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made through the church wardens, doing this will ensure
that the church is available.**

The relevant telephone numbers can be found on page 3

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
2nd March	Margaret/George	Paul	Elizabeth
9th March	Cas/Jeanie	Derrick	Ann
16th March	Piers/Stephanie	Stephen	Elizabeth
23rd March	Irene/Margaret	Derrick	Ann
30th March	Stephanie/George	Stephen	Gill
6th April	Piers/Cas	Paul	Ann

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Services in Avening & Cherington March

Day/Date/ Officiant at main service	Time	Church	Service Details
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
ASH Wed. 5th March	7.00pm	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 9th March	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
<i>Rev. Jeremy Francis</i>	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 16th March	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
Rev. Busk	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 23rd March	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
<i>Rev. Davis</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
	3.0pm	Avening	Messy Church
Sunday 30th March	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
MOTHERING	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
SUNDAY	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW

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Sunday 6th April	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Rev Peter Quinnell</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW

NOTE

Because the day for Messy Church this month is Mothering Sunday there will be NO afternoon Messy Church. Please join us at 11.00 when we will have our traditional Mothers Day service including Hugging Avening Church.

ALSO because there is so much happening there will be no Compline this month

CHERINGTON ANNUAL QUIZ

**UNFORTUNATELY THIS EVENT HAS BEEN
CANCELLED**

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Tony Slater** 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	1st Monday each month	7.30pm	The Bell	Kristiane 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
Tony's music Quiz	1st Saturday each month	7.30pm	Social Club	In aid of the Cobalt unit
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090



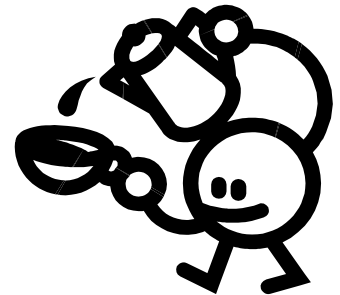
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A Holiday to Remember

JANUARY 2014.

If I tell you I'm sitting, at 3.30 p.m. local time, under the bluest sky imaginable watching a mother and baby kangaroo lying in the shade of some tall gum trees, it won't take long for you to work out where I am. An unbelievable panoramic view all around me, silence broken only by the rather strange bubbling notes of various birds flitting in and out of the surrounding trees and bushes and the rustle of the dry - very dry eucalyptus leaves.

This is Western Australia on January 15th, roughly an hour and a half's drive north of Perth and from where I'm sitting on the veranda of a typical long one-storey Australian house I'm seeing sun-baked slopes most of which are covered in very healthy-looking trees. It is, of course, high summer here and this particular area is fortunate in that, come the winter rains, there are streams running through and the eminently practical farmers of the area have dug catchment ponds to store the water when the rains come. In spite of the arid, dry fields there are sheep and cattle and even a few alpacas grazing on the burnt grass, all looking remarkably healthy and contented.

We took ourselves into Perth on the Sunday morning to the Cathedral to hear the Dean of Perth preach. Not an enormous building but with some lovely stained-glass windows, the colours accentuated by the rays of the summer sun pouring through. The heat, even in the Cathedral, had built up by the time the service was over (the temperature, by the way, had been a fairly consistent 40 degrees centigrade ever since I arrived) so we took ourselves off to an area called Kings Park overlooking the harbour and the forest of skyscrapers built round the magnificent Swan River on which the city of Perth stands. Impressive avenues of eucalyptus trees ran through the Park and one particular avenue had, at the base of each tree, a plaque each with the name of an Australian soldier killed in World War One and, further on, more plaques relating to those who lost their lives in World War Two. A truly moving tribute to these young men.

Tucked away surrounded by the inevitable gum trees, lives a wonderful lady who runs a kangaroo rescue centre about an hour outside Perth. It was still



pretty hot when we arrived so all the kangaroos had retired to what shade they could find - all, that is, except one rather sad little person. A six-month old baby kangaroo, whose mother had been run over with the baby in her pouch. Fortunately, the baby had been rescued and brought to the centre to be looked after but it turned out to be blind. Sadly, vets are unable to cure blindness in kangaroos and as the rescue lady said it would be too unkind

to nurture it and then let it out into the wild where it would inevitably either damage itself or get killed. But it did have a few weeks of its little life living in the care and love of the sanctuary.

