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Day / Date	Time	Church	Event
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
September 5th	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
September 12th	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP (& coffee after service)
	6.00pm	Avening	King William and Queen Matilda celebrate 930 years since the Consecration of Holy Cross Church
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
September 19th	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Saturday September 25th	6.00pm	Cherington	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper (family occasion for all)
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
September 26th	11.00	Avening	Harvest Festival followed by the Harvest 'Bring and Share' Lunch
		Avening	NB No service at Cherington
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
October 3rd	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School (coffee after service)

The Parish Letter

There have always been both natural and man-made disasters resulting in a massive loss of life.....but the sheer scale of the natural disasters in these last few months have left us confused and bewildered.

Every month seems to bring in reports of another natural disaster and the corresponding loss of life.....on top of which there is a daily reporting of casualties amongst the military and civilian population in Afghanistan.... Iraq..... and the Gaza strip. All this is more than we can take in. No wonder the doom merchants are having a field day, predicting the imminent end of the World - with a vengeful God pouring forth his anger on a disobedient people. This is a distorted view of God and alien to the God revealed to us by Jesus. He spoke of God as a caring Heavenly Father.....a God of compassion and love.

The Victorian Preachers were renowned for their sermons of doom and destruction.....more influenced by the Old Testament than by the Gospel.....and parts of the church continue to be guilty of using this fear of God with threats of damnation and hell. Jesus came to free us from all such misinterpretations of happenings to the Natural World - and to give us the true Nature of God. However, Jesus did speak of the “end times” preceding his second coming. He predicted that there would be earthquakes, floods, wars and famine, as the world as we know it draws to an end. He foresaw that this would bring about fear and chaos.....but emphasised that this was not God acting in wrath and revenge, but the ending of the present cycle of life in anticipation of the coming of the Kingdom. Maybe He was foreseeing the climate change and resulting global warming that we are now beginning to experience. The explanation for this varies from scientist to scientist. Some consider it to be part of the Natural course of evolution.....others the cycle of climate in a world millions of years old....while yet others believe it to be the consequences of man’s disregard of the finely tuned balance of Nature. Whoever proves to be right, it leaves us with much to pray for:

First of all, for ourselves.....
to be alert in what is going on around us, and then to be prepared to
do our part in relieving the suffering of others...
to be generous with giving to those less fortunate than ourselves.....
to adapt our lifestyles to be less damaging to the environment.

Those caught up in the natural disasters....those who are hungry
and without shelter or threatened with water borne diseases need
our help. They look to the West to share not only our medical skills
and energy resources, but also our abundance of food. We may not
understand how these things come about, but we do know that God
is merciful and compassionate. We will read of many personal
miracles in the months ahead..... and many answers to prayer.

We must show in our lives, and in our generosity, the qualities we
see in Jesus. We are predominantly a Christian Country..... and
those of other faiths and our own, will look to us to act as we
believe...to be both the bearers and the doers of the Gospel of
Love.

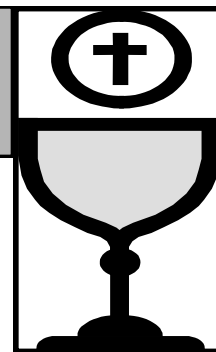
Rev. Celia

*Should any of you want to send a donation to the relief fund for
Pakistan, Peter Best at the Old Rectory, Avening (tel no 835287) is
sending the collections donated by the two churches, and would be
glad to include any other village contribution. He is sending it
through the official Disaster Emergency Committee for Pakistan,
which is a united effort of Oxfam, Cafod, Medecin sans Frontieres
and Save the Children. You might like to know that the banks are
giving their services free of charge.*

PRAY

Do come to Christine Duff's home, High Gables, Point Road
on Monday September 27th at 7.30pm
to pray specially for our Church and community
Any queries ring Cas: 01453 834834

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sidespersons	Chalice Assistants	Sacristan
September 5th	Jeanie/Cas	Stephen	Ann
September 12th	Margaret/Frances	Paul	Ann
September 19th	Stephanie/Piers	Hamish	Marion
September 26th	George/Jeannie	Derrick and Stephen	Elizabeth
October 3rd	Cas/Margaret	Paul	Ann

Forthcoming Weddings & Baptisms

Baptism Jacob Colin Benton
Sunday 26th September at 3.00pm

Wedding Christopher Bishop and Sally Seal
Saturday September 25th at 2.00pm



Church Floodlighting

*The Church looks lovely when it is lit up at night.
If you would like to have this in memory of a loved one,
or to celebrate a special event, please contact:*

Paul Brown 01453 835 983

The cost is £5.00 for 2 hours

Sandford Trust grant applications

As treasurer of the Sandford Trust, a small charity for local young people going on to higher education or work based training, I would welcome applications for small grants from anyone living in the parish of Avening. The closing date is Monday 27th September, when the annual distribution of funds will be made.

