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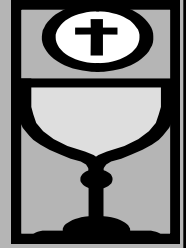
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Day/Date/ Officiant at main service	Time	Church	Service Details
Sunday 4th August	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Revs Maslen</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 11th August	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
<i>Revs Maslen</i>	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 18th August	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Revs Maslen</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 25th August	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
<i>Rev. L Doolan (The Area Dean)</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Thursday 29th August	7.00pm	Avening	Compline/ Evening Prayer
Sunday 1st September	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Rev J. Martin</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
Aug 4 th	Piers/Cas	Stephen	Elizabeth
Aug 11 th	George/Jeanie	Derrick	Ann
Aug 18 th	Margaret/ Stephanie	Hamish	Elizabeth
Aug 25 th	Irene/Cas	Paul	Ann
Sept. 1 st	George/Piers	Stephen	Ann

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE IN AVENING ON
Aug 4th & Sept. 1st**

PLEASE NOTE

**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

**A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER WILL BE HELD IN AVENING
AT 7.0 PM ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

THE NEXT COMPLINE SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE

ON THE 29th AUGUST

Thought for the Month

It was the most exceptional time! In May this year we made a short visit the Holy Land. By chance we were all able to be together to visit our daughter who is doing humanitarian work for Amnesty International in Tel Aviv and more recently for a human rights group ICAHD in Jerusalem. Rose showed us how to travel by sherut, a shared taxi that only departs when full. We stayed in a convent in Nazareth where the sister welcomed us warmly, hugged us and told us that she loved us (well me and Rose) – she was a bit more timid with the boys! It was deeply moving to stand as a family, often just the four of us quietly alone, before the most holy places – the place of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem and Mary's tomb in Jerusalem. The 'sense of the place' was quite overwhelming.



To tread the path that Jesus trod from the Mount of Olives and Gethsemane,



Bethlehem - the Shepherd's Fields where "the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around"

through Lion Gate amidst all the hustle and bustle along the Via Dolorosa up to Calvary, now the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, into the heaving crowds, was quite extraordinary! It took a two-hour crushing wrestle to reach the silence of the tomb where Jesus was laid. How amazing it was that our guidebook was the Bible!

Jerusalem the universal city is the capital of two faiths and the shrine of three faiths. I am so thankful that our children could visit, and even live there for a time to gain some understanding of the people. We need to live side by side and it is now our

children's time to do good and take away our fear of people we do not understand.

Our son, before setting off this summer to study for an MBA in Beijing, "the focus of business and the material world", has by contrast, just returned from an Order of Malta Volunteers camp in Lebanon. There he learnt how to care for the most 'abandoned' in this world and witnessed the horror of the disabled locked away from human eyes in Beirut. He and his fellow volunteers learnt from those they cared for as well as from helpers from the Lebanon and others from all over the world.

In Beirut, like Jerusalem, the three Churches stand side by side. The Christians and the Jews and the Arabs can live together as somehow they dobecause there is no other way.



*Bethlehem - the Palestinian side of the wall -
Propaganda graffiti by Banksy*

Our children understand more than we do discovering the world afresh. Let us pray that all our children's hearts may be filled with love and courage so they may be able to go out into the world to do good and help others.

Liz Bate-Williams

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Anthea Bezant** for our cover photo. If you have a photo of Avening or Cherington which you would like to share with us, please feel free to send it to us. You never know, it might turn up on the front cover...!

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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
Line Dancing	Tuesday	7.45 - 10.30pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
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 parish of Avening 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 of August 2013.

We look forward to hearing from you

The scope and operations of the Educational Fund Charity extends only to those who are resident in the parish of Avening, and not those who reside in the parish of Cherington (as advertised in the last issue). We apologise for this error.

George Buchanan
(for the trustees)



Church Floodlighting

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Avening Parish Records

If you want to get ahead.....get Ann Brick!

Ann's extraordinary knack of being able to read difficult and worn script, was first noticed whilst we were mapping the churchyard graves a couple of years ago.

The exercise of transcribing our Parish Registers started in 2007 and, working backwards from 1999, reached 1700 with little difficulty. Avening's Registers go back to 1556 but the task of reading the earlier records proved difficult and the operation stalled. We were studying records, supplied by Gloucestershire Archives, on microfiche and the originals had suffered from damp, fading, poor handwriting and, worst of all from my point of view, the occasional use of Latin!!