Big trip the next day - off down south to the beautiful area of Margaret River, via Fremantle where we arrived, conveniently, at lunchtime. Because of all the fishing done in the area, fish features predominantly on the menus of the many bars and restaurants situated round the harbour so we had a wonderful lunch under the shade of a giant umbrella and watching the ever-changing scene of boats coming and going. Then on to our destination, driving through miles and miles of cattle-country and eventually into the wine-growing district of South West Australia. Vineyard after vineyard with healthy-looking vines laden with grapes took us finally into the small town of Margaret River which consists basically of one wide main street housing a variety of shops and restaurants. We had booked into what turned out to be a very attractive Bed and Breakfast - not realising at the time that it had won the award for the best B and B in the whole of Australia and it was an accolade it richly deserved.



The following day we drove even further south in fact to the southernmost tip of Australia where the 'Indian Ocean meets the Southern Ocean. It's reckoned by mariners to be one of the most dangerous coastlines in the world and looking at it from the safety of dry land, notwithstanding the howling gale practically knocking us off balance, one wouldn't for a moment argue the fact. The spectacular lighthouse, built in 1895 and the tallest in Australia, stands guard over the busy and important Shipping lanes and its flashing light is visible from over 47 kilometres out to sea. Having tasted the force of the wind it was enough to make one realise what it could do to any vessel that ventured too close to the treacherous reefs and rocks below.

After that dramatic spectacle we drove back up the coast and decided a swim would be a really good idea and we found the ideal spot - a lovely beach called Hamelin Bay. Clear, turquoise-blue water and silver white sand kept us very happy for a good hour before it was time to head back to Margaret River. By then it was early evening so we decided to stop along the way and watch the sun going down over the sea - a dramatic sight to end our stay before we returned back north the following day. We decided to have a barbecue supper the following night and invite the neighbouring farmers along - of course no need to have contingency plans in case it rained so we were able to set everything up in advance and I must say eating the locally-reared steaks, hand-made sausages and all the other bits and pieces associated with barbecues did taste just that much better sitting outside on the veranda on a lovely warm

evening watching the stars sparkling against the black velvet night sky. Another perfect end to the day.

Considering the size of the country we seemed to pack in a huge amount of amazingly interesting things to see and places to visit - for instance a silkworm farm, seeing how the silk is made right from the mulberry leaves that the worms feed on to the finished article. We had supper at a local vineyard and drank their delicious wine. We visited what is called in Australia a "Feed Lot" - a cattle station the like of which you can't imagine. 8,000 head of cattle outside in vast pens all looking incredibly healthy and happy in spite of the blazing sun. They had been reared on the large cattle stations of Western Australia and then brought to the Feed Lot where they live for several weeks and achieve the conditions required by the countries to which they will eventually be exported.

Like all holidays, this one came to its end but it would never have happened at all if it hadn't been at the suggestion, a few weeks before Christmas, of John and Liz Bate-Williams. They had already planned to stay at John's stepmother's house and asked me if I would like to join them. So my thanks must go to them for their immense kindness and generosity in looking after me so well. As you can imagine we had lots of laughs. Drove through wonderful scenery and what's more - thanks to John's non-stop photography - we have the pictures to prove it!

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From the Diocesan Messenger (www.gloucester.anglican.org)

District Foodbank By Will Mansell, Project Manager

Did you know that this year the Stroud District Foodbank will feed nearly 4,000 customers?

The Church has always been a friend to those in poverty and this work is continuing in this tradition by working together to meet the needs of people in the Stroud District. Over 60 churches have come together to give food, time and money to make sure that no one in our community goes hungry.

