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It's getting a bit chilly outside now, so in this edition we're definitely gearing up for Christmas, with plenty of activities in the diary already, and undoubtedly more to come. It looks like it's going to be a lot of fun, as usual! Don't forget to let us know of anything happening in December and January before 18th November so we can include them in next month's Villager because there is no edition in January. And please do take lots of photos of the events and send them to us, so we can have a display in the magazine of everything that went on during the festive season.

This issue features an obituary of our well-loved District Councillor Jim Parsons - this role was only one of his many contributions to our community. You may be interested to know that the election for his seat on the Council will be held on 23rd November; he would be very proud if there was a big voter turnout in Avening for this.

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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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The Cherington Christmas Fair

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AVENING & CHERINGTON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

2017

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12th 10.45am



**Remembrance service in
Holy Cross Church Avening
With Avening Silver Band**

**Followed by the laying of
wreaths at the Millennium
Cross in the churchyard**

*All Saints and All Souls Service
Sunday 5th November*

11.00 am

Holy Cross Church, Avening

*As well as celebrating saints past and
present there will be some quiet time to
remember those we see no more and to light
a candle in their memory.*

All are welcome

START OF THE FESTIVE SEASON IN CHERINGTON

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER



**5 p.m. Christingle Service in
St Nicholas Church**



**5.45 Approx. Lighting of
the Village Christmas
Tree with Carols on the
Green**

**Followed by Drinks in the
Village Hall**

**Do join us, family and
friends welcome**

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 - 9.30pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Cherington PC	Tuesday	6.30pm	Village Hall	Beverley 01453 832100
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
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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Over 60s Lunch Club	Christine Howell	01453 833246
Stroud Hospital	Reception	0300 421 8080
Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336
Women's Institute	Gwyneth Simpson	01453 836556



VILLAGE & AREA WEB SITES

Avening Parish Council: www.avening-pc.gov

Avening Church: www.aveningchurch.info

Cherington Parish Council: cheringtonpc.org.uk.

Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

Cotswold District Council: www.cotswold.gov.uk

Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



It's great that people feel happy to approach me and the other councillors, whether it's to get our help in resolving issues, or just to suggest things that will help Avening be better. We can't change the world, and anything out of our direct control WILL take time, but we will always try to help where we can. Keep your suggestions coming in – catch us in the street; via email; or send a message via Facebook.

On the subject of Facebook, this is an increasingly effective way to get urgent messages out to the community; to publicise details of events; or just to share interesting material – we now have 300 followers, so can easily reach thousands of individuals with a bit of 'liking' and 'sharing'. If you haven't already done so, do have a look at our page, and also the website (www.avening-pc.gov).

It won't be long before we start to think of Christmas, and to kick off the festive season, we will be lighting up the Christmas tree on **Saturday 2nd December at 4.30** (Note change from previously advertised date - mark it in your calendar!). There will be carols, lanterns, and a procession to the pub for some complementary hot & cold snacks, and mulled wine – we'd love you to bring a spare decoration to decorate the tree.

We will soon be submitting a planning application for the playing field upgrade, and I will publish full details of the proposed enhancements on the website – details will also be available in the newly refurbished (and newly dedicated) Jim Parsons Reading Room. This is located above the kitchen in the Memorial Hall. The PC has committed a sum of money to get the project moving, but most of the funding will come from external sources – as soon as we have the final plans, we will be able to start approaching organisations for an investment. In the meantime, there's a great opportunity to start thinking about forming teams to make use of the new pitch and other facilities – more about that next month.

Tony Slater, Chairman

Avening and Cherington Churches

First Day in (the) Office

I have started several jobs over the years, usually familiarising myself with a physics lab or a classroom, but never before have I been able to spend the first day getting to know the new patch by walking the beautiful Cotswold countryside.



Walking the Bounds -thanks to Elizabeth Buchanan for the photo

After the packed church and uplifting licensing service on 9th October the following day started with a quiet service of morning prayers in the company of a few villagers. We then set off up Woodstock Lane to the footpath beyond. With helpful guidance from Steve Uzzell and George Buchanan we were able to follow the parish boundary around to Chavenage Green: this is an excellent walk with varied views and scenery, much to be recommended. The Trouble House provided a very welcome lunch and from there Jennie and I walked the Cherington boundary, past Trull House, Lowesmoor and Aston Farm before the very steep (not to be recommended!) descent to Cherington. Some evening prayers at St Nicholas with some of the local residents brought the more active part of the day to a fitting end and a pint in

the Bell that evening was most welcome.

