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Summer is fast approaching-always such a great time to be in Avening and Cherington, even if, at the time of writing this, you could be forgiven for thinking it was still the middle of winter, judging by the single digit temperatures! but the trees are coming out fast and the flowers will follow quickly – and the next thing you know, it will be time for the Avening Church Fete and the Cherington Show, not forgetting the W.I. Summer outing and lots of school and playgroup summer excitement.

This year we have an extra event. Following on from the successful and fun Beacon Lighting events in both villages on Thursday 21st April, we will continue the celebrations of the 90th birthday of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with a tea party on 5th June in Avening and a similar event planned in Cherington. It promises to be a bumper summer, and of course the sun will shine!

Don't forget to bring your cameras to these and any other events. At the Villager we love receiving your photos and your reports of the excitement, so don't forget us.

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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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... a date for your diary ...

CHERINGTON SHOW

Sunday 24th July 2016

Starting 2.00 pm

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stalls, kids' games, traditional crafts, flower arranging competitions, vegetable and handicrafts too, cookery, photography, art, raffle, teas and homemade cakes, Avening Silver Band, Morris Dancers ...

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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
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	7.45 - 10.30pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
Baby and Toddler Group	Wednesday	1.30 - 3.00pm	Avening Playgroup	01453 625983
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 Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090

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Avening Church www.aveningchurch.info

Cherington Village www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

Cotswold District Council WWW. Cotswold.gov.uk

Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



The Annual Parish Meeting is fast approaching, and it will be a great opportunity for everyone to catch up with many of the organisations and friends in the village, and find out what they are doing. As well as your parish, district, and county councillors being on hand, I can confirm the Avening Angels will be opening the proceedings, and the youth club will be demonstrating the fantastic new audio visual facilities in the hall. The new hall management committee will be represented, and if all goes to plan, we should have members of the new Playing Field committee to talk about ideas for improvements of the facilities. The WI will once again be providing some light refreshments.

I will have the pleasure of announcing the Villager of the Year award, and also introducing our new Parish Clerk. I'll make sure the formal announcements are kept to a minimum, so there will be lots of mingling time. Kick-off is at 10.30 on Saturday 7th May, so do try to get down to the hall

For everyone that followed our self-build diary, Avening will soon be on the map when our journey is chronicled on Channel 4 – we have been advised that we will be first in the new series of Building the Dream, and the provisional date for screening is set for 31st May.

Having finished this three-year design and build journey, and no longer working away from home, I have been gradually reintegrating into society and getting back to something like a normal life! I have started to take photos again of things other than the house, and have put a couple of lovely local scenes on the Avening Facebook page, which have been well received. Just this week, I have been able to walk to the cinema in the Social Club to join upwards of 40 friends and neighbours to watch the touching and amusing 'Lady in a Van' – the monthly cinema club is well into its 3rd year, and is definitely worth a visit (details and dates are always on the Avening website and Facebook pages, and in The Villager). I have also had the honour of lighting the beacon to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. With the summer season of events in Avening and Cherington still to look forward to, I am reminded once again how lucky I am to live in such a thriving and beautiful area.

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

Letter from the Parish Priest



April 2016 has been a memorable month for our Benefice!

We had a wonderful Benefice service on Sunday 10th April at St Marys' in Tetbury, when Bishop Rachel came to bless the new glass door at the entrance to the church. Around 250 people came to meet the new Bishop of Gloucester, drawn from our family of churches across Avening, Cherington Beverston, Shipton Moyne, Long Newton and Tetbury.

Bishop Rachel wrote to us afterwards to say: "It was so wonderful to be with you all last week - thank you for such a warm welcome ... I came home very inspired and encouraged by our worship together, conversations with people, and the strong commitment to being a transforming presence."

Coming up in May, we will be celebrating Pentecost on Sunday 15th May. This is the time we mark the coming of the Holy Spirit, to give us the courage and heart to do all God asks of us. This year it feels so right that this Sunday also marks the beginning of Christian Aid Week (15th-21st May), which unites over 20,000 churches in raising money to fight global poverty.

