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A magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head

June 2010

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**P.S. and don't forget the Avening Church Fete,
Sunday 6th June at 2pm sharp!**

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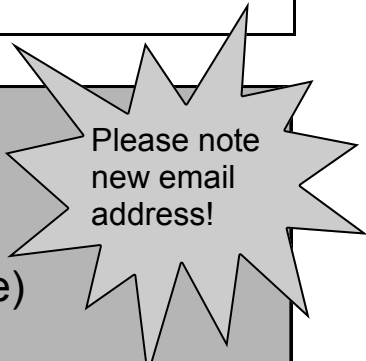
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The Parish Letter

Jesus loved a party! When his disciples asked him what it was like to be in Heaven, he described it.... as a party! So to be true to the Gospels, we are planning to 'party' this summer. It has been a tough year.... a devastating year for those in our community who have lost their jobs or had their homes repossessed. It looks as though the Country's financial position may take years to recover itself...so, to cheer ourselves up and celebrate a time of new beginnings....let's PARTY!!

The Avening Church Fete is coming up on Sunday June 6th, kicked off by a party for the opening of the Art Exhibition in the Church on Friday June 4th at 6pm. Then the great day itself with the duck racing, loads of fun for the children, a mass of entertainment and stalls.... and, of course, the Matilda teas!finishing up with a 'sing-a-long songs of praise'. On June 26th its 'Fun in the Park' for all the children at the School with a songs of praise in Cherington that evening with a picnic supper

July has every variation of a party,,,,,,open gardens, and a concert in the church. The Home Farm Trust is having its very own Teddy Bear's picnic so..... we must make sure we go 'down to the woods' that day!..... which leads us onto Cherington Flower Show. Even the dogs have a chance to party there, with the obstacle course and other competitions. The whole day is such a good party that people come from miles around.

This September we celebrate the 930th anniversary of Queen Matilda's Day (Pig-Face Day) and plan to make it a week end festival. We want you all to dig out your wedding dresses, photographs, re-create your wedding bouquets and we will exhibit them all at the 'Avening Bride's' exhibition. On Sunday we will have our traditional Church service, in costume, after which there will be a torchlight procession to the School gardens where we will feast on Hog Roast while being entertained by jesters, clowns and fire-eaters. I hope the pubs, the Hall committee, the school, the youth club, the W.I., the Parish Council and the Church will support us.

Let us celebrate the villages in which we live!

Rev Celia

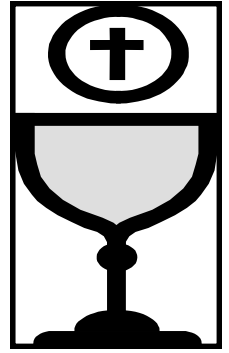
Sunday Services in Avening & Cherington

Day / Date	Time	Church	Event
Sunday June 6th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	2.00pm	Avening	CHURCH FETE
Sunday June 13 th			NO 08.00 am service in Avening
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP (coffee after service)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday June 20th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday June 27th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday July 4th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School (coffee after service)

Don't forget tea and coffee after 11.00am service every 1st Sunday of the month in Avening 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!



Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sidespersons	Chalice Assistants	Sacristan
6th June	Avening Church Fete	-	-
13th June	George/ Piers	Derrick	Ann
20th June	Margaret/ Cas	Stephen	Marion
27th June	Frances/ Jeanie	Paul	Ann
4th July	Stephanie/ George	Hamish	Elizabeth

Forthcoming Weddings & Baptisms

Baptism: Jacob Sharpe
 Wedding: Angus Broadbent & Richenda Evans-Freke
 on June 19th.



Church Floodlighting

2nd June. Birthday remembered - Mum - V.A.M. Stone.
 Sylvia and Family.

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 to celebrate a special event, please contact:*

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TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC.
SATURDAY 31ST July 12.30 –
4.30pm

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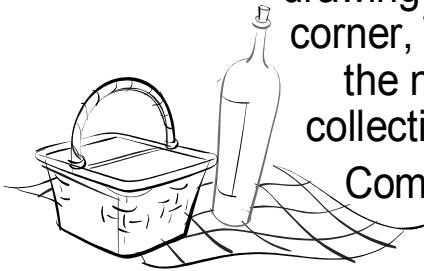
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the name of the teddy. stamp
collection display and competition**



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

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- The Cross Inn & Village Store
- Holy Cross Church, Avening
- 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

Christine is back!