There is something about the rhythm of a long walk that many people find promotes a distinctive frame of mind and view of the world around us: cares and worries are put into their right perspective and the marvel of existence itself can take hold. This has long been known in the Christian tradition of pilgrimage and is as valid today as ever it was. John Hillaby, the famous walker who died in 1996, realised that walking is an end in itself when he wrote: *Walking is a way of being somewhere, rather than striving to arrive.*

Jennie and I have been made to feel welcome here by many of you and we greatly appreciate it. We hope to get to know many more villagers over the coming weeks.

For the time being the current pattern of church services at our two churches is being retained but we will be reviewing this shortly. Meanwhile we continue to welcome all and, if you have any enquiries about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral, or any other matter, please do contact me. My work for the parishes is restricted to two days per week and Sunday services: I will for the time being allocate Wednesdays to church matters and will be flexible about the remaining time in order to attend appropriate diocesan and parish events.

Gerald South
Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington
01453 834884; gp.south@btopenworld.com



The Bishop of Gloucester at the licensing of our new parish priest Revd. Gerald South

**THERE ARE A FEW SPACES AVAILABLE ON THE MINIBUS GOING TO
GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL FOR THE ADVENT CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE,
SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER**

Anyone interested contact Derrick on 01453835090 or email
derrick.pierce@hotmail.com (First come first served)
Minibus fare £8.50 leaving Avening at 4.30 on December 3rd
Entry to the Cathedral free although there will be a collection.

Avening and Cherington Cricket Club

The Cricket Club wish to thank all those in both villages, and indeed beyond, who have shown such an interest in our Club this past season following our trials and tribulations in 2016, when a decreasing playing strength threatened our existence. Everyone seemed pleased that this past season has been so different.

We were fortunate enough to welcome several players from other teams which for various reasons were forced to close down. These, together with the help of a few former players of the Club [who thought they had retired] and even some who had never played competitive cricket before, enabled us to finish a credible 4th in Div.2 of the Cirencester & District Cricket League, and with a little more luck this position would have been higher.

Season 2018 looks even more promising and who knows perhaps Div.1 beckons us!

Our thanks go to Chris and Siobhan of Cherington Park who allow us to play on such a lovely ground at Cherington, and to Roger Gegg our President, as well as all the Vice Presidents, for their great support.

Thank you again to all of you who have shown such interest in the Club. Any prospective players can be assured of a warm welcome!

***Derrick Ind Chairman
01453 835752***

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Jim Parsons

1935 - 2017



Jim was an Avening Boy, having moved here at 2 days old, when his parents went to live with his grandparents, the Inds. He grew up in the village, going to school here and then to the grammar school in Tetbury. He and Jim Hill became friends from an early age and had many an adventure together. They got into trouble often and one day when they were messing around in the stream, Jim Hill caught an eel and threw it straight at Jim's head, for which they both got a telling off! They had the fun of going down the chute into the basement of the Church Rooms where everyone threw away their newspapers, and spent Saturday mornings out of sight reading comics and magazines. The boys of the village at that time were expected to fetch the home supply of water from the water pumps. Not surprisingly, Jim has recently been very influential in the Parish Council's plans to protect them for perpetuity.

From an early age, Jim loved music, and had the remarkable gift of not having to look at the music to remember a tune and could play any tune requested. Both the Jim's talents led to them to form a band together 1953, and their first booking was the Coronation Ball in the Hall! They went on to call themselves the 'Cosmonauts' after the Russian Space programme and then, in later years, even thought of the name the 'Geriatrics' but, to most of us they were simply the Two Jims – and performed together for 64 years!

When he left school, Jim found work with Mr Arundel, feeding the pigs in West end, however his real career started when he got a job with the MOD at Aston Down Aerodrome. Following a period in London, he went all over the country and then travelled to Cyprus, Spain and France, and spent some time in America. The downside to all this was that he was often away from home, and never wanted to go on holiday!!