Applications should be made in writing to me:

Jane Nelson

54 Sandford Leaze, Avening, Gloucestershire, GL8 8PB

***Congratulations
to all the youngsters who
got their GCSE and 'A'
Level results in August.
Good luck to you all for the
future!***

Avening Memorial Hall bookings

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

07583 073 604

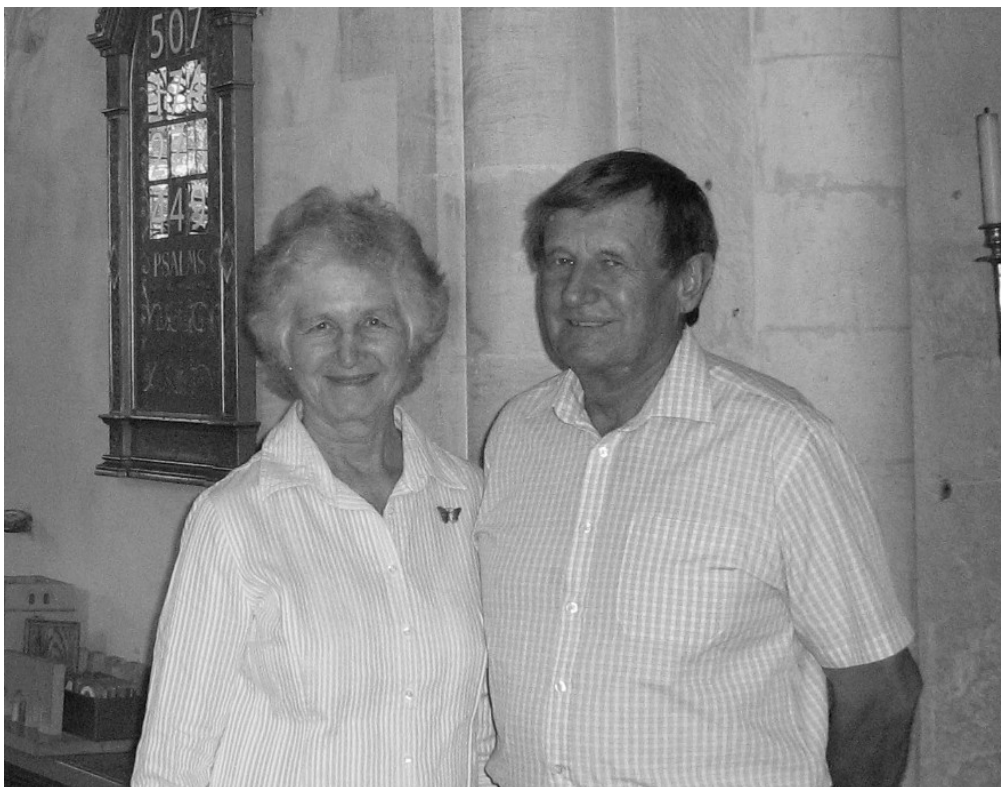
The Avening Memorial Hall Annual General Meeting will take place in the Hall at **7:30pm on 13 September 2010** - all welcome. This is an opportunity to review the progress made this year with the Hall and to hear future plans. If you are interested in being involved in running the Hall, this is your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

Recent update about Zimbabwe

Venetia Winkfield recently gave a superb talk in Holy Cross Church about the general situation in Zimbabwe, in particular about the AIDS orphan charity that she helps run out there. She just wanted to add the following message to the village:

Thank you all for being so interested in hearing about our Church's efforts in Zimbabwe to help AIDS orphans and the families who have taken them in. We are very grateful for your gifts, too, over the past couple of years, as on our own we would only be able to provide a little of the food, school expenses and medicines.

Our group leads the whole Church congregation in doing at least something to help the children, just as you might do if you were there. This is a drop in the ocean of need, but a huge and sometimes life-saving difference for the children. Often a grandmother will take in, say, eight little orphan grandchildren, but she has no resources and they all starve together. Our group meets the families once a month, with a clinic and tiny library



Venetia and Richard Winkfield after the talk in Holy Cross Church on 22nd August

and a food parcel. In addition, each family has a designated person from our team to speak to and to discuss their problems - and to laugh with and exchange a hug.

We try to have one person or group praying for each of the families, and if you would like to do this -- a three month commitment to start with - please let me know on venetia@zol.co.zw and I will tell you about 'your' family.