Christine Duff would like to thank her friends and neighbours for all their prayers, messages of good will, cards and visits during her time in hospital. After four long months, she is now home.....Alleluia!.....and is looking forward to seeing her friends at High Gables.

Avening Memorial Hall

With reference to the encouraging article in the May edition of 'The Villager' regarding the village hall, I would just like to advise that all major improvements to date have been jointly funded by Avening School and the County Council.

Whilst obviously the improvements are of great benefit to the school, it has meant the diversion of funds that could have been spent on improvements to the actual school buildings themselves. However, it is pleasing to note that with the increased use of the renovated hall by outside groups that the Hall Committee now has an excellent basis to continue the maintenance and further improvements required.

Derrick Ind
Chair of Governors
Avening Primary School

Avening Memorial Hall bookings

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

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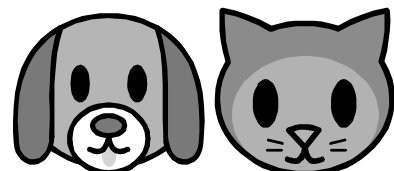
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Richard Lippiatt

24th February 1931 — 1st May 2010

'Admired by everyone' and 'A Berkeley legend' were the opening lines used by Jayne Bennett, a journalist on the Gloucestershire Gazette, in her tribute to Richard.

Richard Lippiatt, the Chairman of the Berkeley Hunt Agricultural Society, died suddenly on the 1st May at home in Cherington with his family. He was energetic in his duties in running the very successful annual Berkeley Show and was actively involved in the organisation and judging of local Young Farmers' competitions. Christine Carter who worked with Richard at the BHAS for the last ten years said, 'He was greatly admired and appreciated by everyone on the committee. He really was a gentleman of the old school'.

Richard had a great gift for handling livestock, and in his early farming years he kept the successful Monkwood dairy herd at Priory Farm, Kington St. Michael. He loved the cattle and in the early days all the cows had names. His pedigree herd were given the names of fast and glamorous cars like Maserati and Mustang! He was a member of the British Automobile Racing Club and competed enthusiastically in his Lotus during the 1960's at the Castle Combe racing circuit. His son Mark followed his father's love of fast cars, successfully racing in the Formula Ford Championships.

In the late 1960's, Richard expanded and moved to farm in the Berkeley Vale with the Ernest Cooke Trust, farming at Hurst Farm Slimbridge, Wanswell Court Berkeley, and Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust. Richard had grown up with horses and started hunting with the Berkeley at the age of 40 - the idea was to keep an eye on a very young Rachel and later Joanna when out hunting: instead he demonstrated his own fearless nerve in the hunting field giving his daughters, Rachel and Joanna, the additional challenge of keeping up with him!

It was in the Vale that his involvement in equestrian sports grew and he continued to be involved in recent years in organising the show jumping at Slimbridge Horse Show and stewarding at the Three Counties Show.



He was a passionate horseman and in recent years was the regional BSJA show jump organiser.

After retiring to Cherington, Richard became the treasurer for St. Nicholas Church, Cherington and was involved in local matters, sitting on the Parish Council. Richard was active in local politics and organised many fundraising events throughout his working life.

Always one to try new experiences he took up bell-ringing in the last year while keeping active with his riding and regular skiing trips. In fact skiing while in France last year he took lessons with his

grand daughter Rose in order to maintain his style on the slopes while skiing with three generations of his family.

Over 150 mourners from many strands of his life attended his funeral on the 10th May at Cold Ashton near Bath. The family was very grateful to Rev Celia for her prayers and a most sensitive and beautiful address.

Richard leaves his devoted wife Christina, his four loving children, Liz, Mark, Rachel and Joanna and his six grand children, Rory, Rose, Joe, Lizzie, Jack and James.

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Avening Roll of Honour No. 27

Hubert Charles Ayres

Corporal: 10th Battalion South Wales Borderers.

Rifle volleys and the sound of bugles playing "The Last Post" rang around Avening on Saturday the 15th of June 1918. This was for the funeral of Hubert Ayres who had died in Cardiff Military Hospital the previous Sunday. He had received injuries to his spine during action in France but we are unsure as to when or where this happened. Newspaper reports tell us that he joined the Army in November 1914 and it would have taken some time for him to be trained for front line service. Consequently, he left for France on the 3rd of December 1915.

