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A Magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head

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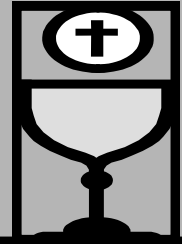
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Services in Avening and Cherington

Day/Date/ Officiant at main service	Time	Church	Service Details
Sunday 7th July	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
Rev Jan Moore	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School Baptism of
Sunday 14th July	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
Rev Jan Moore	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School.
Sunday 21st July	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
Rev Maslen	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
	7.00 pm.	Cherington	Evensong
Thursday 25th July	7.00pm	Avening	Compline / Evening prayer
Sunday 28th July	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
Rev Maslen	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday 4th August	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
Rev Maslen	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
July 7 th	Stephanie/Piers	Stephen	Ann
July 14 th	George/Cas	Paul	Ann
July 21 st	Margaret/Jeanie	Derrick	Elizabeth
July 28 th	Stephanie/George	Hamish	Ann
Aug 4 th	Piers/Cas	Stephen	Elizabeth

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE IN AVENING ON
July 7th & Aug 4th**



Church Floodlighting

16th June

For my Dad

Dad this is our first Father's day without you. So, as we cannot get you a card and you loved Evening Church so much when you came to visit, we've had it lit up.

We miss you Dad.

Love Kim, Bob, Darren, Becky, Tam and Phoebe

*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, contact*

Paul Brown

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The Parish Letter

After we retired from full-time parish ministry, we were invited to help with services at Avening and Cherington, when relief was needed. The pressure does not seem to have eased, but rather to have increased, because of so many retirements and departures locally in both Gloucester and Bristol Dioceses.

When we first came at the Rev Celia's request, a bit like Morecambe and Wise (although which was wise, and which Morecambe was never specified) we were struck by two things. First the beauty of the two church buildings, and then, overwhelmingly, the friendliness and warmth of our reception. It seemed like an ideal spot to repay something of all we have received during our Christian ministry - and so it has proved. We enjoy coming and have made so many friends.

We were both late ordinands, and trained together at Salisbury and Wells Theological College before being ordained as deacons. Margaret was one of the first women priested as soon as they were able, so Richard is, in temporal terms a year senior in that respect, although if you believe that you will believe anything!

Both having lost respective wife and husband to similar illnesses before embarking on new lives, it was natural we should become friends during our course, also sharing the same tutor. One thing led to another and we were married soon after we began work, and shared a first curacy in Bath and Wells diocese, where we served together thereafter. In those days it was expected that curates had to seek their bishop's permission to marry, which, at our age, led us to wonder what we might do if they refused - they didn't!

This year we celebrate 21 years of ordination as deacons, and 20 years of marriage. The eucharist has been a central part of our faith and life together and we wanted to celebrate together in every sense of the word. We are very fortunate and overjoyed that the Churchwardens and people of Holy Cross Church, Avening have agreed that we can 'con-celebrate' (it just means we will do it together) and invite some of our own family and friends to join the congregation at the Parish Eucharist on Sunday, July 21st at 11.00am.

We hope to see as many of you as possible to help celebrate and thank God on the anniversary of events which turned our lives around, and join us all for pre-lunch refreshments.

Revs Richard and Margaret Maslen

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**All requests for weddings, baptisms or funerals MUST
be made through the church wardens, doing this will
ensure that the church is available.**

The relevant telephone numbers can be found on page 3

What's On In Avening and Cherington

Please let us know if we have forgotten any regular event or if there is something you would like to have included here.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
Cherington PC	4th Monday each month	6.30pm	Village Hall	Sam 01285 885334
Book Club	First Monday	7.30pm	The Bell	Kristiana 01453 836515
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	David 01453 882914
Line Dancing	Tuesday	7.45-10.30pm.	Social Club	Mel 01453
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Yoga	Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Memorial Hall	Elles 0781 555 2952
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
Dial-a-Ride	Thursday	9.30am		Liz Truman 01666 502514
WI	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Maisie 01453 834679
Avening PC	3rd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Caroline 01285 380041
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090

Church of England Educational Fund



Money from The Church of England Educational Fund is available to young people who are under 25 years old and live in the parishes of Avening and Cherington, to help with their education.

