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As usual it looks as though our villages are in for a busy summer, with the F.O.A.S. Bear hunt on 17th June, then Avening Church Fete on June 25th with the Art and Craft show and sale in church. That is followed a couple of weeks later by the Avening School Fete on the afternoon and evening of July 7th, and it's all rounded off with the Cherington Show on 23rd July. In the meantime of course we have Easter with Easter egg hunts and we are sure there will be plenty of chocolate to build up your strength for the summer activities.

Don't forget that no matter how you are involved if you manage to take any photographs of any of the activities that go on in the villages, or of interesting things that have happened to you, we are always pleased to see them and we will try to get them in the Villager (ideally photographs for the front cover should be in portrait format but others can be taken either portrait or landscape).

We hope that you have a very happy Easter .

***The Villager Editors***

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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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Flamenco Dancing	Monday (excluding school and bank holidays)	7.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
Cherington PC	Tuesday	6.30pm	Village Hall	Beverley 01453 832100
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.15 - 7.45pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Steve 07807 700004
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Baby and Toddler Group	Wednesday (not January)	1.30 - 3.00pm	Avening Playgroup	01453 832695
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
WI	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Maisie 01453 834679
Avening PC	3rd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Caroline 01285 380041
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090



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# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



**Mark it in your diary – 20<sup>th</sup> May!** On a restless night a couple of weeks ago (sorry Mandy!), I was pondering what we could do to make our annual village meeting a bit different, and a bit special. We already have two excellent summer fetes, so we don't need another. The Queen doesn't have a special birthday, so a tea party didn't seem quite right. After more tossing and turning, I thought that animals are always popular, but how could we incorporate them into an event? Then the Eureka moment! We are a rural community with people who love the countryside, and are surrounded by farms and small holdings – we could have a **country show!** The PC team are all equally passionate in wanting to bring the village together, and it was agreed - on May 20<sup>th</sup> Avening will have its very first (small) country show. Details to follow next month.

Crime in Avening is thankfully very low, and our area PCSOs have played a big part in keeping us safe, so it is with great sadness we hear that Paul Hancock is moving on, having been asked to cover a new area. He will not be replaced, and the PC is writing to the Police Commissioner to protest – with higher tax income, but greater risk from the huge developments in Tetbury, we do not think it is acceptable to lose this valuable resource.

Cotswold villages weren't designed to cater for the ever increasing number and size of cars that we have today. It is not uncommon for a family household to have 3 or 4 cars, and maybe a works van as well – it's almost impossible for everyone to park outside their own home, especially in terraces. No one has a right to park by their property, and everyone needs to be realistic, but it is also important to recognise the appropriate traffic regulations. For example, you can't park across a drop kerb – this is obstruction. We also have a number of white lines in place for safety – these should also be avoided. There is little scope to get more off street parking, but the PC are working with Bromford and Highways to see if additional spaces can be provided in the Lawrence Rd/Sun Ground area. Ultimately, it's up to everyone to be fair to our neighbours – if you have large/multiple vehicles, perhaps consider parking a little further away to avoid bad feelings.

Don't forget, we need your 'Pride of Avening' awards nominations ASAP – tell any councillor; email, write, or call the clerk:

- Villager of the Year (for anyone aged over 21)
- Student Villager of the Year (for ages 12-21)
- Youth Villager of the Year (11 and under).

***Tony Slater, Chairman***



# Avening and Cherington Churches

## "NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH..."

*"NOW the green blade riseth"* sang the old Easter carollers to acknowledge that the hope of renewal, long buried dark and cold like the seed corn, has broken out into new life in a way familiar to the good farming folk of Avening and Cherington since Christianity first came to these villages. Hereabouts we are Easter people, living the joy and promise of the greatest festival that your Church year will celebrate.

There is nothing depressing about the Church of the Holy Cross, Avening, or that of St Nicholas of Myra, Cherington. Come and see. If Spring is about new life then there is a spring in our steps and a song on our lips as we come to Easter. We have cause to be happy looking forward, and Easter gives everybody in our parishes the ability to join in.

After Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead the first Easter Day the empty tomb was just negative evidence that his body was no longer there. What happened next, and what we will be so happy about in church and our whole being this coming Easter is the real positive evidence of new life, the hope and fulfilment offered to us all if we care to take it.

This is for real. Please join in. There will be great Easter Day services on Sunday, April 16th at Cherington at 9.30am and Avening at 11.00am. *"Love has come again, like wheat that springeth green"*.