Then Ann volunteered to “have a go” and she achieved success quite quickly. Thanks to her efforts we now have, fully transcribed, our Baptisms, Marriages and Burials from 1556 (when Avening's records began) to 1999.

The results have been computerised and are presented in indexed form in 25 year groups. Our first showing of the complete records will be on Saturday the 12th of October at our Family History Day in the Memorial Hall, but if you need access to them at any time, we can arrange a personal viewing.

These latest records cover the period of the Great Plague. I naively thought that was over by 1666 and the Fire of London but, from the numbers of burials in Avening around that decade, it appears that the affects were being felt here a couple of years later.

Amongst today's vibrant population in Avening, I feel sure there must be someone in the village who can write a small article on the affects of the Plague on Avening's population for our Avening History. Is there anyone willing to take on this challenge? If so, please contact me.

Meanwhile, thanks again to our “transcripteur extraordinaire”, who has helped to complete an almost unique record of Parish Records.

Fred Vening

Parish Update

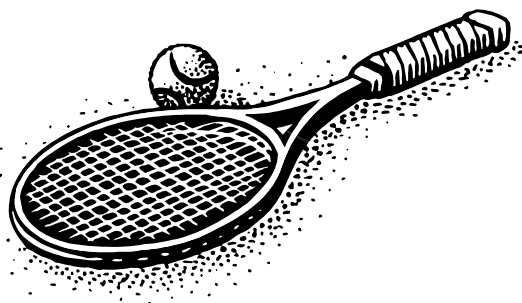
Several people have recently asked me what is happening in these parishes in relation to a new priest being appointed. I promised to keep you all up to date and now have more to tell you.

A new priest, The Reverend Poppy Hughes, has been appointed to the Tetbury Benefice, and she is to be licensed on September 6th at St Mary's Tetbury Parish Church. I hope that some of you will be able to come to this service to welcome her.

The post for a house-for-duty priest to live in Avening is shortly to be advertised and there will be an appointment after Christmas. In the meantime services in both churches continue. To clarify the situation, as agreed with the Bishop, I am not taking any regular services, to give you all space to prepare for and welcome the new priest. Until the new priest is appointed, I am available to take baptisms, weddings and funerals of people from the village, with requests being passed to me via the Churchwardens.

Rev Celia

TENNIS AT AVENING PARK



If you live in Avening, Nag's Head or Cherington, you are eligible to play tennis in the beautiful surrounds of Avening Park.

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Canada Day at the Bell

Oh Canada!



On the last day of June this year, The Bell at Avening was decked out in red and white, the Canadian maple flew proudly from the flagpole, and the dulcet tones of Michael Buble echoed down the High Street. What on earth?

Canada Day was being celebrated (admittedly a day early) courtesy of Avening's very own resident Canadians, Peter and Jaqui Hofman. For the last three years,

they have brought a little piece of their Canadian tradition to the village on or around the 1st of July and shared it with friends and villagers.

Hosted very generously by The Bell, Peter organises the drink: the beer, Moosehead, and Jaqui provides the Canadian 'snacks', including butter tarts and Nanaimo bars. Butter tarts are small sweet filled pastry tarts a bit like our treacle tarts but with raisins and pecans added. Nanaimo bars are a chocolate crumb base topped with vanilla butter icing and covered in melted chocolate and then refrigerated – needless to say, there are never any left at the end of the evening.

Only Canadian music is permitted – along with Mickey Bubbles, (to name but a few) there is kd lang, Bryan Adams, The Crash Test Dummies, Alanis Morissette, Shania Twain, Nickelback and, of course, Celine Dion – something for everyone?! A highlight is Jaqui and Pete patriotically and spiritedly singing the Canadian national anthem.

Canada Day is essentially Canada's birthday, celebrated on 1st of July, and marks the union in 1867 of three colonies (Nova Scotia, Brunswick and the Province of Canada) into a single country called Canada. Celebrations are usually outdoor public events



including carnivals, festivals, picnics and fireworks. Avening is in good company – celebrations also occur in Trafalgar Square (location of Canada House), New York City, Hong Kong, and Shanghai.



When I asked Jaqui why they do this each year she replies: “To bring friends and community together to celebrate our Commonwealth and Canadian beer and have a good ol’ party!!”

Here’s looking forward to July 1st 2014!! Happy Birthday, Canada!