Again my usual invitation to everyone ... do join us for our regular Sunday service at 9.30am in Cherington or 11am in Avening. We are delighted to that the Revds Richard and Margaret Maslen will be taking many of our services over the coming weeks and our grateful thanks to them for all they are doing.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

With love and prayers,

Poppy

***The Revd Poppy Hughes
Rector***

***The Benefices of Avening with Cherington, Tetbury, Beverston, Long
Newton and Shipton Moyne***

Having Fun Making Things: A Workshop for Children



16th July 2016: 2pm – 4pm
Cherington Village Hall

Children love making things and also have a wonderful sense of achievement when they see what they have made. Cherington Show has for over 70 years had a section in its flower, vegetable, and craft show for children's work – in fact over 20 competitions are for children only. We love seeing how creative they are and each year we try and change the competitions to make them more interesting.

But we also know how busy life is at school and at home so we thought we would run again our craft workshop on Saturday 16th July in Cherington Village Hall for children to come along and make some of these items which will then be entered into the Cherington Show on the 24th July 2016.

Age Group :- 5years to 11 yrs (but definitely yes to under 5's if accompanied by an adult). All materials are provided. There will be a very small cost to cover refreshments and materials of £2.00.

Call Christine Williams on 01285 841337 or e-mail Kate at kategegg@hotmail.co.uk

Workshop is open to all children, not just children from Cherington.

In our horticultural section we have a section for our young gardeners too ! We know that children love growing things We can mail you a competition schedule – that misshapen vegetable, sunflower head and more. We would love to have more entries.

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Avening School

Get Ready, Get Steady.....Go!



Summer term is in full swing now and each class is enjoying a brand new term topic. For the Kestrels (Y1/2), their focus on ‘fantastic journeys’ began on the first week back after Easter break when Ms McKenzie and Mrs Wilkinson transformed into air hostesses for the day and escorted their class to India and then on

to the Arctic, all in one morning! Later on this term, the class will be embarking on a journey of a different kind when they visit Brunel’s SS Great Britain in Bristol. Meanwhile, the Hawks Class (Y3/4) are exploring Ancient Greece for their class topic ‘Mighty Olympians’ and linking it with this year’s Olympic Games taking place in Rio this Summer. They will also be paying a visit to Cheltenham’s Science Festival later on in the term. The Owls (Y5/6) are discovering how the human body works in their topic – ‘Doctor Doctor’ which has already found them running around the school garden acting out the journey of blood around the body and drawing around each other to make life size diagrams of the circulatory system.

There’s even more activity happening with the arrival of a new array of after school clubs. Children can choose from a wide selection of activities from pottery (a brand new club) to gardening to outdoor athletics. The Hawks class have also got the opportunity to take part in forest school club while the rest of the school also gets designated sessions during the school term. The KS2 children have been given an amazing opportunity to take part in ‘a chance to shine’ cricket club run by the Stroud District Cricket Association.

Looking ahead, there is so much happening over the next few months. Our K’Nex challenge finalists in y5/6 will be taking part in the county final in April. STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) is in focus for our Owls class in May, when they will take part in a workshop designed around problem-solving

with a humanitarian aid theme. The winners will be invited to the Royal International Air Tattoo in July to present their design to a panel of judges. There is also the school talent show; our annual musical soiree; sports day; this year's Owls' residential trip to Minehead Adventure Centre; and many sports tournaments to look forward to. Watch this space for more information on all of this!

FOAS have also got plenty planned for the summer term. In addition to the annual school summer fete, the committee are arranging a live music event with the fantastic 'Grey Earls' who will perform music from the 1950's through to current day on Saturday 14th May at Avening Memorial Hall. Tickets are £10 per person or £15 for two and will include a ploughman's supper. There will also be a bar available on the night. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please contact the school office if you would like to book tickets for this event which promises to be an evening of fabulous music, great fun and hopefully plenty of dancing!

Also planned, for June is the never seen before 'Avening Bear Hunt'. On Saturday 18th June, there will be an amazing trail of 'bears' around the village for you and your family to find. Among the bear folk we expect you to find will be Bear Grylls, Teddy Wogan, Beary Manilow and many, many more! There will be tea and cake on sale in the school garden throughout the afternoon along with a teddy bears picnic. If you would be interested in hosting a 'bear' in your garden, please contact the school office.

For further information about our happy, busy place of learning, please see our school website www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk or contact our school office 01453 833191.

Alex Adcock

AVENING ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

The Annual Village Meeting this year will showcase all of the improvements at the Memorial Hall. Come and see how to make the most of the new audio visual equipment for your event or meeting and meet all of the Village groups at the same time.

Join us for Coffee at 10.30 am in the Memorial Hall on
Saturday, 7 May.

A Thought for Easter and Springtime

I was washing up.....staring out of my window.....when there it was!