***Richard and Margaret Maslen***

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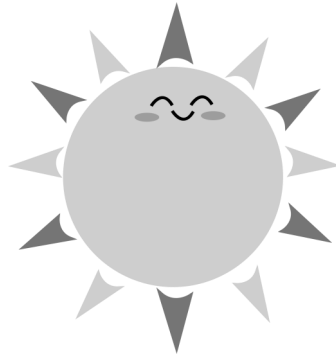
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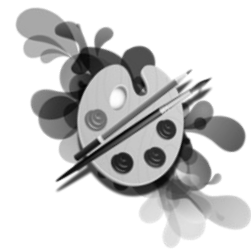


Don't forget Avening Fete,  
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Avening Duck Races, Dog  
show, etc. etc.

It all happens on June 25<sup>th</sup> this year

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To book a table for arts and crafts  
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# Avening Silver Band

Avening Silver Band celebrates its 90th birthday this year! Here we print a memory from their appeal in 1955, when they were raising money for new uniforms. The band is always interested in hearing from people interested in playing with them, and have a number of instruments which can be borrowed if you want to try it out. Contact Jim Hill on 01453 834438 for further details.

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The Avening Silver Band has been in existence for twenty-eight years.

At the start there were only two men who knew anything about music and they were not instrumentalists; so, on the 27th February, 1927 the twelve instruments which form the nucleus of the present band were placed upon a table and were allocated to twelve volunteers regardless of their shape, size or suitability. That's how it began.

Since then the Band has met with various fortunes and has had to cope with many incidents, both amusing and grave. At one time, when the last instalment on the instruments had been paid, the credit balance in the Band Fund stood at sevenpence halfpenny.

Although matters are not now so acute, the uniforms, which are twenty-six years old, are becoming ragged and worn and it is felt that for the good name of the village they should be replaced.

The Band tries particularly to attract the youth of the village and an interest in music serves to occupy the spare time of many a youngster who might otherwise be getting into mischief.

Will you help us again as you have so generously done in the past? The Band will be playing in the near future in different parts of the village and we feel sure that our collectors will meet with a generous response.

Signed E. GLASTONBURY,  
Chairman Avening Silver Band.

# Avening Playgroup

All of the children have enjoyed learning about Spring. They have all looked closely at the shrubs and bushes at playgroup as they have sprouted new leaves and blossom and the beautiful daffodils growing in our belfast sink.

They have done some lovely observational drawings and paintings of flowers.

The children have enjoyed listening to and talking about rhyming stories and the older children have produced some lovely collages which they are proud of.

All of the playgroup staff have renewed their First Aid training this year. Sarah, Angie and myself have always had this training as it is so important, and renew it every three years. Recent advice that we have passed on to parents, is to cut grapes length wise for young children into four strips. Grapes stuck in a child's wind pipe can be difficult for even medical professionals to dislodge, so please cut up grapes for any young children you are looking after to prevent a choking incident.

If you have a pre-school child that you would like to join our happy playgroup, please contact us on 01453 832695 so that we can take their details and discuss starting dates and hours that you would prefer. Toddlers is not running at the moment, but if you are interested in coming to a toddlers here on a Wednesday afternoon, please let us know as we will restart it again if we have enough interest.

We hope that you will all have a very happy Easter.

*Debbie, Angie and Sarah and the Committee*

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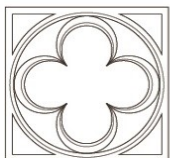
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## Avening W.I.

We had a very good attendance of members at our March meeting at which we had a speaker who told us about the large variety of wild orchids which can be found in the British Isles. She had many excellent photos of these beautiful plants and we are lucky to have a number of species growing locally. Some of the plants are so rare that when specimens have been found the location is kept secret as people have been known to dig them up which, we were told is a waste as orchids will rarely survive if moved and replanted.

At our next meeting the subject of the talk will be "The Sausage stuffed with TLC". Very intriguing!

We have 4 teams entered in the Gloucestershire Federation's quiz and the first round is being held very soon. We have reached the final in the past so fingers crossed for this year.

The W.I. fun quiz which is a popular village event is being held at the end of March and we are expecting a particularly high number of participants at this event.

We have planned a coach outing for June 7<sup>th</sup> when we will be visiting the Royal Mint at Llantrisant followed by an afternoon at Tredegar House, a National Trust property and garden near Newport. There will be spaces for villagers and friends. I will give more details in the May Villager but please make a note of the date if you are interested.

Our next meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

*Gwyneth Simpson*

### **Church Visiting**

The Church is here to support people in good times and in bad - we are always happy to provide someone to talk to.

