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# October 2016

What a change in the weather. One feels that autumn is really here. The apples and pears are ripe on the trees and the fields have been cleared of most of their crops. You will see from the advertisements in this edition that both of our churches have their harvest festivals in October. It was said on the radio on the Autumn equinox (September 22nd) that there were only 100 days to the new year, but the announcer had not worked out how many sleeps that meant until Christmas, (any idea?). It certainly means only one more edition, after this one, of the Villager before the bumper December January edition with all of the Christmas festivities advertised.

Don't forget that on October 30th the clocks go back one hour, giving us longer evenings. If you need something to fill those hours of darkness why not volunteer for one of the charities in the area or you could even offer your services to the editorial team. An apprentice would be welcome! You know how to contact us.

*The Villager Editors*

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Many thanks to **Keith Butler** for our Harvest 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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Flamenco Dancing	Monday (excluding school and bank holidays)	7.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
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Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
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
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Cotswold District Council WWW. [Cotswold.gov.uk](http://Cotswold.gov.uk)**

# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Sometimes it's the little things in life that cause immense frustration, or give a sense of achievement greater than is warranted for a simple task. Both of these emotions have been experienced in what should have been a straightforward task to procure a small shed to house the new village grit spreader. The spreader itself was delivered to me without drama back in March, and has subsequently lain unloved amongst builders' material and nettles in our front garden. The shed however was a different story. Ordered at the same time, the first unit arrived on time, but was completely the wrong size. After many phone calls by our project manager, the supplier eventually admitted responsibility and agreed a replacement. Skip forward another four months, and many more chasers, and the correct shed is finally in place, allowing me to finally get the gritter into its rightful home. The story is a metaphor for many suppliers in the building industry – some are excellent, but far too many are absolutely abject!

The push along machine itself will be stored outside the Memorial Hall (in the area to the left, behind the metal gates) and is available to anyone in the village should we see any of the white stuff (the lock combination will be made available), and is much more efficient at spreading the correct amount of salt on pavements and untreated local roads than with a shovel.

A member of our community was involved in a freak accident while on holiday in Cyprus earlier this year, and suffered catastrophic injuries to his neck leaving him severely physically disabled. He is currently in hospital in Salisbury, and unable to return home to his young family in Avening until their house has been modified to accommodate his needs. A charity, Best for Ben, has been set up to help raise funds for the work needed, and the story has even made the national press. With a combination of cash donations, and offers of help on the ground, everyone is hoping to get Ben home soon. A Facebook page has been set up to share information on progress.

If anyone can identify a rogue dog owner who seems to take a route through Sandford Leaze to the playing field, the residents would be grateful. The dog would appear to be a large one, and leaves very distinctive (and particularly gross) orange deposits. Once identified, the owner will receive a visit from the authorities, and hopefully a large fine, as they show complete disregard for everyone else in the neighbourhood, and give other responsible owners a bad name. Please let me or the clerk know if you have any information.

***Tony Slater, Chairman***



# Letter from Rev. Poppy Hughes



Dear Friends,

This is a difficult letter to write. As announced in a letter from Bishop Rachel last Sunday, I am in fact standing down from my ministry as Rector here in Avening and Cherington to concentrate on my responsibilities in the Tetbury benefice.

This has been a very hard decision for me, as I have loved getting to know the churches and people of Avening and Cherington. I am grateful for the welcome and support I have been given over the past two and a half years, with particular thanks going to the Church Wardens: Stephanie Hamilton and Stephen Uzzell in Avening, and Roger Gegg and John Bate-Williams in Cherington, however, being responsible for two Benefices with six parishes was sadly not sustainable. I knew something had to give, and I am just sorry that it was my ministry here.

As Bishop Rachel explained, the Archdeacon will now meet with the Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) for the Benefice in early October, and she expects an advertisement for a new House for Duty priest to take responsibility for the Benefice to be placed shortly after that.

Bishop Rachel went on: "I am aware that this news will come as a surprise to many of you and I will be praying that amidst any sense of uncertainty and change that you will know the unchanging love and faithfulness of God. I want to assure you of my support and to encourage you to look with confidence to the future."

Of course, until a new priest is appointed it is the wardens with the support of the Area Dean who have the responsibility for the parish.