A blazing golden Cross seemingly hanging from the bare branches of the tree. A miracle of light created by the low sun in the winter sky. A miracle that seemed to reassure me that Christ is near.

This is what I think prayer is.....an awareness that Christ is near. It is so easy to feel daunted by the thought of prayer.....feeling there is a need for 'Churchy' words or 'religious' phrases.....when all that is needed, is a moment of stillness and a sense of wonder.

I see the image of the Cross all aroundin the bars of a window, a shape in the clouds, in the branches of a tree or a shadow on the grass. Even in the crossing of two vapour trails high in the sky, I see the image of the Cross with the message of Hope and Divine Love and my heart lifts.

For me this is prayer. I am reminded of what Jesus said: "Do not be afraid for I will be with you until the end"

Celia Carter

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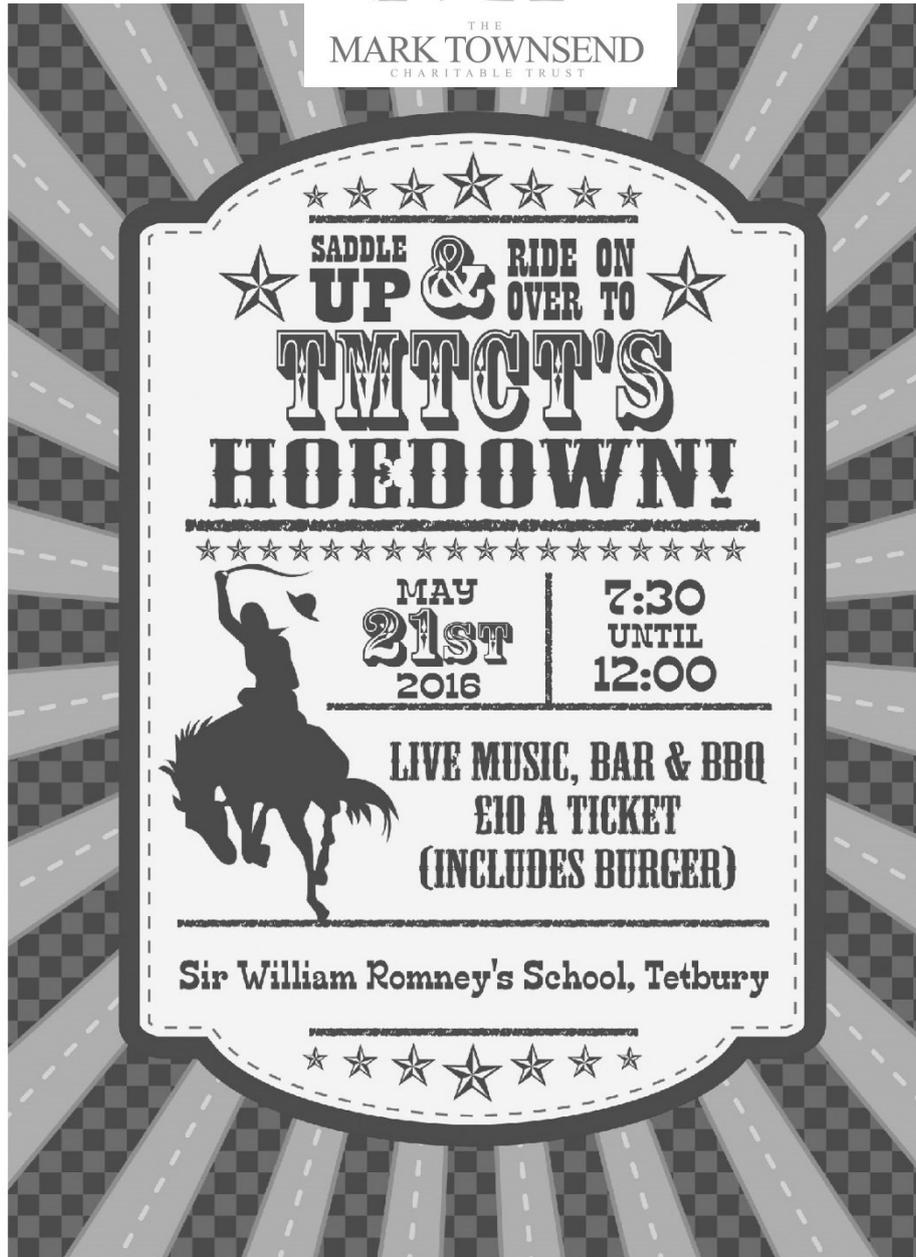
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Howdenjones 'No Halls Barred 2016'



Kate Howden and Paul Jones gave us an evening to remember in Cherington Village Hall on 6th April. It was indeed a gem of an evening.

