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Services in Avening and Cherington

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Day/Date/ Officiant at main service	Time	Church	Service Details	
Sunday 6th October	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP	
Archd. Robert Springett	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW	
	11.00	Avening	HARVEST Communion BCW	
Sunday 13th October	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE	
Ian Bussell	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP	
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW	
Sunday 20th October	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP	
Rev. Felicity Bayne	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP	
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW	
Sunday 27th October	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE	
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW	
Revs Maslen	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW	
Thursday 31st October Derrick Pierce	7.00pm	Avening	ALL SOULS SERVICE	
Sunday 3rd November	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP	
Revs Maslen	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW	
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW	

NOTE Special services

HARVEST FESTIVAL IN AVENING October 6th 11-00 am.

ALL SOULS SERVICE IN AVENING October 31st 7-00pm.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November 10.45 Avening

Church Duties in Avening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
Oct 6 th	George/Piers	Derrick	Elizabeth
Oct 13 th	Jeanie/Cas	Paul	Ann
Oct 20 th	Irene/Margaret	Hamish	Elizabeth
Oct 27 th	Stephanie/Piers	Stephen	Ann
Oct 31 st	Stephanie		Ann
Nov 3 rd	George/Jeanie	Derrick	Elizabeth

HARVEST BRING & SHARE LUNCH OCTOBER 6TH

THERE WILL BE COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE IN AVENING ON November 3rd

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

IN PLACE OF OUR USUAL SERVICE OF COMPLINE ON OCTOBER 31ST WE WILL HOLD OUR ANNUAL ALL SOULS SERVICE WHEN WE REMEMBER THOSE FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO HAVE SHAPED OUR LIVES

Add the names of those whom you wish to be remembered to the list in church or telephone Derrick on 01453835090

Parish letter by The Archdeacon



Dear Friends.

It was a great delight last month to welcome The Revd Poppy Hughes to Tetbury, Long Newnton, Beverston and Shipton Moyne. At her service of licensing Bishop Michael made reference to the intention that as soon as we have appointed a House for Duty Associate Priest to give pastoral and sacramental care for Avening and Cherington she will become your Rector too. It will of course be your local priest who you will see most, but with Poppy's overall leadership and working together we will be able to share skills and resources to continue to build the church in God's mission.

Both Avening and Cherington PCC's have now chosen their parish representatives and the process of making this appointment is well underway. I hope there will be positive news in the not too distant future.

Meanwhile I am so grateful to your wardens and to Derrick your Reader with the assistance of local clergy for making sure that as far as possible it is business as usual. Thank you to all who are taking on extra responsibility at this time.

One important part of parish life is the Avening Educational Trust. This is an independent charity whose trustees are the incumbent and wardens. Very sensibly rather than run with just two trustees during the vacancy the wardens have invited Peter Best to be an additional trustee. He has been most helpful in preparing the accounts and seeing that they are independently examined. This has now been successfully completed with, I am pleased to say, no adverse comment. It is good to see that all is in order so that the church and community can have confidence in the way this significant local trust is being managed.

I look forward very much to being with you for Harvest Festival on 6th October.

Please be assured of my support and my prayers.

Archdeacon Robert

COFFEE AND CAKE at Avening Memorial Hall

Please join us for a fun Christmas Sale with Coffee and Delicious Cake. Saturday, November 23rd 10 o'clock-noon.

Gifts, jewellery, cakes and biscuits, books, cards, raffle, mince pies. proceeds to Holy Cross Church, Avening





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, contact

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Paul Brown 01453 835 983 The cost is £5.00 for 2 hours

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **lan McDonald** 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 Tuesday Bi-monthly	6.30pm	Village Hall	Frances 01453767384
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

HOLY CROSS CHURCH AVENING

HARVEST FESTIVAL

FOLLOWED BY A BRING AND SHARE BUFFET

ON OCTOBER 6TH 2013 AT 11-00 AM

Celebrant Robert Springett
The Archdeacon of Cheltenham

GIFTS OF HARVEST PRODUCE WILL BE RECEIVED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL CHARITIES

CHERRY DIANA PACKALEW

From the Tribute given at her funeral



Cherry was born on the 16th June 1953 at Stroud maternity hospital

She spent the next 20 years of her life living at 5 Lawrence Road with her mother Doris, father Edgar and elder sister Jean.

