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The beginning of a new term is always an exciting and sometimes nerve-racking time for any family, especially if it involves a new school or even going to school for the first time. We wish all the new children joining Avening School well - and hope it marks the beginning of a very happy school life. This time of the year signals an important time for many at the other end of their school career, as they head off for the world of employment, college, or university, sometimes a long way from home. With lots of changes coming up for Avening and Cherington families we would like to say good luck to them all, especially our young people.

Don't forget to let us know about exciting things in your lives such as weddings, babies or grandchildren - and we love photos! Or tell us about your holidays - this is **your** magazine.

Remember, as well, that we'd love to feature more advertisements which would be useful to the people of Avening and Cherington, so if you have a business, or know of someone who has, which could benefit from a little extra publicity, do let us know. Very reasonable rates!

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Cherington Village www.timeldridge.typepad.com

Cotswold District Council WWW. Cotswold.gov.uk

What's On In Avening and Cherington

Please let us know if we have forgotten any regular event or if there is something you would like to have included here.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
Flamenco Dancing	Monday (excluding school and bank holidays)	7.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
Cherington PC	4th Tuesday Bi-monthly	6.30pm	Village Hall	Frances 01453767384
Baby and Toddler Group	Tuesday	1.30 - 3.00pm	Avening Playgroup	
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.15 - 7.45pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Steve 07807 744444
Line Dancing	Tuesday	7.45 - 10.30pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
Yoga	Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Memorial Hall	Elles 0781 555 2952
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
Dial-a-Ride	Thursday	9.30am		Liz Truman 01666 502514
WI	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Maisie 01453 834679
Avening PC	3rd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Caroline 01285 380041
Avening Art and craft Group	Thursday	10.00am	Longmans Barn	Mick 01453 836318
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090

Bag it, Bin It!



Please clear up after your dog. There are plenty of dog poo bins in the village - use them. Do not allow your dog to foul in any public place, including the Playing Field or the Churchyard.

Any budding journalists or writers out there?

The Villager Magazine Editors are looking for someone to help write the 'Village People' column.

No previous experience necessary, just an interest in people and an ability to write reasonable English.



Contact editors@acvillager.co.uk or phone Jane on 0782137161.

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Everyone Welcome !

Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Warning: The following article contains subject matter that causes offence

I have been asked to highlight again the tsunami of dog waste blighting our public areas, especially the churchyard and playing field. It's hard to imagine why anyone would allow their pets (there are definitely multiple offenders) to be in a churchyard in the first place, but then ignoring the resultant residue is beyond belief! The PC has provided many bins in key locations throughout the village, including one in the churchyard, and 3 in and around the playing field, so there is really no excuse. This is not just a local issue - I read today that a city in Spain was working with the local university to build a DNA database of defecating dogs – maybe a bit extreme, and not very practical here, but we do need to take collective action to tackle the issue. I hate the culture of fines by council jobsworths for every little misdemeanour, but I think a little public shaming might encourage the right behaviour. In the first instance, when we see it happening (if comfortable doing so), we should politely highlight the deposit to the offending owner (even the most diligent of us can sometimes miss a squat & drop!). If not, consider mentioning it to the CDC dog warden, parish clerk, or any of your councillors (details on the website). A photo of Fido would help immensely. Ultimately though, a fine may be the only answer.

In our recent quest to co-opt two new councillors, I thought again about the type of people who might apply for the role – would they be 'management types', or perhaps retired and ready to 'give something back' - and what shapes their desire to join us? Coincidentally, I had a need to look at my family tree that I hadn't reviewed for a while. In scanning through the names on my mother's side, I noticed a certain William Fowles (who is commemorated in the memorial fountain at the cross) was my third great-grandfather. Many members of my family have been good organisers in various fields, and some have had quite senior voluntary roles. Perhaps altruism has nothing to do with location or situation, but more to do with genes??

Update on the Memorial Hall improvements – the WiFi has been connected; the projector and sound system installed; the floor will be repaired before the start of term; but most importantly, the sound attenuation/insulation panels are in place. We'll monitor their success to see if they are adequate, and add more if necessary. This will mean a much better learning environment for the school, and better experience for all users – we would love to hear what you think.