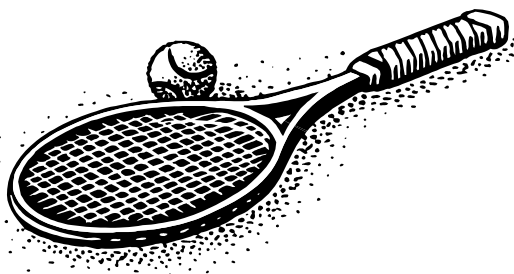
If you (or your children) need help from this fund, please apply in writing to the 'Educational Fund,' c/o George Buchanan, 14 High Street, Avening, Glos. GL8 8LU.

Applications should be in by the end June 2013 and August 2013.

We look forward to hearing from you

George Buchanan.
(for the trustees)

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**A Big
Thank You
from the Avening Church Fete Committee**

What a wonderfully happy and indeed sunny fete we had this year. I have had so much positive feedback and I would like to thank everyone who helped and all those who came along and made it such a lovely event.

I would like to thank all the stallholders and many friends who put up tents, moved chairs and generally lugged stuff about; the School for the use of their facilities; the Playgroup for all their help in the churchyard - and all the guys who spent the whole Fete either in the stream, cooking or up the Bell Tower!

Particular thanks go to Tony Russell for organising the publicity; Gill Redpath of Avening school for all of her help; John Turner for acting as MC; and Claudia for organising the art show

Thank you everyone from all of us at Holy Cross and a special thank you from myself for all the help you gave me.

Stephanie Hamilton

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AGAIN VERY MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY
WAY AND ALSO TO ALL OF YOU WHO CAME AND
SUPPORTED THE FETE

Message for Audrey!

The following was recently received in the Villager's electronic postbag:

I am trying to get in touch with an old friend (Audrey Anderton); a resident of Avening a long time ago (like myself). She gave me her telephone number and I had to get in touch with her about the next Avening exhibition. Well, I have now mislaid her telephone number, Could you put an appeal in the magazine and hopefully someone may see it and pass it on.

My name is Hazel Perry, 01666 503392.
E-mail: hazel.redding@tiscali.co.uk.



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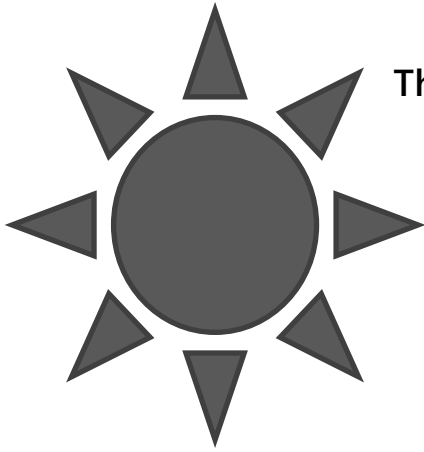
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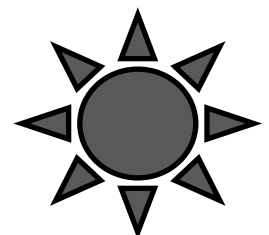
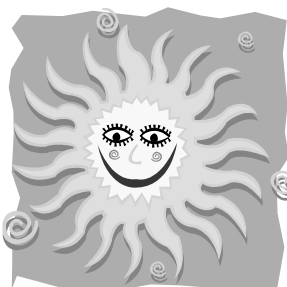
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Those Mountain Bikers.....

6.30pm outside the Bell Inn. Ever wondered about the gathering of people and bikes that seem to accumulate there on Wednesdays and Fridays, sometimes on Sundays, oh, and Tuesdays and possibly a few Thursdays? And a few hours later the same, distinctly muddier, the same group of people are back, grinning like Cheshire cats, piling their bikes in a mound outside whilst they are having a well-earned pint inside. This description I found in a book pretty well covers it all:

‘The trouble with writing about mountain biking is that it does exactly what it says on the can. You go out to the country and find a hill, you get on a bike and ride either slowly up that hill or fast down it. You curve round trees and swerve past roots, you meet obstacles and rocks and things designed to flip you into the shrub. You have a nice time. You have a lovely time, in fact. You’re so busy thinking about how to take the next bend that you don’t worry about rent or promotion or roadworks. You get hot and sweaty and covered in mud. You see the landscape in a totally different way. You do a bit more riding and jumping and whizzing past trees. You get to the bottom of the hill, consume six giant flapjacks and go home with the avowed intention not just of coming back and doing it again, but bringing all your mates next time. That’s it; it’s that straightforward....!’