The Foodbank works with care professionals such as health visitors, neighbourhood wardens, Citizens' Advice Bureau and other support organisations who identify people in crisis and send them to local food distribution centres. A person or a family can be given enough food to tide them over for a few days while they sort out their problems.

Volunteers meet clients over a cup of tea and a snack and talk to them about other agencies that can give them help to get back on their feet. It is completely confidential and private.

One recent customer said: "Without the Foodbank I honestly would be struggling. Also it's great to come down and talk about the problems I am experiencing. Just to get things off my chest. A great bunch of people with genuine kindness and warmth, and that goes a long way also.

Sometimes thank you doesn't seem enough."



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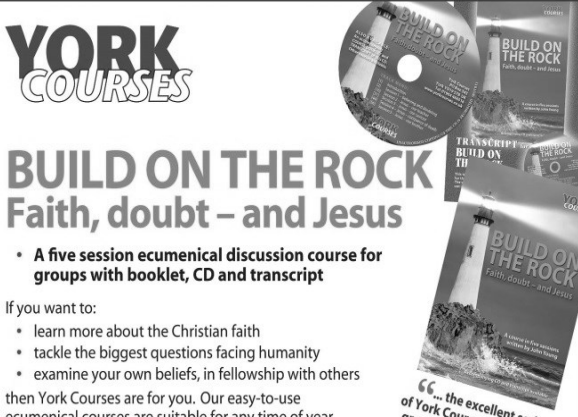
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Dates confirmed as:-
 March 4th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th and 15th
 NOTE there will be no meeting on March 10th
 All at 70 Sandford Leaze come and join in a lively discussion
 at any or all of the meetings.

...look out for the next **BIG** event to hit Avening...

...May 10th ...keep it free... ...f.o.a.s. Events rock...

Friends of Avening Church

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.



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday JUNE 15th 2014

The Old Rectory 60 High Street Garden Open

From 2-00 pm. To 6-00pm



Avening Film Club

Our next film screening will be *Philomena*. We start the showing at 7.30 at Avening Social Club Friday 21st 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

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Kristiane Maseyk

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Down To Earth



Iris reticulata

It is going to be a late start to the gardening year but I guess we'll all be gardening with greater gusto once the conditions improve. Battered by incessant rain, tempestuous winds and hailstorms, crueller by far than gentle snow falls, the plants show a heart-warming pluckiness and resilience. On February 13th my eye was caught by a splash of iridescent violet on the bank; an early iris reticulata. Bulbous perennials, these

grow to about 15cm and flower in early spring, an absolute joy when they suddenly appear. They are also suitable for containers and large pots but need to be planted deep.

I learnt many years ago not to rush into making early sowings. Seeds sown later, when temperatures have risen and the daylight hours are longer, invariably catch up. First on my schedule, now, are broad beans, which come to maturity in June. I sow them individually, and plant them out when about 10 cm tall, discarding any weaklings. For several years I've had good results from Witkiem Manita.

Before the greenhouse fills up with tomato plants, cucumber plants and ever more cuttings and seedlings (my superabundance of aspirations!), there is just time and space to sow some more oriental salad leaves - or 'micro-greens' - in a large seed tray or piece of plastic guttering. Komatsuna, mizuna, rocket and Greek cress are available in packets of mixed seeds and are ready within weeks. Then there is mustard and cress, which we can all sow in small plastic containers (saved from supermarket purchases) on the windowsill. As long as we can remember to sow cress a couple of days earlier than mustard!

Everyone will have been once, at least, to the 'Rococo Garden' at Painswick in February to see the carpets of snowdrops. Charles Hyett, a local lawyer and MP who suffered from asthma, decided to move from his Gloucester house, where plans show a highly individual garden, to a healthier, hillside location, which he named Buenos Aires. It was his son, Benjamin, who set out the landscape garden in miniature in the 1740s, with temples, an exedra and gothic seats. Restoration during the 1980s was made possible thanks to

the existence of a painting by local artist Thomas Robins in 1748. 'The principle aim of a true Rococo layout,' was, in the words of Timothy Mowl (in the Historic Gardens of Gloucestershire) 'to divert, amuse and surprise any visitor with tightly packed events.' A clue to the mood or purpose of the garden, at the time, is perhaps best indicated by the statue of Pan by van Nost , which once stood at the head of the Cold Bath and now stands just inside the visitor entrance. It is known that Hyett junior belonged to a local Gents' Drinking Club. Timothy Mowl wonders: 'whether the mood of a Rococo garden in the middle years of the century may have had a particular appeal to bourgeois men of a free-wheeling sexual disposition.' Hum ...