They live on a house boat and get inspiration for their songs from the life that revolves around them, some funny, some sad, others where the audience joined in with gusto. With beautiful harmony, skilled musicianship and all their instruments they have no need for music, it all comes from the heart and expertise.

We thought we would have a bring and share supper - this turned out to be a banquet with an amazing array of delicious food. It was so good to see the village people brought together with other visitors as well. Everyone left with big smiles after such a fabulous night.

Wendy Eldridge



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Fun Quiz in Aid of Cherington Village Hall

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| 1. Put a flower after a swamp. (5-8) | <i>Marsh Marigold</i> |
| 2. An animal comes before a colour. (3-4.) | <i>Dog Rose</i> |
| 3. A cloak for a woman. (6-6) | <i>Ladies Mantle</i> |
| 4. Torment + a letter of the alphabet (6)..... | <i>Teasel</i> |
| 5. A substitute for coffee. (7) | <i>Chicory</i> |
| 6. A worker puts his money here (9.5) | <i>Shepherds purse</i> |
| 7. Gypsies plus happiness. (10-3) | <i>Traveller's joy</i> |
| 8 Sounds like an insect plus an award. (6) | <i>Betony</i> |
| 9. Hurry to find water here. (9)..... | <i>Speedwell</i> |
| 10. Put a consonant before a romantic person. (6) | <i>Clover</i> |
| 11. Not wasteful minus a question. (6) | <i>Thrift</i> |
| 12. A Roman God belongs to this animal. (4.7) . | <i>Dog's Mercury</i> |
| 13. A card game + a kind of lizard. (10) | <i>Snapdragon</i> |
| 14. Always remember. (6-2-3)..... | <i>Forget me not</i> |
| 15. Several blades. (8)..... | <i>Cleavers</i> |
| 16. A tree plus a cooking ingredient. (10)..... | <i>Willowherb</i> |
| 17. To tie up with something in the wrong place. (8) | <i>Bindweed</i> |
| 18. Some hair after to partly burn. (8)..... | <i>Charlock</i> |
| 19. Vulgar + small animal + cannabis. (6.9.)..... | <i>Common chickweed</i> |
| 20. Make yourself better. (8) | <i>Selfheal</i> |

This quiz raised a wonderful profit of £311. A very warm thank you to all who made this possible, by buying and helping to sell the quizzes. I received 11 all correct entries, so an independent draw was made and the winner was **P. Golding**.

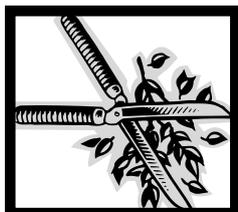
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Avening W.I.

In the last report I mentioned that our previous arranged walk had been thwarted by the weather. Unfortunately this is happening again as despite a good day forecast the meadow at Cricklade has been closed due to flooding, so no fritillaries this year. We will be walking instead in the same area along the route of the Thames and Severn Canal through South Cerney so maybe we will spot a stray fritillary.

The County skittles competition has started and Avening is through to the next round having beaten Ampney Crucis W.I. Lets hope we can progress to the final.

Our speaker this month was Shawn McCormack who is a member of the 82 strong Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard. The Guard was formed in 1485 by Henry VII at the commencement of his reign and is not to be confused with the Yeoman Warders of the Tower of London even though the uniform is very similar. The members of the Bodyguard attend many Royal functions including the opening of Parliament, the Garter Parade, investitures and Royal Garden Parties. It is selected from members of the armed forces and members receive the grand sum of £100 per year + expenses so it is for the honour only that they join. Shawn brought with him a uniform including a heavily embroidered tunic weighing 16 lbs. Even his hat weighed 3lbs which on a hot day would be difficult to wear. He amused our members by showing his stockings and suspenders. He said it was quite difficult to buy suspender belts these days!

It was good to see some visitors to our meeting who are always welcome. Our next speaker at our May meeting will be Melissa from the Woefulane Dairy who is talking about cheese making.

The visit to the Masjidenoor Mosque in Gloucester was most interesting. The Imam and his assistants made us most welcome and gave us a talk about the founding of the Mosque and about Islam. They set us a brief quiz which proved how little we know about the faith. They answered our searching questions and made it quite clear that the aims of Islam have nothing to do with the terrorism which is blighting the world currently.