Amanda Sanders

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What a wonderful thing to celebrate - and celebrate we did, at a fantastic party given by Riley and Joyce's family and friends. Sadly, just the day before, Riley was taken into hospital, but is home now and recovering well and I know that you will all want to join in sending him your best wishes. He was kept in touch with the party via a conference call to his bedside when he was able to hear us singing Happy Birthday. Joyce looked her serene and elegant self and was as always the perfect hostess.

What an example of a long and wonderful marriage and may they continue for many years more to be staunch members of our community.

Rev Celia

The Editors would also like to add their congratulations to Joyce and Riley and to thank them as well for their hard work as the proof readers for the Villager Magazine. Not a typo or missed word slips past their eagle eyes! How many other village magazines, we wonder, can boast nonagenarian proof readers!

Children's Nearly New Sale

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Avening Primary School

Sports and All Sorts in Build Up to Summer Holiday

SPORTS

Thankfully our Sports Day went ahead this year without 'rain stopped play'. A very large crowd of family and friends turned out to support all our children take part in a variety of races and events representing their house (either Mars, Neptune, Saturn or Jupiter). From skipping to obstacle relays and from running to javelin throwing, everyone entered into the spirit of this annual Avening Primary School calendar highlight. And it has to be said that the shouts of support from each house team was louder than in previous years!



Even the parents got involved, taking part in a tricky race which involved carrying a cup of coloured water though and over several obstacles with the aim of filling a box at the end of each lane. The competitive spirit (and a bit of cheating) certainly showed in this event!

The final scores were extremely close with last year's winner Saturn being beaten by just two points to make Neptune the 2013 winning house – well done to all Neptune pupils!

In other sporting activities we have also enjoyed taking part in district and area sports events and our rounders team came very close to winning a tournament at Sir William Romneys School, with Leighterton Primary School taking home the winner's trophy.

MUSIC

Our musicians came out in force at what is also becoming an annual event for our school – our Music Soiree. Cello, violin, drums and keyboard players all showcased their talent and children from all age groups throughout the school impressed us with their singing. The infants' rendition of a song involving lots of wiggling of the eyebrows was one to remember!

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

We said farewell and good luck to our Year 6s and look forward to welcoming our new Reception class children in September. We are all looking forward to a restful and warm (hopefully) summer break and wish all Villager readers a fantastic summer too!

SUMMER FETE

The school summer fete, organised by our fantastic Friends of Avening School (FOAS), was a roaring (and scorching) success on one of the hottest days of the year. The event, opened by singer Harry Jones, a contestant in the recent series of BBC's The Voice, included a vast array of fun activities including coconut shy, beat the keeper, tombola, nail painting, boat race in the stream, guess the baby, obstacle course and lots of lovely stalls selling home-made goodies.



Well done to FOAS and all those who made the event such a big success – they raised a whopping £1,268.

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 term time please contact 01453 833191

Mr Wilkinson, Class Teacher for the Hawks, sent the Editors the following note:

In preparation for Avening School Fete, The Friends of Avening School challenged the classes to run their own stall. In the Hawks we decided to base our topic during the term around a plant business. The children have worked very hard, from creating a business plan to get a loan, all the way through to the stall at the fete. They were thrilled to make a profit of £350 which they have been allowed to spend on toys for their playground.

The children have written some great recounts of the business and I wondered whether there would be space in the next Villager for their work. I have attached four because I was finding it very difficult to choose which was best! I hope you can find space to put one in next month and make the difficult decision about which one!

Well, we couldn't decide either - so here are all four accounts.....

Healthy Hawks Vegetables

In the summer term the Hawks wanted to raise money for FOAS so we started up a business called 'Healthy Hawks Vegetables'. We wanted to do something that made the vegetable patches useful so we decided to grow vegetables.

First we made a video about our business. Then we wrote some letters to FOAS to ask for a donation to start 'Healthy Hawks Vegetables'. We bought a lot of seeds and a mini green house. We asked Mrs Rushton for a loan and she gave us £25! Mr Barley came in and he brought in some vegetables, including spring onions, he helped us plant some seeds and plants.



Next we went shopping with Mrs Amos and planted everything we bought. We put all the plants in rows with the help of Mrs Amos. We bought things like leeks, lettuce and carrots. Before we did any of this we had to prepare the soil again with the help of Mrs Amos. After we did lots of weeding, watering and potting-up. Then we started doing our Friday sales. They were fantastically successful.