But where are those bikes?? (Ed.)

Mountain Mayhem is the worlds largest 24 hour mountain biking event, with around 2,000 competitors and, by chance, Gatcombe hosted the event this year – you may have seen the signs. How could we not enter a few teams? So 3 teams of four did the event in mid-June, camped up there (fed &

watered by Hugo Winkfield – fund raising for Nepal again), each did 5-6 laps of around 8 miles, all in Gatcombe Forest, all in pretty muddy conditions and all in the set 24 hours. The winner was a solo cyclist who did 27 laps in 24 hours, thus over 215 miles in mud in 24 hours, not too bad.



So there are some serious cyclists out there but we don't count ourselves in that category, nah, we could of course do 27 laps and all but simply don't feel like it..... Tempted? Come along! You need a half decent bike, a sense of humour and a hosepipe to wash you down after most rides. 6.30pm at the Bell, Fridays and Sundays.

Nicholas Winkfield

An invitation to the young people of Avening and Cherington!

The Youth Club meets every Tuesday evening in Avening Memorial Hall

6 pm to 8 pm.

Lots of different fun activities and everyone over the age of 8 is welcome.

Just £1 entry.

Contact Cassie Vickery (01453 834182) for further details or just come along and give it a try!



Avening Primary School

DID YOU KNOW?... OWLS LOVE WATER!

Kayaking, paddle boarding, sailing, raft building – just another average day at Avening School! For the Year 5 and 6 children (the Owls class), this month three school days were based at the Cotswold Water Park, South Cerney. And what a fantastic three days they had!



Accompanied by head teacher Jane Rushton, teachers Mark Wilkinson and Katherine Turner, and teaching assistant, Kelly Wilkinson, the Owls class enjoyed three full days of water

sports and team events with most of the day spent out on the lake. The residential is a biannual event for the School and this year the children were very lucky with the weather with most of the rain coming at night when they were tucked up in their cabins or tepees.

This extra-curricular trip gives the children good experience of many important skills which fit with the school motto – REACH – Respect, Engage, Aspire, Collaborate, Hope, with collaboration being a key ingredient to the success of many of the water sports. For instance some of the kayakers had to pair up





and one partner acted as the paddler (but with his/her eyes closed) and the other acted as the guide. All children had to work as teams to construct a raft out of wooden poles, barrels and ropes and then they had to manoeuvre their rafts from one side of the lake – this might sound hard enough but they also had to sing songs with actions whilst balancing on the

rafts!

As you can see from these pictures, the children had a fantastic experience – not to be forgotten!

In other news, at the time of writing this article:

- the school sponsored walk fundraising total was edging upwards towards the target £1000 – thank you to everyone who sponsored us!
- Many children were getting excited about an extra trip to the theatre – to see ‘Joseph and his amazing technicolour dreamcoat’ at the Bristol Hippodrome.
- We are getting ready for one of the highlights of the school year – Sports Day – please come along and watch if you are free (the morning of the 1 July at the playing field if the weather is ok).

If you are interested in finding out more about our school please take a regular look at our website (www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk) which is updated often. In particular take a look at the interesting introduction to all our staff – with pictures courtesy of the children!

In term time please contact 01453 833191

A Note from the Bell Tower



A band of ringers from Corsham, Wiltshire paid a visit to the Holy Cross Church on the 16th May at 10.00 am !! and rang a quarter peal.

Method used – Cambridge Surprise Minor. 1,296 changes, taking 50 minutes of ringing.

Practice night at Avening is Tuesday nights 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm. New members and beginners most welcome.

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David Govier - Avening Tower.

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Auction of Promises

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Professional auctioneer, Edward Bagnall (Tayler & Fletcher), took control of the eager bidders and created a fabulous atmosphere. The audience was enthusiastic and, aided by a full bar, opened their cheque books wide in aid of the School. With no reserves on the lots everyone had a chance to bid on their favourite promises.

An impressive £2957 was raised (including a 'balloon raffle') and the 150 people who attended all agreed it was great fun. FOAS have presented the proceeds to the School and there are some exciting projects being considered that the money will help fund.

