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# *New Associate Priest For Avening and Cherington*

As many of you will by now have heard, shortly after we went to press with the last edition of the villager the following announcement was made:-

## **Appointment of Peter Quinnell**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of The Reverend Peter Quinnell as Associate Priest for the Benefice of Avening and Cherington. Many of you may know Peter from his time as Area Dean of Cirencester (2006-2008), while he was Rector of Stratton, North Cerney, Baunton & Bagendon. Peter joins us now from The Whitewater Benefice in the Diocese of Winchester, where he has been Rector for five years. Peter will be serving as a House for Duty priest, working three days a week with Poppy as Rector of the Benefice of Avening and Cherington. He will be living in the Vicarage in Avening with his wife Jean, they have two married daughters and six grandchildren living nearby.

The benefice of Avening and Cherington and the Benefice of Tetbury, Beverston, Long Newnton and Shipton Moyne will be "held in plurality". We are now planning a licensing service for Peter in March 2014, when Poppy will also be made Rector of the two benefices.

### ***The Revd Poppy Hughes***

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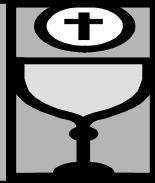
Since that announcement was made the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Reverend Michael Perham has confirmed that the licensing service for both Rev. Poppy Hughes and Rev. Peter Quinnell will take place in Avening Church on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and we look forward to seeing as many parishioners as possible at that service to welcome them to the benefice.

It is important to note that we are remaining a separate benefice although we will be sharing a rector, this should also mean that we can share resources with the Tetbury benefice on some occasions to the benefit of all parishes, Rev Poppy is already planning a day when all of the Church Council members will get together to get to know one another and share ideas.

In the meantime we are still in a vacancy and the Church Wardens should be contacted for any extra services that are required in the church.



# Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret/George	Stephen	Ann
Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie/Piers	Paul	Elizabeth
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanie/Cas	Derrick	Ann
Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Irene/Margaret	Stephen	Ann
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	George/Piers	Paul	Elizabeth

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE IN EVENING ON  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## 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**

## Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Jane Archer** for our cover photo. If you have a photo of Evening 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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# *Services in Avening & Cherington*

## *February*

<b>Day/Date/ Officiant at main service</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Service Details</b>
Sunday 2nd February	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Rev. Bussell</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 9th February	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
<i>Rev I.Bussell</i>	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 16th February	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Rev R Springett</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Fr. David Berwyn Davies</i>	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW With a Baptism
Thursday 27th February	7.00 pm	Avening	Compline BCP
Sunday 23rd February	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
<i>Rev. Janet Williams</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
	3-00	Avening	Messy Church
Sunday 2nd March	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Rev. Busk</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW

# 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.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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 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

# The Menin Gate: Armistice 2013

This year is the hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the first World War and there will be many events planned to commemorate the men who lost their lives. It is difficult for us, so far removed in time, to really relate to the horrors of that war or appreciate the scale of the loss of life and devastation to towns and villages.

This last November, I wanted to see for myself where some of the fighting took place during those terrible years of war. With others, I set out to Ypres, to stand alongside many thousands in the town square close to the Menin Gate to pay tribute to those who have died in the fighting. On the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> we boarded a bus in Bruges and drove towards the town of Ypres. In no time we were in a queue of buses and cars approaching the town, and, as the traffic slowed, we could see on either side of the road, hundreds of acres of cemeteries, and row upon row of identical tombstones marking the graves of the half million men who were killed in the four years of fighting over the staggeringly few eight miles between Ypres and Pachtendale. A sobering and awesome sight.

As well as wanting to pay my own tribute to the men of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, I had another mission which was to find three Avening men who have no known grave but have their names inscribed on the Menin Gate. I had been given a map reference researched by our archivist Fred Vening, of the place where one of the men, Alfred William Risby had fallen. We passed the very spot and paid a silent tribute to him.



We were blessed with a glorious day, cold but bright and sunny. On arrival at Ypres, we disembarked from the bus and hurriedly looked for a place of advantage from which to watch the procession and the ceremony at the Gate. The main square of Ypres is very beautiful. A typical Flemish and Medieval town Square to all appearances, and it is hard to believe that the houses, clock hall and churches were all flattened in the war. The citizens of the town painstakingly searched through the rubble to find the stones and bricks with which to rebuild the town after the war.

As we waited, the Church bells began to toll and the crowd fell silent. We could just hear the sound of approaching military



bands and marching feet. Before long, the Regimental Banners could be seen above the heads of the crowds, and then the leading band came into sight followed by contingent after contingent of marching men. The uniformed men were of many different nationalities, Belgian, Canadian, British, Australian, Gurkhas, South African among others, and a band of the Royal British Legion. Following them were Firemen, Medical Corps and Police.



Hundreds marched by and I couldn't help but stand a little taller when my father's regiment passed with other guards' regiments looking magnificent in their Bearskins and great coats. All came to a halt by the Menin Gate and only the piped band of the Scots Guards kept playing as the dignitaries began to arrive. The Crown Prince of Belgium arrived to take the salute, and the Ceremony began. The hymns were all familiar to us as they were those we sing at our traditional memorial services, and they seemed to be equally well known by the thousand or so people around us. The Salutation: "They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old" was somehow even more poignant than ever with the evidence of the sacrifice of a whole generation of young men who do not have a grave so their names cover every wall of the Menin Gate. The Buglers sounded the Last Post and Reveille, as the crowds stood with bowed heads, followed by the plaintive notes of 'The Flowers of the Forest' by a lone Scots Piper.

The laying of wreaths followed, laid by the dignitaries of many countries and hundreds of others who brought their own flowers. However, our attention was soon diverted by the sounds of hooves coming over cobbled streets in the distance and on into the Square. Black horses from the Household Cavalry pulled an empty gun carriage through the square escorted by a contingent of mounted soldiers. The crowd fell silent again as the gun carriage drew up under the Menin Gate greeted by a fanfare of trumpets and groups of Flemish and British schoolchildren who had filled bags of soil from each of the 75 cemeteries surrounding the town. When the gun carriage was loaded the bags were covered in a black cloth and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, came forward to accept the gift on behalf of the Brigade of Guards, to whom it was being presented by the Flemish people and the children. The procession moved off to begin the long journey to London, where the soil is to be used to create a memorial garden at Wellington Barracks, which will be opened by Her Majesty the Queen on Remembrance



Day this year. It was the most moving and profound ceremony, simple and dignified, at which we all felt privileged to witness and attend. The Royal visitors and the officials now left and we made our way to the Gate to complete the mission to find the names of the men of Avening.