Venetia Winkfield, Harare



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celebrations, 'Gig in the Quarry', Christmas
services, carols in the pubs - you name it, we'll
be there! YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!**

**More singers always welcome - even if you aren't sure if you
can sing or not but fancy having a try. Contact Derrick
(01453 835090) for further details**

QUEEN MATILDA'S WEEKEND FOR EVERYONE!

Friday 10th September 6-9pm:

Jester's Disco by "Ace of Diamonds"

plus the Tuck Shop, on the School Lawn for the children of the village:

A prize for the best Jester! Contact: Cassie: 834182

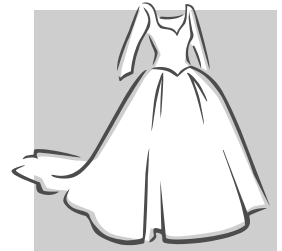
Saturday 11th September 10am-4^{pm} & Sunday 12th,

10.30-3.30pm.....

The Celebration of a Thousand Years of Weddings!

Avening Brides, Mothers, Grannies and Daughters.....

Gather together your wedding outfit, photos, stories/videos, replica of your bouquet and cake..... or just one or two of these (plus a tailor's dummy if possible).



Bring them along to the Church on Friday 10th September between 5pm-8pm

Please contact Sarah Smith for all enquiries at
sarahsmith777@hotmail.com Tel: 836014

Please note, that if you were married outside the village, you are welcome to exhibit too.

Join Tina Hobley for a glass of Bubbly at Noon!
Queen Matilda's Tea Shop will be serving Wedding Cake and more.....

Sunday 12th September

At Noon.....

Thelma Schoonmaker Powell will display her wedding outfit
and show the video of her wedding to film director Michael
Powell,

Then at 6pm.....

Their Majesties,
King William and Queen Matilda
Graciously request your company
At the anniversary of
The consecration of their church
And then to a Pig Face Feast in the grounds

The Feast begins at 6.45pm (& ends by 10pm)

This year we celebrate 930 years of services at Holy Cross
Church since its consecration in 1080, in the presence of
Queen Matilda, King William and their Court. We, too, will
follow the service with a torchlight procession, Hog Roast
and drinks, with sponsored medieval entertainment for all
ages! So.....Please come!



*Kindly sponsored by the Parish
Council
and the Church.*



NEW FEATURE!

Village People

Few people know more about Avening than Riley and Joyce Vincent, who were both born and bred in the parish - and recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

Riley was born in the High Street, into a long-established Avening family, sang in the Church choir from the age of six, and went to the village school. Joyce, whose maiden name was Beard, came from the hamlet of Lowesmoor and attended Cherington School. They met after they both obtained scholarships to Tetbury Grammar School, which in those days was in Long Street, where the doctor's surgery is now - they both clearly remember the headmaster's study, which is now the waiting room! There were no school buses in those days, but the council gave them each a bicycle, and they rode these to school, whatever the weather, keeping a change of clothes in school for the days they arrived soaked through. "Bad weather was no excuse for being late," adds Riley.

On the eve of the Second World War Riley joined the RAF as an apprentice airframe fitter, and rather sooner than he'd expected found himself on active service, spending the next five years without a break in the Middle East with the Desert Air Force. Joyce, meanwhile, was training in Liverpool as a Primary School teacher. She returned to Gloucestershire in 1941 to teach in Minchinhampton School, where she spent most of her teaching career, eventually retiring as Deputy Head after a total of 38 years in the School.

Despite being separated so long, they kept in touch through regular letters and finally, in 1946, they married in Cherington Church. After a couple of years with Joyce's family in Lowesmoor, they bought the house in Point Road in Avening which is still their home today. But Riley was still in the RAF, so they were destined to spend long periods apart, as he was posted throughout the UK and Germany. Meanwhile Joyce, with the help of her parents, pursued her teaching career and brought up their son, Paul, the two of them joining Riley during the school holidays. His final posting, by chance, was to Aston Down airfield, and when he left



the service in 1951 he stayed on working there as a civilian, before joining Daniel's Engineering in Stroud, where he stayed until he retired.

Paul also became a teacher, and following, the family tradition, his own daughter teaches music. Joyce and Riley are very proud great-grandparents to 18 month-old Connie.

Riley is well known for his magnificent garden, a major feature of the Avening Garden Trail, and where he is to be seen most days, growing everything from runner beans and lettuces to aubergines and peppers. Joyce also used to enjoy gardening, but now tends to 'admire and advise', while concentrating on her handicraft hobbies, particularly needlework, tapestry and knitting

So, how has Avening changed over the years? "Beyond recognition," they both say. "For one thing, we used to know everyone - now we barely know 5%. And Avening is no longer self-sufficient - all the shops have gone. Things are much more convenient, of course: We didn't have electricity here until 1938, or mains water until the late 50's, or sewers until 1960."