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# Avening School

## Hogwarts for a Day!



School was magically transformed into Hogwarts on March 2nd to celebrate World Book Day. A fabulous array of Harrys, Hermiones, Dumbledores and Hedwigs entered the school via 'platform 9 and 3 ¼' and were sorted into their houses and given their timetable for a day of lessons which included: Potions; Quidditch; Arithmancy; and Care of Magical Creatures. Our special surprise guest for the day was **Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow** from Swindon who brought with him a whole host of 'magical creatures' for the children to handle and discover, from snakes to giant stick insects. The children also got a chance to visit 'Flourish and Blotts' bookshop and help themselves to a free book during this wonderful day of celebration.

With the end of term only weeks away, each class is beginning to wrap up their term topics with the Hawks (y3/4) exhibiting their models and knowledge in their class assembly on the Romans. In the last few weeks of term, the class will experience being a Roman for a day, attending school in Roman dress and sampling Roman delicacies and culture. The Owls class (y5/6) will also have a Viking afternoon to conclude their term topics on the 'vicious Vikings' while the Kestrels class (y1/2) will perform a special dance which they have devised themselves to showcase everything they have

learned in their topic on Superheroes.

We have been well represented by our pupils at outside events this past month with y5/6 pupils taking part in a mock trial at Ebley House in Stroud, involving the children taking part in role-play and running a trial in a 'real' court. Members of the Owls also represented the school in a recent debating competition. Our netball team also made us proud a few weeks ago when they came 2nd out of 5 local teams competing in a tournament at SWR.

There is still plenty to look forward to as the term draws to an end. During the final week pupils will showcase their variety of talents in front of their friends in the school annual talent show. The whole school will also attend an Easter service at Avening Church followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the school garden before breaking up for the holidays.

Happy Easter and see you next term!

**Alex Adcock**

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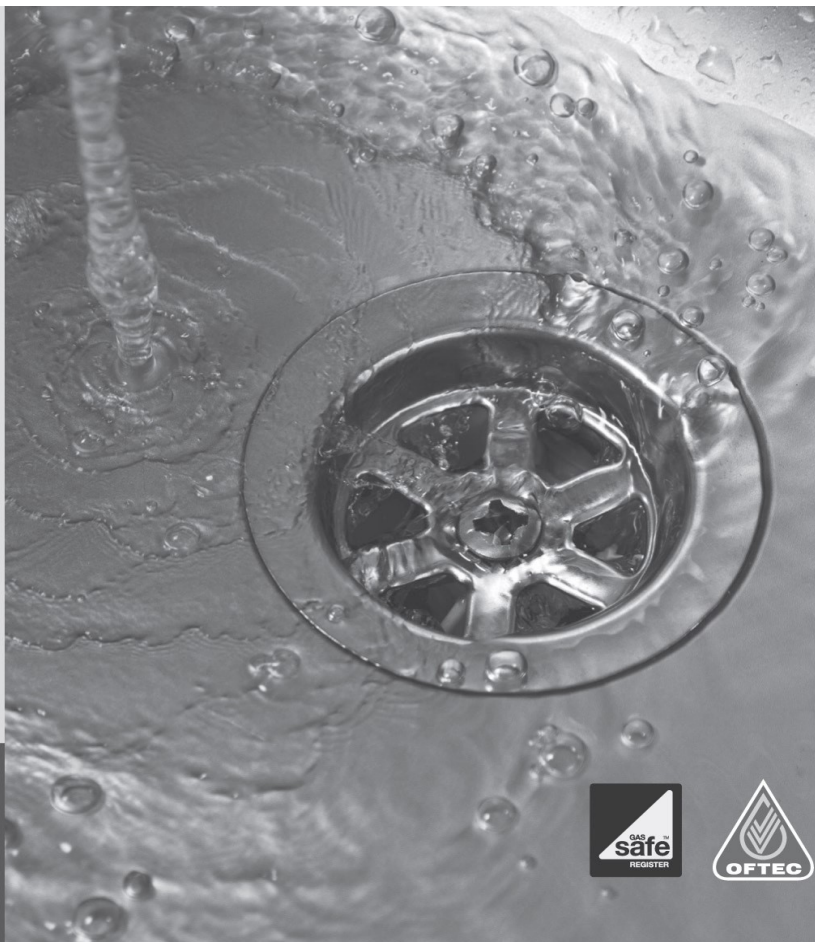
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# Down to Earth

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*Fritilaria-meleagris*

them, they are not dull at all but have a diaphanous quality with that exquisitely illuminated inner checkerboard pattern. Again – and I find I am repeating myself – we are very fortunate living here. To the east of Avening, on the outskirts of Cricklade, is North Field, a water-meadow and SSSI, which has a significant natural population of the fritillaria meleagris, or snake's head fritillary. Choose a sunny day to go and see these Tiffany lamps in a field. It is a cold, wind-blasted water meadow and they are not yet showing but when I spoke to a Natural England warden he promised a good display around the beginning of April.