Many thousands of names are inscribed on the walls of the Gate, a shocking and saddening sight. Column after column dedicated to each Country and Regiment. We had made enquiries as to where we would find the names for which we were looking so it was not too difficult: Charles Fletcher, Percy Sharpe and Alfred William Risby. We paid our respects to

them in silent prayer, and felt a surge of pride as well as sadness, that these young men had courageously volunteered to leave Avening to go and fight for their King and Country, and paid the ultimate Sacrifice.

Their names are on the War Memorial in Holy Cross Church and the relatives of both Charles Fletcher and Percy Sharp still live in the village.

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# Village People



## Derrick and Doreen Pierce



We have just finished celebrating Christmas and seen in the New Year during the 'vacancy' period in our Church. Everyone has worked hard to make this a very happy period and this is in no small part due to Derrick, our licensed Lay Reader, and his wife Doreen. She, with others, took on the task of making sure that one of the central events of the Christmas festivities, the Crib Service, was once again the successful and well supported occasion it has been in past

years. Derrick has been stalwart in recent months not only in taking services but in seeing that the pastoral life of the parish continues smoothly pending the arrival of the new incumbent. It therefore seemed to be entirely appropriate that this edition should include a little bit about this remarkable couple and their lives before coming to Avening, as well as since they came here.

Earlier in the month, Doreen and Derrick and I settled down in their home to discuss life in general and their lives in particular, enjoying a cup of coffee and a piece of one of Doreen's delicious homemade cakes.

I was really surprised to discover that they are still almost 'new comers' to the village, having lived here just under ten years, but in that time they have become an integral part of village life.

Both spoke warmly of childhoods of great happiness. Doreen described her early life as being idyllic. Born in 1941, she lived at Sudeley, where her father ran the dairy farm and her mother made the butter for the Castle. The animals spent their whole lives on the farm and at the end were slaughtered on the estate. What a happy contrast to so many farms today, where the animals are driven many miles to meet their end. Everything necessary for the running of a large estate, including, for example, the laundry, was found on the estate. Doreen's companions during her youth were the Dent-Brocklehurst children; playing in the moat and all around the wonderful gardens. She remembers the Italian and German POWs, who helped on the farm, with great fondness. By comparison with many of her contemporaries, the farmhouse in which the family lived was the height of modernity. When Doreen was eighteen her father bought his own farm at Olveston. By contrast this wasn't half so well appointed!

Derrick, born in 1944, remembers a different, but equally happy start in life.

His grandfather had also been a farmer, but his father followed a different path and became an accountant. The family lived in some comfort in Stoke Gifford. Derrick was the eldest child, with a younger brother and twin sisters. Before his birth his mother was admitted to Hambrook Hospital for the delivery. In the days before the NHS, such care had to be paid for privately and Derrick was amused to find, amongst his father's papers, a receipted bill for the princely sum of £5 10shillings, for his mother's stay in the hospital, which included a period of convalescence of a week following his birth.

Once she was eighteen, Doreen studied Domestic Science at Gloucester College. She speaks warmly of the course she followed, which gave her the skills, which she has enjoyed using all her life. The students were taught the art of dressmaking, as well as all things culinary. Her first job was based in Cardiff and was with the Wales Electricity Board, giving talks and demonstrations as a Home Economist. I gather that this was on a trainee basis and it lasted about six months. She obviously was a great success, because this was followed by permanent appointments with the MEB, first in Stroud and then in Chipping Sodbury, where she could live at home.

Meanwhile Derrick, following his grandfather, hankered to go into farming. From the age of 13-16 he attended Brymore School in Somerset. This is a boarding school, with its own farm attached, which provides not only a general education, but also a chance for the pupils to learn the skills needed to become a farmer. Derrick loved it. After he left, he spent a year at Hartpury College and thereafter spent a few years working on various farms gaining experience. However, there came a time, when he realised that he did not wish to continue working long and arduous hours for other people, earning relatively little and with no real hope of ever having a farm of his own. He moved into the seed trade, starting in the stores and working his way up through the business, including working as a crop inspector and seed merchant. Eventually he became the assistant general manager for Chamberlain Pole. He had spent ten interesting years with them, but sadly at about this time, his hip began playing up and he realised that he might have to rethink where his career was going.

Turning to their earlier lives, I asked how Doreen and Derrick had met and discovered how lucky it was that Derrick had looked to farming as a way of life and that Doreen had been born on a farm. Naturally they both saw joining Young Farmers as a way of developing a social life. It worked! They met and eventually married in 1968, with their first child Brian born in 1972 and their second Catherine in 1974. Once the children arrived, Doreen gave up work, but her skill in making beautiful cakes, meant that she continued to supplement the family income by creating masterpieces for people over the years. Whilst I was with them, she showed me one of her recent creations, which she made to celebrate their Ruby Wedding.

Fairly soon after they married, Derrick and Doreen moved to Kingswood, which is just outside Wotton-under-Edge, where they lived for thirty two years.



Their faith had always been important to them and it was whilst they were living in Kingswood, where Derrick was Churchwarden that he decided to offer himself for training as a Lay Reader. Following a fairly gruelling two year course at the Gloucester School for Ministry, he was licensed in 1995. Not only has Derrick always enjoyed this work, but on a personal level, he has felt that it helped to bring him out of himself. As a young man, he had felt very shy and uncertain of himself in social situations. Following his initial licensing whilst living at Kingswood, Derrick has moved twice and each move has necessitated a re-licensing in the new parish and diocese, so I think it is safe to say that he has been well and truly licensed!

Once it was clear that Derrick's hip would no longer allow him to continue with his work as a seed merchant, he and Doreen had to think hard as to



**THOUSANDS OF MEMORIES:** Doreen and Derrick at the village store.

what they wanted to do with their lives. They eventually decided that it would be good to work together and bought a shop/post office in Oake in Somerset in 2000. They set off in trepidation, having sold their much loved house in Kingswood. The shop was a very modest affair, but with their usual enthusiasm Derrick and Doreen set out to transform it, which they obviously did. Whilst I was with them, Doreen showed me a large lever arch file,

crammed with letters and cards of warm appreciation for all that they achieved, whilst there. It was only a four year stint, but quite obviously they had become a much loved part of the community in that short time. Then it was time to go. Their daughter-in-law, who lives in Gloucestershire, was expecting her first child and they were determined to be as full time grandparents as possible.