Having lived so long in the village, the Vincents are a fund of information and stories about Avening. On several occasions, Riley has written some of these down for us in The Villager - and he's promising to do some more, and maybe a slide show for the village - so watch this space!

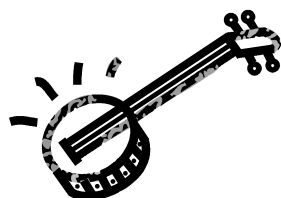
7th year!

Gig In The Quarry

In aid of the



Meningitis
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18th September, 2pm - late

A friendly music festival with
Morris Men, Exotic Eastern
Dancers and lots of live music,

Star Prize Raffle!

Venue: Paul Kirby's quarry, just
outside Avening on the Tetbury Road.
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ARCHIVE CORNER



The Cross Inn in 1916. Not so very different.....!! Thanks to Lionel Fletcher, who used to live in the village, for sending us this fascinating photo.

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Avening - Where Nothing Happens...

Avening - The Lost Cause

Francis de Paravicini

Vicar of Holy Cross Church 1856 to 1894

Last month's edition of the Villager Magazine tried to throw some light on the rents of the Sandford Estates and the apparent disagreement over the amount of money claimed to have been left for the village's "poor boys". The article was accompanied by a photograph of the wooden board on the West Wall of the Church which was apparently raised after the dispute. Looking at that picture now, it seems odd that the sum of £200 is written away from the other script, which leaves one to question what was written originally.

Francis' last Church engagement was in 1894 but he was still championing this cause of missing funds three years later, writing a letter to the parishioners detailing his doubts about the funds and the enquiry which was set up to look into the matter.

The letter is dated the 6th of August 1897. He ends his letter, which included comments about the Avening Common and its ownership thus:



*Francis de Paravicini's grave
in Holy Cross Church*

"And yet we are taunted with the fact that we have no parochial evidence of the identification of this parish charity, or of its Title Deeds, and parish books, when they were purposely stolen from the parish to conceal that evidence, and to prevent that identification. For a time, a fraud may succeed but a curse is attached to property fraudulently obtained, and time brings to light, though by slow degrees the evidence requisite to prove the wrong done and to justify the defender of the right".

He was convinced he knew who was responsible but managed to overcome any bitterness, welcoming those he scorned at the Church for the services.

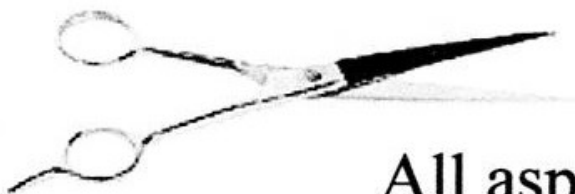
Francis died seven weeks later and was buried in our Churchyard on Thursday the 30th of September 1897.

He carried out over 800 baptisms, 300 marriages and 550 burials during his tenure and those of you who have ancestry in Avening from the mid-1800s will have a connection with Francis de Paravicini. He was succeeded as Rector by Edgar Edwards who was in our Parish until 1920.

Fred Vening

Here ends Fred's fascinating dip into the archives of Francis de Paravicini, who sounds a fascinating character. Many thanks to Fred for all the efforts he has made in researching and retelling the story of Avening's crusading vicar. Anything interesting to report on Edgar Edwards, Fred? - Ed

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It's a Small World.....



Avening,
Ontario

On the 30th of July, I received an enquiry regarding the 1901 census from a lady in Canada, called Sherri. I replied and on the 1st of August, I received this email from her:

"Thank you Fred for the information. There is an Avening, Ontario in Canada about an hour from Toronto. I visited it this summer and the info centre told us the first settlers were from Avening, Glos, England. Their last name was Thornbury who afterwards moved to another area in Ontario by the water and named it Thornbury. It is a prosperous beautiful town now and is booming. Just some facts I thought you may be interested in."

On the 4th of August, I received the following email from a lady in Australia named Alison. It said:

"I am writing to enquire about an ancestor of mine - my 4x great-grandfather - who was rector at Avening from 1779 - 1816. His name was Nathaniel Thornbury. I will be coming to the UK later this month and plan to visit Avening on the 17th. Is there any material on him in the Church?"

On the same day I received this from Sherri plus some photographs:

"My Mom took these pictures of Avening, Ontario, Canada. I thought you would be interested in seeing them as the village is named from the Thornbury settler from Avening"

I replied to Alison and told her I would be delighted to meet her and show her the Church and was pleased to invite her to lunch with Rev. Celia. I also mentioned the Avening, Ontario connection with the Thornburys and received the following reply, still on the 4th:

"....the search for Frederick Charles Thornbury, born in 1809 would seem to be our man - right age, right name and still with the Avening connection - a grandson of your Nathaniel, the son of William Henry Thornbury (my 3x great-grandfather) and a brother to Nathaniel Thornbury, my 2x great-grandfather."