Before this, as a young man, Jim helped the Powell family with the milk round, which is how he met Mary Cook who lived in Cherington. They were married in Cherington Church, sixty years ago, and it was Jim Hill who drove them down to Weston Super Mare for their honeymoon. Jim and Mary bought a plot of land on Tetbury Hill, where they dug out the bank by hand to make the foundations of their house where they were to live for the rest of their married lives. This was where their son, Keith, and daughter, Bridget, were born.

He was an integral part of so much in the village, and gave us all fun and laughter. There was the famous occasion when the Jims went to Westonbirt Arboretum to play at the enchanted forest, and when plugging in his keyboard he somehow managed to fuse the lot, leaving those in charge in an utter panic!

We will all remember he and Mary's crazy Christmas lights that lit up the whole of Tetbury Hill, and more so his playing at parties - especially at Christmas, standing in as the organist in the Church, and at the village events and dances. Whenever there was something to celebrate the 'Two Jims' were there accompanying our sing songs and playing, so no one could resist getting up to dance.

Jim was elected to Cotswold District Council in 1999 to represent the Avening ward (later to be expanded and called Grumbolds Ash with Avening). He served on virtually every committee formed at CDC in over 18 years' service as a district councillor. He was always prepared to do whatever was asked of him, to the best of his abilities, and with a cheery smile - even if, when needed, this could conceal a steely, no-nonsense interior. Jim served as a chairman of the audit and scrutiny committee, the overview and scrutiny committee, Tetbury Sport and Leisure Centre Liaison committee and the Community Services Grants sub-committee amongst many others - he was a Parish Councillor for many years, and also served as chairman. Aside from these roles, Jim worked tirelessly for numerous outside bodies, many of which focussed on service to communities, and he was particularly passionate about seeking to improve the ambulance service in the Cotswolds.

As Father of the House, in recent years he was a member of the conservative group on CDC, but politics were not as important as doing what was right and what was best for his residents and beyond. Such an approach led to the respect he received across the political spectrum. He was also there for new members, offering support and guidance. However, in whatever he said or did, he was always a true gentleman - an old-style, traditional community servant, but someone who did move with the times.

Jim was an optimist, and that was so much of his charm and empathy to his constituents and his audiences. Right up to the end he believed he would get better. Just a few days before he died, he received a telephone call from the District Council asking him if he was going to stand at the next Election – “Most Certainly”, he replied.

The number of responses and kind words that have been received at CDC to the sad news of Jim’s passing was unprecedented. However, upon reflection, it is nothing more than we should have expected and is a true testament to someone who touched so many lives.

Tony Slater

Edited from Eulogies presented by Celia Carter, and Mark Annett, Leader Cotswold District Council – Full versions can be seen on the website.



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Set in the 1930s in an old country house and suitable for all age groups, 'Murdered to Death' by Peter Gordon, features stock genre characters such as the female amateur detective, the choleric colonel, the mysterious foreigner and the bumbling policeman and plays them all for laughs.

There will be three performances: Friday November 10th and Saturday 11th November at 7.30pm and for those people – young or less young! – who prefer not to venture out on a dark evening, there is a matinee on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 pm.

If laughter is the best medicine, then 'Murdered to Death' could be described as a lethal dose!