Please be assured you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Yours in Christ,  
Poppy*

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Avening :- Stephanie Hamilton 01453 834910 or Stephen Uzzell 07807 700004

Cherington :- Roger Gegg 01453 834805 or John Bate-Williams 01666 503544

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# Crayfish deaths in watercourses in our area, and increased biosecurity

The Environment Agency is investigating the deaths of our rare protected native white clawed Crayfish in three locations across the Severn and Wye river catchment. We expect this to be confirmed as Crayfish Plague which is very infectious for Crayfish.



White clawed Crayfish look like miniature lobsters. They hide away under rocks and logs during the day, and emerge during the night to eat. They are our largest freshwater invertebrate and the few remaining populations are very vulnerable to this disease and face local extinction. Crayfish Plague is a species specific disease and has no implications for human or other animal health

Dead white clawed Crayfish have been seen in the several catchments, including Nailsworth Stream, Gloucestershire.

White Clawed Crayfish may be infected, but apparently healthy, and continue to die for several weeks in these locations. As a result an outbreak of Crayfish Plague can last for several weeks. The disease can be transferred to White Clawed Crayfish via water and mud on damp clothes, footwear, bike tyres, fishing or boating equipment or any machinery. The Crayfish Plague pathogens can live for 22 days on damp clothes or equipment.

The public are being asked to stay out of watercourses in affected areas. If you are using equipment in any river, please follow these steps to stop the spread of the Plague:

- Clean off any mud or vegetation and remove any standing water.
- Either thoroughly dry the equipment, preferably in sunlight making sure all nooks and crannies are dry **OR**
- Treat with a disinfectant capable of killing fungal spores.

If you or your dog goes into a stream, do not go into another stream on the same day.

If you see dead Crayfish or an environmental incident please phone **0800 80 70 60**.

Please do not handle or remove live or dead Crayfish. It is **illegal** to do this without a license.

# Avening Playgroup

Our new children have really settled quickly into playgroup. They are learning to follow our routines, make friends and have fun with all of the lovely toys and equipment that we have here. Playgroup staff are getting to know the children well, so that they can learn how best to support them in their next steps of learning and development.

Our older children have been doing lots of creative work around the story book Aliens Love Underpants. They have made some fantastic aliens, which are looking down on them all from the wall as they play. They have also helped to make a large collage tree which will be changing over the seasons as the trees around playgroup also change.

The baby and Toddler group continues to meet on a Wednesday from 1.30 - 3.00. New member are always welcome.

By the time of reading this we will have had our first fundraising event of the year, the Nearly New Sale. On behalf of playgroup I would like to thank everyone who supported this event in any way and particularly Cassie Chesterman and Cat Strass who organised this event for us. As I am sure that you are aware the playgroup is reliant on fundraising to keep going. Please make a note of our largest fundraising event of the year, the Christmas Bazaar which is on Saturday 3rd December. Please ring the below number if you are able to help in any way with this event.

Tempest Photography will be coming to playgroup on the morning of Tuesday 1st November. If you have a baby or pre-school child that you would like photographed, please ring and let us know.

*Debbie Brown*  
*01453 832695*

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# Letters to the Editors

One day this month I was delighted to receive a telephone call from Sylvia Fletcher (nee Stone), who is a regular reader of The Villager. The call had been prompted by Sylvia reading the article in last month's edition about Joseph Rowland.

Sylvia, who will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in December, was a resident of Avening for most of her life and only moved away in 1987 to help care for her grandchildren. She now lives in Ashton Keynes, but says that her 'heart will always be in Avening'. It was particularly lucky for me that it was our number that she rang to share her excited recollections with, since they centred on the house in which Dominic and I now live, Church Farm.

Sylvia wondered if the Joseph Rowland discussed was any relation of the Rowlands who had lived at Church Farm, when she was a child. She lived with her family in the cottage, then thatched, at the entrance to Avening Park. Later she moved to one of the neighbouring cottages. As a young child, in the 1930s, she remembers coming to the farm to buy eggs and butter on a Thursday and daily for the milk, which was collected in an enamel can. She remembers our kitchen as the dairy, which had a 'lovely' stone flagged floor. Following the Rowlands, the Blackwells moved into the farm. After they left, the Lauries lived for some years here and Sylvia particularly recalls the delicious clotted cream that Mrs Laurie made.