Tony Slater, Chairman, Avening Parish Council

Letter From the Parish Priest



September is a time of beginnings and endings, isn't it? There are new beginnings, especially for our children and young people. We watch with trepidation as children – and grandchildren – walk in for their first day at school. And all our youngsters are moving into a new year in our schools and colleges. We hope and pray all will go well for them.

Gloucester Diocese also begins an exciting new phase under the leadership of Bishop Rachel. We have the welcoming service for our new Bishop, Rachel Treweek, in Gloucester Cathedral on Saturday 19th September at 4.30pm – and look forward to inviting her to Tetbury soon. Though there were two female bishops appointed previously, she is the first woman to be appointed as a diocesan rather than suffragan bishop. She will also be the first female Bishop to sit in the House of Lords- so a truly historic moment!

But there are endings too. This month we mark the end of summer – and everything coming to fruition in our harvest time. Our Harvest Festival services will be held next month, so please do put the dates in your diary! In Avening our service at the Church of the Holy Cross is at 11am on Sunday 4th October, and then in Cherington, the service is at St Nicholas on Saturday 10th October at 6 pm followed by a Bring & Share Supper in the Village Hall (with no service on Sunday 11th October).

It is wonderful to know that all of these – all our beginnings and our endings – are held by God. We are reminded of the words in the Book of Revelation: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Revelation 22:13). So we can commit our lives into God's hands, year by year, day by day, moment by moment. I like to use this prayer in the morning – you may find it helpful.

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey.

Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today.

Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With love and prayers,

Poppy

The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector, the Benefices of Avening with Cherington and Tetbury, Beverston, Long Newnton and Shipton Moyne.

Avening W.I.

No WI meeting in August, so no report from them this month.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th September.

New members always welcome.

Gwyneth Simpson

Lost and Found

Found in Avening in late August - small blue
Radley handbag.

Contact editors@acvillager.co.uk for more details

Sandford Trust

Small grants are available from the Sandford Trust, a small charity for local young people going on to university or work based training. I would welcome applications from anyone living in the parish of Avening, on or before 25th September, after which the annual distribution of funds will be made.

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Avening School



We're back at School! After six weeks of holidays it is good to be back; hearing everyone's exciting stories from the summer and everyone looking smart and ready for the new year ahead. The first week of term has been particularly special for our new reception children who have been getting used to their teachers, classroom and school routine. Another new addition to our school this year is Miss Felicity Smith who joins the Owls (Y5/6) as their new class teacher. There have also been changes to the school itself as refurbishment work continues on our KS2 toilets which should be ready by next month, completing the improvements to school that began last summer.

There is so much to look forward to in the term ahead and plenty planned for the next few months with sports clubs starting again, Young Voices Choir to establish and rehearse for their performance at Birmingham's NEC in January, class projects and outings, not forgetting the annual Christmas productions in December.

As always with the start of term, the school is buzzing with election fever as voting takes place to elect members for the new school council. Y6 pupils will also be given a variety of roles with responsibility as house captains, playground patrollers and library monitors.

We look forward to sharing the events of the next academic year with you all!

Alex Adcock

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

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Elsie's FGR Experience!



Hi I'm Elsie and I am 12 years old. Last term I was lucky enough to be selected by my school, Sir William Romney, to be an ambassador for Forest Green Rovers. What I'm looking to do is write reports on matches to share my experience with others. I also hang up posters, advertise and overall support the team. Along my football journey I hope to see more Forest Green Rovers supporters around the area so to give you a taste of what the matches and the atmosphere is like. I have written two reports on some pre-season friendlies. Hope you enjoy!

15th July

It was a sunny evening when Forest Green Rovers played the tough Cardiff City in a pre-season friendly. In the first half Cardiff City had a chance for a goal 12mins in but was saved by FGR's goalkeeper Steve Arnold. Then, three minutes later Forest Green Rovers had their first chance at a great goal but was cleared by one of Cardiff City's defenders. Unlucky for FGR! But they kept on fighting because Cardiff were becoming quicker and sharper as time went on. Then 25mins into the game it was the first corner for Cardiff City but number 16 (Aarron Racine) blocked it with a perfectly timed header! Quite a while into the first half, there was good effort from both teams and 32mins of the game Forest Green Rovers had such a close chance at a goal with the crowd on the edge of their seats but unfortunately hit the crossbar!