Last Christmas Jean gave Cherry a book called "Dear Sister, From You to Me, A Journal of a Lifetime". It is from the words written by Cherry in this book, that I am able to talk of her early life.

One of the many questions was "what were your earliest memories"? To which she wrote:-

"Sitting in my cot and my Dad feeding me hot cross buns at Easter, through the bars of the cot."

My cousin Pat reading to me when I was living with my Aunty Marge, as Mum was often ill in hospital.

Another question, "what do you think people thought about you as a child"? Cherry wrote.-

I think I cried a lot when I lived at Aunty Marge's because of Mum.always being so ill, so perhaps some people thought I was a miserable child.

Question "What do you remember about the place or places you lived as a child"?

Cherry said:- She only ever lived at 5 Lawrence Road, where she loved the back garden with all its fruit trees. It was a cold house with an open fire in the kitchen, where on Friday nights, she and her sister Jean bathed in a tin bath in front of the fire, because the upstairs was so cold. She said that in the winter, you could make patterns in the frost

on the inside of the windows!

There were so many questions in the book, far too many to tell you about, but there are two I would like to finish with.

The first, "tell me about your best childhood friends". Cherry wrote:-

Carol Care was my best friend. We played in her garden shed, and also at her Uncle Ernie's house; which was very old; and great fun to explore! Her Mum would give us nice drinks and biscuits. We went Ballroom dancing together, and if our family were going to the Seaside for the day, I would always ask if she could come too.

Margaret Bleasdale became my friend later, when we went to Secondary school. I remember her mother died on our first day at Highwood school. She had some time off because of this, and I was lost without her. We also went to Tetbury dances together.

The other question, later in the book, one which sums Cherry up, was "what family values have you learnt that you would like to pass on to others"? Cherry wrote:- Make the most of everyday, as you don't know what is around the comer! Earn a bit, spend a bit, and save a bit, as you never know when you may need it! Treat people as you would like to be treated yourself.

It was one day when Cherry was 15, I first saw her, waiting at the bus stop in Hampton Street after having visited her Aunt Marge, and I thought, who is that pretty girl? A few weeks later at Tetbury dance I saw her again, so I asked her for a dance, and the rest they say is history!

Five years later we were married in this same church, where Cherry will be buried today. I remember when she agreed to marry me, I didn't for one minute think 'have I done the right thing', because I knew instantly I was on to a winner!

When Cherry left school, she went to work at Bensons International Systems, until she gave up work to have our first child, Leon, in 1982, and then our second child, Amy, in 1984.

When the children were old enough to go to school, she became a dinner lady at St. Mary's school. There she was still able to contribute to the family

income, but still be at home when the children came in from school and for the school holidays. It was at St Mary's school that she met and made many wonderful friends, who I am sure will miss her almost as much as I will.

As our children got nearer to the age at which they were thinking about further education, Cherry began doing cleaning jobs for several people, to provide the extra money to enable them to go to university. Many of those she cleaned for, were still in regular contact with her.

When both our children graduated, there was no prouder person than Cherry!

Almost 6 years ago Cherry had her first haemorrhage, which meant she had to slow down a bit. So she gave up her cleaning jobs, but still continued to work at the school. This was because she loved the children and the people she worked with. She also did whatever she could to help our own in any way possible.

The saddest thing about Cherry passing away, was that she always wanted to be a grandmother, and when our granddaughter Erin was born in May of this year, Cherry told me that being at her birth and cutting the cord, was one of, if not the best experiences of her life.

Unfortunately her joy was short lived. She would have made a fantastic Nan, enjoying every milestone of Erin's growing up. Even though Cherry only knew Erin for a very short while, in that time Erin was all she ever talked about.

When Cherry was 60 back in June, I looked up the meaning of the name Cherry. It is a variant of the word charity, which is very apt because she was one of the most charitable people I knew, and would do or give anything to those close to her.

This is my version of the name Cherry:-

C is for considerate and caring

H is for helpful

E is for everyone's inspiration

R is for reliable

R is for radiant

Y is for you, because I love you for being all of the above

I will miss you so much, all my love now and forever - Mike.

Dying without a Will. Now that's a real tragedy.

No-one likes the thought of dying, so it's hardly surprising that almost 3 out of 5 UK adults don't have a valid Will (source: www.unbiased.co.uk 2010). Yet having one is one of the most important arrangements you can make during your lifetime.