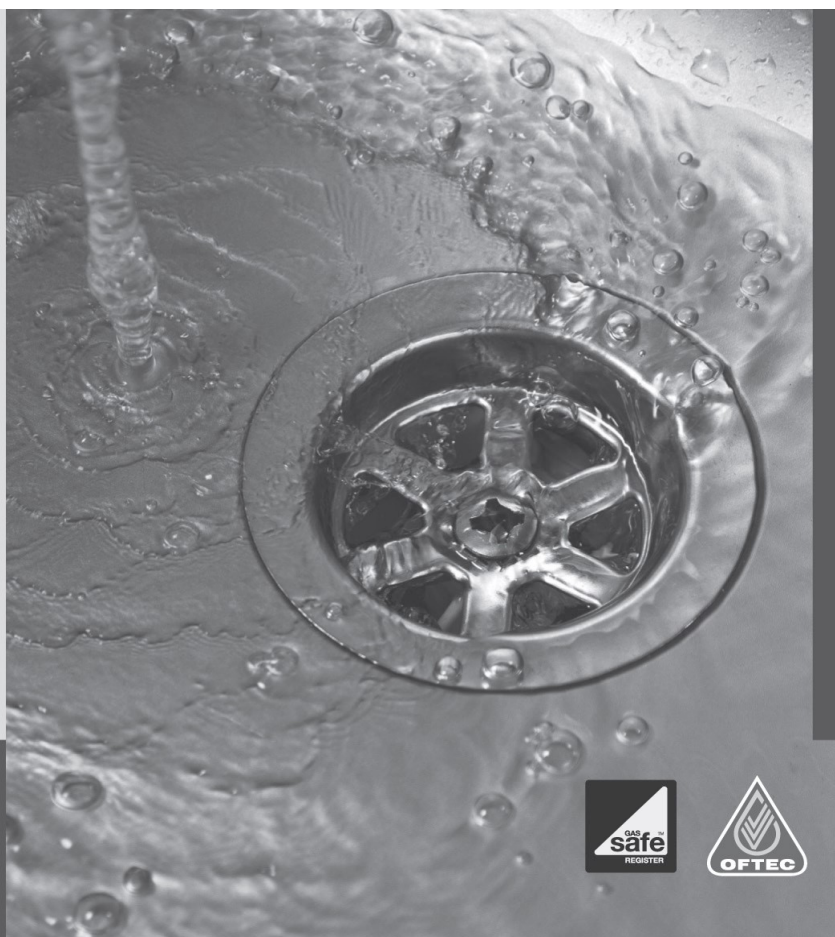
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contains all of the digits 1 to 9.

(Answers on page 34)

Across

1. Utensil (5)
3. Path (5)
7. Disregarded (7)
9. Send out (5)
10. Military command (5)
11. Mythical beast (7)
12. Taste (6)
14. Movie house (6)
18. Bet (7)
20. Deduce (5)
22. Unsuitable (5)
23. Roamed (7)
24. Finished (5)
25. Small boat (5)

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Down

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| 1. Mariners (7) | 5. Svelte (7) | 16. Condense (7) |
| 2. Possessed (5) | 6. Beer mug (5) | 17. Worshipped (6) |
| 3. Boredom (6) | 8. Relating to country life (5) | 18. Forgo (5) |
| 4. Legal excuse (5) | 13. Tycoon (7) | 19. Graded (5) |
| | 15. Dialect (5) | 21. Criminal (5) |

Avening Playgroup

There is no report from the Playgroup this month, but if there is anything you would like to know about our lovely playgroup, you can contact us on 01453 832695 or on email at aveningplaygroup@gmail.com.

Debbie Brown

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Changes to Village and Community Agents

My name is Aileen Bendall and I have been the Village and Community Agent in this area of the South Cotswolds for the last 6+ years. From the 1st October 2017 our scheme combined with Social Prescribing to become a new service called COMMUNITY CONNECTORS. I will continue to work in the South Cotswolds including Tetbury, Avening and the surrounding areas. In addition to this there is another COMMUNITY CONNECTOR, LISA HEPWORTH, working out of a number of surgeries in the same area. Together with our other colleagues across the whole of the Cotswold District, we will be supporting anyone over the age of 16. As before there will be one-to-one support for individuals, signposting, referrals to activities and groups in our area. The service can be helpful for all people

- in times of change (after redundancy, health issues, retirement)
- in times of emotional hardship, such as bereavement
- worries around debt or financial issues
- who don't know where to turn for support
- who would like to volunteer in the community

I have been fortunate to support and help many people across the South Cotswolds and I hope that I can continue to do this as a COMMUNITY CONNECTOR. This remains a FREE CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE. Thanks to those in the South Cotswolds who have supported me in my role as a Village and Community Agent and I look forward to continue to support you and the community as we move forward with this new scheme. If you think that I may be able to help, a family member, neighbour, friend or relative please call our office on the number below and a home visit can be arranged.

