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A belated happy new year to all!

The free to all households Villager Magazine is celebrating its first birthday! Many thanks to all our contributors, photographers and helpers and everyone who has made this possible, particularly the Parish Councils and Church Councils for their financial help and ongoing support and encouragement.

We hope you like the magazine, but if you have any comments, or complaints, or ideas for new columns, please let us know. We'd also like to hear about your events — not just village celebrations, but personal ones like weddings and graduations and new babies. We also love getting photos of events — don't assume someone else has taken them, send in yours. We hear about lots of great things going on, but the reports would be so much more fun with a photo or two.

*The Villager Editors*

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Many thanks to **Nigel Bowsher** 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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## Cherington's Christingle Service and Lighting the Christmas Tree

Another wondrous occasion at St. Nicholas for the Christingle Story to be told once more, in early December 2015. The huge support and enthusiasm to participate from so many families is greatly appreciated. There were thirty children - coming from outlying farms in the parish and from Avening. The church, filled



to the brim with people, glowed with candles – a truly wonderful atmosphere of anticipation of Christmas. That morning they had gathered in the Village Hall to help Christine Williams with the making of the Christingles and to learn their parts in turn to tell the Christingle Story, which was beautifully done. Canon Michael Irving presided over this charming service which, thanks to Christine, succeeded so well in drawing families together in our church at the start of the Christmas season.



Then on to the Green to Light the Tree, (kindly given by Michael Mitchell) for a welcome glass of mulled wine to sing our first Christmas carols.

*Liz Workman*

# 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<br>01453 833760        |
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| Cherington PC               | 4th Tuesday<br>Bi-monthly                      | 6.30pm          | Village Hall      | Frances<br>01453767384     |
| Baby and Toddler Group      | Tuesday  | 1.30 - 3.00pm   | Avening Playgroup |                            |
| Youth Club                  | Tuesday  | 6.15 - 7.45pm   | Memorial Hall     | Cassie 01453<br>834182     |
| Bell Ringing                | Tuesday  | 7.30pm - 9.00pm | Church Bell Tower | Steve<br>07807 700004      |
| Line Dancing                | Tuesday  | 7.45 - 10.30pm  | Social Club       | Mel<br>01453 833760        |
| Yoga                        | Wednesday                                      | 7.30pm - 9.00pm | Memorial Hall     | Elles<br>0781 555 2952     |
| Over 60s Lunch Club         | 1st Wednesday<br>each month                    | 12.30pm         | Social Club       | Christine<br>01453 833246  |
| Dial-a-Ride                 | Thursday                                       | 9.30am          |                   | Liz Truman<br>01666 502514 |
| WI                          | 2nd Thursday each<br>month                     | 7.30pm          | Memorial Hall     | Maisie<br>01453 834679     |
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| Avening Art and Craft Group | Thursday                                       | 10.00am         | Longmans Barn     | Mick<br>01453 836318       |
| Avening Angels Choir        | Sunday   | 4-30pm          | Various           | Derrick<br>01453 835090    |

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# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



We're now well into the new year, but I'd like to start by reflecting on events over Christmas. Many of us were involved in organising shows, fund raising sales, and events; and who could have missed Father Christmas on the music bus! On behalf of the village, a big THANK YOU to everyone who gave up their time at such a busy period. The tree proved to be very popular, and it was great that people added their own decorations. We didn't make a fuss when we put it up as we weren't sure about the logistics, but this year we will make it a proper event with carol singing (Avening Angels we need you!), and a big switch on event.

It was soon back to business though, and I am pleased to confirm that we have a new management committee for the village hall. This will take a great deal of pressure away from the PC meetings, and enable us to move on to the next priorities. It's also good to see that other organisations are moving ahead after some difficult times, thanks to the dedication of the people involved.

You will no doubt be aware of the problems on some of our roads – the flooding at either end of the village, and the particularly bad state of the Nags Head lane. There are also a number of drains blocked, which doesn't help the situation. We are constantly pressuring Highways to rectify these issues, and have the support of our County Councillor to get them resolved as soon as possible.

What do you think of our refuse services? I've never liked the blue bags for cardboard as they are almost impossible to fill single handed; and think the 'slop buckets' are far too small for a family. I'd love to get your views so that I can talk to CDC about possible improvements. I can't promise anything, but do let me know via the clerk, or direct at [tony.slater@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:tony.slater@avening-pc.gov.uk).

We have lost a number of familiar faces in the entertainment world recently, and also well-loved friends in the village. Our thoughts are with their families.

***Tony Slater, Chairman, Avening Parish Council***

Sylvia Fletcher would like to add fond memories of her late husband, Basil and thank her family and friends for their good wishes on her birthday in December



# Letter from the Parish Priest



This month we say goodbye to Canon Michael Irving, who has done such wonderful work in supporting our ministry here since Easter last year. I know you will join me in sending him many thanks for all he has done in serving the church and the community. And please do say hello to The Revd Chris Blockley when you see him – Chris will be on hand to help over the next few months.

Now ... here's a nice story.

One Sunday a mother shakes her son awake, telling him it was time to go to church. No response. Ten minutes later she is back: "Get up now, and go to church." "But mum, I don't want to. Why should I go to church – why should I bother?" Her reply: "Two reasons. Firstly, you know you should go to church on Sunday - and secondly, you're the Bishop!"