My name is David Martin. I live in Nailsworth and I'm the local consultant for *Steele Rose & Co* – one of the UK's Premier Professional Home Visit Will Writers. After 22 years serving my country in the RAF, I have spent the last 28 years of my life professionally advising my clients on all personal financial matters and specialising in Wills.

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Recital Program

Ritual Fire Dance (from the ballet *El Amor Brujo*) ManueldeFalla(1876-1946)

Sonata in EFlat, op. 81a ("LesAdieux") LudwigvanBeethoven(1770-1827)

Das Lebewohl: Adagio---Allegro Abwesenheit: Andante espressivo Das Wiedersehn: Vivacissimamente

Venus, The Bringer of Peace (from *The Planets*) Gustav Holst (1874-1934) (transcription by Katsuma Nakajima)

Concerto in A minor for piano and orchestra, op. 16 Edvard Grieg (1843-1907) (transcription for solo piano by R. Rudnytsky)

Allegro molto moderato

Adagio

Allegro moderato molto e marcato---Quasi presto--Andante maestoso

<u>INTERMISSION</u>

Scherzo No.3 in C sharp minor, op. 39

Fryderyk Chopin (1810-1849)

Valse in A Flat, op. 69 no. 1

Fryderyk Chopin (1810-1849)

Grande Valse Brillante in A Flat, op. 34 no. 1

Fryderyk Chopin (1810-1849)

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)

Danse Russe
Chez Petrouchka
La Semaine Grasse

Valhalla, from *Der Ring des Nibelungen* Wilhelmm Richard Wagner (1811-1883)

Entry of the Guests, from *Tannhauser* Richard Wagner (1811-1883)

Hungarian Rhapsody No.2 Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Tickets available from Ann Brick on 01453 834311 or p.brick.54@btinternet.com

Avening History

Lloyd George and his Survey of Land Values

In 1908 Lloyd George, as Chancellor, introduced an old age pension and, at the same time, became alarmed at the growth of Germany's Navy. In order to counteract the second, he wished to introduce more battleships for our Navy but, for both schemes, he needed more money. In 1909 he decided to tax the "unearned increment of land" but the House of Lords rejected the Budget, which caused a bit of a stir. However, they did pass it when it was re-submitted the following year.

The Revenue sent an army of surveyors into the country, studying every property and calculating the amount of tax each landowner would pay. Using Ordnance Survey maps, each property was numbered and maps were amended to show the locations. These maps were accompanied by lists showing each property, who owned it and, in many cases, the name of the occupier. The lists also include, in some instances, what happened in later years to each property.

What has this do with Avening village? As you know, we have been attempting to place commemorative plaques on those houses where we know our War dead were born or, at least, where they lived. In many cases, this has not been possible as most properties in the village had no house numbers or any identification other than perhaps "High Street" or "Old Hill".

Now, along comes Lloyd George and his Land Values – which became known as the "Dreadnought Tax" probably named by some Navy wag – and with the numbered maps, I hope to be able to get further with our plaque exercise, which has ground to a halt of late because of lack of information.

All the new information will be to hand shortly. If you wish to see the maps and the details drawn up for, perhaps, your house, visit us at our Family History Day in the Memorial Hall on Saturday the 12th of October – 10am to 4pm. Coffee, tea and a smile will be available.

Fred Vening

Interested in Family History? Looking for your Avening ancestors?

Join us at our Family & Village History Day
Saturday 12th October 10am – 4pm



Avening Memorial Hall

New records available this year, including:

Baptisms & Marriages – fully transcribed and indexed from 1557-1899

Burials – fully transcribed and indexed from 1557-1949

Avening census records 1841-1911

Avening Roll of Honour research

Churchyard map

Avening History – photos & documents

Display of old pictures of the village and villagers

Website: www.aveningchurch.info

The Quarry Gig 2013

This year's 'Quarry Gig' was a great success. Held on Saturday 14th September in the natural amphitheatre of Paul Kirby's quarry on the Tetbury Road, it featured an eclectic mix of music, from folk and traditional to blues and bluegrass. The sun shone, the barbeque sizzled, and for the whole afternoon and evening people were able to enjoy an amazing array of talent, most of it coming from a radius of about 5 miles.

And most important of all, it raised over £1,300 for the Meningitis Trust



Many thanks to Fran Begley for these photos

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The Cross Stores - Avening's Village Shop

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What about the opening times?