Alison duly arrived on the 17th and a very pleasant visit we had with her.

She brought pictures of our Nathaniel and these will be published later.

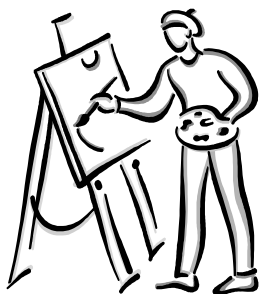
It is, indeed, a small world with the wonderful world wide web!!

Fred Vening



Alison from Australia visiting her great-great-great-great grandfathers Church!

Avening Arts Group



AVENING ART SHOW **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th October** **Avening Memorial Hall**

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

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

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Cherington Flower Show: Record Amount Raised!

After weeks of preparation, once again it was Show Time.! Eve of Show Party kicked off at Westrip Farm - Pimms and scrumptious Hog Roast with a teasingly compelling Quiz to be tackled before supper – all ticket proceeds to the Show thanks to great generosity of Roger Maggs.

A fine day dawned for our traditional Flower Show and Fun Dog Show on Sunday 25th July – forecast good – what a relief! The Old Rectory Lawn, thanks to new owners Tom and Danielle, once again the focus for stalls and games, with teas served from Topuptents' jolly yellow and red marquee pitched on the cricket ground and the Pavilion.

Come 9am the Green was buzzing with competitors of all ages tripping across to the Village Hall clutching cakes, jams, pictures, 'gardens on plates', sugar mice and knitted cardis, avoiding collision with enormous cabbages bound for

Coxes Barn and precious floral entries for the church. Both flower arrangements in the Church and the Horticulture competitions were surprisingly splendid, despite the warm dry weather. These competitions get people rarin' to go long before the show. What shall I sow? What can I make? What flowers will be in bloom?



*9 year old
Lucy Hale,
with the
Children's
Handicrafts
Cup*





... and the cup winners were...

Handicrafts: Wendy Eldridge

Childrens' Competitions:

Lucy Hale

Amy Wood Cup for Best

Flower Arrangement:

Sue Rooker

Horticulture: Brian Cook

Mabberley Cup for Best

Horticulture Exhibit:

John Nettleton

At Coxes an innovation this year – an exhibition of Art from Cherington, brainchild of Henry Arden - was a resounding success. Another innovation, from Sarah Priday, was 'Dressing the Well'. Our fountain, for so long the source of water in the village, morphed into an arrestingly attractive feature decked with bunting and flowers surrounding a wishing well – all devised by Liz Bate-Williams.

At 3pm Mike Mitchell got the Fun Dog Show into full swing – keeping to a traditional format with fun for all dogs, dog lovers and owners alike and a useful contribution to the revenue too.

There was a fantastically good result from all the stalls, notably Carole's Plants, (ably helped by Christine), ice creams, cakes, bottles, bric a brac and clothes of all kinds. We were short-handed this year, but we were touched by the loyalty of friends returning from far away especially for the Show to organise The Teas – grateful thanks to Sarah, Christopher, Johnny and Emma (and of course to all who baked in preparation). David Wood drove up from his new home in Devon to help with the Car Parking. Brian Watts, child of Cherington, came over from Swindon way to help out too. Even total newcomers like Matt and Adele stepped in with enthusiasm to handle mountains of books for sale.



*Little &
Large
at the
Fun
Dog
Show!!*

... and the Band Played On: The quintessential strains of the Avening Silver Band drifted through the village whilst the more appropriate acoustics of the church enabled visitors to appreciate the unique sound of the Georgian Handbell ringers amidst the flowers.



Many members of the Cricket Club came to help raise the funds this year. Everything that goes up has to come down; we are incredibly grateful for all the hard work undertaken by Roger Gegg with Derrick and the Club; We simply could not manage without the Cricket Club members before, during and after the Show. As well as running stalls, games and the barbecue, the Cricket Club man the car parking (350 cars this year).

We have numerous people working 'backstage': our Committee are the village, but Christine Williams has been Secretary for years now, undertaking publicity, insurance, P.A. and band bookings, cup engraving, etc. Simon Mitchell too has been our Treasurer for years, keeping careful track of all revenue, prizes and results that come with useful feedback. Kate Gegg overseas the Handicrafts, the Schedule printing, the worksheets and judges for competitions.

John Bate-Williams' Raffle was up there with the great scores this year, aided by a delicious variety of prizes. We were lucky to have this year well known TV actor Jason Durr from Heartbeat to give out prizes.



