the playing field.

The Club recently received a grant from the Youth Opportunity Fund (part of Young Gloucestershire) which was used for new games equipment, including badminton nets, basket ball hoops, giant connect four, indoor cricket stumps, new hockey sticks and rounder's equipment. It also received a grant from Avening Parish Council, which was used to purchase a Wii gaming console, including games and controllers. The children applied for this and were very excited when it was awarded, and the Wii is now available every Tuesday.

Cassie and Leonie are both police checked and qualified to run the club in a professional manner. Any profit the Youth Club makes is put back into it by way of art materials and new equipment. They run the Club in a carefree, fun way which shows in the increase of numbers and in the fact the children all come back week after week. They are happy to represent the Club on village committees in order to give the children of Avening a voice.



Numbers have increased from 10-15 to over 20 a week in 5 months. The children (and staff) arrive and leave smiling, everyone has great fun and the parents have given great support and positive feedback.

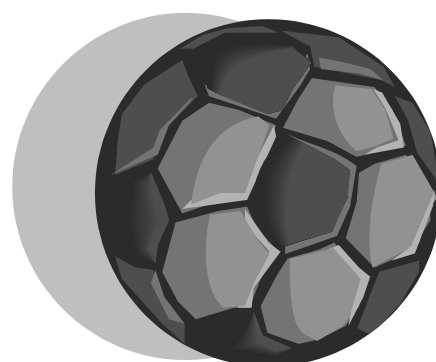
The main aim for the future is to increase the number of children who attend the Youth Club, and to carry on entertaining them and keeping them off the streets. They work closely with the school, engaging in school projects, for example, and hope to be more involved in the parish by getting the children grouped together to help with the village clean-ups. They could help the playing field committee do fund raising. And they would love a stall at the Church fete to sell their art work or do their own games. Finally, one day, they may be able to open the doors a second week night!!!!

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

**Then pop down any Tuesday evening at 6.00pm and join in the fun!
(Adult helpers also always very welcome!)**

Play Ranger Holiday Sessions in Avening

Play Gloucestershire are planning to offer 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 funding received allows them to work in a location for a year (April 2010 to Easter 2011). This year they have asked to work with Avening. The holiday service includes one session a week during school holidays for 10 weeks of the year. The cost is funded by CDC. The first session is planned to run on Friday 4th June (half term week), and then the summer holidays will be Friday 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August. The session will take place at the Avening Playing Fields. There is no need to book. Times will be confirmed shortly.



Now, Who's Who at the Church Fete?

The fete committee are looking forward to seeing you all at this year's fete. Lots of time has been given to make sure the fete has games and stalls for all the family, we are sure you will have a good afternoon, do invite your friends to join in the fun.

If anyone would like to help in any way do contact me, Julia Walkley

01453 757784 or jawalkley@btinternet.com

We would welcome contributions for some of the stalls. Contact details of those involved are detailed below.

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Or drop an e-mail at jawalkley@btinternet.com



AVENING CHURCH FETE

Sunday 6th June 2pm

Lots of exciting stalls, including:

Tombola bottle stall - bottles of all shapes and sizes....

Teas and cakes in the hall, also Matilda's (see below)

Ancient & Modern (all sorts of household goodies)

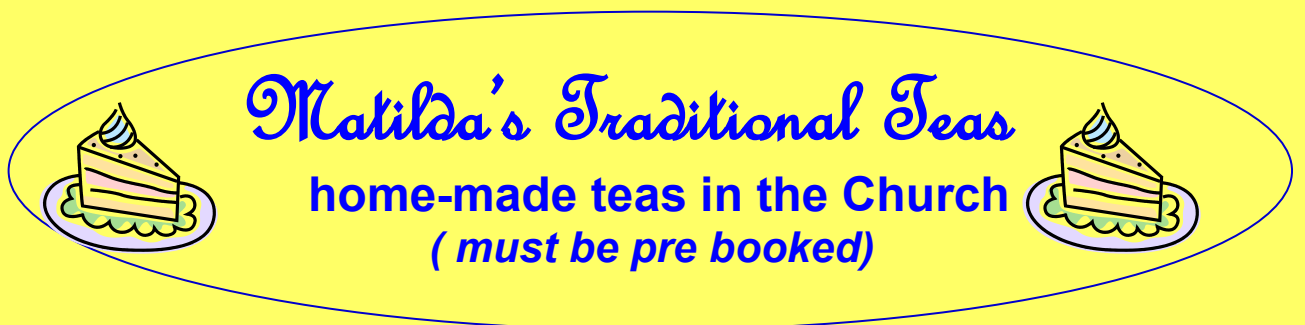
Books, DVDs & CDs

Toys (a great 'toy swap')