Jane Rushton, head teacher, stated, 'We were delighted with the generosity of the bidders and the whole school community is grateful for the hard work of the FOAS team. It means that the children at Avening will be benefitting for months to come!'

This event was held with the aid of Avening Social Club and FOAS look forward to working with them in the future as the Club was a great venue for this occasion.

Jo Missenden
FOAS Secretary



Calling all photographers!
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The Editors



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By the time you read this our new Dial-a-Ride Bus may well be here and working hard! As I write, it is in the workshop having a lift fitted to allow easier access for wheelchairs. It will be the same size but a different colour so look out for it out and about.

Dementia Webb will be holding another 'drop-in' session in the Dial-a-ride office on Thursday 11th July, 12.30-2.30pm. Terri will be pleased to meet you to offer information about Dementia, services available and about Dementia Webb.

Aileen, Village Agent will also be in the office on Tuesday 9th July and again on 23rd July, between 10-1pm. If you think she could help please come in to see her.

Regular Dial-a-Ride Schedule

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Yate, 12th July

Cirencester, 19th July

Library Club, 26th April

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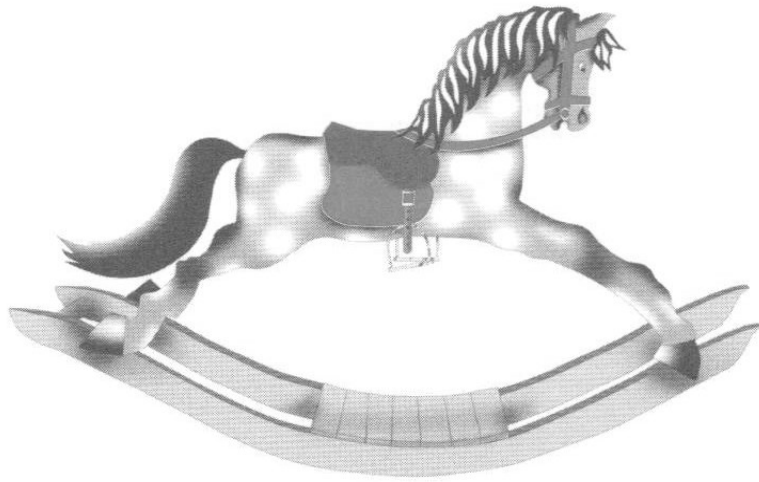
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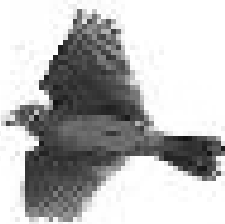
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Avening Playgroup



The children have been having a lovely time playing outside in the recent weeks. Our vegetables and pansies are growing well (HURRAY!!!), with the children enjoying watering them. The children have been learning about capacity by playing in our large sandpit and water tray, and painting in the sunshine with brushes and water.

The children have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly through watching five caterpillars which have been growing fast. The children are always fascinated when they turn into a chrysalis, and then into a butterfly which we wave goodbye as they fly away.



Estelle in the glider- Well done Estelle!

We are replacing our very old shed, which is now rotting, thanks to some large donations from the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds and the Tetbury Lions. Also a huge contribution came from our brave parent Estelle St John-Smith. Estelle won a gliding lesson from Cotswold gliding club through our Christmas bazaar raffle, and agreed to go into air if she could get enough

people to sponsor her to do so. She managed to raise an astonishing £375. Her fund raising effort has meant we also have enough money left over for a new computer. Thank you to the Rotary Club, Tetbury Lions and all those generous people that sponsored Estelle. Also a huge thank you to Estelle who has managed to raise so much for the playgroup. We are looking forward to getting our new shed over the summer.

If you have a child who will be 3 between September 2013 and August 2014 and you would like them to join our happy playgroup then please phone Debbie on 01453 832695 (term-time weekdays, between 9-12.30) and we can put their name down to ensure a place.