I found this story in a book by a Dominican Friar, Timothy Radcliffe called "Why go to church?" And it's a good question, isn't it? Many of us connect with God in lots of ways that don't involve church - from standing awed by a beautiful sunset to being overwhelmed by the wonder of life as we hold a new-born child. It puts us in touch with something spiritual - something beyond ourselves that might inspire us, or give us a sense of deep peace. Yet Timothy Radcliffe argues that being a Christian without going to church is like trying to play football on your own.

As a church community this Lent, we will be exploring all of these questions in our house group, meeting on Monday nights – more information available in church. In addition, we have special Church services all through Lent. It all begins on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, at 7pm at the Church of the Holy Cross. This is our Ash Wednesday service, when we keep the centuries-old tradition where people are invited forward, for their foreheads to be marked in ash with the Sign of the Cross. We do this to show our sorrow at all we have done that hurts others and our relationship with God, and our asking for forgiveness.

Then, each Sunday, our services at 9.30am in Cherington and 11am in Avening will mark the journey through Lent. All this activity is about preparing ourselves for the events leading up to Holy Week, and Easter Day itself. More in the next edition of the Villager.

Until then, with love and prayers,

***Poppy, Parish Priest,  
Benefices of Avening with Cherington, Tetbury, Beverston, Long  
Newnton and Shipton Moyne***



## MARY'S COFFEE MORNING

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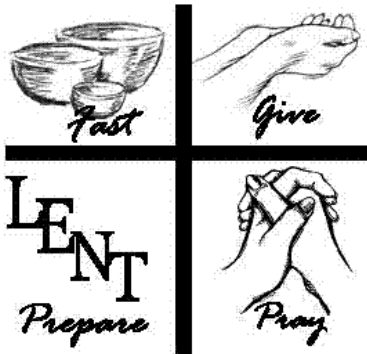
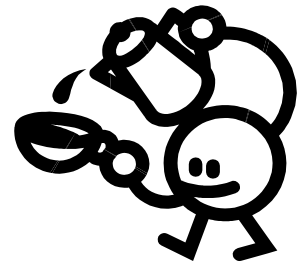
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“WHY GO TO CHURCH”

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Avening Tree Surgeon Piers Hansen at work on the large oak tree in the churchyard.

*Many thanks to Ian Macdonald for this photo*

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**Cherington Village Hall  
Wednesday 6th April**

**Further details in the March Villager magazine**

## Avening W.I.

We are starting 2016 with an excellent programme of speakers for the year. We will be making other plans for outings walks and activities as we go along.

We had a fun filled December with our usual Christmas lunch, party and County carol concert. The star turn at the concert this year was the talented young soprano Laura Wright. The support act was equally as good. A 17 year old pupil from Pates School, Freya, played the marimba and clarinet playing music some of which she had composed herself. Freya is also head chorister at Tewkesbury Abbey. She must be one to watch for the future.

At our January meeting our speaker was Di Wall one of our members who is an expert on local social history. She gave a most interesting illustrated talk about Victorian childhood.

Unfortunately we failed to win the final in the skittles plate competition. The opposing team from Sandhurst near Gloucester were a friendly group and we have offered to host a return friendly match.

We are holding another one of our popular quizzes for the village on 18<sup>th</sup> March at the Social Club. Please put the date in your diary and find a team of four for a fun evening.



At the end of November Avening W.I.'s longest serving (15 consecutive years) president, Georgie Edmunds, died at the grand age of 101. A long term resident of Avening, Georgie spent the last 11 years of her life at Ilsom House near Tetbury. The photo believed to be taken during the 1960s shows Georgie in the centre surrounded by W.I. members.

***Gwyneth Simpson***

In memory of Georgie Edmunds, we have printed here a small article about her, first published in 2014 to commemorate her 100th birthday

## 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.





# Avening School

## Back to School with a Hop, Skip and a Jump!

We are only weeks into the spring term and already Avening Sports Stars are bringing home the trophies! During the first week back after the Christmas holidays our school won third place overall in a local swimming gala and many of our swimmers won individual medals. In the same week, the Hawks class (Y3/4) displayed their gymnastics skills at SWR alongside other local primary schools. Two weeks later, our team of budding young athletes competed in the final of the Sports Halls Athletics tournament, where they won the bronze medal! An incredible start to the year!

January is always an exciting time for members of our school choir as the annual Young Voices concert takes place. Held at Birmingham NEC, the concert draws in schools from miles around, with thousands of children taking part each night. This year the choir sang an eclectic mix of songs ranging from soul classics to a Madness medley. The children (from Y4, 5 and 6) behaved impeccably during the long afternoon rehearsal and sang sensationally on the night, making the whole school very proud. There was also a special treat in store for fans of Blue Peter, when Barney, one of its presenters made a guest appearance during the rehearsal.

There was much excitement all around and quite a lot of very loud cheering!