Ice creams

Presents Galore

Cake stall - home-made cakes, biscuits & preserves



Many other attractions will include

**Music from the Avening Jazz Band
A Fun Dog Show in the Churchyard
A Bag Making Demonstration**

Lots of things for children... here are just a few

Face painting

Story teller

**Churchyard competitions &
Games**

(organised by the Playgroup)

Bouncy Castle



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VENING ART SHOW PREVIEW

Holy Cross Church. By invitation only

Friday 5th June 6.00 – 8.30pm.

With wine, nibbles & entertainment provided by 'Almost Angels' choir.



VENING ART SHOW ENTRIES

For an entry form, contact

Mick Williamson on 01453 836 318.

This year there is also a competition sponsored by Avening Art Group. The theme is 'New Growth' and the prize is a £20 voucher for Art Materials.

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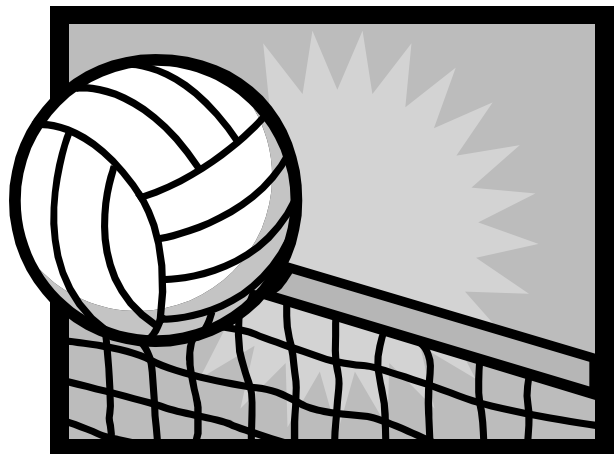
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Avening Youth Club
Timetable for May

May 4th	pasta pictures
May 11th	door signs & face painting
May 18th	pebble painting
May 25th	sewing

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Wii, table tennis, pool, football,
hockey, badminton, etc.



See you all there!



Church Flowers

Help! We really do need more helpers for arranging flowers in Avening Church as there are only five of us at the moment.

Mothers day flowers were bunched by just two members of the team.

Easter went very well, we all bought our own flowers for our own particular arrangements, the daffodils looking particularly lovely. Gill Parsons usually buys all the flowers, unfortunately being ill she is unable to help at the moment. The flower team wish Gill a speedy recovery.

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Avening Primary School

Pupils Celebrate More Green Space

Like a step back in time, the bell rang out to welcome Avening Primary School pupils back to school for the summer term. The bell tower, which was in need of work, has been re-built and the bell reconditioned and re-installed just in time for the start of term.

And that's not all that has changed ready for the summer term...

Thanks to a partnership with Holy Cross Church, the Avening Primary School children have more green space in which to play and learn. The Church has taken on the area of land adjacent to the already established school garden (but on the other side of the stream) and agreed to 'loan' it to the School as an additional garden area.

Back in March, parents, governors and staff gave up a Saturday morning to clear the piece of land. The final piece of the jigsaw will



be a bridge which is to be built over the stream, linking the current garden and the new area.

Headteacher Diana Boulton is delighted the school is able to expand the outside area available to staff and pupils: "The use of outside space is very beneficial for us as an extension of the classroom – more space is good news all round! The extra land

*Reverend Celia Carter, headteacher
Diana Boulton and Reception pupil
Alex cut the ribbon to officially mark the event*

A group of staff, children, parents and governors got together one weekend to clear the piece of land ready for the school to use



almost doubles our garden area and will give us flexibility to do more outside study and play. The children are very excited about the opportunities this land will bring and we hope it may help us with our progress towards becoming an ‘eco-school’.”

“My thanks go to Reverend Celia Carter and the Holy Cross Church and also to all those people who came along one weekend to help clear the plot.”

The summer term will also see the pupils enjoying improved surroundings when they use the Village Hall. During the Easter holidays new windows and a new side gate have been fitted, enhancing the facility for the school day and also for the Kites after school club.

Over the coming weeks all classes will be going ‘green-fingered’ and delving in to the world of plants as the school’s summer term theme. Pupils from aged 4 to 11 will learn about all aspects of plants – how they grow, what benefits they bring, how they are used in medicine and various other aspects.