Hubert, born on Saturday the 11th of February 1893, was baptised in our church six weeks later. He was the second child of eight children born to John Ayres and Lucy Ann nee Ind, who had married, also in our church, on the 13th September 1890. Their youngest child, Edward, was born in April 1905. Lucy Ann was solid Avening stock and her ancestry can be taken back to well into the 18th century but John was a Frampton man whose father, William, came from Sherston. The family lived in a four-roomed cottage in Church Street in 1901. (The cottages forming that street between The Bell and the School were demolished some years later and our Memorial Hall now stands on the site.)

Hubert and his brothers and sisters became orphans by 1911 as Lucy Ann died in 1909 and John two years later. At the moment it is hard to see who brought the family up although Ernest, the eldest, was twenty and Hubert eighteen when their father passed away. The eldest daughter, Winifred was just sixteen so may have taken up the care of the family.

Hubert never married and his family would have received his three medals (1915 Star, Victory Medal and British Medal) along with the bronze medallion awarded for his sacrifice.

His Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone can be seen in the churchyard, just a few yards away from that of his Uncle, Dick Ayres, who had been killed in 1915. (Roll of Honour No. 6). Have a look—it is in the back, right hand side of the Churchyard, near the top gate.



Fred Vening

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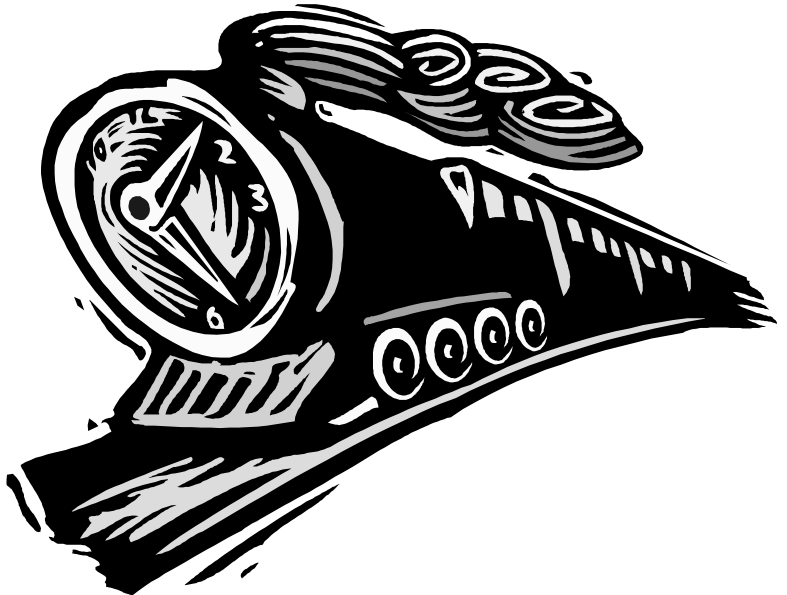
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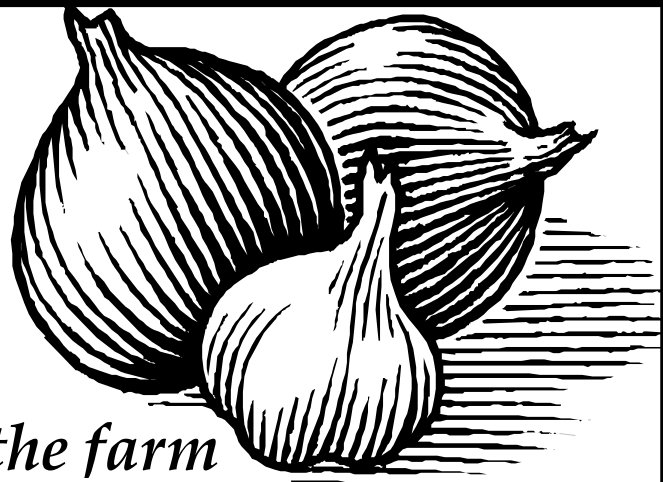
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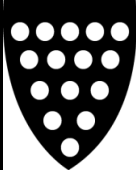


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SHOW PREVIEW

Friday 4th June

6.00 – 8.30pm

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

SHOW
COMPETITION

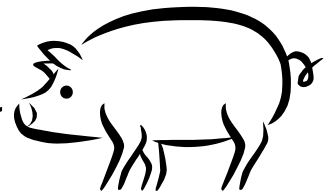
Theme 'New Growth'
£20 prize sponsored by
Avening Art Group.