Now we go on to the second half. Cardiff City were getting closer and closer to scoring a goal but FGR's goalkeeper saved a lot of them, although, 55mins in Joe Mason scored a goal for Cardiff City. It's almost as if Cardiff's goal made FGR play slightly more on the ball because you could tell they were more determined to score. They were getting so close to scoring but it came to a downfall when Cardiff were given a penalty. Finally Cardiff shot and Steve Arnold made a brilliant save to the right! Forest Green Rovers were filled with delight! Though time was still ticking for FGR to score that all important goal, it happened 72mins into the game - a header crossed by Keano Marsh Brown, who was recently signed. Eventually the match finished 1-1 and man of the match went to Steve Arnold FGR's very own goalkeeper. In my opinion it was a great game and I had a brilliant time.

22nd July

This week Forest Green Rovers played the well-known Aston Villa. We came especially early because otherwise the car park would be a bit of a struggle which we found out last time. Anyway, after we had settled into our seats and finished our tub of chips it was finally time for the first half. Almost immediately Forest Green Rovers had a very close chance at a goal but unfortunately was cleared by Aston Villa's defence and a couple minutes later number 15 from Aston Villa was slide-tackled by FGR and was given a free kick. Luckily for Forest Green Rovers the result ended in Aston Villa taking a shot that hit the crossbar. Around 15 minutes in, Aston Villa came running down the field and shot but did he score? No, instead FGR's goalkeeper saved what looked like an impossible shot to save. Later on you could see that Aston Villa were improving and scored 22mins in. Trying to save the goal FGR's goalkeeper, Steve Arnold, injured what looked like his ankle or knee so was replaced by Paul White. What I noticed throughout the first half is that whenever there was an opportunity for a header the Aston Villa team always seemed to want a piggyback from the FGR players.

Onto the second half where it kept going back and forth with no goals scored but still good play from both teams. On the 65th minute both teams made some substitutions and then it carried on as it was for a while, until Aston Villa got a penalty; couldn't quite make out what for though. Then as if by surprise they scored so now the score was 2-0 and not long after Aston Villa sneaked a slippery chip over the keepers head and scored again! Suddenly the final whistle blew and the match was over with Aarron Racine as man of the match. I thought it was a good game with excellent play!

Elsie Heslop

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Jeanie's Summer Picnic



On Sunday July 12th a good number of people braved the weather forecast and turned up at Longmans Barn Farm for a picnic with music. Among others the Stroud Ukulele band, the Avening Angels, Jim Hill and some members of the George Buchanan Scottish Dance Band entertained us.

Although the weather could have been better everyone enjoyed the afternoon and the sum of £210 was raised for Longfields (formerly Cotswold Care Hospice).

A big thank you to all especially Jeanie Pargeter for allowing the use of her beautiful garden.



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Avening Playgroup

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Cherington Show 2015: The Wet Year



... it rained and just kept on raining, from 8 am 'till 5 pm ... we thought it would stop ... they said it would ... but no, this was what we were going to get. This was the tester (we never contemplated cancelling) - getting wet and becoming increasingly soaked. How would we manage? Would people come? 'We came to support you,' they said! And they did – about one third of the usual number - sporting umbrellas and wet weather gear, encouraging reluctant wet dogs.

The sun had been out for the 'Eve of the Fete' party at Westrip Barns, hosted so generously by Roger Maggs: before the chill set in we feasted and brain-jogged our way through the quiz - setting off home we couldn't believe the weather would not be on our side.

Kate Gegg and the Village Hall team completely re-arranged the Handicrafts several times in order first to give shelter to the William & Colin Special stand, cushions piled decoratively around, then to Designer Clothes. Luckily, however, between the Bate-Williams' TopupTents sheltering the Band on the Green and the Tea Tent on Coxes' lawn, Henry's Barn for the Art Show, Kitty's great barn for Horticulture and the church for the Flower Arrangement competition there was usually somewhere to take down the broly and dry off.