After school clubs will, as usual, offer a wide range of extra-curricular options to children in Years 3 to 6 including outdoor sketching, country dancing, and, for the first time, fencing. And our roving reporters will be working hard to ensure the third edition of our school newspaper, the Warbler, rolls off the presses later this term.

www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk

In term time please contact 01453 833191

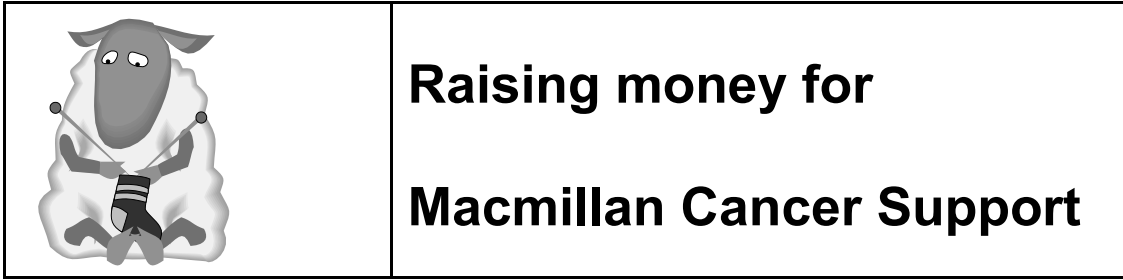
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Sunday 27th June 2010.
10am - 4pm

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In aid of
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Baby Lambs at Stratford Park, Stroud

**SATURDAY 8th May 2010
starts at 9am**

HRH The Prince of Wales' shepherd will be bringing some sheep and baby lambs to the Museum in the Park on Saturday, May 8th

One sheep will be shorn with hand clippers, the fleece spun into wool, then knitted into a sweater ... ALL IN ONE DAY... that is around 1,000gm of wool and over 47,500 stitches ! Last year we completed our sweater in 9 hours, 40 minutes, 13 seconds.

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Our team is the **Cotswold Woolgatherers** and we will be taking part in *The Back to Back Challenge* – a world-wide event raising money for cancer charities. We are collecting for Macmillan Cancer Support

Come and see us in action on Saturday 8th May
Donations to Macmillan Cancer Support very welcome

More information from Elizabeth Oliver, 834075.
This event is part of the Stroud International Textile Festival

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Avening Playgroup

The children and staff are all refreshed after their Easter Break and looking forward to a fun and action packed Summer Term.

(Err, we take this to read: Mums and Dads are actually fairly relieved that playgroup has started again after an exhausting 2 week break—Ed)

A sponsored 'Cycle Challenge' is taking place on Sunday 16 May, with six other playgroups being involved. This is a fundraiser for the playgroup, so if you would like to offer your support, the playgroup team will be based at The Crown Inn in Minchinhampton to cheer the Dads on and we will also be doing some face painting for the children.

The playgroup is also supporting the Avening Church Fete on Sunday 6th June and will be collecting toys for the toy stall. Many thanks in advance for dropping off any donated toys for this event up at the playgroup itself.

Andrea Glover
Playgroup Committee

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April has been a very busy month. 900 Gloucestershire W.I. members attended the County Annual Council Meeting at Cheltenham Town Hall with excellent speakers including Lynne Stubbings, a member of the Board of the National Federation of Womens's Institutes, David Barby the antiques expert and Adam Henson, owner of the Cotswold Farm Park and TV. Presenter. He encouraged us all to look out for local produce and always buy it with the Union flag and red tractor on the packaging.

Avening W.I. won their first match in the county knockout skittles which was played against Southam W.I.

Last month's speaker, Doctor Rona Laycock's, talk about poetry kept us hugely entertained, she judged the competition for us which was a short poem about spring, this was won by Yvonne Crew.

May's speaker is Gill Wimperis who is going to talk about **High Fashion in Coronation Year** if you are interested please come along at 7.30pm on May 13th to the Avening Memorial Hall.

On April 28th we will have had another craft meeting making very attractive bags, you do not have to be a W.I. member to join the craft group anyone is welcome. Interested? Contact Wendy Jennings or Doreen Pierce see inside back cover for telephone numbers.