In order to pursue this aim, the shop was sold and they came to Avening in 2004. Here, they quickly became 'embedded' in the community. Doreen plays a full part in the Tetbury Art Society, acting as the Social Secretary. She is also an enthusiastic member of the Avening Art Society. On the home front, Doreen is in seventh heaven, once again knitting and sewing beautiful things, like her Noah's Ark, for the next generation of Pierces, and fetching and carrying grandchildren to and from their schools. Doreen is also involved in the Sunday School, whilst Derrick sings with Avening Angels.

I left their house feeling invigorated. Derrick and Doreen seem to have that wonderful thing, total contentment in each other's company and a unity of purpose in their life together. Thank you for talking to me and sharing that feeling of happiness.

**Frances Conway**

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## Miss G. Edmunds

12th February 2014 Marks the 100th birthday of Miss Georgina Edmunds (Georgie). She lived in Avening until she was 91 and then ill health meant a move to Ilsom House Residential care home near Tetbury.



All of her life Georgie was a very active member of Avening Church, being a church warden for many years, a member of the choir and a Sunday School teacher. She was also involved in many village activities including being President of the Women's Institute, she was a founder member of the Good Companions, and a member of the Womens branch of the Royal British Legion. Georgie also started and ran the Girls Friendly Society for several years, on one occasion taking the girls to London on the train! In 2003 she received the Maundy money from Her Majesty the Queen

Georgie and her friend, Jessie Skinner, were always in evidence at Village Fetes, Coffee Mornings and other Village events.

Georgie does not enjoy good health but still talks about the old days in Avening and still misses her Church.



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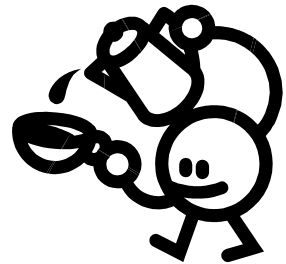
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*On 7th Feb. Church will be floodlit: in memory of **Basil Fletcher**  
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A new organisation is being proposed to support the Church of the Holy Cross in Avening, and the PCC is keen to hear from anyone who might like to participate in running this new organisation.

The main idea is to form a supporters club, which will not only try to raise funds for the continuing preservation of the fabric of the Church but also use the Church for events, such as concerts and exhibitions. It is envisaged that, for a modest annual subscription, members will receive a quarterly newsletter and enjoy other benefits such as discounts for the proposed events. The friends would like to arrange four events a year that might be concerts, gardens open or shared meals

It is hoped that The Friends of Avening Church will unite all those who love the space, tranquillity and peace that our Church has provided for the parishioners of Avening for over 930 years, and ensure that it will continue to do so for the next few centuries.

Maybe you were baptized, married or have had a relative buried in the Church? Or maybe you have visited this fine Norman Church, and felt the serenity of its calm atmosphere.

If you like the idea of joining this new club or feel that you would like to join the committee, please, in the first instance, call Peter Best on 835287 or email [peter@avening.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:peter@avening.eclipse.co.uk).

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# Avening Film Club

Our next film screening will be **Philomena**. We start the showing at 7.30 at Avening Social Club Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, please join us.



**PHILOMENA (2013) – Drama**

**Cert:** 12A – **Run time:** 1 hr. 34 min.

**Cast & Crew**

Judi Dench, Steve Coogan, Charlie Murphy, Simone Lahbib, Sophie Kennedy Clark

**Director:** Stephen Frears

Based on the 2009 investigative book by BBC correspondent Martin Sixsmith, *The Lost Child of Philomena Lee*, **PHILOMENA** focuses on the efforts of Philomena Lee (Dench), mother to a boy conceived out of wedlock - something her Irish-Catholic community didn't have the highest opinion of - and given away for adoption in the United States. In following church doctrine, she was forced to sign a contract that wouldn't allow for any sort of inquiry into the son's whereabouts. After starting a family years later in England and, for the most part, moving on with her life, Lee meets Sixsmith (Coogan), a BBC reporter with whom she decides to discover her long-lost son.

***Kristiane Maseyk***

**January's Choice: *Blue Jasmine*  
(written and directed by Woody Allen).**

It was a rainy night in January when Avening Social Club opened its doors for the very first offering from Avening Film Club. Fifty Two people braved the seasonal downpour to watch *Blue Jasmine* starring Cate Blanchett (who had won a Golden Globe for her role only days earlier). This by far exceeded all our hopes and expectations. We had no idea how things were going to go, this being our first film night, and after months of planning and anticipation, we were anxious for it to go well. We set up around twenty chairs wondering whether we would fill them all and then waited for people to arrive. All worry and doubt was soon quashed as the doors opened and queues of people filed into the room. We went from worrying about filling the space to worrying whether everyone would be able to see properly. The atmosphere was wonderful and everyone was incredibly supportive and tolerant particularly when we had technical difficulties at the beginning of the film which thankfully stopped after a while. We will ensure that this is

resolved for next time. We were thrilled by the turn out and enthusiasm from everyone who attended. Long may the film club continue.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr & Mrs Ind for their support and enthusiasm, The Parish Council for their generous grant and Tony Slater for designing and maintaining our web page free of charge.

The film is set mainly in San Francisco in present day and using flashbacks-in-time it cleverly unpicks the reasons for the demise and breakdown of its main character Jasmine, a once prosperous, wealthy, trophy-wife of a successful financier who quite suddenly goes from riches to rags after her husband is publically disgraced and she comes to realise her life is a very long way from being perfect. Jasmine throws herself on the mercy of her sister who lives world apart from her and has very different priorities but she welcomes Jasmine into her home and attempts to support her despite past grievances. Jasmine slowly starts to try to make a new life although the road to finding herself is not a smooth one and she struggles to fit into a very different existence. Wonderfully unpredictable and incredibly captivating,

Blue Jasmine is a perhaps unexpected jewel of a film and is definitely well worth watching.

*Alex Adcock*

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## Down To Earth



*The Praeneste at Rousham*

January, named after the two-faced god, Janus, is associated with looking both forwards and backwards. Winter is a time for taking stock and gardening in the head rather than on the ground. To borrow from the title of a delightful little book, *A Gentle Plea for Chaos* by Mirabel Ostler, I should like to make a 'gentle plea for planning'. We need sometimes to consider the design of our plot, whatever its dimensions, peruse the catalogues, the plant lists and planting suggestions.