Sylvia obviously has lots more to tell us about the village and I hope that she may be able to call, when she is next in Avening to lay flowers on the graves of her family members, so that she can share some of those memories with us. In any case I am sure that all our readers will join me in wishing her a very happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*Frances Conway*

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## Avening W.I.

Allegedly Avening W.I. had a summer break but actually we were kept on our toes throughout July and August.

Our Bite to Eat Team has been very busy catering for various functions including a christening, a wake, and a lunch for a large Society. We are getting quite a reputation for providing top quality homemade lunches and teas.

In August Avening hosted one of the Gloucestershire Federation of W.I.'s monthly walks. We had 55 walkers who were divided into groups of their own choice to undertake a 2, 4, or 6 mile walk around our village. We had a perfect day for walking and the walkers returned to a ploughman's lunch.

At our September meeting we welcomed our invited guest Pat Chase. Pat founded the Vine Project to enable orphaned children from a village in South Africa to receive an education. Avening W.I. has been supporting the project for several years by providing clothing and everyday items so that the children can attend school. Pat showed us photographs and updated us on the children's progress. Pat is very proud that the project has enabled 4 teenagers to go on to University.

Each year for many years we have organised a Christmas shopping trip in late November. This year with the members' agreement we have decided to do something different. We are going to Windsor Castle to see the exhibition '90 years of style from the Queen's wardrobe'. We will be going on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October leaving near the school at 9.15 am. The cost to include coach and entry to the castle and exhibition will be approximately £30. We will have places available for anyone who would like to join us on this exciting trip. If you would like to come please ring Sue Osborne as soon as possible on 01453 839327.

Our next meeting's speaker will be from Waitrose who will be telling us all about fish, fruit and vegetables. Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings which are held at 7.30 pm on the second Thursday of the month.

***Gwyneth Simpson***



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# Elsie's FGR Experience

On Bank holiday Monday Forest Green Rovers played against Southport and I thought that this game was going to be pretty close but my dad didn't, he thought that the end result would be 5-0. To be fair he was pretty close to getting that right!

Southport started off quite strong and had a couple of shots on target but FGR's Goalkeeper, Sam Russell, made some great saves. This helped them to get up the field and shoot... everyone got up and cheered only to realise that we had scored an offside goal so it didn't count. But no need to worry Kieffer Moore went straight into the attacking half and scored the first goal in the 5<sup>th</sup> minute of the game! and we weren't stopping there, as Mohamed Chemlal managed to score just 4 minutes after their 1<sup>st</sup> goal making the score 2-0 and they hadn't even been playing for 10 minutes! After that the ball kept going back and forth with both teams having a couple shots on target but neither team could get it in the back of the net before the half time whistle.

On to the second half where early on Southport scored. We were still in the lead but you could tell that the crowd were disappointed because if Southport scored again we would be level. Fortunately, they didn't score again and in the 61<sup>st</sup> minute Charlie Clough scored a great goal meaning that the score went to 3-1! A while later Forest Green were about to make their last substitution but there seemed to be some confusion on who was coming off. In the end Mohamed Chemlal came off for Rhys Murphy to come on. And after that Kieffer Moore went on to score his second goal of the game banking him man of the match! But we couldn't settle for just 4 goals so Rhys Murphy went on and scored the 5<sup>th</sup> and final goal of the game in front of over 1600 fans.

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Hope to see you there! COME ON YOU ROVERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Elsie*



<b>Who its against!</b>	<b>Date!</b>	<b>Time!</b>	<b>Home or Away!</b>
<b>Barrow</b>	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	3:00pm	H
<b>Aldershot Town</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7:45pm	A
<b>North Ferriby United</b>	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3:00pm	A
<b>FA Cup 4<sup>th</sup> round qualify-ing!</b>	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	To Be Confirmed	To Be Con- firmed
<b>Guiseley</b>	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	3:00pm	H
<b>Solihull Moors</b>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7:45pm	A
<b>Dagenham &amp; Redbridge</b>	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3:00pm	H

*The Editors are delighted to include this piece submitted by Eddy Turner, who is 10 years old. He is the Avening Primary School FGR ambassador and writes match reports for the school newsletter.*

### **FGR vs. BROMLEY**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> September, FGR played Bromley at the New Lawn, FGR's stadium, in the Vanarama National League.