***Doreen Pierce
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Annual Police Report for Avening Parish Council

The Parish of Avening.
1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010

Introduction

There were **23** substantiated crimes in the year 09/10, this compares to **39** for the same period of 08/09. Yearly crime figures comparison:

2009/10	23 incidents
2008/09	39 incidents
2007/08	54 incidents

Crime breakdown

- There were 5 recorded crimes of **VIOLENCE**.
Compared to 5 the previous year.
- There were 4 incidents of **BURGLARY**. 0 Dwelling and 4 Non Dwelling.
Compared to a total of 4 in 2008/09
- 7 incidents of **THEFT/HANDLING**. 17 in 2008/09.
- 7 incidents of **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**. 12 in 2008/09
- 0 **DRUG** related crimes. 1 in 2008/09
- 0 Incidents of **FRAUD**. 0 in 2008/09
- 0 incidents of **OTHER NOTIFIABLE**. None in 2009

Summary

Over the past year we have seen some positive results in Avening with overall crime falling from 39 incidents to 23 a 41% reduction and follows on from a strong reduction from 2007/08.

The main areas of success have come with the reduction in criminal damage down 41% and Theft down 58%, Crimes of which impact heavily on those who suffer loss and the local residents.

We would like to thank all the support received from the Parish Council, local groups and most importantly the residents in helping us bring Crime down in Avening by such a margin and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

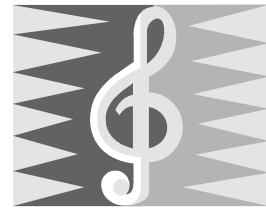
Pcso Sue Fellows & Paul Hancock
Pc Sarah Bradley & Matt Shorter

BACH & FRIENDS

A concert to be held at
Holy Cross Church, Avening
on Friday 16th July at 7.30 pm

MUSIC for AWHILE

Margaret Faultless - Violin
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Jonathan Manson - Cello
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Katharina Sprekelsen - Oboe



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**Mrs J Barker, 7 High Street, Sherston, Wilts SN16 0LH
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or from Mrs Margaret Barton, tel: 01453 835541

Cherington Parish Council

Road Closure. It is proposed the following roads will be closed for essential carriage works from **8th May, 2010 to 11th May, 2010**. The gated road from Lowesmoor and the adjoining lane to Tarlton which also branches to Rodmarton will all be closed.

Car Park. One space 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 & Applications

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

<u>10/00415/FUL</u>	Location: Grove Farm, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SH Proposal: Minor alterations to the previously approved extension (09/02203/FUL) including a new chimney and dormer window Date decided: 31 March, 2010 Decision: Application Permit
<u>10/00417/LBC</u>	Location: Grove Farm, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SH Proposal: Internal alterations to the original Farm House and previously approved extension (09/02205/LBC). New chimney and dormer window to be added to the extension Date decided: 31 March, 2010 Decision: Application Permit
<u>10/01534/</u> <u>NONMAT</u>	Location: The Rectory, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SW Proposal: Non material amendment to application 09/00253/FUL to relocate rooflights and to re-open former doorway on the swimming pool building Date decided: 16 April, 2010 Decision: Application Permit

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

Sue Russell

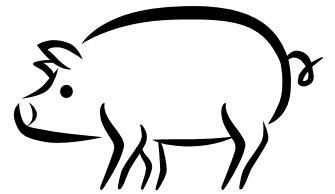
Clerk to Cherington Parish Council



QUEEN MATILDA'S DAY **CELEBRATING VILLAGE AND** **FAMILY LIFE**

On September 11th and 12th we want to celebrate Queen Matilda's Day, which is also Holy Cross Day, in a very special way. It is 930 years since Avening Church was consecrated (1080) and it is a good time to remember that it has been a centre-piece of family and village life throughout those years.

We shall have our customary Service of Thanksgiving on the Sunday and will follow this by a hog roast feast when Queen Matilda and King William will preside over merriment, jousts, entertainers, and much laughter and joy.



But we want your help! We also want to make the weekend one when we celebrate family life in our wonderful village - in particular we are going to remember "Weddings" either held in Avening Church or held elsewhere but featuring people from the village. We shall firm up details later but in particular we are would like to:

- Invite Flower-Groups (commercial and private) to put on a display of "Wedding Bouquets and Garlands"
- Ask all Married couples in the Village to share a photograph of their Wedding Day (for display in the Village Hall)
- Exhibit Wedding Dresses worn by brides in the village (featuring, we hope, dresses from the 50's onwards --- even earlier if you have those of your grandparents)
- Provide Ploughman's lunches and Afternoon Teas and invite village groups to have (small) fund-raising stalls
- Hold family workshops/fun activities and competitions including a family treasure hunt all themed around "William and Matilda"

Please make a note of the date so that this can be a truly village affair with everyone taking part.

More details closer to the time!