The idea of design need not be intimidating. Think: Seasonal Interest, Focal Points, Vistas and Variety! There are flowers in winter, too. *Viburnum x bodnantense* has, in defiance of the downpours, been flowering for the past couple of months. The scent is gorgeous, too. A plant that draws the eye does not need to shout, 'Look at me!' in all its gaudiness. There is often as much interest in a shrub that has tiny or insignificant flowers, but delights in the texture and reflective surface of its leaves. The many species and varieties of hebe may be useful for small-scale structure. As for vistas - a grand term, I admit - why not consider what you see, all the way from foreground to background and think about *composing* it. The vista could be what you see when you fling open the bedroom or landing curtains in the morning, or the view of the garden from the entrance or garden gate. Is there a pleasing balance of heights and variety? Of course, the very idea of a 'pleasing balance' could be subjective, so at this point I'll hand the design over to you!

The Royal Horticultural Society has an excellent web site ([www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)) and its Plant Selector will give all the necessary guidance as to the growth habits and requirements of particular plants and suggestions as to which



plants might suit a particular location. Of course, there should be room in a garden for conscious composition *and* chaos, for serenity *and* surprises!

Winter, when many shrubs and trees are bare of leaves, is a season for appreciating structural qualities and a time for visiting the great landscape gardens of the early to mid eighteenth century. Close to home is Cirencester Park, of which Alfred's Hall, once mock-ruined, now supported by scaffolding, was one of the first Gothick buildings in England, in contrast to classical temples. Walk on from the main gate in Cecily Hill to discover charming eighteenth century garden buildings, designed for resting or taking tea, such as Pope's Seat with its vista stretching to Kemble church steeple, and the pair of oddly incongruous but handsome 'sentry boxes', the Horseguards.



*Pope's Seat, Cirencester Park*

Rousham, (between Banbury and Oxford, open daily) is the masterpiece of William Kent and incorporates statuary, grottoes and seats inspired by a decade spent in Rome from 1709. It is a delightful garden, sensitively maintained, the more so for the complete absence of visitor-centre or other commercial paraphernalia. Stowe, a few miles further on and also, in its later stages, the work of William Kent, is on an altogether grander scale. The garden can be read as a statement of Whiggish idealism. Lord Cobham and others had been expelled from the Whig party by Sir Robert Walpole and the

garden represented Cobham's assertion of true Whig values, as in his Temple of British Worthies. (A brilliantly written book is Tim Richardson's *The Arcadian Friends: Inventing the English Landscape Garden.*) But with the politics went a degree of fun. While Cobham's wife took tea up on the hill in the Queen's Temple (designed by James Gibbs in 1740), opposite and down on the lakeside Lord Cobham entertained his friends from the Kit-Cat Club in the Temple of Friendship. The function of the Temple of Venus, away from the sight-line



*Viburnum x bodnantense*

of the Queen's Temple, (a motor-cycle ride away?) and the nature of the murals which were later white-washed over, is best left to the imagination. (*Politics and Hanky-Panky? Plus ça change...*)

***Marilyn Jones***



# Avening Primary School

## ARENA SPOTLIGHT !

In January the children sang, danced, Mexican-waved and shone brightly at the Young Voices concert at the LG Arena! Alongside Urban Strides international dance troop and celebrity Stacey Solomon, our 37 amazing stars (with just 6,237 other children!) entertained the arena with an eclectic array of songs ranging from popular songs from Family Films to Hallelujah!, and from a medley of folk songs of England to the children's favourite – a pop medley including songs by One Direction and Taylor Swift! Well done to all involved.

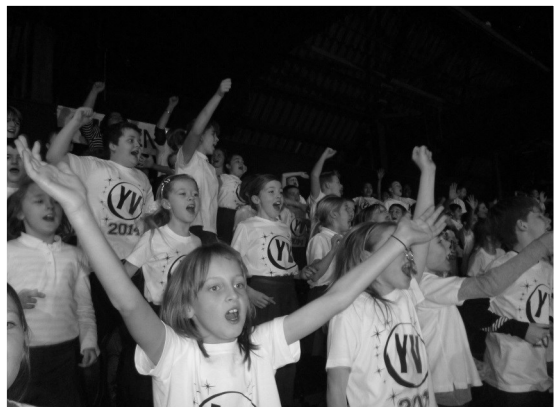


Here's a report from Elsie and Ruby:

*On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2014 most of the KS2 went to the LG Arena in Birmingham. The reason why they went is because they took part in the biggest primary school choir in the UK, Young Voices! Young Voices helps support Barnardos, a charity that helps children have a better childhood.*

*The Avening Young Voices team had lunch early, because it was an hour and a half long journey. Finally we got on to the coach and our excitement began! Mrs Rushton, our head teacher, put on the Young Voices CD and we had our last practice. Eventually we arrived at the LG arena. We had learnt all of our dance moves and words to the songs, and were confident. We were nervous too, of course, but we were there!!!!*

*It was a massive arena and at last we got our first glimpse of the stadium that we were going to perform in. When everyone was in there seats there were over 6000 children in the Young Voices choir and over 30 schools! Then we started to rehearse all of our songs and actions that we learnt from Andy, the leader of the Urban Strides dance crew, and our*



*conductor was David Lawrence. The rehearsal took about three hours and sounded great!*

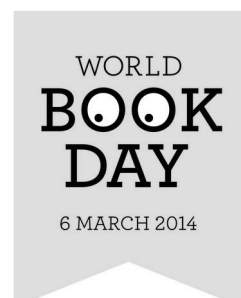
*While we were eating our packed tea, the Urban Strides dance crew were practicing their two awesome routines for the night ahead! Most of the songs we sang were a medley which means they put lots of songs together in one song!*

*To start the show, while the audience were pouring in, all of the children did the best Mexican wave ever! It went on for ages.....! When all the audience were finally seated, we all let out a big cheer. There were over 1000 people watching us and you couldn't hear yourself think, it was so loud! Gi Gi, our host, introduced us as the amazing Young Voices choir, and it was our turn for a cheer! The playground couldn't even try to compete with that! We launched into Family Film Fun, hitting every note. This was followed by soft songs, fast songs, get up and dance songs and everyone's favourite, the Pop Medley! We sang 'Living On a Prayer' with Keith Semple, and Wayne Ellington sang a solo in 'You Raise Me Up', but the best bit was when we sang with the celebrity guest.....STACEY SOLOMON!!! We sang 'Son of a Preacher Man' and 'Gravity' with her. We ended this amazing event with 'Lifting Me Higher and Higher' which we sang with all our celebrity guests. It was the best experience ever and we didn't want to leave the stadium or go back on the coach!!!!!!!!!!*

## **READING ROCKS!**

Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If children read, they will succeed – it's that simple.