The chief recipients of proceeds from our Show in recent years have been the Village Hall, (our much valued WW1 Nissen Hut purchased by Miss Gertrude George in 1934 for a Mens' Reading Room!); St. Nicholas Church - and the Avening & Cherington Cricket Club. The players tend these days to come from Avening, but their ground and links are strongly with Cherington, contributing greatly to our village life, this event is their main source of funding. Each institution is invited to make their case in advance of our 'wash up' meeting on September 17th.

Thanks to everyone who made the Show a record-breaking success this year.

Liz and Peter Workman

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Holy Humour!!

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

supplied by Margaret Simpson (nee Holbrow), who was brought up in the village and now lives in Canada.

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Holy Humour!!

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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Avening Roll of Honour

No. 29

Rowland Fowles

Private: Royal Army Medical Corps.

The Military Machine is made up of many parts. Not all airmen flew Spitfires or Sopwith Pups, and not all soldiers were in the trenches or drove a tank. Some, through luck, or health difficulties, were limited to back-room tasks like the many men who served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Such was the case of Rowland Fowles. According to press reports, he suffered from a deformed knee and was thus not considered fit enough for front line service. He was limited to hospital work and service to the many men who would have been grateful for his assistance with their suffering. At some time during June 1918, Rowland contracted pneumonia and, again from press reports, we learn that despite all attention, he succumbed to the illness. His father was informed on the 1st of July.

Rowland's grandfather, Frederick Fowles had married Sarah Whiting in 1831 and had been a baker in Cherington. He died in 1852 at the age of 46 and his wife, unable to carry on the baking

business, continued service by opening a shop in Cherington to support her eight children. The youngest of these was Rowland's father, also named Rowland.



Rowland Senior continued a life of service and, for nearly thirty years, was landlord of "The Butcher's Arms" on Point Road, (now a private dwelling), and Rowland was born there in



*A photograph of Rowland Fowles and his family, taken circa 1905.
Back row: Mary Fowles (sister), Albert Fowles (brother) and Alice Fowles (sister): Front row, seated: Rowland Fowles Snr (father), Rowland Fowles Jnr. (ROH No. 29) and Maria Fowles (nee May), mother*

1889. He was preceded by an elder brother and two sisters. The family were still in Point Road for the 1901 census although Rowland Senior was away in Bethnal Green, London with his cousin, Edwin who was a Corn Merchant there. However, by the time of his son's death, he and the remainder of the family had left Point Road and were living on Tetbury Hill.

It was here that he would have received Rowland's two medals and Memorial Plaque. The latter became known by servicemen as "The Death Penny"!.

We are indebted to Rowland's Great Niece for her assistance and photographs.

Fred Vening



Avening Primary School

A – Z of our school!

Welcome back to a new term at Avening Primary School. Now that we have all recharged our batteries over the summer break we thought we might introduce you to the new term through a simple A-Z.

A	... for Avening , the great village where we go to school
B	... for Mrs Brooke , our artistic teacher of the Eagles class (Reception/Year 1)
C	... for our chickens – lovingly reared from eggs
D	... for Diana (we are supposed to call her Ms Boulton!) – our very busy headteacher
E	... for the eggs we are hoping to get from our chickens
F	... for FOAS – the Friends of Avening School – our hard-working group of fund-raisers
G	... for Mrs Grayston , our tennis-mad Hawks class teacher
H	... for the Hoot , our weekly newsletter which goes to every pupil's home and keeps us up to date on everything happening at school
I	... for Mr Ind – our hard-working chair of Governors
J	... for the jumping around we do at our twice weekly 'wake and shake' exercise sessions!
K	... for Kites – our fantastic after school club
L	... for our Leavers Assembly which sends Year 6 pupils off in style every year – and on to their secondary school
M	... for Mr Marshall (Vince) whom we love reading to!
N	... is for our successful school pupil newspaper , The Warbler, now on to its 7th edition!

O	... for the ' outstanding ' comment we received from Ofsted for the level of enjoyment the children get at school
P	... is for politeness – we are proud to say that we are often commended on it when we go on trips
Q	... is for how quiet we are when we are on our residential trips in Years 5 and 6!!!
R	...is for Mrs Redpath , the teacher who looks after the Owls class – our Years 5 and 6 pupils
S	... is for Mrs Sollis our lovely, Tottenham Hotspur-mad, smiley school secretary
T	... is for our annual, pupils and staff only Talent Show (our X Factor actually!)
U	...is for our new undercover area in the playground – keeps the sun off in the summer and the rain off all year round!
V	... is for our village hall which we use for lunches, assemblies, performances and a whole host of other great school activities
W	... is for Mr Wilkinson , our sporty Kestrels class teacher (Years 1 and 2)
X	... is for our ' xcellent ' cook Mrs Ward who serves lunch with a smile every day
Y	... is for the yelling the teachers <u>never</u> have to do!
Z	... is for the zzzzzz 's our teachers need at the end of term!