Gloucestershire Rural Community council (GRCC) 01452-528491 or email info@grcc.org.uk

Aileen Bendall

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STARTER

- Roasted Pumpkin Soup with Curry Oil Drizzle (vn)
- Portobello Mushroom Schnitzel with Lemon & Caper Aioli (vn)
- Home Marinated Bibury Trout with Crème Fraiche & Pumpernickel Bread
- Potted Ham Hock with Pickled Vegetables & Cranberry Chutney

MAIN EVENT

- Beetroot Nut Roast (vn)
Mustard Glazed Brussels Sprouts, Braised Cabbage, Maple Syrup Glazed Carrots, Rosemary Roast Potatoes, Roasted Parsnips & Cashew Miso Gravy
- Roast Turkey with Pork & Chestnut Stuffing & Pigs in Blankets
Mustard Glazed Brussels Sprouts, Maple Syrup Glazed Carrots, Rosemary Roast Potatoes, Roasted Parsnips & Walnut & Apple Turkey Gravy
- Pan Roasted Brill in Cider & Lemon Butter Sauce
Leeks, Cabbage, Potato Cake
- Slow Braised Bavette of Beef
Horseradish Mash, Red Cabbage, Rich Beef Liquor

PUDDING

- Apple & Cranberry Crumble with Vanilla Custard (vn)
- Gingerbread Pudding with Sticky Toffee Sauce (vn)
- Traditional Figgy Pudding with Brandy Butter & Clotted Cream



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Avening School

Hockey, football, netball and a whole lot of running!



Last month, the whole school put on their running shoes, headed up to the playing field and took part in the World 5000m Challenge. Students from all over the world compete to break (and set!) new World Records over the Marathon (for secondary schools) and 5000m distances (for primary schools). Everyone did amazingly well and showed real stamina as well as great team work supporting one another. Carrying on with the sports theme, our pupils have wasted no time in getting stuck into tournaments and competitions. Our cross country runners recently flew the flag for Avening School with a triumphant performance at an event at Kingshill School in Cirencester and subsequently won second place in the team race. Our hockey players also made the school proud with a recent win at the Quick Sticks hockey tournament held at Deer Park School. We have had success at the Cirencester girls' football tournament too – the first year that we have had enough girls interested to enter two teams. Our development team scored their first goal and the other team won a bronze medal! There has been a netball tournament too, with determined performances from Team Avening. Follow @AveningPriSport on twitter to keep up-to-date with all of the sporting action!

It was lovely to see lots of new faces last week at our annual school Open Morning as well as plenty of familiar ones. The school House Captains from y6 and members of our School Council did an amazing job showing visitors around the school and we had some wonderful comments in our visitors'

book afterwards.

The school recently welcomed the new vicar of Holy Cross Church, Reverend Gerald into the school. His first official visit to the school was for our Harvest Festival on the last day before half term and he will be joining us again for our Remembrance service at the beginning of November. School will also be holding a special service during Happiness Week later in the month which will coincide with national anti-bullying week.

We have plenty of visits taking place over the forthcoming weeks as well as visitors into school. The Owls class (y5/6) are taking part in a K'Nex Challenge which will develop their engineering skills and will also be venturing out of school to watch a performance of the award-winning stage adaptation of 'War horse' in Bristol. Meanwhile, we have the Explorer Dome transforming the hall with a space show for Key Stage 1 and the Owls, and a science workshop on the body and digestion for the Hawks. Later on in the term, the KS1 children will be travelling to the Wyvern theatre to watch a performance of Peter Pan. In addition to all of this activity in and out of school, both ks1 and ks2 have their Christmas shows to cast, devise, and rehearse. What a busy second half to the autumn term this is going to be!

A huge thank you to everyone that has supported our Avening Primary School IT fund (APS-IT). So far we have managed to purchase a set of 16 Learn Pads and 16 laptops which will enhance our provision considerably and enable the children to keep up with the ever-changing world of technology. We are continuing to fund-raise and should you wish to donate to our IT campaign, please visit www.mydonate.bt.com and search for Friends of Avening School.

The school relies heavily on donations made to the school and funds raised by FOAS, without which we wouldn't be able to take the children on school trips, update our IT equipment and classroom furniture, and purchase essential teaching resources. Thank to you to all who continually support the school by taking part in FOAS events - volunteering their time or making donations.