Our annual summer coach outing will be on 23rd June (leaving you plenty of time to vote in the Referendum) to Dyffryn House and Gardens just west of Cardiff. The gardens are renowned as being one of the most beautiful in the United Kingdom. Villagers and friends will be very welcome to join us as usual. We will be leaving near Avening School at 9.15 am and returning around 6 pm. The cost will be £15 each + entry to the gardens (about £8). National Trust members have free entry so do not forget your membership cards. Please ring Sue Osborne on 01453 839327 to book your place.

Gwyneth Simpson

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walks start at their building in Burleigh Lane from 6pm. Entry fees are £18 for an adult and £7.50 per child (£15 and £5 before May 6th) but if you can fundraise £150 or more, you will walk for free.

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Cherington's beacon got going well.....



...but Avening's one took a little more coaxing!



Many thanks to Mandy and Tony Slater, Henry Arden and Jane Archer for these photos.



Running up to watch the fire-lighting - though some of us preferred to stay below and eat cake, listening to the two Jims



Got there in the end!

Anyone For Tennis?

Minchinhampton Tennis Club are taking part in the LTA's Great British Tennis Weekend by offering newcomers free tennis on Saturday 14th May, from 2 to 5pm. Everything will be free: equipment coaching, refreshments, and for those who join on the day, free membership until July. Our subscription rates are very reasonable; for example, students and juniors would only have to pay £11 for the remainder of the year.

Those wishing to attend can book on the LTA's Greatbritishtennisweekend.com, or simply turn up on the day. Our website is www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/minchinhamptontennisclub.

Roger Lindley, Club Chairman



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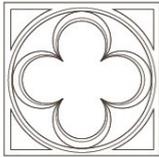
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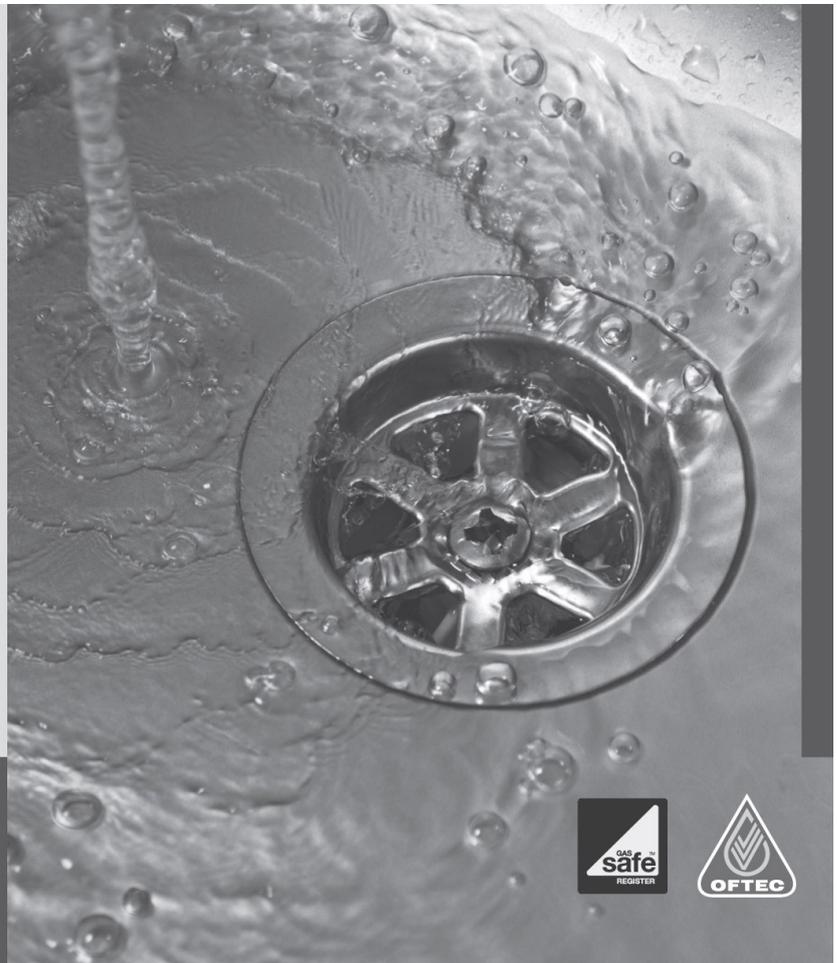
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Elsie's FGR Experience

On the 2nd of April FGR played against Wrexham who brought along 568 fans, filling the whole of the away stand. When the players came on Forest Green fans released hundreds of green balloons which floated across the whole pitch even when they started to play, so they could have been playing with a balloon instead of a football!