There's always a bit of humour at a football game, whether it's banter from the players or peculiar speeches from commentators, but this time the funniest thing was a player getting soaked through by a sprinkler (revenge of the sprinkler!). Also slightly amusing: a shot deflected by a Bromley defender went over the away changing-room and out of the ground.

In the first half it was very slow and sloppy, and both sides missed some opportunities, but FGR were eventually getting into the game with a couple of corners in their favour.

The second half wasn't a great deal better, but good enough to bag a bottom corner goal from Keanu Marsh-Brown in the 74th minute. There were also two penalty appeals, not given by the referee. "We played more like Bradford than Barcelona," commented my less than impressed Dad.

It was 1-0 to Forest Green in the end as Mark Cooper's men lead their way to another victory.

***Eddy Turner***



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# Avening School

## Stone Circles, Coal mines and School Elections.....

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What a busy start to the new school year it has been with term topics well under way, three school trips already taken place and a school election held to decide the new members of our School Council.

We also have a whole new reception class in the Eagles who are settling in wonderfully and have been enjoying their first few weeks of school.

Our term topics throughout the School have taken on a similar historical theme with the Owls (y5/6) and Kestrels (y1/2) both focusing on local history and industry. The Kestrels are learning 'all about Avening' and will be experimenting with felt making as well as taking a trip to some of the local mills. The Owls have already been down a coalmine, sat in a Victorian classroom and experienced the daily walk of a Victorian child worker walking from Avening to Nailsworth in their study of local Industry

The Hawks (y3/4) have gone back a lot further, to the 'Savage Stone Age' paying a visit to Avebury Stone Circles last month as well as having an archaeological dig in the school grounds.

Extra curricular activities have also begun with a return of old favourites such as football club and drawing class and some brand new additions to the line up, include computing and photography clubs.



It's that time of the year again, with Young Voices only months away (January 2017), so the words have been distributed and the moves are being rehearsed. Next year's concert promises to be as amazing as the last with an eclectic mix of songs covering rock, pop and traditional ballads.

We are pleased to be taking part in the Schools Direct programme, as part of the Cotswold Edge Teaching Alliance (CETA). We will be looking to interview prospective PGCE candidates in the near future, with a view to a placement in our school next academic year.



We are delighted to have received a Platinum Play Award, in recognition of our excellent playtime provision. A formal ceremony will take place in November.

FOAS are looking to the year ahead and hoping to raise much needed funds for the school. Their itinerary of events kicks off with the Halloween disco next month, followed by the annual Christmas bazaar. Funds raised last year have already made two school trips this term affordable for parents by paying for the coach hire to Avebury and The Black Country Museum in Birmingham. Watch this space for details of FOAS events taking place over the next academic year.

Our open morning will take place on Friday October 7th. Please contact the school office for more details on this on 01453 833191.

**Alex Adcock**

*For further information about our happy, busy place of learning, please see our school website [www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk) or contact the office 01453 833191.*

### **Help needed!**

If anyone has a spare hour or so to come and share stories and listen to readers at Avening Primary School, we would really welcome your help!

Contact Alison Sollis in the school office

Email: [admin@avening.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@avening.gloucs.sch.uk)

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## **Baby and Toddler Group**