*Enjoying the learning garden*

A new term means new topics for each class to get their teeth into. The Kestrels Class (Y1/2) will be keeping fit with their term topic 'I like to move it', while the Hawks class (Y3/4) will be exploring 'Rivers and Mountains' with an expedition following the Aven stream in Cherington all the way to the River Severn at the end of January. While the Hawks get their feet wet, the Owls will be journeying to a warmer climate in their term topic 'Hola Mexico'!

As we creep closer towards Spring, our very own outdoor classroom is

beginning to evolve; going from a muddy garden to an area on the brink of a colour explosion. With its own fire pit and canopied area, the learning garden has developed over the past year to become a constantly used and much enjoyed outdoor resource.

FOAS are starting to plan some exciting fundraising events for the year ahead. Watch this space for further details on our Village dinosaur hunt, coming soon!!!

The School library is thinking ahead for World Book Day in March when we plan to celebrate all things literary with competitions and a bookstall.

Our weekly pre-school session Fledglings starts again this month with a change of day – now Monday afternoons each week from 2-3pm. If you would like more information on this please contact the school office.

***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)) which is updated often. In particular take a look at the interesting introduction to all our staff – with pictures courtesy of the children!***

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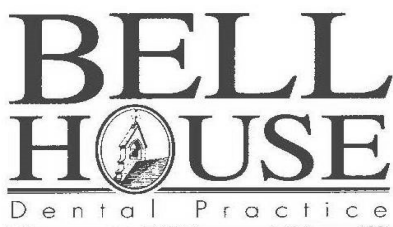
# POPPY APPEAL

Bob and Kim Pittam would like to say a big thank you to all our door-to-door collectors, the pubs, Avening Social Club, the Golf club, the church congregation and all the people who purchased wreaths and poppies. Without you we would not have managed to raise £1,176.57; so once again, thank you.

In addition, if anyone is interested, we are four collectors down, so are looking for additional people to help next year. It only involves a couple of hours collecting. If you would like to know more, please ring Bob on 07766609773.

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## **Tempting Treats at Toad Hall**

The July Cherington Show has always been blessed with good weather - maybe not wall-to-wall bright sunshine but never the grey skies, strong winds and virtually non-stop rain that descended on the 2015 Show day. We were all full of admiration for the many loyal, stalwart people who turned up in spite of the weather but it did mean that our takings for the day were definitely down.

Some weeks later, over lunch, Kate Gegg, Liz Bate-Williams and I had the inspiration, rightly or wrongly, to put on a sale and try to recoup some of the losses made. The inevitable lists were drawn up and the action began. Where were we going to hold it?... Thanks to the generosity of Mike and Fiona Mitchell, the ideal place was offered - namely Toad Hall, Trull, part of the Parish of Cherington. To keep clear of all the other pre-Christmas sales in the area we settled on Tuesday, 8th December.

Toad Hall couldn't have been a more ideal place - plenty of room inside and, most importantly, plenty of parking space and, of course, the very name gave us huge scope to come up with some really fun, brightly-coloured posters which Liz, with her artistic skills, designed. Then we had to work out what we were going to sell. We needed a good cross-section of items and as time went on we realised we had the makings of a really fabulous collection of interesting and unusual stalls ranging from jewellery, scarves, beautiful water-colours and photo-frames to home-made jams and chutneys, hand-knitted garments, gourmet food and pots of indoor and outdoor bulbs.

By the time we'd set up most of the goods on the Monday evening, Toad Hall did indeed look like a veritable Aladdin's Cave. All we needed now was the footfall through the door the next day - and that's exactly what we got. Like the three of us, the stall-holders were somewhat apprehensive as to how many people might come along but we needn't have worried. Added to the goods on sale and a plentiful supply of tea and coffee, we had an amazing raffle which consisted of a hamper full of items from each of the stalls. An exceptional prize and much appreciated by the delighted winner.

So, 4.00 pm came and the doors closed. Toad Hall looked quite depleted of its contents but, needless to say, the stallholders were delighted, as indeed were we. Having taken a gamble on the event we felt it had definitely been a very worthwhile operation for all sorts of reasons. The whole day had such a good feel about it and our happy stallholders said if we thought of doing a repeat performance in 2016 they would love to be part of it again. The feedback we had from people who came was extremely positive - the plus sides being lots of car-parking space, lots of room to move about inside and a really good atmosphere. Who knows - it may happen again in 2016. Watch this space.