The Rev. Poppy drew the Raffle and at 5 pm, as Autumn Phillips and her daughter Savannah, presented the cups, the sun obliged for Henry's photographs. Beryl Milsom won the Handicrafts, Anya Pockett won the Childrens' Cup, Christine Williams won the Best Flower Arrangement Cup and Johnny Nettleton won both the Horticulture Cup and the Maberley Cup for Best Horticultural Exhibit. Watery sunshine rounded off the day with prayers and hymn conducted by the Rev. Poppy on Coxes Lawn.

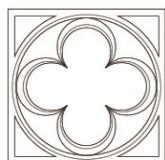
Thank goodness for Gazebos! Wet conditions made more difficult the task of Roger Gegg's Set Up and Take Down team (the Cricket Club). Disappointingly on this day ice creams were not a prime concern, nor the barbecue, nor freshly made elderflower but Danielle's Teas were popular: cakes sold out as usual, even if the books did get soggy... and how do you keep a dog's coat dry?... despite these adverse situations, all stalls contributed a most respectable result.

We turned over in excess of £6,000, with an anticipated net profit of c. £3,200 – about half our usual result – a highly acceptable achievement considering the weather and greater than we could have imagined.

The time and effort contributed by so few of us in Cherington, from March onwards - the administration, keeping account, the Childrens' Workshop perpetuating our Handicrafts, the creativity, knitting and sewing, the baking, the growing, sowing and planting, gathering the prizes, tidying the Village, we are proud to have not disappointed ourselves or our supporters this year and so many thanks to all who participated in raising funds for our worthwhile causes, the Church, the Village Hall and the Cricket Club.

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Cherington Show 2015



Down to Earth



If you didn't go anywhere exotic in the holidays, you could take a trip to one of my favourite places in Gloucestershire, 'India in the Cotswolds', Sezincote House, open Thursdays and Fridays. John Betjeman used to visit when he was a student in Oxford and describes the approach in *Summoned by Bells*:

*“Down the drive,
Under the early yellow leaves of oaks;
The bridge, the waterfall, the Temple Pool -
And there they burst on us, the onion domes,
Chajjars and chattris made of amber stone:
'Home of the Oaks,' exotic Sezincote!”*

The house was designed around 1800 for Sir Charles Cotterell, on his retirement from service in India with the East India Company, by his brother, Samuel Pepys Cotterell. It takes its inspiration from Mogul architecture of Rajasthan, as drawn by Thomas Daniell and nephew, William, whose works may be seen inside the house. Humphrey Repton designed the gardens which include a Thornery around a stream flowing from the Temple of the Goddess Surya, a pair of Brahmin bulls atop the bridge and a hissing, three-headed cobra coiled around a trunk in a pond. (All statues, of course, but designed to keep memories of India alive). When Lord and Lady Cyril Kleinwort took over the property after the Second World War, their programme of restoration and enhancement included a garden on the east side in the form of the traditional Persian *chahar bagh*, the four rivers of life dividing a garden into quarters and meeting at a central point.

Back in the Avening gardens, it is the blues that are attracting the butterflies and bees: echinops, eryngium, caryopteris and the purple buddleia. The echinops, or globe thistle, takes its name from the Greek word for hedgehog, *echinos*, according to Johnson and Smith, in 'Plant Names Simplified', (a gem of a little book, still being reprinted after more than 80 years). The echinops flower is a marvel of structural design. I always try to have one or two interesting flowers from the garden in a vase on the kitchen table. I would get no prizes for floral design but I observe and appreciate.

If ever I were to take up cudgels and protest once again, it would be in favour of local garden flowers as bouquets, not the coarse, crass, crude, gaudy bouquets



echinops_bannaticus_blue_pearl

that greet one in a supermarket entrance or filling station shop. These are an abomination, an environmental disaster – grown with pesticides, refrigerated for freshness, sprayed with fungicides and air-freighted in, often from Kenya or South America. To quote from an article in The Guardian in 2006: 'One study of greenhouses in Mexico growing flowers for the global market found 36 chemicals in air samples from the hothouse, including, horrifyingly, DDT'. Roses grown

in Kenya use precious water for irrigation, depriving locals and wildlife. In the nineteenth century Britain had a thriving industry in growing flowers. Could we not make it more fashionable to offer home-grown or locally-grown posies and bouquets once again?