How often do you use it?

What do you like and not like?

Let the editors know your thoughts, good or bad, at the usual address (editor@acvillager.co.uk) and we can pass them on, anonymously if you prefer





Down To Earth



No time to stand and stare; autumn keeps gardeners on their toes, what with harvesting fruits and seeds, tidying and taking stock.

With their content of potassium, folic acid, vitamins A and C and the important antioxidant, lycopene, the tomato (*lycopersicon esculentum* or *solanum lycopersicum* according to Linnaeus), related to the potato and aubergine)deserves to be called a 'super food'. After a literally blighted performance last year, tomatoes this year have been terrific. To hasten the ripening of those last few, I strip the bottom leaves and any that are starting to turn yellow or shading a truss of fruit.

It is not difficult to grow tomatoes from seed; just make sure they don't get too cold in the early days (when 'damping off' can occur) and that they get enough light; otherwise they grow too leggy and spindly. Experiment with different varieties. I have grown Tigerella (with faint vertical stripes); Harbinger (an Old English variety); St Pierre (A French *marmande* or beefsteak variety); Garden Pearl (a dark pink, sweet cherry tomato); Golden Sunrise (yellow), Black Russian (a novelty!), and Roma (peardrops). Consider sowing one unusual variety next spring and swapping with a friend. ("I'll do you a Black Russian for Garden Pearls" is a proposition that might get raised eyebrows in the Cross or Bell!)

You can never, **ever**, grow too many tomatoes. They can be frozen as a basic sauce (thereby reducing the water content and volume), sliced, bagged and frozen (only ensure that you 'agitate' the bags during freezing to avoid infuriating frozen boulders) or given away to friends!

I collect seeds and sow them in the spring in a spirit of adventure. I am thrilled when it works - and it often does. The important thing to remember is that seeds should be dry when you store them (brown paper envelopes are good) and clearly labelled (otherwise you end up with sowings labelled, 'pot luck' or 'somewhere on middle bed'). Successes this year have included: agastache, nigella (love-in-the-mist), dianthus (pinks), delphinium and calendula (marigold) besides many more.

Although my intent had been to keep things local, I cannot resist mentioning my recent pilgrimage to Great Dixter on the Kent/Sussex border, home and garden of the late, great and irreplaceable Christopher Lloyd. For delirious exuberance of planting, the garden has no equal. You enter the house with a lump in the



Agapanthus at Rodmarton

throat. His presence is so real. Some of the mementos of his beloved dachshunds are impossibly kitsch, but then, blurring the boundaries of tastefulness was always Christo's style. His classic gardening book, The Well -Tempered Garden, is a great read for its wisdom, wealth of horticultural knowledge and wit. However, new readers should be warned: he makes few concessions to the many of us who cannot keep up with the Latin names. Best read with a dictionary of garden plants (such as the RHS) to hand!



Late summer at Great Dixter

Think about propagating osteospermums and other tender species as the nights grow colder. Last year I successfully took cuttings as late as September. The originals passed away (well, it was cold) leaving new offspring (overwintered under glass) to replace them.

Mistakes and failures lead to the steepest learning curves. When I transplanted my healthy young

agapanthus plants into the three large pots intended for a magnificent late summer display, I ignored their requirements. They sulked; they refused to grow on; they looked at me sadly and said 'give us a hug!' Agapanthus **need** their roots to be enclosed, almost squeezed. After all, they come from South Africa where they root among rocks and boulders. At Rodmarton last month I saw a magnificent display - and noted how full to bursting were the containers.

Ah well. Next year ...

BRING AND SHARE BRITISH LEGION PICNIC (POPPY APPEAL)

Bob and Kim Pittam would like to thank all those who supported this event on Sunday 1st September. They would particularly like to thank Rev Celia Carter for the use of her house and garden, which included the putting up of the gazebos. In addition, thanks go to Ashton Carter and family for allowing the grounds of Avening Park also to be used.

The weather was exceptional and the wonderful views from Rev Celia's garden helped to making this a special day, which was further enhanced by the musical contribution from the Two Jims. A big thank you goes to them for their generosity in giving their time. As always, their presence is a must at any Avening 'do'.

Finally, of course a huge thank you to the people who took time-out to come to the picnic, bringing their lovely food and for the generosity of their donations. It was not a large gathering, but still the magnificent sum of £340.00 was raised for the British Legion (Poppy Appeal).