Thomas Robin's painting of 1748

The twentieth century maze is now fully mature. Designed to commemorate 250 years since the Robins painting in 1998, it is an intriguing three-in-one elaborating cleverly on the figures 250.

The later winter months are a time for pruning many shrubs and roses. Consult the plant label for species-appropriate guide-lines, or, better still, use the RHS website. Don't forget to deal with any congestion at the centre of a shrub, cutting out dead wood and ensuring there are no crossing or rubbing stems. As always, Christopher Lloyd sums it up best: 'I ... strongly recommend discussing each problem out loud with yourself or with the

patient (let's call it, rather than victim). Don't be put off by silly people telling you that talking to yourself is the first sign of madness.' (The Well-tempered Garden).

Happy gardening! When spring weather finally arrives, we'll need to get our skates on - or should that be 'flippers'!

Marilyn Jones



Maze at Painswick Garden



Avening Primary School

RIVER RECOUNTS

This month's article is written entirely by pupils from the Hawks class (Years 3 and 4). The children followed the Severn from its source in Cherington right the way through to the estuary. Here you can read the detailed accounts of three of the class members:

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Our River Trip

On Monday 10 of February the Hawks went to see the source of the River Severn.

First we went to Cherington to see the source of the stream that goes through our school. It was very, very flooded and wet. We saw lots of water and it looked like a flood plain. The source meandered out and in, curving like a snake moving up to the lake. We saw lots of huge moving rapids.



Next we went to Longford Mills, where Mrs Amos lives. It was an amazing sight. We saw some swans but they didn't look very happy with the noise, so we had to move on. We saw this thing that pumped the water out. Then we saw this thunderous crashing rippling water fall. It was like horses gushing down and colliding at the bottom.

Finally we got to the River Severn and what an amazing sight. You could see it meandering. It was a colossal worm bending in and out. It was metallic blue when the sun reflected off it. It was wonderful to feel that our stream ends there.

I really liked the trip. It was the best trip ever because we got to go outside and get wet!

By Jake

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Our trip to the River Severn

On Monday the 10th of February 2014 the Hawks went to see the River Severn.

First we drove in a mini bus to see Cherington Lake. When we got there we had to walk through lots of dark, bronze coloured water and then very

squelchy mud and we all got soaked!

Next we went to Longford Mills where Mrs Amos lives. We saw a very pretty fast flowing white waterfall and a bright shiny diamond blue lake. But we only had permission to go there because Mrs Amos lives there. There was also two very angry swans!

Finally we got to the River Severn and it was amazing! It was so, so, so big and it got even bigger round the corner. It was a sparkling diamond blue colour and it was really, really pretty! It also meandered beautifully!

The trip was amazing and I learned loads. It was also so fun like when we walked through all the water and mud. We all had a great time, I hope we can go again. My mum said that she enjoyed it too!

By Lana

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River Severn Trip

River Severn

The Hawks on Monday went to the River Severn for the trip, because we were learning about rivers.

Cherington Lake

The Hawks on Monday went to Cherington Lake for the trip. The Cherington Lake was flooded because of all the rain.

Mrs A's House

Next we all went to Mrs Amos's house because she had a beautiful waterfall, lake and swans.

Sainsbury's

Sainsbury's had a stream that is attached to our stream and there are rapids.

River Severn

It was very wide and beautiful because it was a sunny day. It was very wide because of the weather and it was very good. It was FANTASTIC!