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

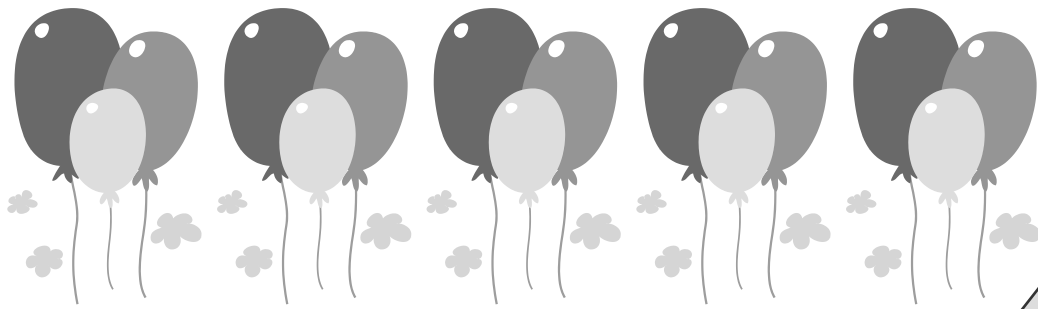
On September 11th and 12th we want to celebrate Queen Matilda's Day, which is also Holy Cross Day, in a very special way. It is 930 years since Avening Church was consecrated (1080) and it is a good time to remember that it has been a centre-piece of family and village life throughout those years.

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"



AVENING CHURCH FETE

**SUNDAY JUNE 6TH AT 2.00
PM**



*Duck Racing all
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fabulous prizes
and fierce compe-
tition from ducks
with attitude*

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flight**

**Village Hall Teas
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*Matilda's Traditional
Cream Teas
In Avening Church
from 2.30 onwards*

*Pre-book on
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*Avening Art show and Children's Art
Exhibition in Nave of Church from 10.00
on Saturday 5th June until 5.00pm on
Sunday 6th June. Call Mick Williamson
on 01453 836318 for details*

Play Ranger Holiday Sessions in Avening

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

The first session is 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 Playing Fields (10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm). There is no need to book.

Appropriate for 8-14 year olds (under 8's welcome with a parent/carer).

Just checking you still know Who's Who at the Church Fete.

The fete committee are still 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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CHERINGTON SHOW 2010

**SUNDAY 25th JULY
at 2 pm**



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New Village Shop Opens!

It's brilliant!"

"Fantastic to have a shop back in the village again! I've missed it so much!"

"Wonderful news"

Just a few of the comments of the 30 or so villagers who gathered at 9.30am on Saturday 15th May for the inauguration of the Cross Inn Village Shop.

Only 3 months since the Corner Shop - or the 'top shop' to those who remember the time when Avening boasted more than one shop - closed last February. But it was sadly missed and those three months seemed a very long time to anyone in the village who used the shop, even if it was only for the paper on a Sunday morning.

But to get a shop up and running in only three months, including renovating what was previously an old garage, as well as obtaining the



Queues form as the village shop opens on Saturday 15th May



Rev. Celia Carter was one of the first customers of the new shop

appropriate planning permission, was a fantastic achievement. The whole village would like to thank Glyn and Clare of the Cross Inn for bravely stepping into the breach left by the closure of the previous shop, and for opening a new shop so rapidly.

For anyone who doesn't know, the shop is at the back of the Cross, opening onto the car park. Graham Lowe, who works part time in the new shop, says 'it is refreshing to see old and new customers back'. We all know Graham—it is refreshing to see him back too!

The shop is open every weekday from 7.00am to 9.00pm, weekends from 8.00am to 7.00pm. It sells newspapers, sweets, eggs, bread and basic groceries. Clare and Glyn would love you to tell them what you would like to see stocked. 'We were delighted with the positive comments from everybody and look forward to being more part of the community for many years to come,' they said.

We have a shop in the village again - now it's up to us to support it!

(Can you spot what Clare is reading on the front cover photo? Looks like an old copy of the Villager! - Ed)

Avening - Where Nothing Happens...

Francis de Paravicini

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

Regular readers of this magazine will recall previous articles regarding Francis and his acerbic attentions to those employers of village bell ringers and then to truancy in the village school.

He wrote regularly in the Avening Parish Magazine, then entitled "Home Words" and I have a copy of his writings in that magazine dated the 1st of April 1889. He introduces his subject of Home in the Past, Present and Future and goes on to say:

"Avening, some seventy years ago (1820), was without any way for the passage of carriages which we should now think worthy to be called a high road.