Preserve
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Avening Parish Council

New Planning Applications – April-May 2010

<u>10/00996/FUL</u>	<p>Location: Cross Inn, Star Lane, Avening, GL8 8NT Proposal: Conversion of domestic garage into a small convenience store (A1) Decision: The Parish Council had no objections.</p>
<u>10/00997/FUL</u>	<p>Location: Jasmine Cottage, 14 Woodstock Lane, Avening, GL8 8NG Proposal: Erection of replacement garage Decision: The Parish Council had no objections.</p>
<u>10/01304/FUL</u>	<p>79 The Sunground, Avening, GL8 8NW Proposal: Conversion of the existing house into two flats and erection of a two storey side extension Decision: The Parish Council had no objections.</p>

Decision Notices Received

<u>10/00662/FUL</u>	<p>Location: Avening Primary School, High Street, Avening, GL8 8NF Proposal: Erection of a footbridge over the stream Decision: The Parish Council had no objections.</p>
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Plans can be seen on www.cotswold.gov.uk go to weekly planning list.

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

The Parish Council has organised a bus service to Nailsworth with the Dial-a-Ride bus form Tetbury. This runs on a Thursday morning between approximately 9.30am-1.30pm.



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).

There is also a Dial- a-Ride service to Cirencester on a Friday -please phone 01285 658802 for information. In order to keep the fares as low as possible the Parish Council has agreed to make a donation to the running costs of the Dial-a-Ride bus.

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. There have been problems with doing this as the bus journeys interconnect with other bus services. The County Council is still working out whether the changes are feasible or not.

Antisocial Behaviour

A reminder that anyone witnessing or being subjected to incidents of antisocial behavior should telephone the police on 0845 0901234 (if it is an emergency then telephone 999). You can remain anonymous if you chose.

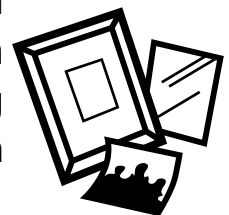
Avening History Project



Calling all volunteers who are interested in local history!

The Parish Council is funding a project to collate, mount, scan and frame old photos of the village and its residents. The final collection will be displayed in the Village Hall and it is planned to produce a DVD of the photos as well.

The project would suit any volunteer with an interest in local history or media/art/history students. We expect the project to run through the summer. We are currently putting together a working party for the project. Please either phone or email the Parish Clerk to be involved.



The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday, 10th May 2010 at 7.30pm and the Annual Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 20th May 2010, at 7.30pm, both in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome.

*Deborah Cook, Parish Clerk, 28 Partridge Way, Cirencester, Gloucestershire
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Email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk*



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May 22nd	Avening	8.30-9.30am	Cherington	9.45-10.30am

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Place	Time
Saturday 8th May	Baby Lambs & Back to Back Challenge	Stratford Park, Stroud	9.00am onwards
Monday 10th May	Avening Annual Parish Meeting (all welcome)	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
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	The Crown, Minchinhampton	12.30pm onwards
Monday 17th May	Cherington Village Open Meeting (all welcome)	Cherington Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thursday 20th May	Avening Annual Parish Council Meeting (all welcome)	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 6th June	Avening Church Fete	Avening	2.00pm
Saturday 26th June	Songs Of Praise	St Nicholas Church Cherington	6.00pm
Sunday 27th June	2nd Great Avening Scarecrow Trail	Avening	10.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 4th July	Avening Open Gardens	Avening	2.00pm
Friday 16th July	Bach & Friends concert	Holy Cross Church Avening	7.30pm
Saturday 31st July	Teddy Bears Picnic	Hft Old Quarries Avening	12.30pm - 4.00pm
Sat & Sun 11th & 12th September	Queen Matilda's Day Celebrations	Avening Playing Fields	All weekend

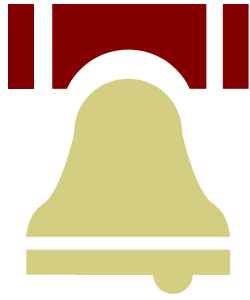
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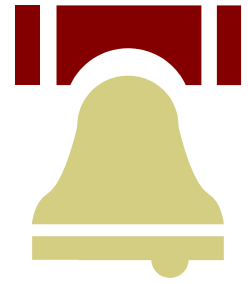
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Useful Telephone Numbers

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Cherington Parish Council	Sue Russell	01666 503370
Cotswold District Councillor	Jim Parsons	01453 836596
Avening Sunday School	Debbie Brown	01453 835983
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Avening Primary School	Diana Boulton	01453 833191
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