We had a great time at our FOAS quiz night last month raising in excess of £400 for the school. This month we have our annual school Halloween disco, this year split into two events for the different age groups, and on Friday 1st December FOAS will be holding their annual Christmas market in the Village Hall – 2.30 – 4.30. Please join us if you can!

For further information about our happy, busy place of learning, please see our school website; www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk.

Alex Adcock

Down to Earth



*colchicum autumnale (autumn
crocus)*

I am beginning to clear the vegetable plot, save for a few rows of cavolo nero (just coming back into leaf production after a destructive onslaught by cabbage white caterpillars), spinach beet and leeks. Now is the time to shovel on that well-rotted home-made compost, the food for the soil. In the past the accepted wisdom advocated 'double-digging', the creation of trenches in which to bury the manure or compost. Latterly, the concept of no-dig and been espoused and promoted, by such people as Charles Dowding from Shepton Mallet. In brief: you shovel the compost on top and allow the worms and other soil-dwelling

beasties to travel up from their burrows and then pull it back down. This aerates the soil and allows for water retention. You do not destroy the structure of the soil by breaking it up; nor do you turn it over so that the weed seeds are exposed to the light and germinate. So, you make the lovely compost and allow the worms and their companions to work it into your soil!

Charles Dowding's experiments with no-dig, carried out over 35 years at his plot in Somerset, have shown that: 'most vegetables grow more strongly and healthily on the no dig beds', and, joy, oh joy, he sees, 'less slug damage to the no dig vegetables'. So why not give it a try!

Winter evenings present an opportunity to catch up on some reading. I particularly enjoyed *'The Tudor House and Garden'* by Paula Henderson. This is really more about the gardens than the houses; actually, it is more about the 'setting' of the Tudor or Stuart house. The author argues that we no longer see these houses in their original settings; we need to re-envision them surrounded by a composition of parterres, terraces, gateways and pavilions which were architecturally in harmony with the house and which, at the same time, created a transitional space between house and the wider landscape. Banqueting houses were a particular feature of Tudor and early Stuart gardens, small, often architecturally exuberant pavilions in which the host and his invited guests partook of refreshments: marzipans, quince cakes, spiced wines and other delicacies. Two of my favourites are those at Chipping Campden, each different



Chesterton Windmill

and built on two levels. They are now beautifully restored and available to let through the Landmark Trust. These stood on either end of a terrace in front of Campden House, one of the most spectacular houses of its time, influenced by Renaissance styles and glittering with expensive (for those times) glazed windows and a lantern tower. The House was built around 1612 for Sir Baptist Hicks, a wealthy mercer (textile merchant) and

lasted just 30 years, before being burnt down in the Civil War. A fire-reddened fragment remains. The banqueting houses are best viewed from the far end of the churchyard of St James' Church.

In the churchyard of St James', where we sat and had a sandwich, was a clump of one of the most delightful autumn flowers: the autumn crocus, meadow saffron or naked ladies. These flowers appear after the leaves have died down, hence the latter name. Strictly speaking, these are colchicums, not crocuses. And, despite their enticing appearance, they are highly toxic if ingested. So, admire from a distance but do not be lured into dalliance with those naked ladies!

Talking of banqueting houses, I agree with Pauline Henderson (see above) that the extraordinary Chesterton windmill, just off the Fosse Way, (taking Windmill



*East banqueting house,
Campden House*

Lane on the right immediately after crossing over the M40), may originally have been just that. Or a gazebo or observatory. Dated 1632 and built by, or for, Sir Edward Peyto, Pevsner (in *The Buildings of England*) calls it, 'very strange in many ways'. With an open ground floor and raised on six rounded arches, with an upper storey and mullioned windows, it is quite unlike any other windmill. There is evidence of a windmill on the site in 1674, so presumably it was converted later in the century. With a 360° panorama out over Warwickshire, it fulfils one of the requirements of a banqueting house – that it is 'a room with a view'!

Marilyn Jones

Avening W.I.

I am writing this having just dried out from a thorough soaking during our October walk. A bedraggled group arrived at Hunters Hall for lunch after a very scenic walk near Kingscote.