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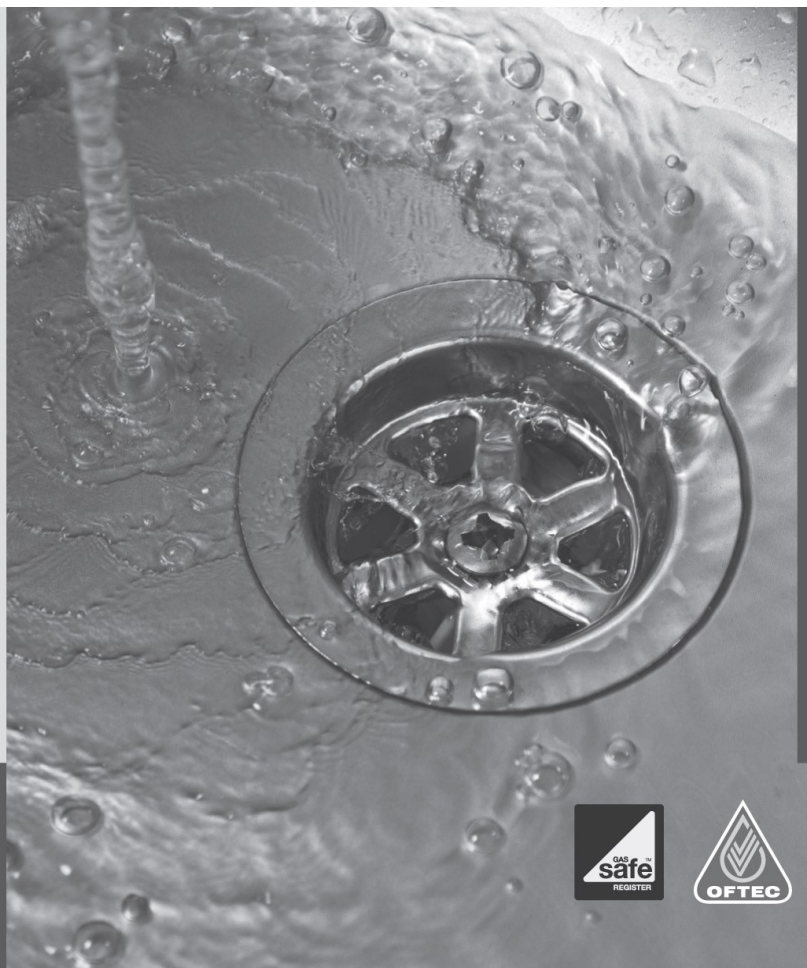
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# Down to Earth

Today we have picnic tables and benches; in Elizabethan times, and until well into the 1800s, there were banqueting houses. The word 'banquet' derives from the French, 'banc' and the Italian, 'banco' and its diminutive, 'banchetto', meaning a domestic bench. The 'banquet' was an informal meal, comprising sweetmeats such as: marzipans, jellies, quince cakes and gingerbread. As a dessert to the main meal, the banquet was taken in a separate room, which could be a roof turret.



*The Tall Pavilion,  
Westbury Court*

At Lacock Abbey (NT), Sir William Sharrington built an octagonal tower in around 1550, in which there were two banqueting rooms (according to respected historian Mark Girouard), one accessed through the main house, the other, above it, across the roof. Sir John Thynne, visiting Lacock in the 1560s, was so impressed that on his return his house at Longleat positively sprouted roof-top banqueting houses, both octagonal and square! Two other examples of outstanding, local banqueting houses are the Dutch-style Tall Pavilion at Westbury Court Garden (NT) at one end of the canal, designed by Maynard Colchester 1, and Badminton's Worcester Lodge, by William Kent. And both of these have the important added feature of a particular vista or a view.

Not all banqueting houses adjoined great country houses. We recently visited The Kymin (NT), on a hill-top east of Monmouth. In the 1790s, a group of 'the principal Gentlemen of Monmouth and its vicinity' were accustomed to meet, walk, frequently to the top of the Kymin hill, and dine together, on a Tuesday. 'The Dinner, which is provided by each member in his turn, consists of a cold collation; a desert of fruits, with wine and other liquors to a certain limitation.' (I do love that 'to a certain limitation'!) When one member proposed the erection of 'a slight building ... as a security from the inclemency of the weather' there was no shortage of Gentlemen and their friends who pledged



*The Kymin*

their guinea, until 80 guineas were raised and on May 1<sup>st</sup> 1794 the foundation stone was laid. And thus the round, castellated banqueting house on The Kymin came into being.

On a recent trip to coastal Cornwall, we were struck by the sight of the nodding flame-coloured flowers of the montbretia (or crocosmia x crocosmiiflora) speckling roadside verges and banks. A native wild-flower?