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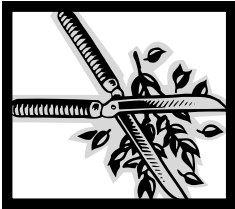


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We have had a very busy time just lately. On 23rd May we had over 300 visitors to the village from WI's all over Gloucestershire. This was a Federation event to visit the Old Rectory Garden and our Church. Avening WI was asked to provide food. Luckily we were able to use the Social Club, which proved an excellent venue to serve our cream teas and coffees, 100 in the morning and 200 plus in the afternoon (that's over 600 scones!!) We had a rainstorm in the morning but the rest of the day stayed fine. Everything went like clockwork with Derek Ind working as hard as any of our ladies – he's looking for honorary membership, I think!

We catered for a group of ladies from Northampton, providing a supper in Cherington Village Hall to help them on their way from the WI 2013 AGM in Cardiff. Our delegate was Gwyneth Simpson and she had a most enjoyable day. The resolution was about reversing the decline of the British High Streets and was passed with a huge majority.

Our speaker for our June meeting was Margaret Pinnington who described her work involved as a magistrate. There were lots of questions and we found it most interesting.

June is again very busy. We are taking part in the County Quiz taking place in Chedworth. Then we have a lunch at Hunters Hall. Later in the month we will be attending the Group Meeting in Tetbury when the speaker will be Lady Bathurst. We will be having an evening of Art in July – if you would like to come along you would be very welcome. Don't forget our outing to Waterperry Gardens on 8th August.



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Evening Book Club

The Sense of an Ending – Julian Barnes

Julian Barnes writes beautifully, inviting the reader to a particular depth of ponderance that is inimitable. This book is a great choice for bookclub (thanks Claire) because there is so much to talk about and contrary to its title, it is very far from giving us a sense of an ending. Although the untied-ends frustrated some of the group, it didn't lessen our regard for the novel.



The story is told through the protagonist Tony, who manages to intrigue us despite living a life that is common-garden mundane. He has survived a gentle divorce and remained good friends with his ex-wife. This is quite revealing as we may otherwise interpret Tony as a self-delusional, insensitive, dogmatic character.

The first half of the novel concerns itself with youth and it does so with great poignancy. As Tony and his friends are on the cusp of finishing school, the wait for their lives to start is interminable. The trio are then joined by Adrian Finn who is brilliantly intelligent, mature beyond his years and quietly composed. He makes the other boys seem facile and boyish in their own eyes. Their self-congratulatory retorts turn to dust in Adrian's presence and there is a barely concealed vying for his attention. Adrian leaves a strong impression on all the boys and their teachers, "Finn, I retire in five years. And I shall be happy to give you a reference if you care to take over." Another event that marks this time is the suicide of another student after he discovers his girlfriend is pregnant. The boys find the suicide banal after discussing it at length, "self-indulgent and inartistic: in other words wrong". Adrian is the only one who is able to offer a philosophical perspective on it, quoting Camus.

The boys disperse as they take up their university places and Tony meets the unforgettable Veronica Ford. Her character elicits a mixed response but we all felt some sympathy for her. She's a very cutting and contemptuous character who challenges Tony's version of himself. His witty ripostes go down like a lead balloon and his glib statements are never left unchallenged. She leaves him defensive and insecure. While perusing his record collection she comments on his taste in music and when he defends it by telling her it's okay to dance to she replies, "Do you dance to it? Here? By yourself?" Despite her youth, there is no lightness about her whatsoever. He spends a weekend with her mildly disturbing family, "I was so ill at ease that I

spent the entire weekend constipated: this is my principal factual memory.” And herein lies one of the biggest themes of the novel - memory.

The second half of the novel sees Tony in his retirement confronted with his unreliable and shifting recollections as the largely forgotten Veronica and Adrian reassert themselves in his life. A letter from a solicitor informs Tony that Veronica’s mother bequeathed Tony some money in her will and another item. In a very quiet way the book becomes gripping reading and the reader is as desperate for answers as Tony. I won’t give any more of this novel away but it is an interesting, frustrating and very thought provoking novel.

Kristiana Maseyk

Next meeting: 1st July 2013, 7.30 @ The Bell : The Great Gatsby – F. Scott Fitzgerald

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Cotswold Electoral Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission is carrying out an electoral review of Cotswold District Council. The first part of the review will be to consider reducing the number of Councillors from 44 to 35. Find out more at www.lgbce.org.uk or have your say at consultation.lgbe.org.uk by 16 July 2013.

Calling All Local Organizations

The Parish Council has extended the deadline for grant applications until its meeting on Thursday, 18 July.