From earliest childhood I remember my mother's books of Constance Spry on flower-arranging - cookery, too. The name evokes the mimsiness of the dull, 'buttoned up' fifties. But, not so. Constance Spry was remarkable in advocating the use of the ordinary – wild flowers, 'weeds' even - to create extraordinary arrangements. James Fenton wrote: 'The starting point of her philosophy was that wild flowers and weeds could be pressed into service just as much as tuberose. One could indeed spend a fortune. One could also spend next to nothing. This was the source of her popular appeal.' Time for a come-back, then! (Also: spend 'next to nothing' and save the planet!)



All the leaves should be stripped off outside tomato plants by now, and most off the indoor ones. It prevents blight taking a hold and encourages ripening. As for 'putting the garden to bed' as some people call it, don't be overtidy; leave some seed-heads and fruits for the birds and some scruffy undergrowth for the hedgehogs. The rule should be: chaos contained.

Marilyn Jones

Note to ed: I did not know when writing that Sezincote had featured in the national press as one of Britain's Hidden Treasures, but I am sure the crowds will have dispersed somewhat by September!

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We introduce a reliable, local volunteer who visits you regularly in the comfort and privacy of your own home. The volunteer will visit regularly – and their visits also provide a unique opportunity for the volunteer to let you know what is happening in your community.

It's a sad fact that with an ageing population, families scattered or no family at all, a lot of older people do not receive regular companionship and People For You tackles this very issue head on.

As we all celebrate VE Day, never let us forget that the older generation have some wonderful memories to share, such a rich vein of history to tap into - what a sacrilege if these memories were never shared, and consequently lost.

Needless to say, our volunteers are the lifeblood of the service, they bring joy, they bring pleasure, they bring a bit of gossip but, most importantly, they bring themselves. We simply couldn't exist without their support. And we have a lovely group of volunteers that visit in the community doing a wonderful, wonderful job. It is heart-warming for me, as project co-ordinator, to hear how both parties' lives are enriched.

So if you have the empathy and commitment to be a volunteer please do get in touch. We provide training, ongoing support and also an opportunity to forge new friendships. Remember – it only takes an hour a week to transform someone's life.

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The TV production company took us to an 'inspirational house' a few weeks ago, and paid for us to stay in a nearby hotel. It was a rare treat to get away this year – the only downside of living opposite your build is that it's in your face all the time. After a good meal (and quite expensive bottle of wine), we were in the right frame of



mind for the visit – and they certainly made a good choice. The owner was very welcoming, and many of the features in her house were very similar to our designs – so similar in fact that she had exactly the same bathroom tiles that we have on order! We were able to see beyond the frustrations and perceived chaos of a building site, to the sleek, finished design that we are aiming for.

Our renewed enthusiasm has coincided with the return of James, Pav, and Shaun from holidays, and we are all fired up to get to the finish line. We now have water, and the plumber is booked in for the first fix; the final designs are being produced for the electrics; the insulation and air tight membrane is complete and flat roof is water tight; and the superfluous blockwork is complete - this was not part of the design, but merely a (very costly) requirement of the building society.

We had a second visit from Charlie Luxton, who spent the day catching up with



our progress. He also gave us some very useful tips for the final details. He was 'a bit upset' that we didn't take up his suggestion for the stairs, but it makes for good TV!

The next key event is the long awaited windows – this will hopefully go smoothly, but could equally cause major trauma if it goes wrong – more next time.

Tony and Mandy Slater

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

As many people will know, during the last half of June and the first week in July I spent just over three weeks in Gloucester Royal Hospital initially undergoing tests on my heart and then having a pacemaker and defibrillator fitted. I would like to thank not only everyone who sent cards, good wishes and came to visit me whilst I was in hospital but also the staff at Gloucester Royal. Doreen also thanks everyone who supported her during my time away from home and those who have supported us since.

A big thank you to all of you from both of us.