The highway from Nailsworth, through Avening to Tetbury had not then been cut; nor had the road from Avening to Minchinhampton been formed then. The only carriage road from Nailsworth, called the Old Bath and London Road, was that narrow and rugged lane on the side of the present cattle market (Nailsworth), climbing from Nailsworth direct up to the top of Hazlewood Hill; the proceeding, in an easterly direction, over what was Avening Common before the parish was fraudulently deprived of it, along the top of the hill till it turned down Rudgey and passed the cottage called Woodstock. There it entered the bed of the brook - the Avon - and continued its course up to the entrance of the narrow village street, which it followed up to Brookside, where it turned northwards and ascended the narrow lane up to Hampton Road. The only road then existing from Avening to Tetbury, was the present Green Lane from the Cross. Avening, without coach roads, was isolated and shut out from intercourse with any but the few surrounding villages and one or two of the nearest towns, which could be reached by by-paths or lanes on foot or horseback. Under such circumstances of limited intercourse, we should not expect to find introduction of improvements in the homes of so remote a village. And the circumstances of the time were unfavourable; for the wages of the agricultural labourer at that time did not exceed 6 shillings (30 pence) a week, while the women who laboured in the fields received only 4d (less than 2 pence) per day....."

Francis then goes on to compare the cost of items of the time (1820) to

those of 1889. But wait a minute. Let's go back.

"...then proceeding, in an easterly direction, over what was Avening Common before the parish was fraudulently deprived of it....."



What would we do with a Common if we had it? I have no idea, but Francis was still hopping mad about it some, at least, 50 years later. Should the word "allegedly" be inserted here?

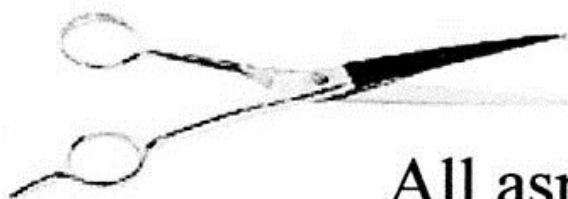
Please remember this article - it will be continued in our next edition and things get worse!!

To be continued.

Current view of what was Avening Common. Rumour has it that there is an old Austin 7, amongst other things, buried up here - Ed

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29th June:	Random art (<i>intrigued by this one!- Ed</i>)

They will also go to the field weather permitting for team games. And don't forget the stall at the Church Fete - selling sweets!!

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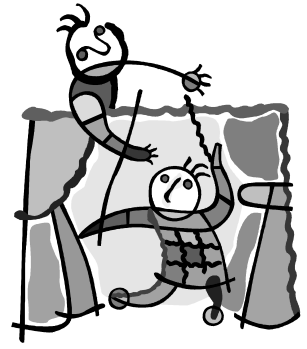
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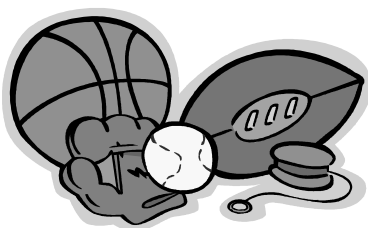
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Avening Primary School

What an egg-citing experience!!

The children and staff at Avening School have been enthralled by the 11 chicks they have hatched in school.

The eggs had been kept warm in an incubator until one day, they began to hatch. The children were astonished to find they could hear the sound of cheeping from inside the shell, even before there was any sign of the shell cracking. They were able to watch as each chick began to peck its way out, tumbling out as a rather damp rolled up creature. Within an hour the chick was on its feet and its feathers had fluffed up. Each had begun to look like the ideal spring chick!

Since then the chicks have grown rapidly with water, food and warmth. The Kestrels class – children, teacher, Mark Wilkinson and teaching assistant, Kelly Wilkinson - have proved themselves to be excellent parents! Daily care has been shared and they have been fascinated by the changes in feathers and appearance that they have been able to watch.



*Mathilda,
Marsha and
Jack watch
over the
chicks*

“They were really little at first but now they are much bigger. Some of the females are getting their grown up feathers and now their wings are really white. They are preening a lot ...they are pecking their feathers as they grow,” explained Mathilda, aged 7.

“They are really jumpy and run around on the newspaper when we change the newspaper and wood shavings in the box,” explained Billy, aged 5.

“They do sloppy poo and they are really cute,” said Greta, aged 6. “We are really lucky that we have got them.”



Jake enjoys looking after the chicks

Mathilda added: “When we put them in the brooder, they jump on the water and it goes everywhere!”