Surely not. A garden escapee, then. Montbretia hail from Africa but are reliably frost hardy. In the herbaceous border, they are excellent for flamboyant, late-summer pizzazz, especially the cultivars 'Lucifer' (deep scarlet) and 'Emily MacKenzie' (deep orange with crimson markings.) They grow from small, round, underground corms, which have the extraordinary habit of piling on top of one another with the newest on top. Their one problem is that an established clump grows congested (too many underground vertical columns of corms!) and the plant sulks, grows leaves in abundance but no flowers. Solution? Replant the newest, top corms. Some books refer to montbretia as an invasive species. Given the regenerative capacity of these little corms it is easy to see how they 'leap't the fence' and made off into the wild.

If you haven't already discovered Derry Watkins and her nursery of 'Special Plants' near Marshfield, just north of Bath, I think you're missing something. She is a real, hands-on plantswoman extraordinaire: a madcap enthusiast. The garden is open every Tuesday between March and October, 'Special Tuesdays', and Derry gives a short, topical talk. She is engagingly 'down to earth'. We visited when the garden was at its late summer peak. I marvelled at the lush, abundant growth on the exposed but south-facing slope while my Assistant Gardener studied the walling and other built features created by Derry's architect husband.

Back in the garden, it is that glorious season of gathering in the goodies and rejoicing in that rich, golden light of autumn with its attendant mists and magic. When the fleshy pods of the climbing beans are no longer palatable, I take out the beans, blanch and freeze them. They are an excellent source of fibre and protein in stews, soups and casseroles. My tomatoes broke all records this year, not least the Italian variety, Pomodoro Cuor di Bue (Beef heart tomato) from Franchi Seeds of Italy. Several weighed in at 500g, with no reduction in flavour!



*Banqueting room at the Kymin*

***Marilyn Jones***



# 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.

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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# Avening Youth Club



The Youth Club started this term on Tuesday 6th September after the summer break and will be offering a different and exciting format this year!

Sadly, we bade farewell to Simon Sveder-Cain at the end of the summer term. Simon had been a fantastic and enthusiastic co-leader with Cassie Vickery for two years, bringing his flare to

make fitness and fun a real delight for the kids.

Simon was working for Personal Best Studios of Woodchester. However, Simon has recently taken the bold decision to go it alone and set up his own brand of personal training. Unfortunately, this means he cannot make the Tuesday night Youth Club slot. So, good luck Simon and thank you SO much for all your professional and infectious good fun.

So as one door closes, another opens! The Youth Club have decided to book a series of professional trainers to come in to give the kids a broad experience of various organisations and skills. So already planned for this term will be a demonstration of basic first aid run by the St Johns Ambulance, a visit by our community Police officers, fire service and ambulance, together with some fun slots like magicians, the petting zoo and even a visit from a Forest Green Rovers star midfielder, Sam Wedgsbury.

The basic format will be run by Cassie, ably supported by her young helpers who will offer heathy snacks at half time. All of this for just £1 per child per evening!

So come along and enjoy the fun, share the experiences and learn some core life skills. Any age from 8 to 14, starting at 6.15 and running for 1 1/2 hours every Tuesday during the term time.

All welcome!

***Many thanks,  
Peter***

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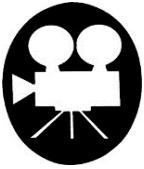
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# Cinema Club

The film to be shown on **October 11th** will be

## Florence Foster Jenkins

A wealthy New York heiress (Meryl Streep) attempts to become an opera singer despite her horrible singing voice. Hugh Grant and Rebecca Ferguson co-star in this biopic directed by Stephen Frears.

Rating: PG-13 (for brief suggestive material)

Genre: Comedy , Drama

Directed By: Stephen Frears

Written By: Nicholas Martin

### 7.30, Avening Social Club

And the film on Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Nov will be **EYE IN THE SKY** , a morality tale of modern warfare.