This is why reading is high on the agenda at school this term and we have lots of initiatives to look forward to: participation in the Readathon Challenge, a visiting story-teller, a Bedtime Story Evening and participation in World Book Day. Children will be learning facts about reading, writing book reviews and making book recommendations.



***If you are interested in finding out more about our school please take a regular look at our website [www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk) or follow us on Twitter @AveningPrimary.***



# Avening Book Club

## Luminaries by Eleanor Catton

The Luminaries was the 2013 Man Booker prize winner and is a tome of a book in excess of eight hundred pages. The book has been much lauded for its complex and clever structure. However, the structure was less important to us all than the actual story itself.

The writing in The Luminaries is so consistently poised and the characters so well drawn we could only be in awe of the achievement of such a very young author. The act of reading is made so pleasurable by the writing that it is like being wrapped in the familiar literary blanket of the truly good writers and storytellers of this genre.

The story is set in Hokitika, New Zealand in the 1860's during the gold rush and centres on twelve characters that are also planetary in their interaction with each other and the world. The twelve character interests are centred around other characters. This sounds like an unwieldy cast but Catton handles it deftly. As well as a murder mystery it is also a love story of sorts and a story of reinvention. There are villains, victims and perpetrators.



We thoroughly enjoyed this novel, whether it is our favourite of the short-list remains to be seen. We have two novels left to read on what has been a very impressive list.

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7.30 The Bell *The Lowlands* by Jhumpa Lahiri

Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7.30 The Bell *Harvest* by Jim Crace

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# **Tetbury Art Society**

## **Roy Baker Memorial Lecture 2014**

On Tuesday 18 March, we have the next annual public lecture to be held at The Orchard Room, Highgrove House by kind permission of HRH The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. The Prince of Wales is President of the Society.

This year's lecture is based on the art of the silversmith and particularly the work of the Hart family from Chipping Campden, gold and silversmiths. The workshop is the last operating remnant of the Guild of Handicraft\* which C R Ashbee established in 1888. George Hart was a silversmith with the Guild when it moved to Chipping Campden in 1902. From 1912 he took on the running of the workshop, joined in 1930 by his son Henry. This tradition is now carried on by his grandson David along with Derek Elliott, and William and Julian Hart.

We will hear more on the background history, the design and making of private commissions and presentational ware and the Hart Silversmiths Trust, by David and Trish Hart. We hope to have some examples of their work on display! All will be illustrated with a power point display.

Tickets only available from: Gill Ashley, 01666 840993. Lecture starts at 2.15 pm and the cost is £28 each to include refreshments and cakes. All proceeds will go to The Prince's Charitable Foundation.

Frank Hatt, our resident Sherston playwright, wrote a play about the Guild and has the following to say:

When I learned that this year's Tetbury Art Society's Roy Baker Memorial Lecture was to feature the Hart family of Chipping Campden, it brought back a bundle of happy memories. In 2002 my play, *Against the Grain*, toured several venues in Gloucestershire as part of a celebration of the Guild of Handicraft's migration from London's East End to Chipping Campden in the North Cotswolds. It was a community play, involving over thirty actors and a choir numbering almost as many. The director was Jo Bousfield of the (sadly defunct) Dr Fosters Theatre Company. Besides her and myself there was a fully professional production team, but nearly all of the performers were amateurs. Among them, to my delight, were four members of the Hart family, whose forebear, George Hart, was one of the original band of craftsmen who settled in Chipping Campden in 1902. The family embody a rich and vibrant tradition. It's an inspired choice for the 2014 lecture.

**Frank Hatt**



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# Avening Playgroup



On behalf of everyone at Avening Playgroup I would like to wish you all a happy New Year. Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Bazaar and Santa Sleigh as these fundraisers are a vital part of keeping our playgroup open.

We have been very lucky over the years that playgroup has been running to have had, and continue to have, volunteers, usually present playgroup parents, to make up the committee without whom we could not have a playgroup.

Playgroup is very well stocked with books, toys and other resources for the children to play with. These are often updated and added to with donations from past families whose children have now outgrown them. We are very grateful for these gifts and our children get a lot of pleasure from playing with them.

If you have a child who will be three between September 2014 and August 2015 and you would like to send them to our lovely playgroup, please ring Debbie to organise a visit or to put your child on our waiting list. Please ring Debbie at playgroup on 01453 832 695 any week day morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

**Debbie Brown**



# Village Agent

My name is Aileen Bendall. I am the Village Agent for Avening as well as other villages in the surrounding area. During the past 3 years I may have already met some of you or you may have read about me in a local publication.

My job is to provide older or disadvantaged people with easier access to information and services. This service is free and confidential. If you are over 50 years of age or you know someone that is, I can help with many issues. Below I have listed just a few.

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- Would you like to know more about **adaptations to your home**, which may help you cope better with disability?
- Are you feeling **lonely** and would like to meet other people?
- Would you like to **help other people** by volunteering for a local organisation?

I can visit you at home or talk with you on the telephone, the number is 07810-630156. I work 15 hours a week, usually between Monday and Wednesday, therefore if I am not available if you ring please leave a message giving your name and telephone number and I will call you back as soon as possible

For information I try, most month's, to go to Avening Lunch Club at the Social Club, (which I can thoroughly recommend!), as well as having a 'surgery' at Tetbury Volunteer office twice a month and once a month at the Trap House (Council office), Minchinhampton, as well as the Arkell Centre, Forest Green, Nailsworth, the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month between 2.30 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

One situation which I have been asked about relates to the closure of Avening Village Store and how it has affected some older people who feel the loss of their ability to get a daily newspaper. A delivery service does not seem to be available to the village.

One suggestion has been made about how to deal with this which would require volunteers to collect and deliver, either to individuals or to a central point. This would obviously need someone to organize and manage it as well as volunteers. I would welcome any suggestions or feed-back about either the number of people needing such a service or those to provide it.