When the game started we had a couple of corners but no goals resulted. Kurtis Guthrie and Elliot Frear were playing really well trying to keep possession of the football away from the Wrexham players! After that, FGR creating chances to score here, there and everywhere but just couldn't hit it into the back of the net and it didn't help when our defenders were being pushed and shoved onto the ground – although, we were becoming stronger but maybe a little too strong as Aaron Racine and Sam Wedgebury got yellow cards. Whoops! FGR weren't stopping there - Dale Bennet tried to score a goal in the 43rd minute but unfortunately it didn't go in leaving the half time score at 0-0.

On to the second half: we were on to a great start creating even more chances to score but again none went in. Then out of the blue a couple of massive fouls happened and Keanu Marsh-Brown got a yellow card; then another foul, where only the Wrexham player should have got a yellow card but Kurtis Guthrie was also booked. FGR tried to not let a few cards get in their way and Elliot Frear had a really close shot in the 66th minute was saved by Wrexham's Goalkeeper. After that, Wrexham made a substitution and so did we: Marsh-Brown came off and Jon Parkin came on. However, later on in the game, one Wrexham player was sneakily pushing our players over but the ref finally noticed him. He had already got a yellow card so then we saw the red card make an appearance and it was hilarious as he was taking a while to get off the pitch and the FGR fans were going crazy! Then, after a Forest Green corner another Wrexham player got sent off so we had to use this time to our advantage, which we did! We had loads of really close shots that were getting closer and closer to scoring but none of them went in. FGR made another substitution where Elliot Frear came off and Keiffer Moore came on but there wasn't that much time left. Man of the match was announced as Charlie Clough with an attendance of 2246! Although there was five minutes of extra time and we were still fighting to score a goal, we had a couple of shots but we just couldn't score in time so the game ended in a draw 0-0.

After a record season for FGR we have nearly secured 2nd place in the league meaning that we are guaranteed a playoff place. This will be played over 2 matches against the team who eventually finish 5th. The winner will play the winner of the other semi-final at Wembley Stadium on Sunday the 15th of May. Let's hope we get there. Come on you ROVERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

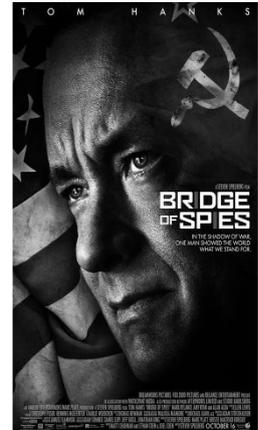


Cinema Club

The film to be shown on Wednesday May 18th at 7.30pm at the Social Club, Avening is

Bridge of Spies

During the Cold War, the Soviet Union captures U.S. pilot Francis Gary Powers after shooting down his U-2 spy plane. Sentenced to 10 years in prison, Powers' only hope is New York lawyer James Donovan (Tom Hanks), recruited by a CIA operative to negotiate his release. Donovan boards a plane to Berlin, hoping to win the young man's freedom through a prisoner exchange. If all goes well, the Russians would get Rudolf Abel (Mark Rylance), the convicted spy who Donovan defended in court.



Dates for your diaries for the Film Club in 2016:

Wed 18th May; Wed 15th June; Fri 15th July; Wed 21st Sept; Tues 11th Oct; Tues 8th Nov

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Rima Jones, Artist

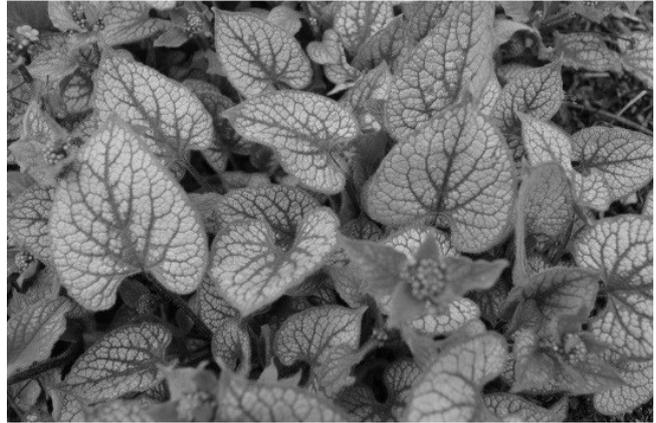
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Down to Earth