Doreen and Derrick Pierce

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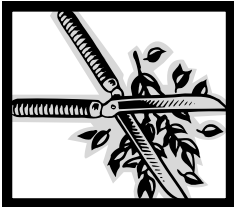


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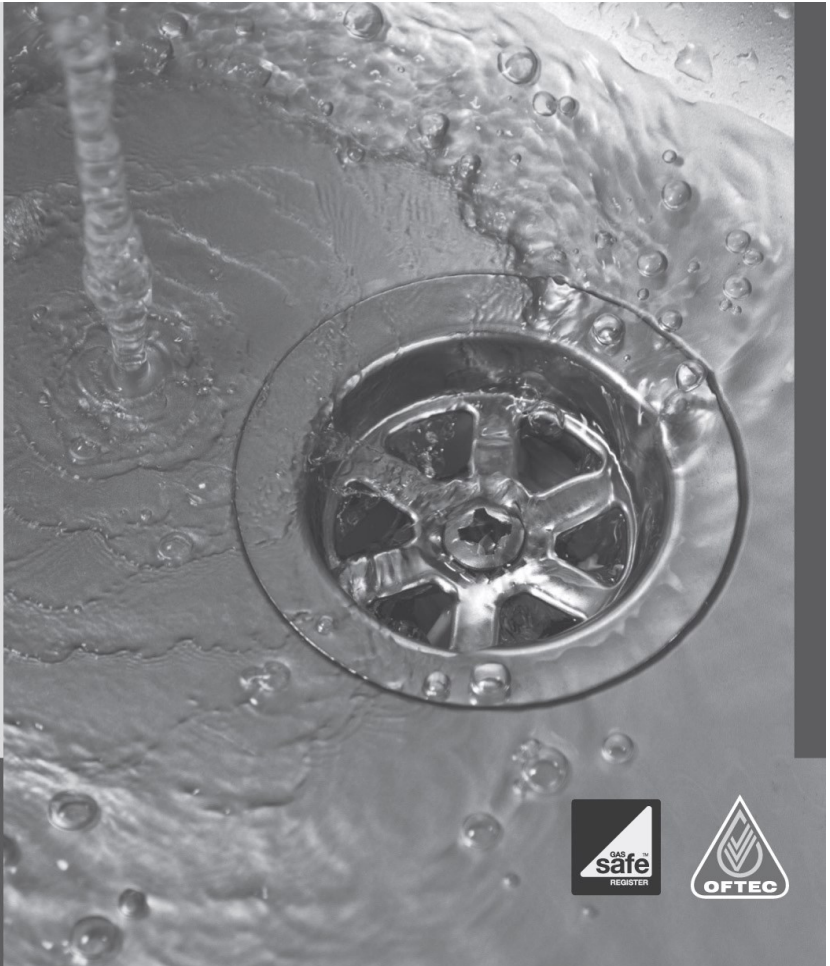




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My name is David Martin. I live in Nailsworth and I'm the local consultant for *Steele Rose & Co* - one of the UK's Premier Professional Home Visit Will Writers. After 22 years serving my country in the RAF, I have spent the last 28 years of my life professionally advising my clients on all personal financial matters and specialising in Wills.

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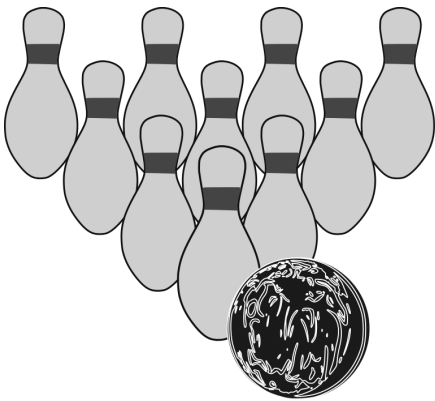
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Ride and Stride, run by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) is a great way to support your own and other churches around the county when they most need help. So if you fancy a fun day out walking, cycling or horse-riding church to church, put Saturday 12 September in your diary now.

Last year around 300 people from over 100 churches raised more than £45,000 for the county's churches. Half of the money raised goes to the participant's home church, the other half is used by the Trust to award grants to churches in urgent need of repairs and maintenance.

Adventurer Bear Grylls is supporting the event. He said: "Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining the Ride & Stride adventure, a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation."

You can plan your own route between churches, take a picnic and top up with refreshments at the churches – or incorporate a pub or tea room on your route.

What's in it for you and your church?

- 50% of the money you raise (before Gift Aid) goes to the church of your choice: 50% goes to the Trust to give out in grants when churches need help
- The chance to see inside some historic gems which aren't always open
- Your church can apply for a grant from the Trust, for repairs and maintenance
- If riding or striding isn't your idea of fun, why not get sponsored to welcome visitors to your church, ring the bells, sing hymns or make cakes?