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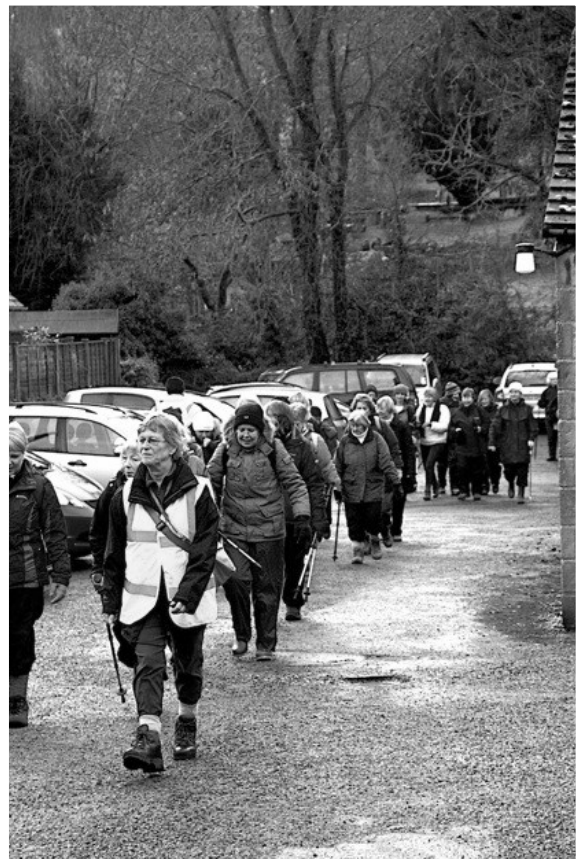
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January started well with a really good attendance at our first meeting of 2014 with a few new faces and a number of new members signing up. We had a talk and film from Carol Hand of Rover European Travel giving us an insight of the complications of dealing with the continental road toll systems but the Company is used to such administrative detail and undertakes a very large and varied programme of British and European holidays staying at carefully selected hotels. They also have an excellent programme of day trips. The film was a compilation of all the places visited in the past and in the programme for 2014.

In December we had our Christmas lunch at Egypt Mill which went very well followed a few days later by the W.I. County Christmas Carol Concert. The star guests this year were David and Carrie Grant who are singers and voice coaches who involved the audience in a rousing chorus or two.

Our December meeting was as usual our Christmas party with a bring and share supper and games compiled by Shirley Hand. Everyone had a really good time and went home with a Secret Santa gift.

The County W.I. organisers asked for volunteers to arrange, at fairly short notice, a series of walks for members from all over the County to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January. This is a monthly event but January is probably the worst month for this kind of activity. The January walks in 2013 were cancelled due to snow. The Avening W.I. agreed to do it and 3 separate walks were planned of about two, four and six miles which was to be followed by a soup and ploughman's lunch in the Social Club. The appointed leaders all undertook exploratory walks to check on conditions especially the depth of mud and difficulty of stiles. The weather forecast leading up to the day was dreadful and everyone involved was really concerned as we were expecting eighty walkers. Miraculously, the morning was dry and nearly eighty







members and friends, divided into 4 groups, took off in different directions for walks around Avening, Cherington and Minchinhampton. A group of our members led by Eileen Ind prepared lunch while the walks were taking place and served it on the staggered returns. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the walks and lunch. A big thank you goes to all who helped make this event most successful.

**Gwyneth Simpson**



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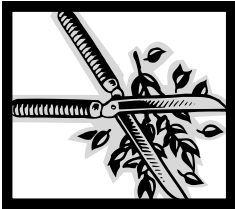


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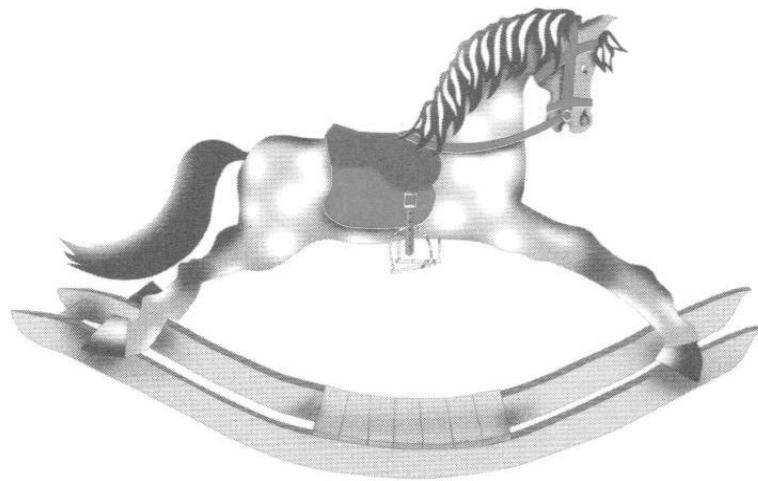
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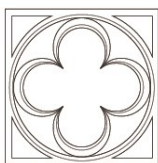
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## AVENING BELLS



On the 31<sup>st</sup> January Avening church bell ringers were joined in the church tower by family and friends in order to ring in the New Year together, a very happy and joyous occasion for us all, especially the champagne!

In 2014 we would like to invite prospective ringers to train with our "band", we normally practice on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. We

would be highly delighted to see residents and new comers pulling a rope!!

Best wishes in 2014.

## New Flood Defence Saves School!

OK, so that may be a little over stated despite the recent heavy rains, but the stream would most likely have overflowed the original wall by the village hall, and flooded Church Lane.



Through late October and November, a new defence wall was built by Gloucestershire Highways on the bend of the stream to ensure the school and hall would not suffer a repeat of the floods a couple of years ago. Concerns from neighbouring properties were satisfactorily

resolved, and supported by Avening Parish Council, the work was completed to a high standard before the full force of the rains was felt.

The wall has meant that the stream is no longer accessible from the hall end, but can still be entered from the church end. It was pointed out that the stream was lower than the lane, which could cause problems if small children climb over. Unfortunately this will mean that additional railings will be fitted in due course.

The bed of the stream has also been cleaned up, and this should mean the world famous duck races will produce some record times this summer!

*Cllr Tony Slater*

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## Tetbury Dial-a-Ride Community Bus.

The Dial-a-Ride service is available for both shopping and local appointments. A friendly, door-to-door service, help with shopping, getting on and off the bus and see you safely there and back for a small annual membership and fare for the trip. We are pleased to be able to offer appointments and trips into town on Wednesdays with our new driver, Peter, who will drive for the Day Centre on Wednesdays.

The adapted car 'Bluebell' is also available, to hire privately or with a volunteer driver.