Meanwhile we have been going on some brilliant trips. We have been to 'Copsgrove Farm' and we had a fantastic time. Then we went to 'Close Farm' which Billy kindly arranged for us. He asked Prince Charles and he said yes!

Finally we had the School summer fete. We sold lots and lots of things such as windmills, pots, jam and lots more. Then our business was booming!

We raised a whopping £353.41! We hope to spend it on new playground toys for the top playground. Thank you to everyone who came to our stall and bought something from there we hope you enjoyed our fete.

By Martha.

Healthy Hawks Vegetables is run by the children in the Hawks. We all split up into little groups to come up with ideas for our brilliant business. One of the groups was working on a name and a logo for our business. The group finally came up with a smashing logo and name. As you already know the name is Healthy Hawks Vegetables and the logo was a picture of the earth with vegetables around it. We wanted to run our business so we could raise money for FOAS.

First of all we got a loan from Mrs Rushton, we didn't just get the loan just like that we had to make a video to persuade Mrs Rushton to give us £20.00 ... in the end she did. We also got a very kind donation from FOAS like before we

didn't get it just like that we wrote a letter instead of a video. Mrs Shute kindly replied back giving us £20.00. Also Mr Barley came in and helped us plant some brilliant plants. We bought some fabulous plants along with a smashing mini greenhouse, to keep our plants healthy and happy.

Next we started to buy some plants to grow. We put them into separate rows. Before we planted the plants we had to get the soil ready so it's good for the plants. After we re-potted the plants so they had bigger space to grow. And we also had to do a lot of weeding! We had to water our plants ... especially on a Friday for the weekend!

Meanwhile we were going on lots of trips to do with our fabulous topic. We went to Close Farm (Prince Charles farm) we looked at all his wonderful plants and his chickens! We went into his tunnels where he grows some of his stunning plants. The man told us that when his plants get used to the warmth he puts his plants outside to grow. Finally we painted some beautiful pots so people could decorate them at the summer fete. A group of children made some rhubarb and vanilla jam another group made some plum jam. We also made some fabulous windmills to scare the birds ...and to look pretty.)

Altogether we made a whopping £350 pounds. We have all decided to spend all our money on the playground equipment ... and make sure we respect it and use it properly. Also we hope you all enjoyed the summer fete ... you probably deserved it. Finally a huge thank you to FOAS, Mrs Rushton Mrs Amos , Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Solis AND DEFINITELY NOT FORGETTING THE HEALTHY HAWKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Abbie

At Avening School The Hawks have been setting up a business. They have been working so hard for the whole summer term in school and out of school. The Hawks wanted to earn money to give to FOAS (which means friends of Avening School.)

We wrote letters to Mrs Shute (chair of FOAS) to donate some money to start our business, Thankfully FOAS said yes, so we started our business. We also had a loan from Mrs Rushton (head teacher) for money we paid her the money and made a video for FOAS. With the money from FOAS and Mrs Rushton we brought seeds and a little Greenhouse to put them in. Mr Barley (Rachel's dad) came in and planted vegetables.

Next we started to go to the shop in the Garden Centre we brought strawberries, leeks, lettuce and carrots. Our first sale was with Tessa who brought lettuce which was a bargain for 50p. We started planting in afternoons we also weeded the whole garden which was tiring! We laid the seeds in rows. Mrs Amos (teaching assistant of Avening School) helped The Hawks in planting , we got the soil ready and moist. After we potted up the plants that had grow, we watered the plants for the whole whopping term . We also started our Friday sales and people brought nearly all of them but we only sold 1 strawberry which was not good.



Meanwhile Billy Evans (pupil of Avening School) sent a letter to Prince Charles to ask if we could go on a trip. We went to Close Farm in Tetbury. We had an exiting day.

Finally we had the fete which was brilliant and busy we made £350! This was impressive. We made mini windmills and they worked very well. Six children made fantastic jam and we sold lots of beautiful bright and colourful pots. Our business was booming away.

We are going to buy some playground toys with £350. Thank you to everyone who took part. We hope you enjoyed reading this and the sensational Summer Fete!