Have you had a go on the new cycle track yet? The latest addition to Avening Playing Field!

The fabulous cycle track has now been constructed around the perimeter of the playing field and has already been used by countless youngsters. It is a simple packed gravel track, level with the surrounding grass, and encourages all youngsters to get their bikes out and have a bit of fun in the safe environment of the playing field. This was possible with the help of generous funding from both the Parish and County Council.

The gravel making up the surface of the track will take a few months to bed in, whereupon it will be topped up by a further load of gravel. In these few months, please do take care as it could get a bit bumpy. The surrounding earth areas will also be seeded with grass, and this will again take time to settle in.

This is the result of all the hard work by Pete Savage, who has done a great job. Thank you Pete and his chaps.

So all there is left to do is get out there and enjoy it!

Jon Glover
Chairman APF Committee





The weather was kind to us during construction, and it was all completed in just over a week.

Shown are Tilly Winkfield and Edward Oliver, both ensuring that the works are progressing to their satisfaction.....



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Avening Youth Club

Don't forget, Avening Youth Club continues to meet every Tuesday evening in the Memorial Hall. This was very successful throughout the school holidays, and now continues as normal in term time.

If you are between the ages of 8 and 15 and haven't yet tried it, why don't you pop along one Tuesday between 6 and 8 pm. You'll find we have a lot of fun.

Here is what will happen this month:

Tuesday 7th September	Ceramic magnets
Tuesday 14th	Quiz
Tuesday 21st	Fencing
Tuesday 28th	Cooking

The fencing is the real thing, run by a professional, so really one NOT to be missed. See you there!

***Cassie Chesterman
& Leonie Roseblade***



Maddy, Holly Ellie and Gesney, playing on their scooters

We were very lucky to have a fine evening for our walk in August. On our way back to the village we called in at the home of Mrs Sue Osborne where we were greeted with a sumptuous supper, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Sadly we lost our skittles match in the County Knock-out competition, although we had a very friendly and enjoyable evening with Lechlade WI.

Our evening at Minchinhampton Golf Club to celebrate our 80th birthday was voted a success by all who attended. 30 of our members enjoyed a delicious meal on the 12th August and we all felt the catering was marvellous. We are now looking ahead to our next birthday celebration in October, when it is our official birthday.

Our annual craft and produce show will take place in September. The schedule has been revamped to encourage everyone to enter something in the classes. Our talk for the evening is entitled 'Back to Back' when our speaker for the evening, Elizabeth Oliver, will speak on the process of shearing the wool from sheep to the end product of a knitted garment.

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

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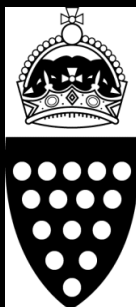
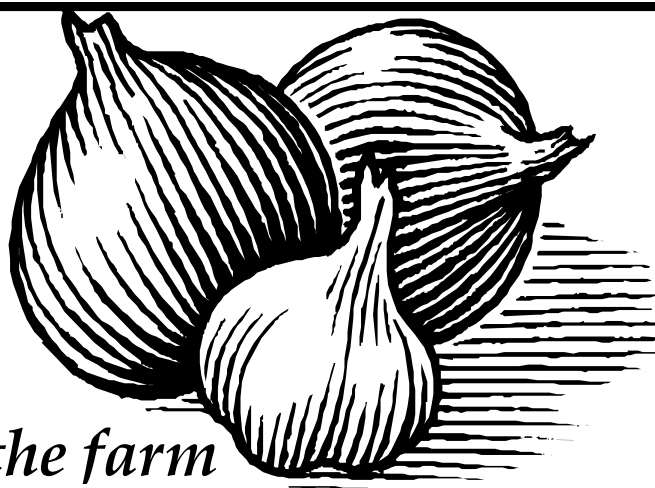
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Bob Uzzell Tribute Fund Update

On August 8th, Mary Uzzell and Sue Watkins' stall at Tetbury Flower Show managed to raise just over £200 for Bob's Tribute Fund. Although Bob died three years back, they are continuing to raise money for the Cobolt Unit at Cheltenham Hospital. At the moment they are busy making jam and pickles for the fund.

Sue and her nephew John Uzzell recently went on a canal holiday with DART (Disabled Afloat Riverboats Trust). There will be an account of their trip in the next edition of The Villager.