Aside from the snakes' head fritillary, my plant of the month has got to be the corydalis cheilanthifolia, the fern-leaved corydalis. We are probably all accustomed to seeing the yellow corydalis, corydalis lutea, spilling over from cracks in walls and pavings, especially in ancient cities. The blue species,



*Corydalis cheilanthifolia*

corydalis flexuosa, is a pretty one and I remember once being struck by how it had colonised the edges of a yew-lined walk descending the hillside at Powis Castle. It flowers in the spring and lies dormant in the summer. Corydalis cheilanthifolia, on the other hand, is an evergreen and quite unlike its yellow and blue relations.

I bought mine at the Minchinhampton WI market, years ago. It has since clumped up and self seeded, proving, if proof were needed, that it is happy in local conditions. I have some in a pot of evergreens close to the house. It looks like a fern, until it begins to flower! \*



*Spot the carved bishop. Seen recently at Bishops Palace, Fulham*

Now, I've grown vegetables nearly all my adult life, even when there was only myself to feed. OK, I do it in quite a ham-fisted, idiosyncratic, muddle-through, amateurish way, but still, I grow vegetables, we eat them and we're still alive and pretty fit. But if I go into a garden centre and see 'starter kits' and all the paraphernalia for 'grow-it-yourself', I nearly blow a fuse. All cynically aimed at young people and novices. And the cost of it all! Honestly, I believe that older gardeners like myself should regard it as a duty to help younger people starting out with a garden. We all have plants to spare at some time or other: a division of something that's grown too big for its space, a self-seeded progeny, too many young cabbage plants, some spare tomato plants. Besides, doesn't everybody like to give advice, impart their wisdom? It's just plain wrong that young adults should be lured into spending their scant financial resources on things like 'starter kits'. Can't we start them off, with a few plants, seeds or seedlings – and advice laced with common sense?

At this time of year, I am dealing brutally with plants - now I'm talking herbaceous perennials – that have got up too close and personal with their neighbour. If you don't give plants their space now, they'll be battling it out for Lebensraum come mid to late summer. And, although it's a bore to do this, it's really a piece of the vigorous (and how!) new growth on the outside that should be replanted. This is particularly the case with crocosmia, asters, lysimachia ciliata, persicaria (bistort) and the common pink geranium. (So if you see a lot of these on the plant stall – you know it's because they SPREAD!)

\* I have potted up three of these plants. They are in good health and flowering now - and are destined for the plant stall at the village fête!

***Marilyn Jones***





## AFTERNOON SINGING WORKSHOP

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# An Update on Ben Wernham

You have probably heard the fantastic news that the BBC one television programme DIY SOS have agreed to help with the build at Ben and Ella's house. This is fantastic news because it now means that Ben has a date he can return home to Avening to be with Ella and his girls.

The building work to the house consists of two extensions; one at the side of the property to accommodate Ben's bedroom, a wet room and another bedroom for a live-in carer. Above Ben's room will be an office with a through floor lift so Ben will be able to come up to the second floor again. The rear extension (1 room, 2 storey) will allow for the whole house to be re-configured enabling Ben to get into every room and move around freely. It is only possible for DIY SOS to build the side extension for Ben so the money raised through Best for Ben has enabled us to cover the costs for the groundworks for both extensions and to build the rear extension ready for DIY SOS to come and knock through and get the rest of the house opened up and decorated. We are so lucky to have DIY SOS on board! The ramp at the front of the house is kindly being done for free at weekends by Lines Construction who are doing the groundworks out the back (+some very lovely volunteers from the community).

The initial estimate for the building work was in the region of £240,000 and when the committee sat down to discuss fundraising in June last year, it just seemed such an unachievable task. But with a dedicated committee several fundraising events were planned. Offers of help came in thick and fast, both with events and labour for the build and we have just gone over the £100,000 mark. Ella really had to justify raising so much money to stay in their family home – even with adding the build total onto the house value, there was no way of finding a property to accommodate Ben's new needs in Avening or the surrounding villages. Finding a property that is already set up for a Tetraplegic and his family is just a no-go. The family would've had to move out of the community (and adapt another place) leaving the support network that's so vitally needed behind.