By Lucy Pobjoy

The Hawks worked really hard on their business because they wanted the school to be a better place. They ran their business for the whole of the school summer term. To get us started we needed some money but we couldn't just ask Mrs Ruston "could we have some money?" because she would probably say "NO!" So we made a video. Molly, Faith and I (Archie) came up with our logo and name. Our logo is a picture of the world with fruit and veg coming out of it and we had our name above the fruit and veg (Healthy Hawks Vegetables). There were other groups but there were so many I can't remember all of them.

Anyway we finally made the video so we sent the video to Mrs Rushton and she gave us a whopping £25.00 (but we had to give it back). But we needed a bit more than £25.00 so we asked FOAS (friends of Avening School) by a letter and we got £20.00 (and we didn't have to pay it back!)

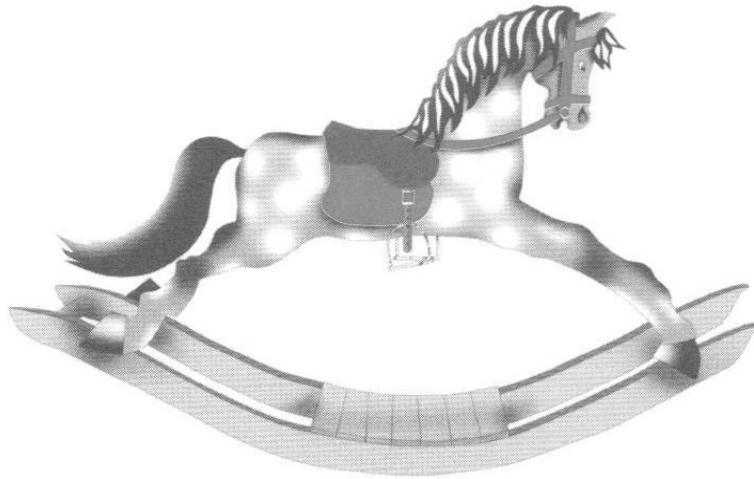
Next we had to get started so with our £45.00 we brought loads of seeds. Then we got planting it was plantastic Mrs Amos helped us superbly were all very proud of her for giving up a little bit of her time to help us and the school. After all of our busy planting we had had to water the plants regularly and weed the plants regularly but as well as all of that we had to do a Friday stall every week! It's tiring but fun.

Meanwhile doing all of that hard work we went to Close Farm which Billy sent a letter to, to ask them if we could come and learn how to do better gardening. When we went there they taught us about different plants (and normal ones too) and how to grow them it was real helpful.

Finally it was a day before the fete we had made windmills to sell, jam to sell, pots to sell and of course plants to sell. It was the fete our business was probably the best out of the whole fete it was great!

Out of all our hard work we made about £350.00! Were going to spend all the money on toys for the top playground. Thank you for items at Healthy Hawks Vegetables it had helped us improve the school.

By Archie



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Cherington

Many thanks to Henry Arden, Nigel Bowsher



Show 2013

and Tony Slater for these excellent photos



Cherington Show 2013

Those lazy hazy crazy days of summer... arrived at last and Sunday 21st was a very special one, helping to make our Show an outstanding success once again - with weather to support the enormous effort and skills of everyone in this village. The Gross Surplus is again well over £8,000 primarily for the benefit of Church, Village Hall and Cricket club.

We take great pride in the emphasis on crafts, homespun skills and originality, reflected in the schedule of competitions and pre-show children's workshop, home made signs, maps and posters all in the spirit of our traditional Flower Show. This year for the first time the roadway through Cherington was closed to allow visitors to flow from the Green to Coxes Farm (with a nod to H&S) and next year you will find even more to entertain you on that short journey!

For all who travelled to our well run parking facilities, enjoyed the beautiful lawns at Coxes, the fun games for kids, the barbecue and homemade lemonade, the Cherington Art Show, the very best homemade Teas, cooling ice creams and drinks, the diverse collection of Raffle Prizes, and all the young and old who gamely compete in Handicrafts, Horticulture and Flower Arranging, and the greatest Fun Dog Show ... and all who responded to the 'Voice of Cherington' on the PA system and for all the unsung heroes who run around making sure everything goes like clockwork, this has been a very gratifying result. One of our most popular stalls deserves special mention, Designer Clothes doubled its turnover this year to more than £2,000, a truly remarkable and greatly appreciated performance.

The hot summer weather did have some unexpected effects – the church bells refused to be rung! ... and baking entries were down. Wilting in the summer's heat, flowers for arranging were hard to find but despite an unusually slow start to the growing season, horticulture produced a great display at Coxes Farm.