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New Planning Applications/Decisions – August 2010

10/02905/FUL	4 Spinners Cottages, Longfords Mill, Avening, GL6 9LP, Proposal: Retention of garden shed, childrens playhouse, 2 stores (Retrospective)
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Decision Notices Received

10/02455/LBC 10/02726/FUL	Rodways Place, Point Road, Avening, GL8 8NA Proposal: Revision to approved scheme 09/01518/LBC (involving reduction in width of extension) The Parish Council had no objections to the application. Date decided: 13 August 2010 Decision: Application Permit
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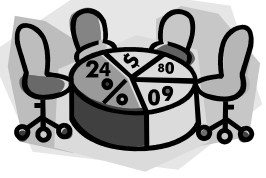
Plans can be seen on www.cotswold.gov.uk go to weekly planning list.

Avening Forum: Calling all business owners/self employed in Avening parish. The Parish Council is starting a forum for Avening, the first meeting will be for business owners during w/c 11th October. We plan to have a presentation from Businesslink and discussion about how local businesses can work together to improve their situation and how the council can help encourage local businesses.

BT Telephone Kiosk Adoption: The Parish Council has now adopted the two telephone boxes at High Street and Nag's Head. The boxes are in need of a repaint. **If you are a painter/decorator and would like to submit an estimate/quote for the works please contact the Parish Clerk for details.** The Parish Council will award the contract in October.



Emergency Plan: The parish council is creating an emergency plan for the village. We are working with Tetbury Upton, Cherington and Cotswold District Council. The emergency plan will help lessen the



impact if an emergency occurs in the village. It sets up a group who will carry out certain jobs to help the emergency services manage the emergency. The next steps are to set up the emergency response team.

The next meeting of the group will be **Tuesday 21st September, 7.30pm at The Cross Inn.** If you have not already been invited to join the group and you have some expertise or are just prepared to lend a hand in an emergency please contact the parish clerk.

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-1.30pm. For information and bookings please telephone Tetbury Dial-a-Ride on 01666 502514 (9-1pm weekdays). A few more people have been using this, so it has been retained for the moment

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 (if it is an emergency then telephone 999). You can remain anonymous if you chose.

The Parish Council office will be closed from **24th August until 6th September.**

The next meeting of the Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 16th September 2010 and then Thursday, 21st October 2010, at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome.

*Deborah Cook, Parish Clerk, 28 Partridge Way, Cirencester,
Gloucestershire GL7 1BQ Tel: 01285 656139
Email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk*

Cherington Parish Council

Cherington Parish Council is pleased to have co-opted Mr Mike Mitchell of Trull Farm onto the Parish Council. The Parish Council are now in the process of discussing the remaining vacancy to be filled and should have a new Councillor co-opted at the next meeting.

We are working with Avening and Tetbury Upton Parish Councils' to produce an Emergency Plan so that as neighbouring Parishes we could work together should a natural or manmade emergency occur.

The next Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall on Monday 13th September 2010 at 6.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

Sue Russell
Clerk to Cherington Parish Council



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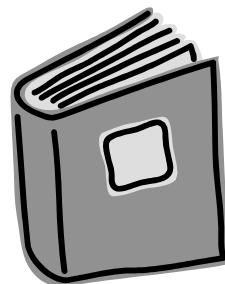


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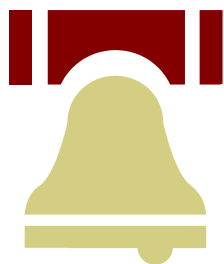
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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Place	Time
Thursday 2nd September	School term starts after summer holidays	Avening Primary School	9.00am
Sat & Sun 11th & 12th September	Queen Matilda's Day Celebrations Celebration of 1,000 Years of Weddings	Church/Avening Playing Fields	All weekend
Monday 13th September	Avening Memorial Hall AGM	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Monday 13th September	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.30pm
Thursday 16th September	Avening Parish Council meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 18th September	Gig in the Quarry (in aid of Meningitis Trust)	Paul Kirby's Quarry Tetbury Hill	2.00 - 11.00pm
Saturday 25th September	Harvest Festival, followed by Harvest Supper, Cherington	Cherington Church	6.00pm
Saturday 9th - Sunday 10th October	Avening Art Group Art Exhibition	Avening Memorial Hall	All weekend
Monday 11th October (tbc)	Avening forum Meeting for local businesses/self-employed	Avening Memorial Hall (tbc)	
Thursday 14th October	WI Birthday party	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Friday 22nd October	School breaks up for half term	Avening Primary School	
Wednesday 3rd November	School resumes after half term	Avening Primary School	

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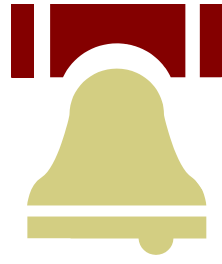
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