May is the month of the blues. Not despondency blues, but the blues of camassias, forget-me-nots, brunnera, pulmonaria – and bluebells. My original half-dozen bulbs of *camassia leichtlinii* have now formed a good sized clump and after flowering I shall divide them. Their familiar name is quamash and the bulbs were once an important



source of food for native Americans. A more modest, less blowsy flower is borne by the delightful, woodland-dwelling brunnera, which is closely related to the forget-me-not. I particularly like the *brunnera macrophylla* 'Jack Frost'. This has silvery, frosted leaves with green veins. It also self-seeds pleasingly. Earlier this year I bought a pulmonaria 'Blue Ensign'. Unlike the common *pulmonaria officinalis*, which has spotted leaves and flowers that turn from pink to violet or blue, the 'Blue Ensign' has unspotted leaves and flowers of an intense blue. Also suitable for woodland gardens.

And bluebells. But are we all aware that the delicate, scented, native *hyacinthoides non-scripta*, the English bluebell, with its slender flower stem

and flower that bows its head like a modest, early Renaissance Madonna, is under threat from the coarser, unscented interloper, *hyacinthoides hispanica*, the Spanish bluebell, with its thicker flower stem and resemblance to an elongated, cultivated hyacinth? According to the charity 'Plantlife', one in six of our native woodlands contain the



Spanish bluebell, or a hybrid. Charles Clover, environmental journalist, has recently pleaded that we identify and 'rip out the upright invaders and plant the native variety in their place'. Of course, you might not feel like doing this. But you might think about it. As Joni Mitchell memorably sang: 'You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone ... '

Some plants can be so forgiving. I bought a camellia when we came here. What? For this soil? Well, I so much regretted leaving behind two lovely

camellias in our previous garden, (one of which was the exceptional 'Margaret Davis Picotee'). Reader, this camellia has resided in a pot, been transplanted to a shrub border, lifted and replaced in a pot, then last year, planted in our new woodland border (or Bamboo Bed). About six weeks ago, with the camellia in full bud, I decided I really wanted it just about a foot to the left. So I spoke to it nicely, lifted it and plopped it in its new, and possibly final, position. As I write, my camellia is flowering as it has never flowered before. (I am just hoping this is not its swan song!) Of course, the camellia is ericaceous and I have pampered it with ericaceous compost, handfuls of well rotted conifer needles and a solution of sulphate of iron.

The degree to which a soil is alkaline or acidic is measured on the pH scale and testing kits are available for determining the pH of your soil. 7.0 is regarded as neutral; values less than 7.0 indicate an acid soil and values greater than 7.0, an alkaline soil. A plant which has a natural habitat in ericaceous (acid) soil will struggle to take up iron in an alkaline soil.

There are plants that have no need of soil, be it acid or alkaline, instead drawing their moisture and nutrients from the air and water vapour. Such are epiphytes. On a sunny April day we visited the display of epiphytic orchids in the tropical section of the glass house at the RHS garden at Wisley. These use tree branches for



support but are not parasitic on them, drawing nutrients instead from fungi which attach to their roots. The orchid display was spectacular, but I must admit that the flower that really took my fancy was the Bird of Paradise, or *strelitzia reginae*, brought to this country by Sir Joseph Banks in 1773 and named after Queen Charlotte, wife of George III and Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

About five years ago garden designer (and 2015 Chelsea gold winner) Dan Pearson bought an old farmhouse and around 20 acres between here and Bath, in which to create a garden. He has now launched a free online magazine for gardeners, digdelve.com, where you can read his eloquent and at times dreamy prose. I recommend it!

Marilyn Jones

Avening Playgroup

The summer term is a busy one, which is always really enjoyed by the children. Taking advantage of the fine weather, they are able to spend a lot of time outside playing and learning in our lovely outdoor area.

We are lucky to have lots of toys and equipment for the children to play with. The staff have been experimenting with different ways of arranging the toys that we have in order to make areas outside to support the children's learning in the seven areas of the Foundation Stage. This reflects the areas that we have inside the playgroup building.

We have created a cosy mark making area in the porch and have created a larger construction area outside under the covered area.