So a big thank you again to everyone who came and helped to make this such a happy day. We aim to repeat it next year.

In conclusion; just a reminder - to let us know now if you require a wreath for Remembrance Sunday. We have to insist on payment when you pick the wreath up. This is because, unfortunately, last year a number of people failed to pay and there was a £200 shortfall as a result.

Contact Bob & Kim on 07766609773 for wreaths or if you can help selling Poppies round the village



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Avening Primary School

SCHOOL WELCOMES INSPIRATIONAL VISITOR



We are so lucky at our school – we get to meet some amazing people!

In September we were all inspired by a visit from Paralympic champion Mel Clarke. Mel won silver in her archery discipline at London 2012 and she won bronze at Beijing – all after being told in 2003 by doctors that she would never compete again after a serious illness.

Mel came to school through a new Olympic inspired programme - Be the Best you can Be! This programme 'enables young people to discover and develop the unique potential within themselves and inspires, engages and empowers them to pursue and fulfil their dreams'. This unique Programme has been developed as an Educational Legacy going beyond Sport and far beyond the inspiration of London 2012 to inspire the youth of Britain and the rest of the world.

Mel says: "The Be the Best you can Be programme is fantastic at engaging young people to think about themselves in a positive way, and to work towards their goals and dreams with confidence and enthusiasm. I am honoured to be an athlete and a special speaker on the programme – and

it's fantastic to think that this programme can help to change the way young people think, work, and ultimately can help influence the choices they have and chances they may take in their lives."

All our children were able to meet Mel and some were lucky enough to hold her silver medal and wear her Team GB tracksuit. She talked them through how she had come through many challenges to achieve great results in sport and the children were in awe as they listened.

Headteacher Jane Rushton says: "Mel Clarke's visit, to launch our programme, was inspirational. The whole school was buzzing with incredible aspirations and a motivation for learning after hearing about Mel's own journey. Mel is a true model – an example of how, with self-belief, courage and perseverance, we can overcome any obstacles in our path."

(To find out more about this programme go to www.21stcenturylegacy.com)

In other news...

Election fever gripped the school as our candidates from Years 1 to 6 canvassed for votes for a place on our School Council. After stirring speeches given by all of the candidates during class hustings, the children went to vote. The following children were duly elected to represent their classes on the School Council:

- Owls Erin Theaker, Jacob Wheatley, Abbie Whelan and Adam Brammeld
- Hawks Lana Walsh and Tom Jordan
- Eagles and Kestrels Annie Turner and Sidney Green

We are sure that the new School Council will do an excellent job and look forward to hearing about their achievements over the forth-coming year. Well done to all of the children who stood in the elections.

Our new house captains for 2013 were chosen:

- Saturn Ophelia Whitehead, Eric Stewart-Carter, Ellie Sanders and Jack Packer
- Mars Hugh Chidley, Sadie Clarke, Oli Jordan, Jack Missenden and William Walton
- Jupiter Arthur Bury, Anuna Dennison-Drake, George Hancock and Kieran Marrett-Ball
- Neptune Reeval Alderson, Theo Forrest, Elsie Heslop and Ruby Maidment



Role play at Caerleon Museum! – left to right: Jacob, Matthew and William

The Year 1 and 2 children have visited the Bristol Aguarium.

Hawks The class looks forward to a memorable trip to the Steam Museum in Swindon to support their learning about the Second World War.

The Owls kicked off their study of the Romans in style with a visit to the National Roman Legion Museum at Caerleon in Wales.

Year 5 pupil Louis Glover has been getting more involved in his role as our school's ambassador for Forest Green Rovers Football Club. On 28th September he stepped out onto the pitch with his fellow ambassadors and the team, just before the kick-off in the game against Gateshead.

PLEASE COME ALONG TO OUR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING ON 4th OCTOBER – WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THEN!

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.

Interested in Films?

Several people in Avening would like to look into showing current films in the village.



If you think this is something you would like to see, please let us know:

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Avening Web Site

Just a few days to go before the new look Avening-pc.gov.uk website is live!

From 1st October the new site will be packed full of information and new features to help you get the most from our village, including:

- Links and contact details to village organisations and people
- 1894 census transcribed for Avening (1901 and other historic details will be available soon)
- Villager magazine archive to read or download
- Photo gallery
- Download your favourite walks and maps
- Historical information about Avening
- Details of the Parish Council
- View and download agendas, minutes, and historical minutes
- Emergency plan contacts

If you have a village organisation or event you would like highlighted, contact the Parish Clerk ASAP with details.