Last months film night was a specific fundraiser for Best for Ben. In addition to the entry fee, we were selling cakes. Mick and Eddie both made two wonderful cakes each and Evie ran the cake table brilliantly. This wasn't easy as we had completely forgotten to buy plates! Although this was a huge oversight people were very nice about having sticky fingers and soggy napkins. The cake table alone raised over £100.00. People were more than generous and after having paid entry fees and buying cakes people still made voluntary contributions. The generosity of the film goers was really touching and made me feel very proud to belong to such a caring and giving community. So, on the night we made £170.00 from cakes and donations. The film itself made about £50.00 (we don't make a lot after expenses of lease and hire of film, equipment etc). In total, the Film Club will donate £500.00. The rest of the money is made up from film profits made throughout this year. Our Facebook page is called Avening Film Club. Krissie Worsdell

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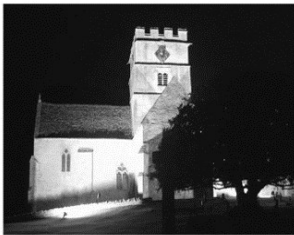


## **Congratulations!**

Paul Archer and Katie Ball, who were married at the Church of All Saints , East Pennard, Somerset, on 10th September 2016. A wonderful, happy occasion.

Many thanks to Avening Angels for travelling to Somerset to sing at the service and help bring a bit of Avening to Paul and Katie's special day!

*Note from the Editors: don't forget to let us know about your own special occasions. Christenings, wedding, anniversaries - send us our photos or drop us a line*



## **Church Floodlighting**

**10th September**

To celebrate the Golden Wedding anniversary of Barry and Della Robins

**30th September**

In loving memory of Michael Powell from Thelma, Kevin and Columba

**4th October**

In remembrance of Josephine Patricia Chamberlain, a lovely sister. Born 4th October 1931, died 17th March 2016, from Christine Duff.

*If you would like to have this in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event, contact **Paul Brown 01453 835 983***

The cost is £5.00 for 2 hours

# Cherington Parish Council

## **Planning Applications**

None received between August 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

If you wish to have up to date information on planning applications in the village then please sign up for alerts with Cotswold District Council's Planning Department or regularly visit their website.

Visit [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk) and go to 'planning' section for more information

## **Power cuts – new emergency number - 105**

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## **Please be a responsible dog owner**

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## **Minor Injuries Units – Cirencester and Stroud**

At the time of writing, it is likely that a recommendation will shortly be made that the Minor Injuries units in Cirencester and Stroud will no longer offer a 24 hours a day service but will be reduced to an 8.00 am to 11.00 pm opening.

## **Date for your Diary**

**Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** Christmas Tree event in Cherington. Look out for details in future publications.

## **Parish Council meetings:**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday November 8th 2016 at 6.00pm** in the Village Hall.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend parish meetings. There's 15 minutes of public participation 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)

# Avening Parish Council



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The September PC meeting was a lively affair, and we were pleased to welcome 5 members of the public.

## **New Planning Applications**

16/03573/FUL

Land Adjacent 19 Point Road Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LY

Erection of detached dwelling together with associated ancillary development. PC objected on multiple grounds, mainly around access; scale and position; and concerns over ground conditions

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## **Parking in Lawrence Road**

The ongoing access and parking issues associated with Lawrence Road in Avening continue to escalate, and is causing considerable worry to residents. The situation is not being helped by individual decisions by various agencies where householders are trying to help – for example drop kerbs, and other schemes for off road parking. In addition, a number of new families have recently been welcomed in to the road, significantly increasing the number of vehicles trying to park. We recently called upon the Fire Service to do a drive by during an evening, and they struggled to get their medium tender through. And all of this is without the new GCC development of 11 new properties by the Playgroup.

It is clear that the current position is untenable, and will result in damage, injury, or worse. So, for this reason we are calling all responsible agencies together for a site meeting at the earliest possible time in order to agree an appropriate and cost effective solution as soon as possible.

## **Date for your Diary**

A date for your diaries: following last year's successful inaugural Christmas tree installation, as promised we are planning to have a bit more of a fuss at this year's lighting up, and this has been pencilled in for **6<sup>th</sup> December** (we just need to confirm with Santa when he is coming). Avening Angels are already confirmed to provide the festive songs.



## Other Projects

Our projects are edging forward, with the main focus helping the village hall with the safety upgrades, and the playing field improvements.

Please note, the recycling domes opposite the garages in the Sun Ground are not play equipment.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 20 October 2016 7.30pm Memorial Hall.