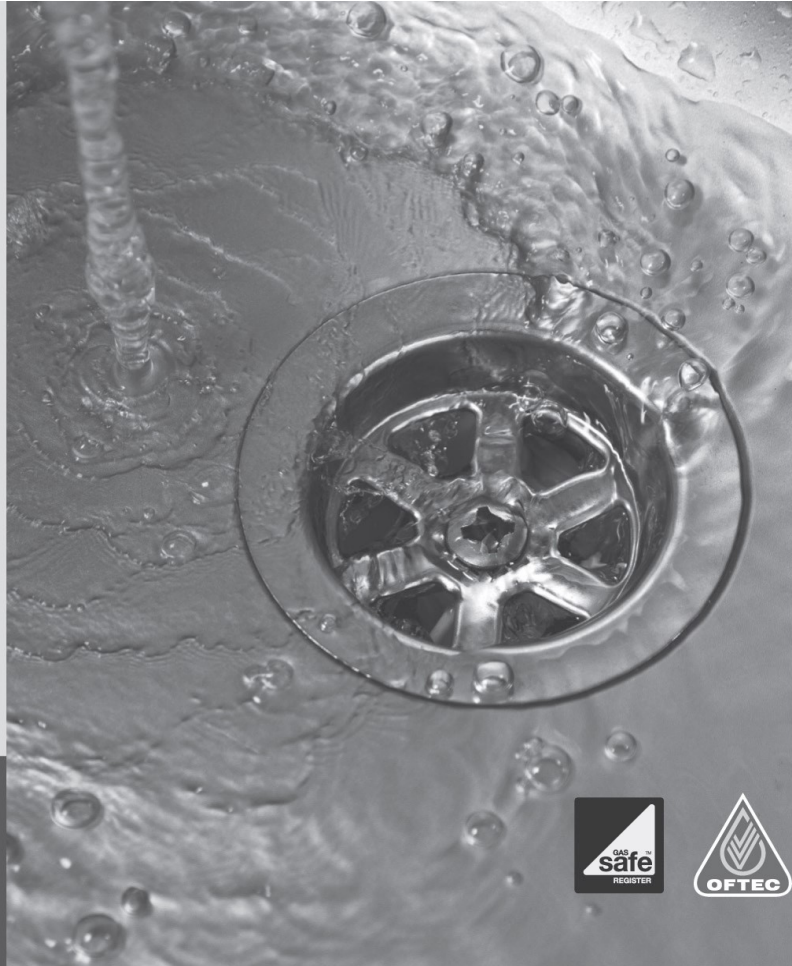
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No-one likes the thought of dying, so it's hardly surprising that almost 3 out of 5 UK adults don't have a valid Will (*source: www.unbiased.co.uk 2010*). Yet having one is one of the most important arrangements you can make during your lifetime.

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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# Elsie's FGR Experience

## Forest Green Rovers vs Torquay

Some of you may wonder what an ambassador like me does at Forest Green Rovers. Well, my role is to promote FGR in my local area and my school. I put up posters with the upcoming home games on and I give out fixture cards and vouchers. I also do an extra job by writing reports for you on recent Forest Green matches. By promoting the club, we are rewarded by being able to walk out with the team onto the pitch, meet the players and get their autographs, we also get a season ticket and a FGR shirt. I am honoured to be an ambassador and I am having a great time playing my part for the club. Hope you enjoy my latest report!

After Forest Green's defeat against Torquay away on Boxing Day, they were seeking revenge when they played Torquay at the new lawn on New Year's Day. As soon as we came into the stadium we heard the sound of a drum from the away stand. You could tell that they were getting confident that they were going to win but the game hadn't even started yet.

A short while later the game began and Torquay were starting strong even though they seemed to like being violent more than playing football. Every time Forest Green tried to attack it just kept backfiring but with the fans support it kept them going. A group of fans sang the same chant for 15 minutes straight and FGR had a couple of really close shots but they were blocked by Torquay's defenders.

A couple minutes later Torquay were given a throw in and when the player went to throw it, it slipped out of his hands behind him and the whole of the East stand stood up and cheered in sync, "WAYYYYYYYYY!" For me it was hilarious especially as the Torquay player was standing right in front of us. Suddenly Torquay had a great run and almost scored but it was a great save by Steve Arnold. By now tensions had grown high and there was a lot more pushing on the pitch.

It was the second half and still no goals until Torquay scored in the 48<sup>th</sup> minute with a sharp finish at the far post. However, this made Forest Green even more determined and they were playing even better. Kurtis Guthrie and Keanu Marsh-Brown came on and immediately made an impact. Minutes later Kurtis headed in Keanu's free kick, levelling the score. A little while later FGR were given a penalty on 81mins and Darren Carter smashed it in making it 2-1. They didn't stop there though there was still time for a fantastic strike by Keanu Marsh-Brown - 3-1!

The final whistle blew with Keanu Marsh-Brown as man of the match in front of an attendance of 1,907. Overall a great match to win leaving all the Forest Green supporters very proud. Hope to see you at the up and coming fixtures supporting the Rovers.

COME ON YOU ROVERS!!!!!!!

*Elsie*

# Baby and Toddler Group!

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The NHS in Gloucestershire is launching its Winter ASAP (Choose Well) public information campaign this week. The campaign targets adults and parents of young children with advice on what to do if they are ill or injured and are unsure where to turn.

The promotional material encourages them to check out the **App**, **Search** the website, **Ask** NHS 111 or pop in to their local **Pharmacy**. Pharmacists can also offer advice on whether or not people need to use other NHS services. The ASAP website and App allows users to 'Search by Service' or 'Search by Condition' – providing a step-by-step guide through symptoms, self-care and signposting to the appropriate NHS service/s. They can also find opening hours and service location information.

Local people are encouraged to add the website [www.asapglos.nhs.uk](http://www.asapglos.nhs.uk) to their favourites and download the App free from the App store (ASAP Glos NHS). People can also follow the campaign on social media, via Facebook (ASAP Gloucestershire NHS) and Twitter ([@ASAPGlosNHS](https://twitter.com/ASAPGlosNHS)). If local organisations and groups are willing to support the campaign through display of web banners or posters, distribution of leaflets or flyers or by including an article in their publications, they can contact: [GLCCG.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:GLCCG.enquiries@nhs.net)



## **New web-site for Tetbury Hospital**

Tetbury Hospital has a new website for 2016.