Watch out for posters to confirm the site has gone live.

Avening Angels Looking for More Men!

Avening's community choir is going from strength to strength, after a very successful performance at the Tetbury Michaelfest, but would love to hear from more potential members - particularly MEN!

Contact Derrick on 01453 835090 for details

Fireworks 2nd November

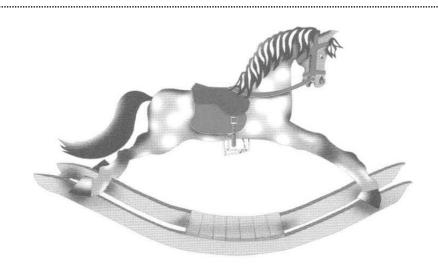
This year the Rotary Club of South Cotswolds will again be putting on a bonfire and firework display at Sir William Romney School on Saturday, 2nd November. The display will again be arranged by the award winning 'Event Consultants' from Cirencester and this year's display will be different as the fireworks will be accompanied by music! Prices will remain the same as previous years at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children. We will again be having a 'Best Guy Competition' so please make your Guy and bring him along for judging. Typical bonfire party food (hotdogs and burgers c/o Jessie Smith's) will be available, provided as in previous years by Tetbury Rugby Football Club.

The Rotary Club of South Cotswolds has put on a fireworks display in Tetbury for many years. Previously it has always been staged as a non-profit making event, but with any money that has been made going back to the local community. This year will be slightly different in the fact that all the proceeds made from this year will be going to 'Mundy's Mission' - to support the family-led appeal for a young local boy to raise the necessary money for a ground breaking operation to help him walk unaided.

Please come along have fun and enjoy a fantastic fireworks display in a safe environment and support a very worthy cause.

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Guy Competition:- 6:30pm Fireworks start approximately :-7pm



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What is *Messy Church*?

Messy Church is a nationwide creative expression of Church, enabling all ages to come, to make, to eat, and to celebrate God.

Messy Church is an act of worship were we will seek to celebrate and recognise each person, each family, and the community and the God that we Serve.

During the service we will share, experience and tell stories about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and provide activities that allow us to respond creatively to the things that we see and hear.

It is not just a children's Church - all are welcome to come and join in and there will be lots of different ways to get involved.

Why do *Messy Church?* As part of our Churches mission into the community, this will enable us to share the Good News of God's love in our village.



Messy Church is not just eating chocolate cake, but it does help.

LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS?? THE CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH FROM 3 TO 5 PM.

WE HAVE INVITED FATHER CHRISTMAS TO COME AS USUAL

Music Competition

The Rotary Clubs of the South Cotswolds, which covers the area of Malmesbury, Tetbury and the surrounding villages, together with the Rotary Clubs of Cirencester, Cotswold Tyndale ,Dursley, Severn Vale, Stonehouse, Stroud and Thornbury, are organizing their Annual Competition for talented young musicians.

The Competition is open to young musicians aged 11 years to 18 years and who are of approximately grade six standard or above. There are prizes for the different sections of Strings, Woodwind, Brass, Piano and Percussion. The preliminary heats will be held early in the New Year with the Grand Final on 23rd February 2014.

Not only will there be the Winner'ss Trophy and a cash prize but the award will also give the winner the opportunity of performing at a concert given by the Stroud Orchestra. Competitors are also invited by many Rotary Clubs to perform at Rotary events which gives them even more experience of public performance.

The closing date for entries is 30th November 2013. All interested young musicians should contact Rotarian Doug Hughes of the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds for a full information pack and entry form on 01666 502548 or email *drhugheshome@hotmail.com*

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Avening W.I.



In August a group of 38 members and friends enjoyed a lovely day out to the beautiful Waterperry Gardens near Oxford. The weather was perfect and the combination of wandering around wonderful themed gardens, leisurely lunch and browsing in the shop and Art and craft gallery was just right.

At our September meeting Sue and Mark Jones from Kelsmor Dairy, near Hereford, told us about their family farm where they have diversified into ice-cream making, using milk from their pedigree Guernsey cows. They had come in their ice-cream van and we were able to sample the delicious ice-cream which included such tempting flavours as blackcurrant and cassis, apricot and amoretti and lemon drizzle.