All are welcome

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: [parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk) or by phone: 01452 770792

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	11.00	Avening	HARVEST FESTIVAL FOLLOWED BY BRING AND SHARE LUNCH
Sunday October 16th	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday October 23rd	9.30	Cherington	No service <b><u>Harvest festival</u></b> <b><u>Saturday 22nd at 6-00</u></b>
	11.00	Avening	FAMILY SERVICE
Sunday October 30th	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
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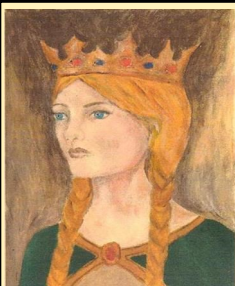
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# Dates For Your Diary

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Sunday 9th October	Avening Harvest Festival	Holy Cross	11.00am
Tuesday 11th October	Cinema Club Florence Foster Jenkins	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Saturday 15th October	Cheshire Brooks	Avening Social Club	8.30pm
Wednesday 19th October	WI Trip to Windsor Castle	Leaving near school	9.15am
Thursday 20th October	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
20th-30th October	Avening Primary School half-term hols		
Friday 21st October	Promises Auction 'Best 4 Ben'	Social Club	7.30pm
Saturday 22nd October	Cherington Harvest Festival	St Nicholas and then Village Hall	6.00pm
Tuesday 8th November	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	6.00pm
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November	Cherington Christmas Fair	Toad Hall, Trull Farm	10am-5pm (Sat) 11am-3pm (Sun)
Sunday 13th November	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Bishop Rachel officiating	Holy Cross Avening	10.45am
Friday 18th November	Avening Church Ceilidh	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30-11.00pm

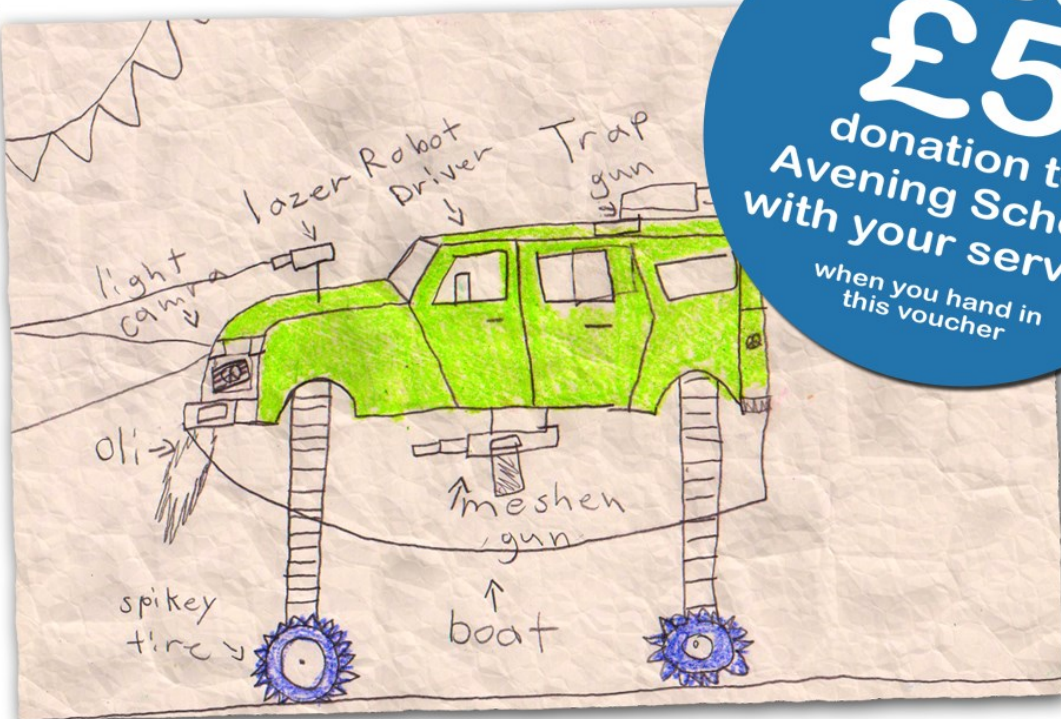


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