By Joseph



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



Avening Book Club

The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri

Subhash and Udayan are inseparable from young; everywhere one brother goes the other follows. Despite Subhash being the elder it is Udayan that leads their adventures and governs their time. The parents collude in this power structure, keeping Subhash back from school until Udayan is old enough to go too. Udayan is the parent's clear favourite and when he makes a footprint in the forbidden area of the newly concreted path, rather than being admonished he is celebrated for it and the footprint becomes a talking point.

As they grow older their lives begin to take very different paths. In 1967 Udayan becomes strongly and passionately involved in the Naxalite cause and the Communist movement. Subhash is quietly and resolutely academic and embarks on a PhD on Rhode Island USA. Although Subhash never sees his brother again and never lives in India again, his life becomes deeply embroiled and shaped by his brother's actions and the consequences which in turn have huge consequences for him.

This is our penultimate Man Booker Shortlisted novel and the response to the book was quite varied. Some of the group really enjoyed this novel and thought it was perhaps their favourite so far; they enjoyed the quietness of the prose and the characters. Others found the style of writing lacking in warmth and the characters stilted. The ideas behind the story are very promising, but the execution seemed dull. Lahiri does a good job at explaining the characters' feelings of isolation and entrapment but she never

expounds on any deeper feelings they may have had, or any real connections they could have had with one another.

Our next and final Man Booker finalist is **Harvest by Jim Grace**. **Monday 3rd March 7.30 at The Bell.**

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At our February meeting the speaker was Alan Hudson giving us a fascinating account of the history of tea. Alan had worked for many years for Twynings a major tea importer. The Twyning family hailed from Painswick and many of the family are buried in Painswick churchyard.

The first tea reached British shores around 1660 after it had become a fashionable drink in Holland and Portugal. Catherine of Braganza the Portuguese wife of Charles 2nd was a great tea drinker and it was her influence that introduced the new beverage to high society in Britain. Attempts to tax tea heavily created a problem not only with smuggling but also caused the famous Boston Tea Party when the protesting Bostonians tipped a cargo of tea into the harbour. This event escalated problems between Britain and America resulting in the American Civil War.

The consumption of tea is currently in decline probably as the result of the large increase in numbers of coffee shops but is still drunk in vast quantities particularly in Britain.

A number of members will be attending the Annual Council Meeting in Cheltenham this coming month. We usually have excellent speakers at this event so we are looking forward to it. We are working on a programme of events including lunches out and a craft day.

We will be holding another Fun Quiz at the Social Club on 4th April. This is a very popular event with villagers and friends and there will be a ploughman's supper during the evening. Please make a note in your diary and get together a team of 4. There will be prizes for the winners.

Finally we would like to add our congratulations to Georgie Edmunds on reaching her 100th birthday. Georgie was president of the Avening W.I. for a staggering 18 consecutive years.

Gwyneth Simpson



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On arrival after finding their name and hanging up their coats the children congregate on the carpet. They choose a book to look at either on their own or with a friend. They can choose to listen to a story read to them by one of the Playgroup staff who are sitting on the carpet also.

Once the children have all arrived they sit on an oval carpet with the staff. There are 20 circles around the outside each having a picture of an animal. We then sing our 'hello' song and the children get to share any news from home or any achievements which are often written on a wow voucher. The children take turns in counting the children and then all sing the days of the week song.

After this the children then go into their key groups with their key worker and take part in an activity which has been planned for them. These activities are based on the children interests and help them to develop the skills they need to progression their learning and development. Each child has their own key worker who gets to know them very well. The key worker will keep a record through observation and photographs of the children which are put into each child's learning journey. Parents look at these and then get to keep them when the child leaves. We are very lucky that all our staff are trained to level 3 or above and have had many years experience working with pre school children.

Also the Playgroup has a wide variety of toys and equipment to play with. The staff do play alongside them helping to develop their communications skills, understanding and supporting them to help build good friendships.

Once the children have tidied up they take part in a short exercise session to a piece of music which is called physi-gym.

They then sit down to a healthy snack of fruit vegetables and toast. They learn important skills of turn taking, sharing, making conversations and being independent. Also developing numbers through counting the children and fetching the correct number of plates, cups and knives (plastic of course!!).