[www.tetburyhospital.co.uk](http://www.tetburyhospital.co.uk) contains key information about all the services provided by the Hospital – minor injuries, out-patients services, day surgeries, physiotherapy and private healthcare.

On the home page there is also a video introduction by hospital Chief Executive Zena Dalton together with an-to-view overview of the services provided. Another video opens up to provide a virtual tour of the hospital's facilities enabling patients and visitors to see the hospital for themselves before they attend. Most of the pages dealing with specific services also have a video giving more information about that particular department.

Comments Chief Executive Zena Dalton "The new website has been developed to contain the most useful information for our patients, visitors and healthcare professionals. Its easy-to-use pages detail clinical information which is really helpful for patients. The Friends of Tetbury Hospital section of the website promotes up-and-coming fundraising events and gives diary dates for our community to enjoy themselves whilst raising money for our Charity".

Take the time to visit [www.tetburyhospital.co.uk](http://www.tetburyhospital.co.uk) and get a complete picture of the wide range of services provided at our local Hospital.

**The Friends of Tetbury Hospital editorial contact is Nicky Gordon who can be contacted on 07734 968749 or at [nic@gordonassociates.co.uk](mailto:nic@gordonassociates.co.uk).**

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# Avening Playgroup

We would like to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year and thank everyone who supported us by donating goods, or coming to our bazaar in December which raised nearly £1000 for playgroup. We were very lucky to have a beautiful rain free evening for Santas float. It was lovely to see so many excited children (and adults!), come out to wave at Father Christmas. The float raised a fantastic total of £382.32 which will be shared between Playgroup and Cancer Research UK . We are very grateful to Simon Harwood who makes this event possible.

We have a new collection bank for old clothing. If you are having a clear out and can bring your old clothes to playgroup any morning that we are open we would be very grateful.

The children were delighted to be back with their friends after the Christmas break. The new children who have joined us have been settling in very well.

We have recently bought some walkie-talkie phones which the children have really enjoyed using, talking loudly to one another whilst walking around the playgroup. They are a popular way of encouraging the children to develop their language skills, and also familiarises them with colour and shape too. We have also bought some pebbles with alphabet letters on, and sand paper letters and an alphabet outdoor frieze which all help to familiarise the children with letters and what they look like as they play.

At playgroup we like to support students who would like to work with children. This year we have had a student from Stroud College for a week's experience, have a student from PATA who comes one day each week and will be having a pupil from Sir William Romney's School joining us for a week's work experience in July.

Toddlers is continuing to run on a Tuesday from 1.30 to 3.00 led by Angie a member of playgroup staff. Parents and carers are welcome to join us with their babies and pre-school children.

If you would like your child to join our happy playgroup please ring on any morning on 01453 832695 or email us on [aveningplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.com).

***Debbie Brown***

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THE DATE:- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 PM

PLACE:- VILLAGE HALL

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## Cinema Club

The film to be shown on Tuesday 9th February at 7.30pm at the Social Club, Avening is the much acclaimed

### Suffragette

Starring Meryl Streep, Carey Mulligan, Anne-Marie Duff, Helena Bonham Carter

#### Dates for your diaries for the Film Club in 2016:

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Jan; Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb; Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar; Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Apr; Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May; Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June; Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July; Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sept; Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Oct; Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

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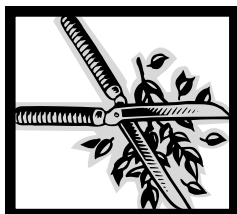
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# Down to Earth



*The gardens at Villa Gamberia*

As my friends know, I have no great enthusiasm for television, but in this instance I think the BBC has got it right. In on-screen entertainment there can be no better antidote for winter despondency than the current rerun of Monty Don's Italian Gardens. (Catch it on iplayer.) Let him lead you, under translucent blue skies (and, on occasion, dripping

rain) through gardens of grandeur and harmony to revelations that delight and surprise – and be reminded, simultaneously, of how much garden design is re-invention. The great Renaissance gardens of the sixteenth century took their inspiration from gardens such as the Emperor Hadrian's Villa at Tivoli. In the early twentieth century, British and American ex-pats, such as Bernard Berenson, Iris Origo, Florence Blood and Cecil Pinsent came along – and were inspired to create and *re-create* at gardens such as I Tatti, La Foce and Villa Gamberaia. (Indeed, one of our garden designers, here in Avening, revealed that she was inspired by Harold Peto's Italianate garden at Iford Manor, just south of Bath).