Each day one specific chick has been weighed and measured to record its growth in size. This has provided excellent data for mathematics as measurements have been logged and compared. “Measuring and recording their growth over the weeks has been a fantastic learning opportunity,” said Mark Wilkinson. “The children have also learned so much from the first hand experience of looking after such small birds. It has been a great experience for us!”

Six of the chicks - five hens and one cockerel – are being kept and cared for and the grandfather of one of the children has kindly loaned the school a hen house so the chicks can begin to spend time outside. Eventually it is hoped that they will lay some eggs.

“If we keep them for a long time and they have eggs then we will have loads of chicks all over again!!”, said the children, delighted at the prospect.



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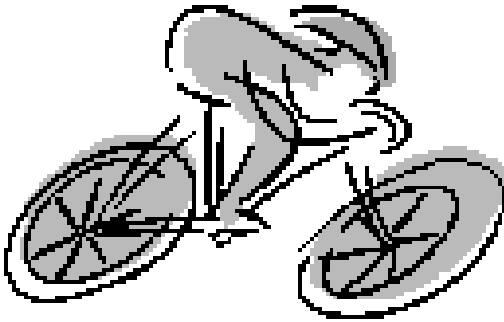




Avening Playgroup

First and foremost a BIG thank you to all the Mums and Dads who gave up their time and helped out to do our sponsored cycle ride challenge of 7 miles around Minchinhampton Common on Sunday

16th May. It was extremely successful despite the drop of rain, and we managed to raise over £500—an incredible achievement!!



Fundraising has enabled us to have recently purchased some 3-D shapes which the children have enjoyed playing with. We have also bought a large box of felt pens and triangular pencils which will last us a few years. In April, we bought a fabulous box of 26 bean bags, each bag containing lots of one letter of the alphabet—the children have had much fun working this lot out with their friends.

Fundraising events also help us to continue to provide the children with a very nutritious snack each day of fruit, vegetables and toast, just to keep them going through the morning when energy levels drop a little. We have also been able to buy seeds for our vegetable garden. Although this does not provide for all their mid morning snack, it does help!



The older children who are leaving to go onto school have traditionally been taken to Slimbridge—this is all sponsored by fundraising events, so again a big thank you to all who contribute time, money and energy.

Andrea Glover



Avening WI

Women's
Institute

We seem to be having a busy time at Avening WI. Our speaker in March, Pam Weaver was hugely entertaining and amusing as she told of her career with her animals in film making. She keeps rare breeds on her farm and they are in great demand for period dramas – she started with “old” farm animals for the Robin Hood film Prince of Thieves and now gets regular contracts for film and television dramas. She provided the geese in Lark Rise to Candleford and has taken part herself, together with some of her family, dressed appropriately in costume to look after the animals on the set during filming.

In March we had another craft meeting. This time making cards instructed by Gill Thomas. Our April meeting was making pretty shoulder bags led by Christine Foster.

All those who attended the Federation AGM at Cheltenham Town Hall thoroughly enjoyed the day – especially Adam Henson from the TV programme Countryfile, who spoke during the morning session. After lunch, we enjoyed a talk by David Barby on antiques from the TV series Flog It. There were also lots of interesting updates from the Federation and all this entertainment for £6.50!

Our April speaker was Rona Laycock who talked about different types of poetry and read us her own poems. This was an interesting change of subject for us. The winners of the competition for an original poem about Spring read out their entries.

We were thrilled to be successful in our first game in the County Skittles competition - congratulations to all our members who played.

Our Fun Quiz at Avening Social Club was well supported and everyone enjoyed interesting questions and a splendid Ploughman supper. This month Gill Wimperis talked to us about ‘High Fashion in Coronation Year’ which we all enjoyed immensely.

Please come along and join us – visitors are always made welcome.

Wendy Jennings & Doreen Pierce

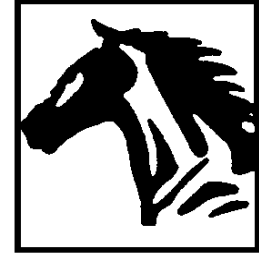
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Sweater in a Day ? We did it again!

We assembled at Stratford Park on Saturday 8th May as planned; erected the tent kindly loaned by Nailsworth scouts; set up our spinning wheels , knitting needles and refreshments, and waited for the weather to improve.