Six of our members recently attended the County Federation meeting in the Pittville Pump Rooms in Cheltenham. The guest speaker was Heather Jacks who was the winner of the Sewing Bee competition on BBC television. She was an excellent speaker and had no notes!

We have 2 teams in the final of the W.I. County Quiz being held at the King's School Gloucester this week. We also have our regular fun quiz to be held on Friday 3rd November at 7pm for a 7.30 start in the Social Club. The cost is £4 a head to include a ploughman's supper. Please find some friends to make teams of four and come along for an enjoyable evening. The proceeds from the quiz will be donated to Tetbury Hospital.

Our speaker at our October meeting was Ray Wilson who kindly stepped in at very short notice after our planned speaker was taken ill. His talk was 'Stroud's Other Industries (more than just cloth)'. He had an amazing range of photographs covering many decades from the 1900s to present day. The other industries included iron foundries, car manufacturing, printing and walking sticks.

Our October meeting is when we celebrate Avening W.I.'s birthday. We have been going continually since October 1930, a mere 87 years! We celebrated with cheese and wine.

Our November speaker will be Susan Prentice and her talk will be entitled 'The Dame and the Diva'.

8 of our members are going to the NEC to attend the 'Crafts for Christmas' show. We hope to come back brimming with new ideas.

We still have spaces on our Christmas shopping trip to Worcester on Friday 1st December when the Victorian Christmas Market is in full swing. The cost is just £10. If any villagers and friends would like to join us please contact me on 01453 836556. The coach will be leaving at 9.15 a.m. from the layby opposite the school.

Gwyneth Simpson

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Elsie's FGR Experience

On the 7th of October my dad and I went to the Notts County away game. They are currently top of the table and we were bottom of League 2, so we came into the match with no expectations. After a 3 hour drive we arrived at the stadium and it's fair to say that we were massively outnumbered by Notts County fans which made me feel a little intimidated but anyone we did talk to was very welcoming and kind.

A little while later we collected our tickets and made our way into the stadium. Inside it felt huge! We were in a top corner of one of the stands and had a great view of the game. To begin with Notts County were looking like the stronger team and had a large majority of the possession. However, as we started to get into the game it began to level out. Then 26 mins in Christian Doidge made a brilliant cross into the box where it was picked up by Omar Bugiel who hit it right past the Goalkeeper's hand. Their fans certainly went quiet after that. As the game carried on FGR were getting better and better and it was Notts County who were beginning to look scared. Although, FGR were incredibly unlucky as they just couldn't manage to get any of the chances that they created in! There was one time when I was just waiting for the net to bulge after one of Doidge's headers but unfortunately it just skimmed past the post. Little did they know that a second goal was vital because with 5 mins of extra time plus the time wasted by a substitution, Notts County were able to equalise in the 96th minute! Everyone was in shock.

Overall, it was a great day and we all came back feeling very proud of FGR. We nearly beat the team at the top of the table! But we did still come away with a point which pulled us out of the relegation zone and if we keep playing like this I believe that we can get a few more wins under our belt and climb up the League.

Who's it against?	What sort of match!	Date!	Time!	Home or Away!
Macclesfield Town	FA Cup 1st round	Saturday 4th	3:00pm	H
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Crewe Alexandra	League	Saturday 18th	3:00pm	H
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Please send us (editors@acvillager.co.uk) details of the aims of the charities, a bit of history and why it was set up and points of contact for those interested in knowing more, with details of what, if anything, you need help with or volunteers for.

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No film in December, but from January the film will be the first Wednesday of the month in the Memorial Hall.

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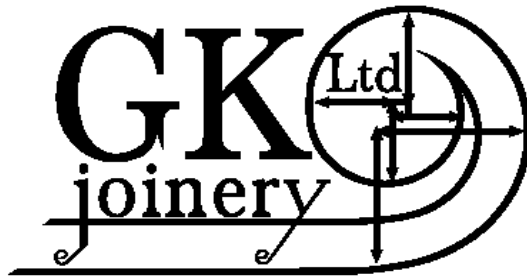
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Cherington Parish Council

There was no meeting of the council during October.

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The next meeting of the council will be on Monday 6th November at 6.00pm in Toad Hall at Trull, in the meantime we have been requested to circulate the following in the villages. 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.