At the beginning of March, Ben left the spinal unit in Salisbury hospital and moved to a care centre in Gloucester, where he will learn to be more independent. Unbelievably, an injury as severe as Ben's does not automatically mean that you are entitled to a fit-for-purpose wheel chair and he was released from Salisbury with a manual wheel chair that he could not actually move or sit in comfortably as it had no support. Luckily because of the funds Best for Ben have raised, we were able to get a new chair on order for him, at a cost of £9,500, and although the new chair will not be ready for some time, the

company who are manufacturing it for him have been kind enough to lend him a chair so he can continue to get around.

The groundworks and footings for both extensions are already well underway with almost all outside space being dug up or disturbed in some form or another. Groundworks alone were estimated at between £50-70K.

Fundraising will continue for the foreseeable future to cover the building work costs, and to provide the necessary equipment and care that Ben needs going forward. Another unbelievable fact is that Ben is now only being offered one physiotherapy session every six months so funding private physiotherapy sessions will be a priority.

Recently Egypt Mill donated a free evening and supper for 100 people so we held a quiz with an Elvis tribute act, this raised £1,600. Matt and Jonny from the committee ran 54 miles from Salisbury back to Avening in 1 day raising over £4,500, and by the time this magazine goes to print Avening WI will have kindly held a quiz to raise more funds.

The Best for Ben committee meet regularly and our February meeting was held with Ben in Salisbury hospital.

Ben, Ella and everyone in the Best for Ben committee would like to thank you all for your continued support. The help and kindness from everyone in Avening has been unbelievable and we would not be at this point in the process without you all. Thank you!!





# Elsie's FGR Experience

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March FGR played a very physical game of football against Macclesfield. Straight away you could see that Macclesfield were giving it their all, but they were very rough, leading them to a couple of yellow cards. However, FGR managed to wriggle their way through Macclesfield's defence and ended up with a corner. A great cross in from Sinclair lead Christian Doidge to score his 18<sup>th</sup> goal this season with a magnificent header in the 12<sup>th</sup> minute. As well as this, after a failed attempt from Macclesfield, FGR took it up the pitch and scored again, unfortunately it was disallowed because the player was offside.

For a while the game was pretty even, but FGR were beginning to look like the dominant team when Macclesfield were looking tired. Early on in the second half Liam Noble scored a fantastic second goal for the Rovers putting them 2-0 up.

That wasn't enough for the Rovers though, because Marc Ellis scored FGR's 3<sup>rd</sup> and final goal of the game! This was Marc's first goal since he joined Forest Green Rovers.

Overall, it was a great game to watch and somehow ended up with 5 people getting a yellow card. But that's still another 3 points on the table for Forest Green putting us 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league. Let's hope we can keep on winning and get promoted to league 2!

<b>Who it's against!</b>		
<b>North Ferriby United</b>	Saturday – 1/4/17	H
<b>Guiseley</b>	Saturday – 8/4/17	A
<b>Tranmere Rovers</b>	Tuesday – 11/4/17	A
<b>Chester</b>	Friday – 14/4/17	H
<b>Southport</b>	Monday – 17/4/17	A
<b>Maidstone United</b>	Saturday – 22/4/17	H
<b>York City</b>	Saturday – 29/4/17	A

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# Avening Youth Club

The second half of term is going to be one of the best yet for Avening Youth Club and it is packed with interesting and exciting fun evenings!

**4th April SIMON PERSONAL TRAINER:** A welcome final return by Simon Sveder-Cain. Simon is well known to the young people of Avening and he will be joining Cassie at her final Avening Youth Club.

**Make sure as many as possible can come to give Cassie, Jessica and Simon a fond farewell.**

Remember, Youth Club starts at 6.15 and runs till 7.45. It costs just £ 1 and healthy food is provided.

*Peter Best*

## Situations Vacant

We are looking for a new Youth Club leader plus assistant.

Sadly, due to relocation, our terrific Youth Club leader, Cassie Vickery has decided to call it a day after 10 full years of helping and then running the Youth Club.

Cassie has done a fantastic job for the young people of the village, at times will limited support. However, a recent relocation to Kempford means that she can no longer run the Youth Club.

This sad news means that we are seeking a new, energetic Youth Club leader who can devote 2 hours a week on a Tuesday night to educate, entertain and enthral between 10 and 15 young boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14.

Although we can offer some resources in the form of training and remuneration, potential candidates would need to be local and be able to pass CRB (Criminal Record Bureau) checks.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity more, please call Peter Best on 01453 835287.



# Cherington Show

## Sunday 23rd July, 2017

2 pm

### Fun Dog Show 3 pm



Cherington Show has been going since 1945, over 70 years, and is still a date in the calendar not to be missed, as is demonstrated by the number of people attending every year.

Peter and Liz Workman who have been running the show for many years have now decided sadly to step down. The Village owes them both a huge debt of gratitude for all they have done, and they leave the Show in a very healthy state. Happily, they are not leaving, they will still be very much part of it and we are glad for that.