The Cup Winners were:

- Most Horticulture points : Johnny Nettleton, (plus Maberley Cup, Best Exhibit)
- Handicrafts Perpetual Challenge Cup: Wendy Eldridge.
- Children's cup for most points in Horticulture and Handicrafts: Lucy Hale.
- Flower Arranging Best Exhibit: Christine Williams.

The generous Eve of Show Hog Roast and Pimms Quiz Party given at Westrip Farm on a quintessential summer evening set us all off in party spirit ready for Sunday's show. Next year we shall be marking our 70th show, the Flower Show having first taken place in 1945 as WWII was drawing to a conclusion.

This year, with Coxes Farm and the Village Green the focus again, the closed village street made the event reminiscent of that first 1945 Carnival with Fancy Dress Parading through a traffic-free village. A joyful day indeed.

Rain, wind or shine, long live the Cherington Show!

Liz and Peter Workman

**And here is the winning entry in the poetry category,
composed by Wendy Eldridge**

The Village

There are changes in this village, for better or for worse,
Which made me think I ought to write and put it into verse.
We have lost some special people, things may never be the same;
But to keep this village vibrant we all must up our game.
The church is such a peaceful place, tranquil in its beauty.
Please come along and join in song for pleasure not for duty.
Let's party in the Village Hall, it brings us all together
It's the perfect size to have some fun regardless of the weather.
The highlight is the village show, it's such a special day,
Crowds pour in, admire and browse exhibits on display.
Kids put in their works of art and gardens on a plate.
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With love care and compassion, the friendship and the trust
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Badminton Estate Park, 6th October 2013, Start 11:00am

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Rotary often receives requests for funds, from various individuals, good causes and charities. This year our emphasis is upon local charities, so you will see marshals from several local organisations, coming to help on the day. The club will give them a donation from the money raised at the event.

You can enter on the day, but entries received before the end of September (on-line or by printing and posting the entry form from the web-site) will be Emailed a free car parking pass.

The event website is www.hte-rcsc.co.uk. Come to support us, the location is stunning, the course is unique!



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A Little Angel?

Almost Angels are Avening's community choir. They meet every Sunday to practice for events and just generally sing! They sing all sorts from hymns to old time to musicals to African folk songs! A real variety! Any ages can join, young or old. We don't just have singers, we also have some musicians, such as guitarists, violinists, pianists, clarinet and flute players.



***We sang at the school Fete as well
(Thanks to Anthea Beszant for this photo)***

I am in the Avening Angels along with my Mum. Recently we have sung at a folk festival at Minchinhampton to celebrate the Folk Club's 10th anniversary and 500th meeting. We sang Mnbele Mama (an African folk song meaning beautiful mum), Pack Up Your Troubles at the same time as It's a Long Way to Tipperary (it actually works!!!) and Scarborough Fair, which included two guitarists, a clarinet player and flutist (me). It sounded really good, especially with the different instruments in

the background. We sang in front of some more experienced folk singers, but luckily everything went to plan. Many people complimented us afterwards saying things like: "I loved that." "That was really good, well done." And "I really enjoyed that!" I enjoyed being part of it.

We are taking a break for the summer but starting again in September with new songs to learn for Michaelfest in Tetbury at the end of the month. Then we will get ready for Christmas, with performances at the Nailsworth Goodwill Evening, Avening Church and the local pub!

So, if you like singing or if you want to try something new and just have fun, come and join! We are a friendly, welcoming bunch!

Ellie Sanders, 10

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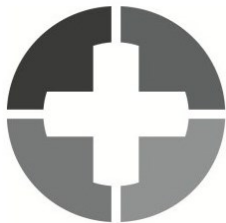
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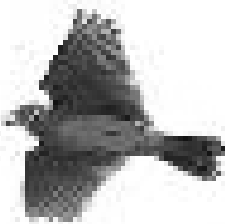
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Avening Playgroup



Sadly we have reached the end of another happy year at playgroup. We have to say 'Goodbye' to our lovely pre-school children and know that they will go on to have an enjoyable time at school.

In the last weeks of term the children made the most of the sunny weather playing outside with lots of toys and equipment. The sand and water have been particularly popular.

Our older children enjoyed their trip to Slimbridge and our families had a fun day out at Cattle Country.