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Avening Parish Council



The minutes of the meeting held on **19 October 2017** will be published shortly but some of the issues raised at the meeting are listed below:

Community Connectors

Kevin Dower from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council came to talk to the Parish Council about the new service which incorporated the Village Agents who will be re-named Community Connectors. He explained that the service was available to anyone over 16 and aimed to offer support and assistance for individuals and can refer people to activities and groups in their area.

The service may be suitable for people:

- in times of change, for example after redundancy, health issues or retirement;
- in times of emotional hardship, such as after a bereavement;
- who are worried about debt or financial issues;
- who don't know where to turn for support;
- who would like to volunteer in their community.

More information can be found on www.grcc.org.uk or Tel. 01452 528491

New Parish Councillor Needed

Have you ever considered becoming a Parish Councillor?

Avening currently needs to recruit a new member. We are a friendly bunch with a mix of skills that means we are really making a difference. We meet once a month for a couple of hours, with occasional additional meetings depending on particular interests/projects. If you are interested or would like to find out more about what's involved please contact the clerk, or Tony Slater, the Chair.

Playing Field – Next Stage.

It has been agreed that the following elements will be included in the playing field development:

- Grass pitch suitable for 6/8 a side football and other sports
- Running Track
- 20 space car park (works to be undertaken in 2 stages)
- Toilets and Changing Facilities
- Outdoor Classroom

- Multi Use Games Area – to include lighting and fencing.
- Pump Track and cycle trail (for cycles / BMX etc)
- 6 pieces of adult gym equipment
- Woodland walk
- Improved access

Work is now being undertaken on the planning application and possible funding sources.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

The date for the ceremony has changed from Sunday 3 December to Saturday 2 December 2017 at 4.30 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 16 November** 2017 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Agendas will be displayed on the village notice boards. Minutes of our meetings are available to view at www.avening-pc.gov.uk

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

Church Floodlighting



The church was floodlit on:

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13th October in memory of **Nicola Vickery** on her birthday

17th October, St. Luke's day, for all doctors, nurses and carers

29th October in memory of **John Hopes** from his wife and family

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**.

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Church Services in Avening & Cherington in October

Sunday November 5th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW) for All Saints and All Souls
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW) for All Saints and All Souls)
Sunday November 12th		Cherington	No service
	10.45am	Avening	Remembrance Service
Sunday November 19th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday November 26th	9.30 am	Cherington	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	11.00	Avening	No service
Sunday December 3rd	9.30am	Cherington	Service for Advent Sunday)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion for Advent Sunday (CW)

Church and Village

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Monday 6th November	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Toad Hall Trull	6.00pm
Sunday 12th November	Remembrance Service	Holy Cross Church Avening	10.45am
Thursday 16 November	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall Avening	7.30pm
Sat/Sun. 25th/26th November	Cherington Christmas Fair	Toad Hall Trull	See advert in Villager
Thursday 23rd November	District Council Election	Memorial Hall Avening	
Friday 24th November	Film Club "My Cousin Rachel"	Memorial Hall Avening	7.30pm
Friday 1st December	W.I. Christmas shopping trip to Worcester	Contact Gwyneth on 01453 836556 to book places	TBA
Friday 1st December	FOAS Christmas Market	Memorial Hall Avening	2.30-4.30pm
Saturday 2nd December	Playgroup Christmas Bazaar	Memorial Hall Avening	2.00pm
Saturday 2nd December	Avening Christmas Tree Lighting		4.30pm
Saturday 9th December	Christingle Service	St. Nicholas Church Cherington	5.00pm
Saturday 9th December	Cherington Christmas Tree Lighting	The Green, Cherington	5.45pm
Sunday 10th December	Children's Christmas Party	Holy Cross Church Avening	3.00pm
Sunday 10th December	Father Christmas Float	Around the Village	5.00pm onwards
Sunday 17th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	Holy Cross Church Avening	7.00pm

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LIVE MUSIC EVERY MONTH

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At the old phone box in the High St.

Please
Bring
a spare bauble

 Carols with Avening Angels

 Father Christmas

 Lantern walk to the Queen Matilda,

 where there will be **FREE nibbles** (Limited availability)