The first Show meeting for 2017 was held in March and it was very reassuring to Zac Curtis and Kate Gegg who will be co-ordinating it this year that there were so many offers of help both from stalwarts who run very successful stalls year on year but also new volunteers with exciting new ideas.

We want to increase the number of entries to our competitions, so let us see those wonderful vegetables you have been growing. To ensure we have more entries to our floral competitions we will be running a flower arranging workshop in May, to be delivered by a local florist. All welcome to attend and enter.

We will be running our usual children's craft workshop in June as we love to give children the opportunity to show their creativity. This is all in addition to our cookery competitions and art competitions. You do not have to live in Cherington to take part.

Further information and dates in the May issue or contact us now on:- [cheringtonflowershow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cheringtonflowershow@yahoo.co.uk)

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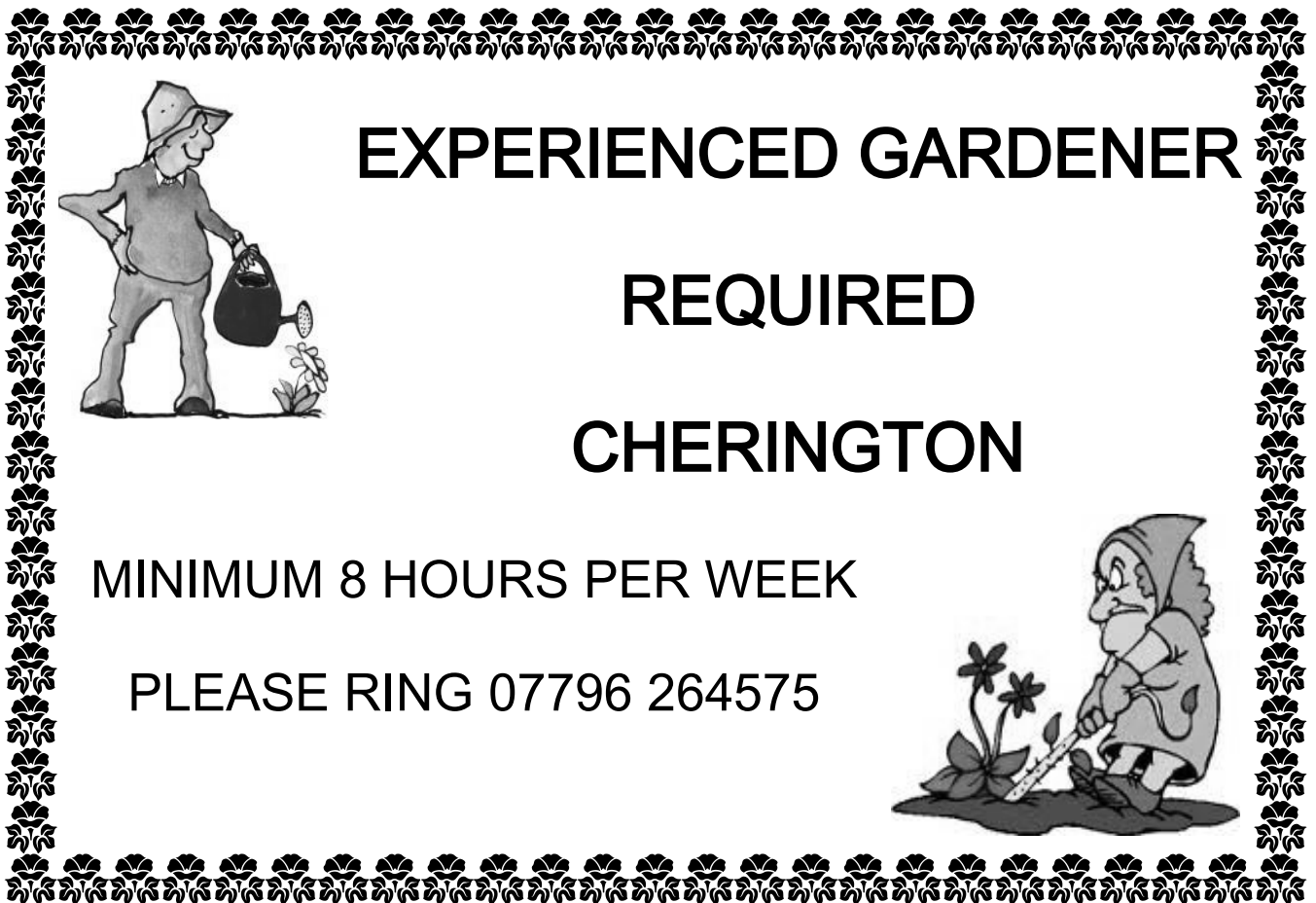
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# Down Memory Lane



Cherington village green can be seen in the background of this photograph, taken from a little way down Rest Hill, the route out towards Cherington Lake and Avening. The note in my great uncle George White's album says that the lady is Mrs Emma Townsend. There seems to be a horse drawn van parked by the green. It appears that this photograph was taken in the early 1900s. Mrs Townsend is listed in the 1891 census as Mrs Emma Townsend aged 46, born in Oakridge Lynch. Her husband, William was 47, listed as an agricultural labourer, born in Cherington.