The Town Council holds a list of volunteers available in the event of severe weather. If you would like to add your name and help to ensure that vulnerable people in the town have the essentials if they are unable to get out or usual carers or family are not able to visit them. Please contact The Council tel: 01666 504670.

Our local Village Agent, Aileen will continue with 'drop-in' sessions in the Volunteer Office, 10am-1pm on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Regular Dial-a-Ride Schedule**

**TUESDAY MORNINGS:** 9.30am. Tetbury Town (including appointments)

**WEDNESDAYS:** 12-3pm. Tetbury Market (including appointments)

**THURSDAY MORNINGS:** 9.30am. Nailsworth & Avening

with, Sainsbury's, Stroud, Thursday, 9am 27<sup>th</sup> February.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOONS:** 2.30pm. Tetbury Tesco.

**FRIDAYS:** 10.30am. trips: **Yate, 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**Cirencester, 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Morrisons, Chippenham, 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**Library Club, 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Please ring or call in to talk to us about volunteering, trips and membership, we look forward to meeting you.

Liz Truman and Seiglinde Bannister

**Tel: 01666 502514 (Tues/Wed/Thurs, 9-1pm).**

**Tetbury Volunteer Centre,**

**The Old Court House, Long Street, Tetbury.**



# 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](http://www.unbiased.co.uk) 2010). Yet having one is one of the most important arrangements you can make during your lifetime.

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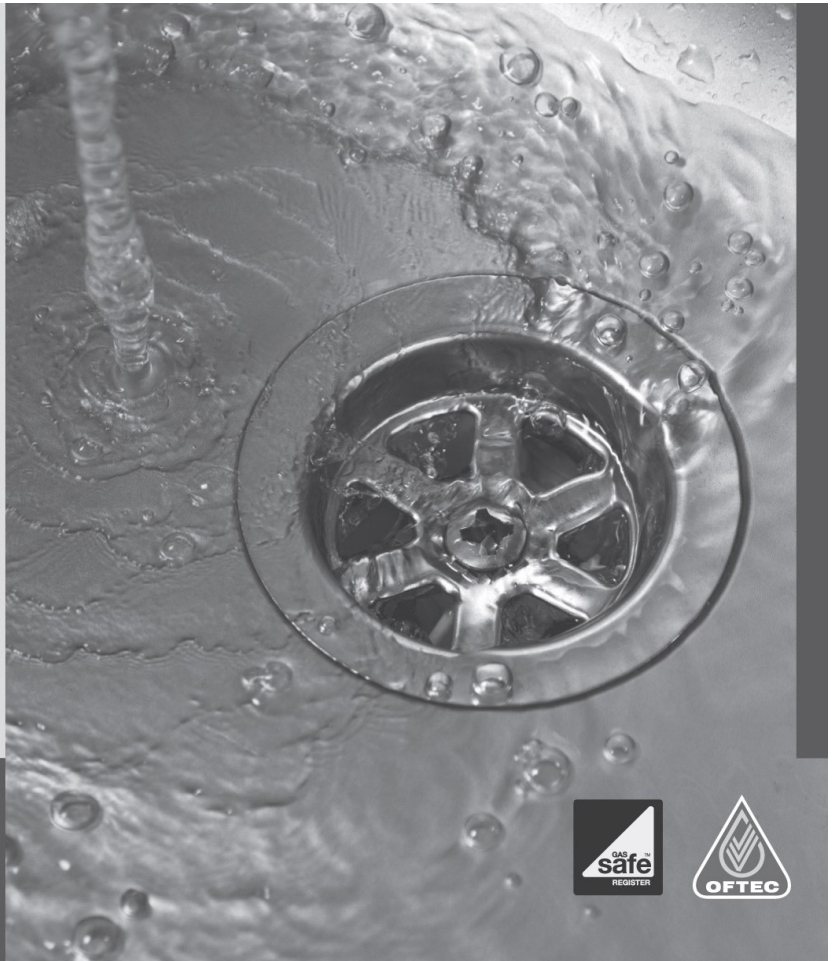
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# Avening Parish Council

## Planning

Planning applications can be found on Cotswold District Council's website at [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk) Go to weekly planning list. You are also able to sign up for Planning Alerts so that the emails can come straight to your inbox,

## Planning Applications Responded to:

**13/04939/FUL Brandhouse Farm, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE**

Addition of chimney stacks and clear glazing to extant PD scheme

**No Objections.**

### DO YOU KNOW ?

That the Parish Council supports local organisations by giving grants ? During recent months the following groups have received funding:

Avening Playing Field Association – to cover Insurance Premium and maintenance      **£1,600**

Avening Youth Club – to cover Memorial Hall hire fees      **£691**

Avening Angels – set up costs      **£400**

Avening Rural Cinema – set up costs      **£300**

Avening Parochial Church Council – Churchyard Maintenance      **£1,250**

The Villager – to assist with printing costs      **£550**

If your group is looking for funding then **PLEASE** contact the Parish Clerk.

## I Can Do It !!

Are you the person we are looking for ?

The Parish Council often has odd jobs that need to be done around the Village – the sort of thing that a good handyman (or woman) could do easily such as repairing noticeboards or cleaning and maintaining the telephone kiosk. We are looking for someone to work on an ad hoc basis as there's not enough work to



employ someone regularly. If you are interested in working with us please contact the Parish Clerk.

### **Village Grass Cutting**

The Village's current grass cutting contact expires on 31 March. If you are interested in quoting for this work **PLEASE** contact the Parish Clerk for details.

### **Housing Needs**

The Parish Council is working with Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to determine the level of housing needed in the Village and, very shortly, every household will receive a questionnaire. **PLEASE** help us by filling in the form and returning it in the envelope provided to ensure that we achieve an accurate result. If you need any help with this **PLEASE** contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor.

The next meeting of **Avening Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday 20 February 2014 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:**

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

*Tel: 01285 380041 Email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk*



## **Volunteer of the Year Award!**

Each year the Parish Council makes an award to the person who has made the most impact in the Village by volunteering their time to support a group or the community as a whole.

### **WE NEED YOUR NOMINATIONS !!!**

**Please help us by contacting the Parish Clerk or any Councillor with your recommendations.**

# Cherington Parish Council

The parish clerk, Frances Ashfield can be contacted either by Telephone on 01453 767384 or by e-mail at [cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk)

## CHERINGTON ANNUAL QUIZ



It's that time of year again . Same format :- Tables up to 8  
£10 per person Bring your own picnics All monies raised to go to the Church

Last year with late bookings we nearly had to send people away so..... book early. Book a table now and think about your guests later.