At 9am Fred sheared the chosen ewe and the team started to spin and knit, and spin and knit. The rain continued and the fleece became more and more difficult to spin – turning brittle and breaking as the atmosphere got colder and more damp. What a



contrast to the Challenge last year when the lanolin in the fleece was warmer and softer and our spinning wheels seemed to sing !

Nevertheless, despite all of this, we completed our sweater in 10 hours and 10 minutes, only 30 minutes longer than last year. And so far we've collected £341 in the buckets for Macmillan Cancer Care. The Silent Auction for the completed sweater will end on 23rd May 2010, all proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Care.

Demonstration at Avening Church Fete

Reverend Celia has asked the team to come to the Avening Church Fete and demonstrate hand shearing; hand spinning and hand knitting. Come and see Fred shear one of Rev. Celia's Black Welsh Mountain sheep and watch the Cotswold Woolgatherers use traditional local skills – don't expect a whole sweater though !

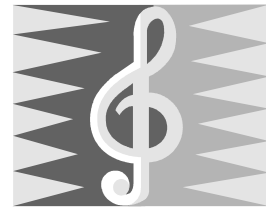
Elizabeth Oliver

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A concert to be held at
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Cherington Parish Council

It was with great sadness we learnt of the death of Cllr Richard Lippiatt. Richard had served on the Council for four years. With great good humour he was always willing to help the Council and the Village. Last Christmas with the help of Rory his grandson he organised the lights for the first Xmas tree on the green, we hope this will now be an annual event. He will be missed by the Village, our condolences go to his wife Chris and Family.

Cllr Emma Dundord will shortly be leaving the Village and has tendered her resignation. Emma and her family have been a great asset to the Village and we are sorry to lose them but wish them well in their move. We will now have a vacancy for a Councillor.

Open Meeting: It was pleasing to see so many residents at the Open Meeting in Cherington on Monday 17th May. Part time street lighting was discussed but in view of the recent burglaries security was a concern and it was voted to keep all the lights on as at present.

BT Poles: Planning No. 10/01641/FUL - retrospective planning permission is now being sought. The Parish Council is asking all residents who feel strongly about this to put in an individual objection. The objections have to be in by 3rd June 2010 so you may not receive this in time.

Road Closure. It is proposed the following roads will be closed for essential carriage works from 1st to 6th June Yew Tree Cottages to Rodmarton road.

The next Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th July 2010 at 6.45pm all residents welcome to attend.

Sue Russell

Clerk to Cherington Parish Council

Planning Permits

10/00415FUL & 10/00417/LBC	Location: Grove Farm, Cherington, Tetbury, Proposal: New chimney and former window. Decision: Application Permit
10/01543/ NOMAT	Location: The Old Rectory, Cherington, Tetbury, Proposal: Relocate roof light and re-open doorway. Decision: Application Permit
10/00966/FUL	Location: Barn Lodge, Cherington, Tetbury, Proposal: Two storey side extension Decision: Application Permit
09/3348/FUL	Location: Westrip Farm, Cherington, Tetbury, Proposal: alterations to existing planning application. Decision: Application Permit
10/01152/LBC	Location: Yew Tree House, Cherington, Tetbury, Proposal: Replacement of two windows. Decision: Application Permit

Planning Applications

10/01393/FUL & 10/01394LBC	Location: Grove Farm, Cherington, Tetbury, Proposal: Relocation of glazed screen.
10/01774/TPO	Location: The Old Rectory, Cherington, Tetbury, Proposal: Trim yew tree.

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New Planning Applications – May 2010

10/01447/FUL	Location: Strada View, High Street, Avening Proposal: Erection of single storey side extensions and the installation rooflights
10/01590/FUL	Location: Pike House, 55 High Street, Avening, Proposal: Erection of a first floor side extension, installation of a dormer window and erection of 1.2m high boundary wall and railings
10/01749/FUL	Location: 1 Old Hill, Avening Proposal: Construction of external stairs, and insertion of two rooflights and window on east elevation of detached garage

Decision Notices Received

10/00996/FUL	Location: Cross Inn, Star Lane, Avening, Proposal: Conversion of domestic garage into a small convenience store (A1) Date decided: 16 April 2010 Decision: Application Permit
10/00325/FUL	Location: Boat House , Gatcombe Water, Avening Proposal: Change of use of existing boathouse to a single dwelling, including extension and sheltered parking area and workshop Date decided: 19 April 2010 Decision: Application Permit
10/00997/FUL	Location: Jasmine Cottage, 14 Woodstock Lane, Avening, Proposal: Erection of replacement garage Date decided: 23 April 2010 Decision: Application Permit

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 Spring Village Clean Up took place on Saturday 15th May. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who took part.