For more information contact the county organiser at rideandstride@ghct.org.uk, or visit the website www.ghct.org.uk

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Cherington Parish Council

PLANNING APPLICATION

15/03500/TCONR(2)

Old School House, Cherington, GL8 8SN – Work to trees in conservation area for T1 – removal of Ash trees.

Visit www.cotswold.gov.uk planning department for further information

HAVE YOUR SAY ON POLICING PRIORITIES

A Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meeting is to be held on 3rd September at 7pm at Tetbury Town Council offices in the Old Courthouse, 63 Tetbury St, Tetbury. If you are interested in finding out what's happening about policing in your area and would like to contribute ideas then you are welcome to attend this meeting.

CONSULTATIONS ON GAMBLING AND LICENSING

The District Council is seeking views from the public for new statements of principles which govern policies on the Gambling Act 2005 and Licensing Act 2003, as current policies expire in January 2106. The consultation period runs from August 17th until October 16th. To see policies visit www.cotswold.gov.uk/about-the-council/having-your-say/consultation. Any comments on these policies can be made at licensing@cotswold.gov.uk

MANAGING WOODLANDS IN THE COTSWOLDS

There will an illustrated talk by Mike Hartnell on managing woodlands in the Cotswolds on September 24th at the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester - 6.30pm (refreshments) for 7pm with a contribution of £2.00. This is run by the Cotswold Tree Wardens Group.

Other events - PYO weekend at Barton House Orchard at Cirencester on the 17th and 18th October – www.treewardengroup.wordpress.com

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday September 1st at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Dates of future meetings in 2015: Tuesday 3rd November at 6.30pm

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

If you have any concerns, issues, queries or comments you would like to make relating to the Parish then please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk:

Frances Ashfield Tel: 01453 767384

Email: cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Avening Parish Council



PLANNING

New Planning Application

15/02091/FUL

25 Tetbury Hill, Avening, Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT

Replacement of existing side extension with two storey extension to north-west elevation, erection of porch to south-east elevation, installation of dormer windows and landscaping works

15/01878/FUL

25 Tetbury Hill, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8LT

Erection of a dwelling

Decision Notices Received

15/01343/FUL

Owl House, 19 West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8NE

Retrospective planning application to extend the residential curtilage of the dwelling house

Permitted 29 July 2015

BANK HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION

No change to collection days over August Bank Holiday weekend.

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL POLICY CONSULTATIONS

Gambling Act 2005 - statement of principles and Licensing Act 2003 - statement of licensing policy

Consultation runs from 17th August to 16th October 2015. The documents can be found at <http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/about-the-council/having-your-say/consultations/>

If you have any comments, please email these to licensing@cotswold.gov.uk

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Will take place on Thursday, 17 September 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall

All Are Welcome.

The Parish Council address is:

Caroline Braidwood, Parish Clerk, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1BQ

Tel: 01285 380041 Email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE FRIENDS OF TETBURY HOSPITAL!

The Friends of Tetbury Hospital's recent annual door-to-door collection has so far raised a total of just over £9,000. As just over half of the money collected will benefit from Gift Aid, the taxman will also contribute over £1,000.

Last year the Friends bought two pieces of optical equipment enabling many more patients to receive treatment in Tetbury in the new One Stop Eye Clinic.

This year, with the money raised, the Friends will purchase:

- A replacement 'stack' for the theatre, containing a range of clinical gadgets used to perform keyhole surgery; in particular, a camera and screen to enable the surgeon to have a clear image of what is going on inside the patient during surgery
- A phototherapy booth to treat patients with a variety of skin conditions. These patients often need regular treatments so this new local service will avoid having to travel to other hospitals

Comments John McGrath, chairman of The Friends of Tetbury Hospital, "We are delighted with this result and thank all who donated in Tetbury and surrounding villages for their generosity. Also, a huge thank you to the volunteers who tramped the streets knocking on doors.

The support of the town and surrounding villages is hugely appreciated and vital, enabling the hospital to provide the very best range of services supported by modern medical equipment".