After snack time the children all take part in a letters and sounds activity. These activities are designed to help develop the use of understanding of language ready for when they start school. Our older children then do some drawings and the younger children get ready to go outside.

All of the children then play outside. Despite all the rain we have been having the children manage to dodge the showers and make the most of our fantastic outdoor area. We then read the children a story inside before being collected and taken home.

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Abigail Harness

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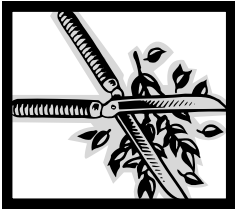
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He chose instead, however, to serve his country in the US Army Air Corps, in which he rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel at the age of 28. On several occasions he just failed to win the Schneider Trophy in experimental aircraft of his own design.

His tragically early death in 1932 at the age of 35, came during an attempt to land his single-seater Curtis biplane on the summit of Mount Everest!!

He was much admired by the Army Air Corps who, through the use of his name, made it an expression of excellence with acts or equipment were described as "a real Humdinger" - used lately by BBC Television commentator Steve Cram during the Winter Olympics Curling competition.

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The programme runs from Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th May and promises a very full programme of entertainment and activities to appeal to everyone. If jazz is your thing, we have the world class jazz vocalist, Jacqui Dankworth. If you're more into classical music come and see the acclaimed young classical violinist Tamsin Waley-Cohen and the Honeymeade Ensemble or if you're into folk there's John Smith, the guitar man from Devon. To complete the musical line up, the Aberdeen Fellowship Gospel Choir will be performing in St George's Church. On the literary side, local author MC Beaton will be giving a talk and Bristol Old Vic Theatre School will perform 'Sauce for the Goose' by George Feydeau. Finally, slapstick clowning, suitable for all ages, will be provided by Le Navet Bête in their show 'Once Upon a Time in a Western'.

The special 'war and peace' events include the film 'Severn and Somme' alongside poetry readings, exhibitions at the Quaker Meeting House and Comrade's Club and a 'War and Peace' walk, in conjunction with the Nailsworth Health Partnership.

We are also pleased to announce a new event involving Barton End Equestrian Centre. 'Riding the Bounds' will take place on Saturday 24th May when a cavalcade of horse riders will track the boundary of Nailsworth Town, covering a distance of about nine miles.

Go to www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk for full details or get hold of a festival brochure from the Town Information Centre (where you can also buy tickets), the library or any of a number of shops in the town.

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Aileen, the Avening Village Agent will be holding her 'drop-in' sessions as usual and will be with us 11th & 25th March. If you need information or help to access services come in for a chat.

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 27th March.**

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS: 2.30pm. Tetbury Tesco.

FRIDAYS: 10.30am. trips: **Yate, 7th March**

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Decided applications:

13/04868/FUL **Grain Barn – Cherington Lane**. This application has been withdrawn.

3/05329 **Coach House** – Change of land from agricultural to residential and installation of tennis court. This was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on February 4th.

Decision from CDC on 13th February – application permitted

For further information and details of planning applications please visit planning@cotswold.gov.uk

Litter pick – Saturday 8th March 2014 – 9.45am – Village Hall

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If you fancy getting involved please meet at the village hall at 9.45am for a 10am start.

Dates of Parish Council meetings for 2014

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday April 1st at 6.30pm
Further dates are: June 3rd, August 5th, October 7th and December 2nd.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend parish meetings. If you have any concerns, issues, queries or comments you would like to make relating to the Parish then please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk.