In the County skittles our team narrowly beat Sheepscombe and we wish them luck in the next round against Frampton on Severn.

There is plenty to look forward to in the months ahead. Good luck to our two teams who will be competing in the final of the County Quiz. Our October

speaker is Anna Ryan of Funky Diva, with ideas advice about and accessories. Afterwards we will be packing shoe boxes with gifts to send to underprivileged children abroad. Our 'Bite to eat ' ladies will be serving ploughman's lunches to members of the Trefoil Guild, after their walk around Avening.



Further ahead we have a shopping trip to Cardiff in November; then our Christmas lunch, Carol Concert at Cheltenham and finally the Christmas party.

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Avening Playgroup



The children have settled back into playgroup and our new children have been happy to be here and play with all our lovey toys. The children have been learning about themselves, comparing photographs of themselves with how they look now.

One of our mums has brought in her baby to show the children and to answer questions from the children about how to look after a baby. They have cleaned the baby dolls and dressed them. This is a tricky task for most children but it helps them learn how to dress themselves.

Over the summer holidays thanks to donations from Tetbury Lions and The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds and from a sponsored glide by one of our parents, Estelle St John Smith, we have had a fantastic shed put up to store our outside equipment. We are delighted with it.

Our committee has already begun fundraising for our playgroup by running our popular nearly new sale. This is a great re-cycling event for both buyers and sellers and this year it managed to raise £230 for playgroup which will go towards restocking art and creative equipment. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Don't forget our popular toddler group which is run on Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. If you have a pre-school child or baby do come along to make new friends for yourself and your children or grandchildren.

If you would like to put your child's name down on our waiting list please phone Debbie any weekday morning from 9.15am-12.15pm on 01453 832695.

Debbie Brown

AVENING PLAYGROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

We have many odd jobs around our play group that need doing throughout our term times to keep on top of the maintenance of our fantastic facility. We would like to ask if there are any kind volunteers that would be willing to help us???

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Stroud, Thursday, 9am 31st October.

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS: 2.30pm. Tetbury Tesco.

FRIDAYS: 10.30am. trips: Yate, 4th October

Cirencester, 11th October

Blooms Garden Centre, 18th October

Library Club, 25th October

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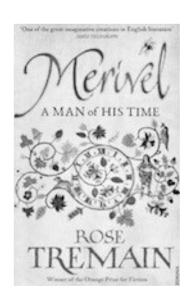
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Avening Book Club

Merivel: A Man of His Time



Merivel is the follow up to the wonderful 'Restoration' which was published in 1989. Over two decades later the follow up is just as witty, entertaining, human and engrossing as Restoration and the character progression convincing and deftly done. Those readers who loved 'Restoration' (I include myself in this) were a bit twitchy about a follow up but Tremain has done a fabulous job. I might add that you don't have to have read 'Restoration' to enjoy 'Merivel', some of the book club hadn't but it didn't have any impact apart from maybe wanting to read it now.

The novel's rollicking jauntiness is heartening because Merivel's fundamental themes are mournful. The book's eponymous narrator, Robert Merivel is

coming towards the end of his life, as are several of the novel's characters. Merivel is a deeply flawed and very foolish character who is ultimately loveable because he is only too aware of his foibles. His ultimate inabilities to change and learn from his mistakes are what make the book so human. Tremain's talent in creating textured characters is almost Dickensian. Merivel's faithful and eternally patient manservant, Will, is another wonderful character who is hard not have real feeling for – we can almost see him expiring before our eyes. Charles II, to whom Merivel is a physician (and human entertainment) is also reflecting on the autumnal years of life and finds them deeply wanting.

Two parts that really stood out for me were the tragic, nightmarish end to the ill-fated bear that the soft-heated Merivel 'rescues' on an impulse; these parts are filled with poignancy and written about with great tenderness that avoids sentimentality. Also Merivel's experience in Versailles was filled with so much hope and resulted in deep disappointment and showed the squalor behind the grandeur. Merivel is a historical novel but many of the elements of human angst are very present today.

Next meeting

7.30 at The Bell 7th Oct: *The Testament of Mary* by Colm Toibin. All welcome.

Kristiana Maseyk

Cherington Parish Council

As from September 10th I'm the new Parish Clerk for Cherington Parish. I've also just started as a Parish Clerk for a perish in Stroud too. The Chairman has asked me to tell you a bit about myself so here we go..............