If you are looking for funding for a project that will benefit the local community, the Parish Council may be keen to support you.

For more information or an application form, please contact the Clerk – contact details below.

Gloucestershire County Council is carrying out a review of its Flood Risk Management Strategy. The draft document can be found at : www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/localfloodingstrategy and the response must be made by 12 August 2013

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The next meeting of **Avening Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday 18 July 2013, at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall**. Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month.

All Are Welcome. The Parish Council address is:

Caroline Braidwood, Parish Clerk, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1BQ

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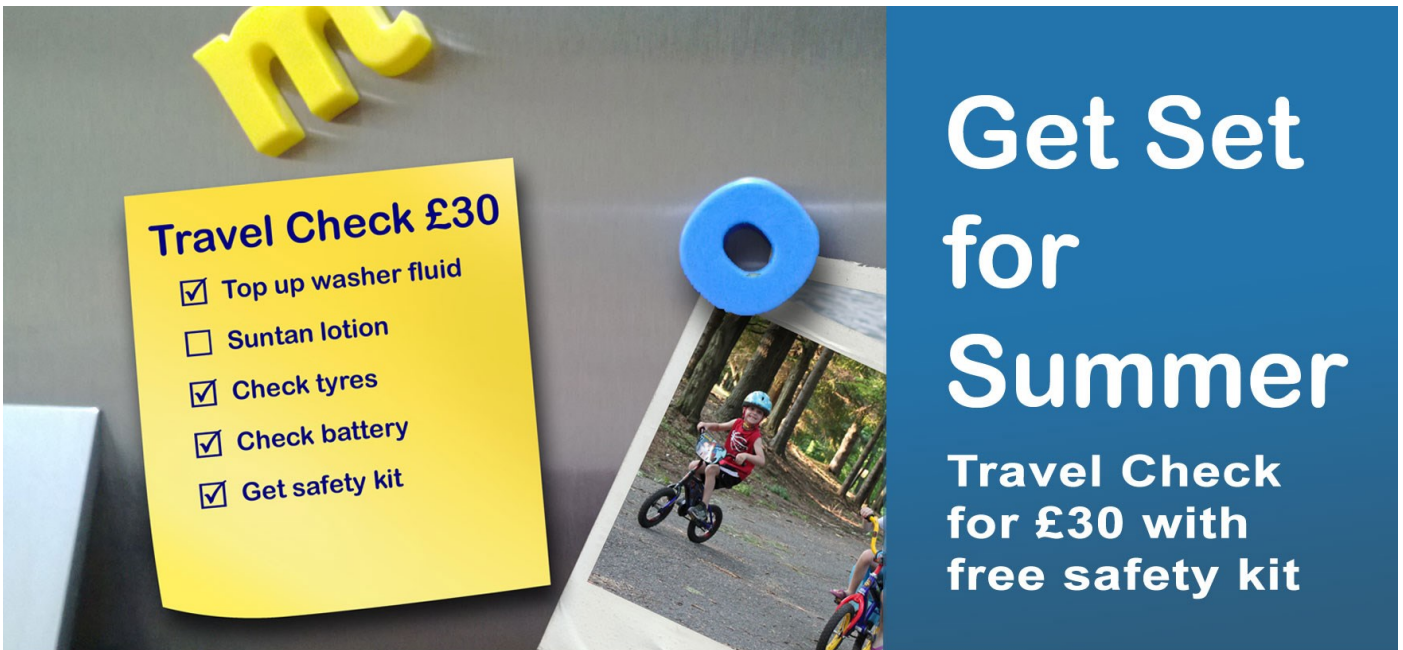


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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 13th July	Avening School Fete	Avening School and Village Hall	12-4.00pm
Thursday 18th July	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Friday 19th July	Avening School	End of Summer term	
Sunday 21st July	Cherington Show	Various venues	Afternoon
Sunday 21st July	Special Parish Eucharist celebrating Rev. Richard & Maggie Maslen's ordination & marriage	Holy Cross Church Avening	11.00am.
Thursday 8th August	Avening WI coach trip	Waterperry Gardens	
Mon-Wed 19th, 20th & 21st August	Gymnastics camp	Nailsworth C of E Primary School	9.0am-3.15.pm
Tuesday 3rd September	Avening School	Start of Autumn term	



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