Tetbury Hospital Trust is a charity established in 1991 which receives payment from the NHS for patient treatments though not for new or replacement equipment. The Hospital's survival depends on local fund-raising and the generosity of local people. In addition, local people donate money through their wills and over recent years income from legacies has grown.

Since the recent NHS re-organisation, the Hospital serves both Gloucestershire and Wiltshire with more than 20 consultants from both counties holding regular clinics there.

The Friends of Tetbury Hospital run many fund raising events each year, all locally based; these are publicised in the Tetbury Advertiser and on the Friends page of the hospital's website (www.tetburyhospital.co.uk/friends).

Church Services in Avening & Cherington in September

6th September	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
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	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
20th September	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
26th September	Noon & 4.30pm	Avening	Weddings
27th September	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Family Service
3rd October	Noon	Avening	Wedding
4th October	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Harvest Festival followed by Bring & Share lunch in church

COFFEE WILL BE SERVED IN AVENING CHURCH AFTER THE SERVICE ON THE FIRST & FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

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Tuesday 1st September	Cherington Parish Council	Village Hall	6.30pm
Thursday 3rd September	Back to school	Avening School	
Thursday 3rd September	Playgroup's New Term begins	Avening Play- group	9.15am- 12.15 pm
Monday 7th September	1st meeting of new Avening Book Club	The Bell	7.30pm
Saturday 12th September	Glos Historic Churches Ride and Stride	Glos Churches	All day
Tuesday 15th September	Baby and Toddler Group	Avening Play- group	1.30-3.30pm (Tuesdays)
Thursday 17th September	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 16th or 23rd September (tbc)	Avening Film Club "Paddington"	Social Club	7.00pm (note earlier time)
Saturday 26th September	Playgroup Nearly New Sale	Memorial Hall	tba

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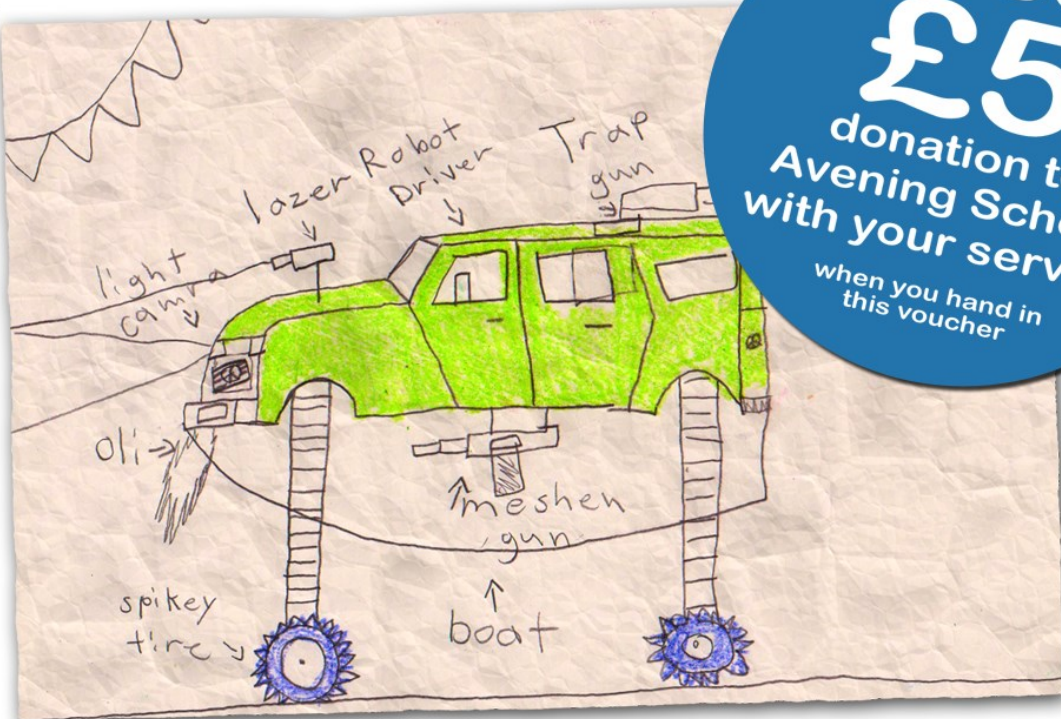
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