If you do not wish to host a table but want to join in we are keeping keep back 3 tables until the 20<sup>th</sup> February .

**DATE:- Saturday 8th March 7. 30 pm**

**Email:- [kategegg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kategegg@hotmail.co.uk) or call 01453 834805**

## The Mobile Police Station



**Non-emergency phone 101**

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**And**

**Cherington from 10-15 to 11-15 am**

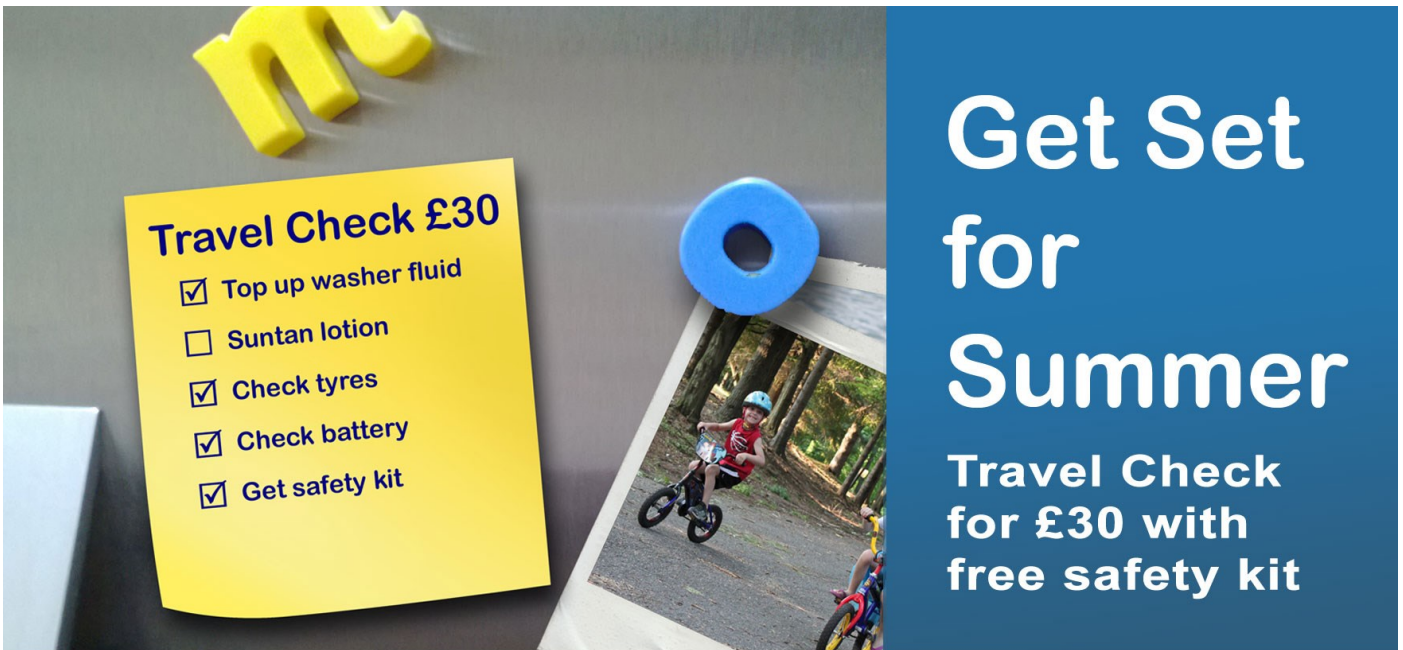
# Useful Telephone Numbers

Avening Parish Council Clerk	Caroline Braidwood	01285 380041
Cherington Parish Council Clerk	Frances Ashfield	01453 767384
Cotswold District Councillor	Jim Parsons	01453 836596
Avening Sunday School / Messy church	Doreen Pierce Elizabeth Buchanan	01453 835090 01453 833016
Avening Tower Captain	David Govier	01453 882914
Avening Primary School	Jane Rushton	01453 833191
Avening Playgroup	Debbie Brown	01453 832695 Home 835983
Avening Village Agent	Aileen Bendall	07810-630156
Avening Youth Club	Cassie Vickery	01453 834182
A and C Cricket Club	Derrick Ind	01453 835752
Over 60s Lunch Club	Christine Howell	01453 833246
Avening Silver Band	Jim Hill	01453 834438
Friends of Avening School	Jo Missenden	01453 833688
Cherington Village Hall	Beryl Milsom	01285 841248
Avening Memorial Hall		07583 073604
Tennis @ Avening Park	Roger Lindley	01453 835115
Avening Group Oil Coordinator	Frances Lindley	01453 835115
Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336
Avening History Project	Fred Vening fred@fvening.fsnet.co.uk	01285 850624
Stroud Hospital	Reception	3000 421 8080
Women's Institute	Maisie Stanton	01453 834679
Avening Book Club	Kristiana Maseyk	01453 836515

## *Dates for your Diary*

Sunday 23rd February	MESSY CHURCH	Holy Cross Church Avening	3.30 pm
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February	Avening School Half Term	Avening School	
Thursday 20th February	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 22nd February	Graham's Big Quiz!	The Cross	
Tuesday 4th March	1st of the Lent Discussion meetings	70 Sandford Leaze	7.30 pm
Saturday 8th March	Quiz Night in aid of Cherington church - with picnics	Cherington Village Hall	
Saturday 15th March	Mary's Coffee Morning	No. 4 Cherington	10.00 am
Tuesday 18th March	Tetbury Art Society Roy Baker Memorial Lecture 2014	Orchard Room Highgrove	2.15 pm
Friday 21st March	Avening Film Club (showing 'Philomena')	Avening Social Club	7.30 pm
Monday 31st March	Licensing Service for Rev Poppy Hughes & Rev Peter Quinnell	Holy Cross Church Avening	To be confirmed
Sunday June 1st	Village Fete	In and around the Church and school	2-00 pm.





## Be sure before you go

As the weather gets warmer and the days longer, what journeys are on your mind? A holiday, a trip, a visit to distant friends or relatives? Then add 'get the car checked' to your to-do list. The winter weather has been pretty demanding on your car. You certainly don't want to end up stuck somewhere with a flat battery. And the little things like correct tyre pressure can make a big difference to fuel economy.

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