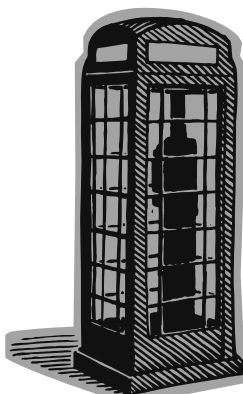
The staff at playgroup would like to say a big thank you to the outgoing committee and parents who have supported them in their work over the last year. Thank you from everyone at playgroup for any help you have offered us and for all the support given to our fund raising events.

Wishing you all a very happy summer holiday.

Debbie Brown

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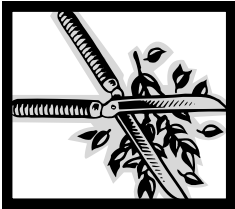


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Each June the members of the Tetbury Group of W.Is. get together for a rally. Unfortunately there are only three group members now after the recent closure of the Coates W.I. They are Tetbury with 100 members, and Kemble and Avening, both with far fewer members. It was Tetbury's turn to be hosts. It was a very pleasant evening with the speaker Sara Lady Bathurst giving a very interesting talk about her early life and the Bathurst/Apsley dynasty. Avening W.I. came away with the craft exhibit cup. We won it last year also!

The July regular meeting's speaker was Colin Davis who is head of Art at Sir William Romney's School in Tetbury. He brought along GCSE students' sketch books and a long roll of paper on which year 6 pupils who will start at SWR in September were asked to draw birds in the style of Miro. The work was very good and so varied compared to how Art was taught back in the 60s. After the talk Colin asked us to produce similar bird drawings. There were some very interesting examples!



Avening W.I. members can be very proud of their recent success at the County Quiz round. We have two teams through to the final to be held in October. We are also through to the next round of the skittles. The next match will be held here in Avening against Sheepscombe W.I.

The popular fun quiz held in June in the Social Club raised £150 for the Great Western Air Ambulance.

13 members had a very pleasant lunch together at the Hunters Hall at the end of June.

There are a few places left on the coach for our trip to Waterperry Gardens near Oxford on 8th August so please contact Sue Osborne on 839327 if you would like to join us. The coach departs near the Memorial Hall at 9.15.a.m. and leaves the Gardens between 4 and 4.30p.m.

Gwyneth Simpson

Evening Book Club



The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

This much studied, talked about, reviewed classic leaves me little to add except to say it caused lots of intense discussion at our book club.

The epigraph at the beginning of the novel gives us a foreshadowing of events that will unfold. Not just in the life of Gatsby but also in life of F. Scott Fitzgerald as fact and fiction entwine. *'Then wear the golden hat, if that will move her; If you can bounce high, bounce for her too, Till she cry 'Lover, gold-hatted, high bouncing lover, I must have you.'* Some of the group members have returned to this novel again and again with real affection and other members of the group found the novel depressing and its characters superficial, shallow and morally bankrupt. The very sad thing about the novel is how it echoes Fitzgerald's life and how as an author he is able to take a critical stance against it in the shape of Nick Carraway.

The roaring twenties and the Jazz Age have an enduring hold on our interest to this day but this novel explores the dark side of that era. Gatsby's love interest, Daisy, has little to recommend her; she is very fickle and extremely shallow. Gatsby's obsession with her makes him a pathetic shell of a man. It is in fact very difficult to get a grasp of Gatsby as a character as he is so contrived and lacking in substance – Fitzgerald achieves this effect very well.

I found that when reading this novel a couple of decades ago I focused on the enduring romance of it and the allure of the era. On this reading (maybe its age and cynicism) I found I was far less forgiving of the characters and focused much more on the bleakness and lack of decency and humility within them. It reminded me of crass eighties culture of acquisition and ostentation.

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Mon 5th August :**Sweet Tooth** by Ian McEwan. 7.30, The Bell

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For more information, please contact the Clerk – contact details below.

Planning

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New Planning Applications:

13/02649/LBC

Church Farm Barn, Point Road, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8ND

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Decision Notices Received:

13/01948/FUL

Vale Farm, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE

Erection of glazed link extension to converted barn

Application Permitted 20 June 2013

13/01944/FUL

Vale Farm, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE

Conversion of barns to residential use (revised scheme) and reinstatement of horse engine house (Variation of conditions 2 and 7 of permission 12/01553/FUL to substitute revised plans to amend the number of rooflights, the insertion of a larger flue and a change to the roof covering of the Horse Engine House),

Application Permitted 9 July 2013

13/02198/FUL

Pimbury Farm, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SF

Conversion of existing residential outbuilding into a tourist accommodation unit or as ancillary accommodation to farmhouse
Application Permitted 10 July 2013

The next meeting of **Avening Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday 19 September 2013, at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall**. Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month but please note that there will be no meeting in August.