Of course, many of the great eighteenth century landscape gardens here were inspired by what the 'gentlemen gardeners' had seen on the Grand Tour. (One of the first was Rousham, just over the border in Oxfordshire.) A particular feature, which became very much a 'must-have' garden accessory, was the grotto. In the second episode, Monty Don visits the grottos of Villa Castello, just outside

Florence, then the Boboli Gardens, behind the Pitti Palace. A crystal grotto which has been meticulously restored is the one at Painshill, a landscape garden (south London, just inside the M25) created by the Hon Charles Hamilton in around 1750 and rescued from overgrowth and dereliction in recent years by a dedicated group of Friends. My Assistant Gardener and I took the



*Painshill crystal grotto*

opportunity of a Christmas special event, a night-time Festive Walk by - er - fairy lights, to enter the grotto, lit by candles and gaze in wonder – just as the visitors in the eighteenth century would have done. The garden is open all year but the grotto only occasionally. Next up is a 'Valentine's Grotto Experience' (!), the price to include: 'a glass of Painshill Sparkling Wine, a chocolate heart and a red rose'. **'Adults only'**. Hmm. Could be good ...

At last the 'cold snap' - as the weathermen call it - has arrived and plants and trees have entered their dormancy. (Well, wouldn't you too feel like going to sleep and waking up in spring?) The ideal time for winter pruning. Do take some plant-specific advice and, as the RHS say on their web-site, if the heap of prunings grows too big: STOP! My constant refrain to my AG is: 'Think about what you're doing.' Shape and rejuvenate. Cut out some old growth and stimulate extra new growth by cutting back by a third or to a bud. But not in all cases. Some shrubs do not take kindly to having limbs severed – and some respond to being cut down to base. (It takes all sorts ...) If in doubt, look it up.

I was fascinated to read a recent BBC report about the pollution-busting properties of house plants. Apparently, air fresheners, body sprays and scented cleaning products emit limonene which can, and does, combine with ozone to create the carcinogenic formaldehyde. (Well, did anyone really think that so-called air fresheners with names like 'Pine Forest' and 'Sea Mist' - my inventions, to avoid libel - could be anything but chemical cocktails?) It has been discovered that house plants, in particular English ivy (*hedera helix*), geraniums and lavender, can absorb formaldehyde. So I sit here with a red-flowering geranium beside my laptop, though I shall swap it for another from the conservatory in a day or too, just to prevent its demise from lack of light and overwork. (From absorbing all that formaldehyde. Well, seriously ... just in case.) There is plenty of information out there.



*Pollution busting geranium*

Let us now be thankful for all those flowers and green shoots that defy 'the elements' gratuitous rampagings' – in the words of Richard Mabey in my treasured Christmas present book: 'Turned out nice again: Living with the Weather'.

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# Diary of a Self-Build Part 13

Well, we made it... Just! The sale of our old house went through smoothly, and although we could have done with another couple of weeks to progress the build, we were in for Christmas. I moved in initially, with no heat, not much light, and no front door; and Mandy joined me a few days later. There was a lot of mess, and a lot of dust, as we were effectively in a building site, but over the following weeks more and more was connected, and we are now on the final touches of the final fix. We even have a proper front door – 2 weeks late due to a ‘production problem’, but we are now secure.

The lighting is still somewhat subdued in places, as we didn’t order sufficient; and the low level sensor lights have just been switched on. There were also some teething troubles – the heat recovery system wasn’t recovering any heat, but as the house is so well insulated, the log burner is keeping us toastie, even at -7.5°C outside! The rainwater tank had stopped working, due to all of the electrical work that was going on – that’s a shame as there are 3,000 litres of free water ready to flush our toilets!



Our luck hasn’t got any better either – our lovely new bedroom curtains arrived in the wrong colour, so they will have to be made again. We still don’t have a proper main staircase, as the supplier seems completely unable to keep to deadlines.

The last big thing left to do inside was our special reflective stretch ceiling on the main floor – this went in without a hitch, looks great. Now we just have the installation of our stairwell light, which should look spectacular, and the small matter of the internal doors; the lack of which was a bit embarrassing at Christmas for our guests – you can take open plan living too far! We are gradually unpacking boxes as rooms are completed, and settling into a new way of low energy, and (hopefully) low cost living, although this will be more difficult as two suppliers failed to fulfil our solar panel requirement.

Outside, the final zinc cappings are finished, making us completely water tight, and the stonework is also complete. The main deck will be constructed at the end of January. We have designs for the garden, but we will take a break to recover (both mentally and financially!) before starting again in the spring. On the TV front, Charlie will be with us on 10<sup>th</sup> March for the final ‘Reveal’, and the programme should be aired in the new series of Building the Dream starting in April on Channel 4.

*Tony and Mandy Slater*





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## Cherington Village Hall Great Redecoration Project 2015



Our Village Hall was given to the village by Miss Gertrude George in 1934 – as a Mens’ Reading Room! It continues to be the hub for village activities and is currently most efficiently run by Beryl Milsom and The Hall Committee. Recent repairs to the fabric having been brilliantly done by Archie Thornycroft in the village - next was the redecoration of the interior. On receipt of estimates for repainting we discovered another star in our midst: Zac Curtis:- ‘I think we should have a Redecorating the Village Hall weekend – let’s all bring our paintbrushes and have fun – do it ourselves!’ Towards the end of November relays of willing and eager decorators donned overalls, set to with verve and within a few days we had a sparkling new Village Hall – and saved well over £2,000.



Our heartfelt thanks go to Zac and all those who so willingly came along to help with such a great community spirit.