*Charles Rymer*






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A full programme of activities will be on the Festival website:  
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# Avening Cinema Club

The film on April 28th will be

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# Cherington Parish Council

## **Planning**

24 January 2017, 17/00312/COMPLY

Refurbishment of coach house & stables for use as stables, construction of boundary walls, Coach House Cherington Park.

Status: Decided, Part compliance - non-exempt conditions

9 February 2017, 17/00591/TCONR

Remove cypress, The Walled Garden.

Status: Decided, No Objection

23 February 2017, 17/00783/LBC

Raising boundary wall to 1.8 metres, Evergreen Cottage.

Status: Awaiting decision. No objections raised.

For further information please visit [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk) and search on the Planning pages.

## **Broadband**

The Parish Council continues to investigate options to improve service and will report on progress at the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st April.

## **Village Website**

A grant has been received to set up a village website and a contract is in place to create this, and upload an initial set of information to comply with the terms of the grant received. Content and further updates will be the responsibility of and approved by the Parish Council. It is hoped to have a basic site established by April and further details will be provided in due course.

## **Litter**

The Parish Council were grateful for the help of the Grove Park Estate in dealing with litter around the village. This had greatly assisted the Village Litter Pick event on March 11th.

## **Parish Council Meetings**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 9th 2016 at 6pm** in the Village Hall. An agenda will be placed on the village notice board.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend meetings; the agenda includes public participation time to enable you to raise any issues. The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01453 832100 or via email at [cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk).

## Cherington Litter Pick



A happy and enthusiastic group of village residents came together on Saturday 11th March to help with the litter pick. About 20 people were there on the day and others, who could not be there at the time, also did their bit before the day. All in all a great effort and the Parish Council is very grateful to those who are trying to keep our village beautiful. The picture says it all!

## **Holy Cross Church Avening Annual Parish Meeting Sunday 2nd April**

This meeting is open to everyone on our electoral roll and is very important as it is where we elect our church representatives. It is also a chance to hear a review of our activities in 2016 so please make a note in your diaries .

The meeting will take place immediately after the morning service at about 12 noon



# Avening Parish Council



## Planning Applications

Ref. No: 16/04731/FUL

Erection of dwelling - The Queen Matilda Tavern Star Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NT

Councillors felt that the building was rather plain and uninspiring for such a prominent position, that is also within a conservation area. It may also create a new line of development.

Ref. No: 17/00161/FUL

Replacement windows - 21 Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT

No objections raised

Ref. No: 17/00382/FUL

Variation of conditions 2 and 11 of 13/03106/FUL (APP/F1610/A/14/2211813) to allow for amended drawings showing alternative arrangements for parking / vehicle manoeuvring and associated landscaping - 11A High Street Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LU

Concerns and objections have already been registered and ongoing concerns remain about the site.

Ref: 17/00605/FULFull

Application for Construct a 2m wide by 7m long raised deck overlooking a wooded area on a slope down to a stream at the bottom at 20 Sandford Leaze Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8PB

No objections raised

Ref. No: 17/00648/FUL

Erection of livestock building - Land At Star Lane Avening Gloucestershire

No objections raised

## Police Report

2 crimes were reported which related to one incident involving 2 parties. Councillors were sad to hear that Paul Hancock, our Community Support Officer, had been relocated to the North Cotswolds and voiced concerns about the reduction in police resources in the area. Our contacts will now be Sue Fellows and Leah Davis.

## Playing Field

Plans are in place to replace the play equipment at the playing field. Approval was given to the APFA to commence the work which will be done in 2 phases, with work on installing the first set of equipment commencing very soon.

## **Village AGM**

Following a poor attendance at our last AGM and great attendance at the Queen's birthday tea party, we have decided to learn from one to improve the other! Our AGM will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 20 May 2017 and will be a family friendly event with attractions, entertainment and of course food and drink. More details will be published shortly and we look forward to a fun afternoon.