All Are Welcome.

The Parish Council address is:

***Caroline Braidwood, Parish Clerk, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester,
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Cherington Parish Council

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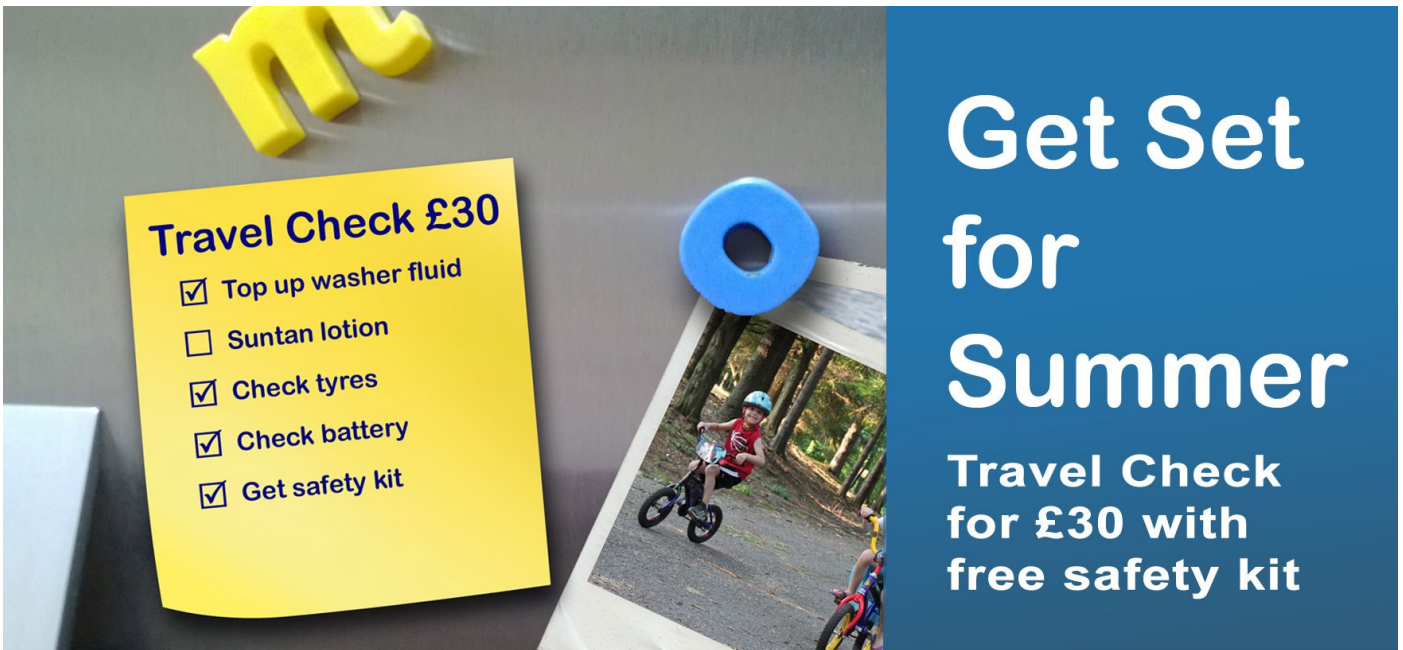
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Wednesday August 7th	Over 60s Meal	Avening Social Club	12.30 pm
Thursday 8th August	Avening WI coach trip	Waterperry Gardens	Departs 9.15 am from Memorial Hall
Mon-Wed 19th, 20th & 21st August	Gymnastics camp	Nailsworth C of E Primary School	9.0am–3.15 pm
Tuesday 3rd September	Avening School	Start of Autumn term	
Friday 6th September	Licensing Service for Tetbury's new vicar	St Marys', Tetbury	7.00 pm
Saturday 14th September	Children's Nearly New Sale (some of proceeds to Avening Playgroup)	Avening Memorial Hall	10.30am- 12.30pm
Thursday 19th September	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sunday 6th October	Rotary Club South Cotswolds Horseless Team Event	Badminton Estate Park	11.00 start
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