Bus Service to Neighbouring Towns

The Dial-a-Ride bus from Tetbury runs a bus service to Nailsworth on a Thursday morning between approximately 9.30am and 1.30pm. For information and bookings please telephone Tetbury Dial-a-Ride on 01666 502514 (9-1pm weekdays).

There is also a Dial- a-Ride service to Cirencester on a Friday, please phone 01285 658802 for information.

Antisocial Behaviour

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

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 10th May 2010

The Annual Parish Meeting was well attended by residents.

The Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council reported on the Council's year and finances. Cllr Jim Parsons advised he was stepping down as Chairman of the Parish Council at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 20th May. A new Chairman would be appointed. Cllr Parsons will remain as a Parish and District Councillor. Cllr Mrs Click Mitchell and Rev Celia both thanked Cllr Parsons for his time as chairman and service to the village.

PCSO Paul Hancock reported on the crime statistics in the Village over the past year. Reported crime had decreased but it was noted by some that there were still antisocial behavior problems ongoing.

Margaret Barton reported that the PCC had re-hung the outer door of the church in order to increase security. They were looking forward to Queen Matilda Day in September and their committee was currently

planning the event. They also reported on current work on the gravestones in the churchyard and improving the pathways to the church. There are now new editors to the Villager magazine and they were looking forward to increasing the coverage of the magazine.

Cassie Chesterman reported that since she and Leonie had taken over the Youth Club they had increased numbers and replaced old kit for the children through grant funding.



Christine Howell was awarded the Parish Council's Volunteer of the Year 2010 award for providing pensioner's meals at the Social Club once a month. Cllr Tony Hicks awarded Mrs Howell her certificate and a donation for £25 towards the pensioner's meals.

County Councillor Tony Hicks confirmed that plans were in place to proceed with repairs to the B4014 Avening to Nailsworth road in the current financial year. The repairs would mean the road would be closed for a period of time later in the year. The current road situation was raised. When potholes were reported they were filled quickly, but were then crumbling again soon after. Local lanes were suffering and in many cases had not been attended to for some 20 years. Whilst Gloucestershire Highways are bound to maintain roads, where traffic loads are lower it is unlikely that a structural rebuild will take place. Cllr Hicks reported on the County Council's responsibilities, priorities and challenges – budget cuts with the need to still maintain levels of service.

**The next meeting of the Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 17th June 2010, at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall.
All Welcome.**

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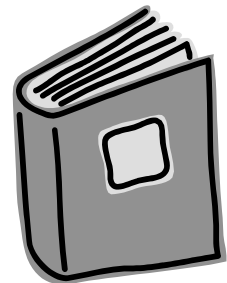
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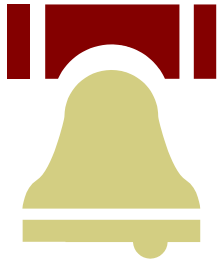
June 10th	Avening 8.30-9.30am Cherington 9.45-10.30am
June 23rd	Avening 1.30-2.30pm Cherington 2.45-3.30pm

Dates for your Diary

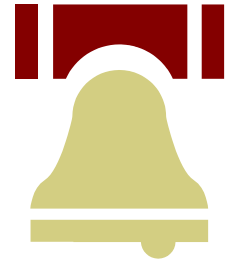
Date	Event	Place	Time
Friday 4th June	Cotswold Play Rangers	Avening Playing Field	10.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 6th June	Avening Church Fete	Avening	2.00pm
Monday 7th June	School term starts after half term	Avening Primary School	9.00am
Saturday 26 June	FOAS Fun Day	Avening Park	11.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday 27th June	Songs Of Praise	St Nicholas Church Cherington	6.00pm
Sunday 27th June	Second 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
Thursday 22nd July	School term ends and summer holiday begins	Avening Primary School	3.00pm
Fridays 23rd & 30th July 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th August	Cotswold Play Rangers	Avening Playing Field	10.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 25th July	Cherington Show	Cherington	2.00pm
Saturday 31st July	Hft Teddy Bears Picnic	Old Quarries Avening	12.30pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 2nd September	School term starts after summer holidays	Avening Primary School	9.00am
Sat & Sun 11th & 12th September	Queen Matilda's Day Celebrations	Avening Playing Fields	All weekend

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