Before moving to the Cotswolds two years ago, I lived in the Peak District where I was organising Fine Food Fairs for the National Trust and overseeing weddings in a converted barn on an organic dairy farm. Prior to that I worked as a Rural Officer with the Rural Community Council. During that time I worked closely with farmers and rural communities developing a health dropin service at the local cattle market, setting up an agricultural chaplaincy and co-founding a charity for Hill Farmers called the Farming Life Centre. I've also been a secondary school teacher, careers guidance officer, job analyst and a training manager for a district council.

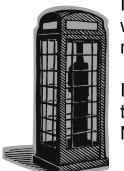
In my spare time I enjoy exploring the Cotswolds with my two dogs, spending time on our narrow boat with my husband, growing vegetables in our veg garden, doing a volunteer gardening job for the National Trust and running an art group in a residential home. Also, when I get chance I like to go on one day workshops dabbling in arts & crafts and singing.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all over the next few months and getting to know your beautiful village. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you've got anything you'd like to discuss about Cherington. Tel 01453 767384 Email cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Frances Ashton

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Avening Parish Council

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS RESPONDED TO:

13/03106/FUL and 13/03107/CON: Land Parcel Adjacent To 11 High Street, Avening, Gloucestershire

Erection of detached live/work unit with off road parking.

The Parish Council objects to this application for the same reasons that it has done so on several occasions in the past, namely: the site forms a distinctive green break; the site is very close to the junction of High Street with Point Road and a development at this location would dominate the area; the pump set into the wall is listed Grade II* and must be protected; it would have a detrimental effect on the character and appearance of the Avening Conservation Area, the historic character of the centre of the Village and in particular the terrace of gothic cottages on the opposite side of the road; the earthworks would have a harmful effect on the conservation area and create serious hold ups on the main route through the Village whilst the proposed work was being carried out; in the emerging Local Plan Avening is not considered to be a sustainable community.

13/03907/TCONR: Sandford House, 56 High Street, Avening, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NF

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No Objections

DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED

13/03105/FUL: 55 High Street, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8

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Erection of 3 dormer windows

Permitted 4 September 2013

APOLOGY

The Parish Council wishes to apologies to Mr M Maidment of Maidment Farm for inaccurately stating in the February edition of The Villager that he had "blocked the PROW by padlocking the gate on the perimeter of the site." Mr Maidment has advised us that the gate and PROW in question are not on his land and that he did not padlock the gate.

Big Community Switch

The County Council is concerned about the impact that rises in energy prices have on Gloucestershire residents, particularly older people and those living in fuel poverty and is launching the Big Community Switch to help people get cheaper gas and electricity by working together.

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Residents need to register their interest with the Big Community Switch in few weeks. You this either online the next can do at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/bigcommunityswitch or by phoning the Council on 01452 425757 between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday (between 3rd September and 15th October). By doing this, you are under no obligation to switch supplier.

People only need to provide basic information at this stage: name, address, contact details, an indication of their energy consumption and whether they wish to consider switching for both gas and electricity or electricity only. It's a good idea to have a recent bill to hand as it makes registering easier and more accurate registration means a more accurate offer.

The next meeting of **Avening Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday 17 October 2013 at 7.30 pm 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:

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Avening Book Club	Kristiana Maseyk	01453 836515

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st October	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	6.30pm
Sunday 6th October	Rotary Club South Cotswolds Horseless Team Event	Badminton Estate Park	11.00 start
Thursday 3rd October	Trefoil Guild walk around Avening	Village hall	10.30 am
Friday 4th October	School open morning	Village School	
Sunday 6th October	Harvest Festival followed by bring & share lunch	Avening Church	11.00am
Saturday 12th October	Avening Family History Day	Memorial Hall	10.00am - 4.00pm
Thursday 17th October	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 26 October	Litter Pick	Avening Memorial Hall	10.00 am
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Sunday	Avening Church	10.45am
Saturday 23rd November	Church coffee and cake	Avening Memorial hall	10.00 am
Sunday 24th November	Messy Church	Avening Church	3.30pm
Saturday 7th December	Playgroup Bazar	Village Hall	Afternoon
Sunday 8th December	Church children's Christmas party	Avening Church	3.00 pm – 5.00pm
Sunday 15th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	Avening Church	6.00 pm.



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