***Liz Workman***

*Cherington Village Hall is available for parties, etc  
Contact: Beryl Milsom Telephone 01285 841248*



### **John Cameron**

Jean Cameron has contacted me to inform us of the sudden death, in December, of John Cameron. Many of you will remember him and his involvement with Avening church. Since they moved away they have been getting the Villager monthly and they have generously continued to donate money to the church.

I have sent our sympathies on her loss and asked Jean to write a short `In memoriam` of her husband for the Villager when she feels able to do so.

***Cas Boddam-Whetham***

## **A Murmeration of Starlings**

Early in January, while standing near a reed bed, near South Cerney, I witnessed a huge murmuration of starlings. Before this, I had only seen a few seconds of this phenomenon on TV. To watch it actually happening above you is amazing. If it is very wet or windy the birds come in from miles around and roost straightaway. My son watched weather forecasts till the conditions seemed good; then we got in position around 4.00pm.

After about five minutes the birds started coming in, arriving from all directions. In about ten minutes the sky seemed full of birds; tens of thousands of them. Then they started DANCING; that seems the only word to describe what we witnessed for about thirty minutes. This huge number of birds swooped, climbed, formed huge balls, flowed into snake shapes. Every few seconds the patterns changed.

As the light faded, we decided to return to the car, as we had to cross two very wet muddy fields. After walking about two hundred yards, we looked back and the birds had also decided it was time to stop their aerobatics. They had practically all dropped down into the reed bed to roost.

WHAT A TRULY MEMORABLE HALF HOUR.

*Beryl Milsom*

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We look forward to seeing you soon!

# Cherington Parish Council

## Dates for your diaries:

**Annual Litter Pick** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am – meet at the village hall. All litter picking equipment provided. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear!

**Light a Beacon** event to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Evening of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Venue in Cherington to be arranged. Look out for further details!

**Annual Parish Meeting** - Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00am – an opportunity to let the Parish Council know what you'd like to see happening in the village and hear what the PC has been doing over the past year

## Help and support for farmers

**Addington Fund** – Provides homes for farming families who have to leave their farms and by doing so, lose their home.

**FCN (Farming Community Network)** – Provides a helpline and visiting service to farming people and families facing difficulties.

**RABI** is a grant making charity that provides confidential help to retired and working farming people in financial difficulty.

All three charities can be reached by one phone line **FARMING HELP 03000 111 999 available from 7am to 11pm.**

## Friends for you – volunteer befriending service

This volunteer befriending service is aimed at older and vulnerable people across Gloucestershire. It offers regular social contact when a person might be cut off from their community through ill health, bereavement or family moving away. The service is also looking for volunteers to offer a befriending service which can be from as little as one hour a week. For more details please contact Sue Black on 01452 528491 or email [sue.friendsforyou@grcc.org.uk](mailto:sue.friendsforyou@grcc.org.uk)

## Parish Council meetings:

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 at 6.00pm at The Village Hall. Future meeting dates for parish council meetings: Annual Parish Meeting Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 10.00am, Tuesdays May 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – Village Hall.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend parish meetings. There's 15 minutes of public time at the start of each meeting where you can bring up any issues.

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 – Frances Ashfield on 01453 767384 or via email at [cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk).



## Church Floodlighting

The church was floodlit to mark the following:

**23rd December** to celebrate the 89th Birthday of Sylvia Fletcher, Requested with much love by John, Valerie and Celia.

**2nd February** - Candlemas day. Elizabeth Buchanan

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# Avening Parish Council



## New Planning Applications

### **15/05354/FUL Woodhouse Farm Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NH**

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Formation of two gablets

### **15/05254/FUL 18 Star Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NT**

Two-storey side extension and single storey garden room to rear

### **16/00039/FUL 15 Sandford Leaze Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8PB**

Treehouse/child's play equipment in rear garden (retrospective)

### **15/05604/FUL The Homestead 2 Lawrence Road Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NP**

Proposed new dwelling and access

## Decision Notices

### **15/05081/FUL 6 Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT**

Lead dressing to porch, insertion of two first floor windows in western gable and installation of decking

Permitted 8 January 2016

## The Parish Council is looking for a new clerk

Avening Parish Council is looking to recruit a Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer from 1 April 2016.

The role of the Clerk is to assist and advise the Council, attend monthly Parish Council meetings, produce Agendas and Minutes, carry out any actions following meetings and to act as Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). There are 12 monthly meetings plus approx. 2 Finance meetings each year.

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Clerk on 01285 380041 or email: [parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk)

### **Memorial Hall Committee**

At the meeting on 12 January a new Committee was formed :

Eddie Worsdell – Chairman

Colin Carville – Treasurer

Plus Cassie Chesterman, Click Mitchell, Stephen Fuller and Shan Amos

The next meeting will be on **Monday, 14 March at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall**

If you are interested in the Hall, please come and join us !

### **Road Closure**

Part of Chavenage Lane will be closed for 1 mile near to Chavenage House from 8 – 12 February 2016 for filming.

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### **Care when driving alone**

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### **THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Will be held on Thursday, 18 February 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Chamberlain Room at the Memorial Hall.

### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

*The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: [parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk)  
or by phone: 01285 380041 or 07870 170823*

# Church Services in Avening & Cherington in February

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| SATURDAY<br>February 6th                | 12.00 noon | Avening    | Memorial service for Jeanie Pargeter       |
| Sunday February<br>7th                  | 9.30       | Cherington | Holy Communion (CW)                        |
|   | 11.00      | Avening    | Holy Communion (CW)                        |
| Sunday February<br>14th                 | 9.30       | Cherington | Holy Communion (CW)                        |
|   | 11.00      | Avening    | Holy Communion (CW)                        |
| Sunday February<br>21st                 | 9.30       | Cherington | Holy Communion (CW)                        |
|   | 11.00      | Avening    | Holy Communion (CW)<br>(With Holy Baptism) |
| Sunday February<br>28th                 | 9.30       | Cherington | Morning Prayer (BCP)                       |
|   | 11.00      | Avening    | Family Service (CW)                        |
| Sunday March 6th<br>Mothering<br>Sunday | 9.30       | Cherington | Holy Communion (CW)                        |
|   | 11.00      | Avening    | Holy Communion (CW)                        |

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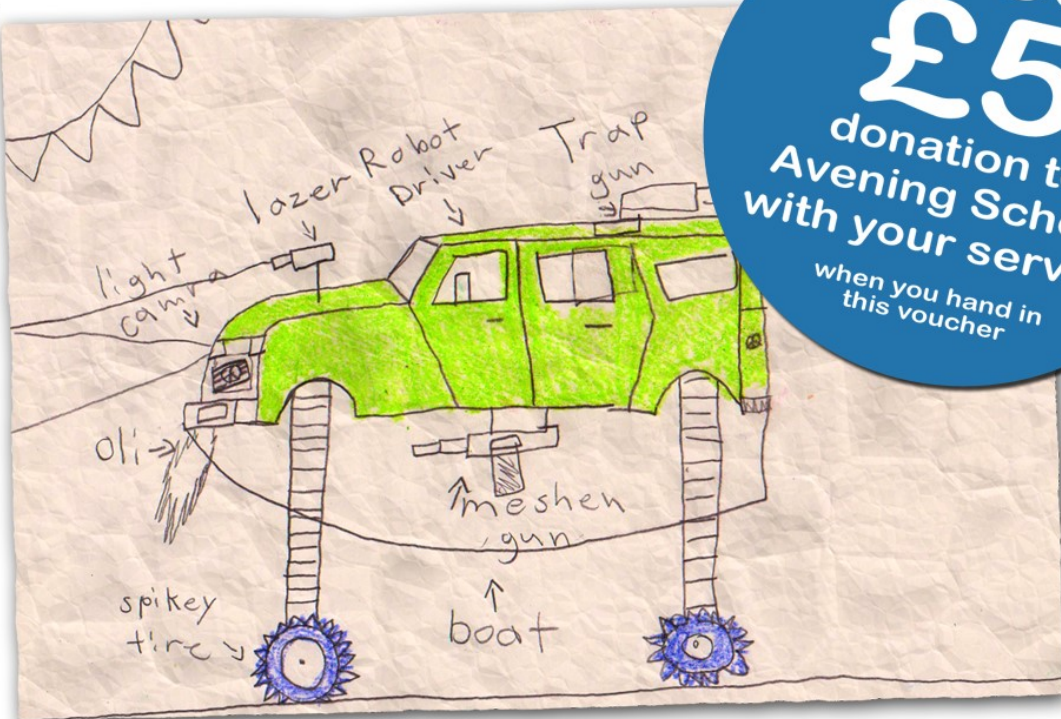
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| Tuesday 9th<br>February   | Cinema Club<br>'Suffragette'  | Social Club   | 7.30pm                   |
| Monday 15th<br>February   | 1st Lent Meeting  | 70 Sandford Leaze                                     | 7.30pm                   |
| Thursday 18th<br>February | Avening Parish Council<br>Meeting   | Memorial Hall   | 7.30pm                   |
| Saturday 27th<br>February | Cherington Annual<br>Village Quiz   | Cherington Village<br>Hall                            | 7.30pm                   |
| Tuesday 1st<br>March      | Cherington Parish<br>Council  | Cherington Village<br>Hall                            | 6pm                      |
| Saturday 5th<br>March     | Cherington Village Litter<br>Pick   | Cherington Village<br>Hall<br>(Equipment<br>supplied) | 10.00am                  |
| Saturday 5th<br>March     | Mary's Coffee Morning<br>In aid of cobalt unit  | No 4 Cherington                                       | 10.00am                  |
| Monday 14th<br>March      | Memorial Hall Meeting   | Memorial Hall   | 7.30pm                   |
| Friday 18th<br>March      | WI Quiz   | Avening Social Club                                   | 7.30pm                   |
| Wednesday 6th<br>April    | Cherington Concert<br>'howdenjones'   | Cherington Village<br>Hall                            | More info.<br>next month |
| Thursday 21st<br>April    | Lighting of Cherington<br>Village Beacon to<br>celebrate the Queen's<br>90th birthday | Details to be<br>confirmed                            |                          |
| Saturday 23rd<br>April    | Cherington Annual<br>Village Meeting  | Cherington Village<br>Hall                            | 10.00am                  |

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