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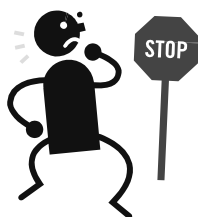
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The next meeting of **Avening Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday 20 March 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall**. Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month. **All Are Welcome.**

The Parish Council address is:

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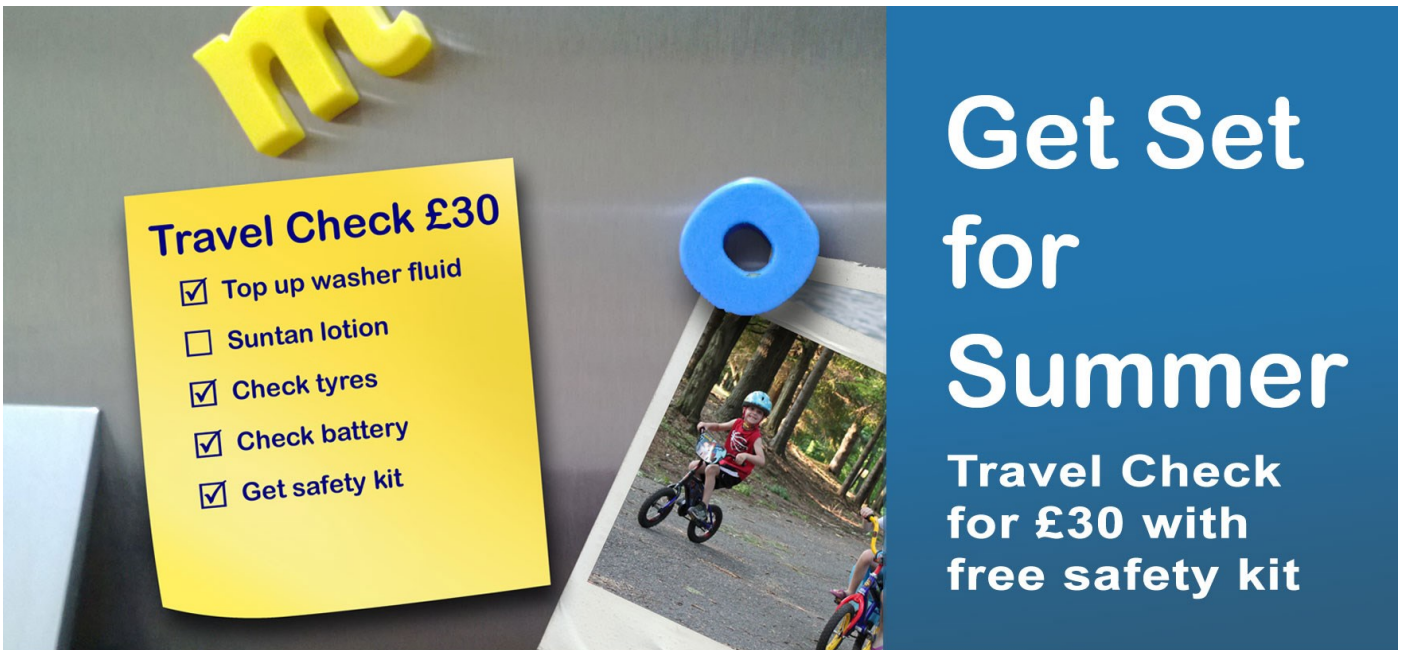
The April visit will be on 22nd in Avening from 2.30pm to 3.15pm and Cherington 3.30 to 4.00pm.

Useful Telephone Numbers

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Dates for your Diary

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Saturday 8th March	Quiz Night in aid of Cherington church	CANCELLED	
Saturday 8th March	Village Litter Pick	Meet at Village Hall	Meet 9.45 for 10.00am start
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
Tuesday 18th March	2nd Lent Discussion meetings	tba	7.30 pm
Friday 21st March	Avening Film Club (showing 'Philomena')	Avening Social Club	7.30 pm
Sunday 30th March	Mothering Sunday	Churches	
Monday 31st March	Licensing Service for Rev Poppy Hughes & Rev Peter Quinnell	Holy Cross Church Avening	7.00pm
Saturday 5th April	Concert: Angelico Singers	St Nicholas Church Cherington	6.30 for 7.00pm
Thursday 22nd May	Avening Annual Village Meeting	Memorial Hall	tba
Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th May	Nailsworth Festival	All around Nailsworth	Various
Sunday June 1st	Village Fete	In and around the Church and school	2-00 pm.



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