## **Information Boards**

Plans are in place for 2 information maps to be put up in Avening. These will list walks and points of interest for visitors to the area. The site around the phone box/defibrillator will be improved to make it a focal point of the village.

## **Road Issues Log**

We are keeping a log of problems with our roads i.e. potholes, broken kerb stones etc. and these have been reported to Gloucestershire highways. The full list, with updates, is available on the website.

## **Avening Signs**

New signs have been ordered to smarten up the entrances to Avening.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 16 March 2017 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Agendas will be displayed on the village notice boards. Minutes of our meetings are available to view on the Avening Parish Council Website.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: [parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk) or by phone: 01452 770792 07866 297098 (mobile)



## **Church Floodlighting**

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# Church Services in Avening & Cherington in February

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	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday April 9th Palm Sunday		Cherington	NO SERVICE
	5.00pm	Avening	Evensong (BCP)
Friday April 14th Good Friday	2.00pm	Avening	Tenebrae
Sunday April 16th Easter day	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday April 23rd St Georges day	9.30am	Cherington	Morning Prayer
		Avening	NO SERVICE
Sunday April 30th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)

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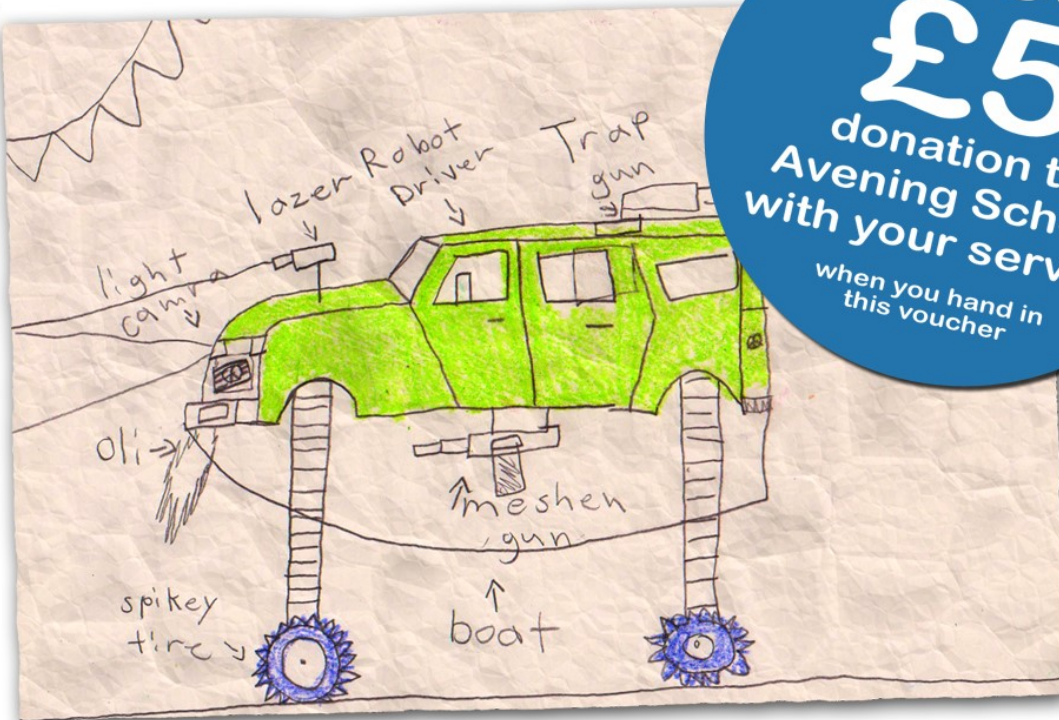
Saturday 1st April	Cherington Annual Parish Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	10.00am
Sunday 2nd April	Avening Church Annual Parish Meeting	Holy Cross Avening	12 noon
April 7th to April 23rd	Avening School Easter Holiday	School	Back to school April 24th
Friday 28th April	Cinema Club showing A United Kingdom	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Saturday 29th April	Academix Singing Workshop	Holy Cross Avening	3.30-5.30pm
Saturday 29th April	Academix Concert	Holy Cross Avening	7.30pm
Tuesday 9th May	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Sunday 21st May	Best for Ben BBQ & Cherington 10K run	Cherington Green	11.30am
Wednesday 7th June	WI Visit to the Royal Mint, Llantrisant & Tredegar House	tba	tba
Saturday 17th June	FOAS Bear hunt	Around the village	Tbc.
Sunday 25th June	Avening Church Fete	All around the Church	Afternoon
Friday 7th July	Avening School Fete	Around the School	Afternoon
Sunday 21st July	Cherington Village Fete	Various locations in the village	Afternoon

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