The new children who have joined us have settled into the playgroup very happily. If you have a young child who will be three by August 2017, do contact us to put their name down for next year, particularly if you are hoping that they will attend on certain days to ensure they will have a place. In the mean time they and their carers will be very welcome to attend our toddler group on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 until 3.00.

Avening playgroup is a small charity which is run by a committee of volunteers. If you would like to support us by joining the committee or you have any good ideas for fund raising, please let us know. Also if you have any Sainsbury's vouchers or old clothing which you are willing to donate to our clothes bank we would be delighted to receive them.

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For details contact cherstermancassie@googlemail.com

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Letters to the Editors

Copy of a letter recently sent to the Parish Council:

Avening has a highway flooding problem on the main road to Minchinhampton (near where Rectory Lane, the road to Minch and Star Lane all meet). When it rains, the main road floods very badly, sometimes right across both carriageways, causing quite a hazard.

My son Hugo and I stopped recently to inspect it when it had dried up and found the following:

- there is a gully that is supposed to take water away from the road;
- this gully has a stout metal frame and a lid, with one side of the frame being open to receive water;
- the frame on this particular gully has sunk, thus the opening has sunk below the pavement; water thus gathers when it rains, trickles through the few remaining cracks and the rest pools;
- the pavement either side of the gully is in exceptionally poor condition;
- water from far up the Minch road rushes down to this gully, possibly passing over several other blocked gullies on the way;
- Highways (presumably) have put some warning signs either side of the flooding area but these seem to cause more of a hazard than they might prevent;

Making sure it was safe, we propped the gully slightly open. Result? No more flooding. Our temporary measures seem to work for now, but we do please need this to be repaired by GCC Highways ASAP.

Please forward this email to whom it may concern at GCC, maybe mention this at next council meeting.

Thank you for your help.

Nicholas Winkfield

A PLEA TO EVERYONE WALKING THEIR DOGS TO OBEY THE REQUESTS TO KEEP THEM ON THE LEAD

There are a few places around the villages where people are asked to keep their dogs on leads. Stock can easily be frightened by a dog chasing them, with disastrous consequences for their young and the friendly, gentle alpacas at present visiting Avening, who seem to have given pleasure to many, should not have to endure being pestered by dogs not properly controlled. But a big thank you for all those people who do respect the 'rules'!

Cherington Parish Council

Planning applications

- 16/01273/FUL Proposed stables, tractor garage and wood store at Evergreen Cottage, Cherington GL8 8SH
- 16/01257/FUL (2) Erection of grain store building at Aston Farm Cherington GL8 8SW

Visit www.cotswold.gov.uk and go to 'planning' section for more information

- S.53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Definitive Map Modification Order upgrading length of bridleway to a restricted byway at Cherington. PROW NCH12 commences at junction with 40510 at ordnance survey reference (OSGR) ST91439763 extending in a westerly direction for approximately 1,500 metres.

Visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk and visit 'footpaths' section for more information.

Grant funding

Cotswold Visitor Giving Scheme – grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available for projects and activities which will conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape, manage and restore habitats, improve footpaths and bridleways and look after the area's distinct heritage. **Closing date 31st May.** Visit www.cotswoldaonb.org.uk

Queen's 90th Birthday – Summer event

In addition to the 'Light a Beacon' event in April, Cherington Parish Council agreed earlier in the year to purchase commemorative coins to distribute around the parish in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. Discussions about a birthday event for Summer will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting. Look out for details coming soon!

Parish Council meetings: The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 3rd 2016 at 6.00pm** in the Village Hall. Future meeting dates for parish council meetings: Tuesdays September 13th and November 8th at 6pm – Village Hall. All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend parish meetings. There's 15 minutes of public time at the start of each meeting where you can bring up any issues. If you have any concerns, issues, queries or comments you would like to make relating to the Parish then please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk – Frances Ashfield on 01453 767384 or via email at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Down Memory Lane



Many thanks to Hazel Redding, who let us know that the rear leader left is Gill (née Richings). Extreme right leader, Miss Phillips from Tetbury. Can anyone fill in any other names?



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ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

The Annual Village Meeting will start at 10.30 am in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, 7 May.

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If you have a physical disability or a sensory impairment, or if you are a carer supporting someone with these disabilities then GCC would like to hear from you.

The survey can be completed by the person with a disability, or on their behalf by a person who supports them and is open until Sunday 8 May.

Link to survey: <https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/public/socialcare/pds/pds>

NEW CLERK to the PARISH COUNCIL

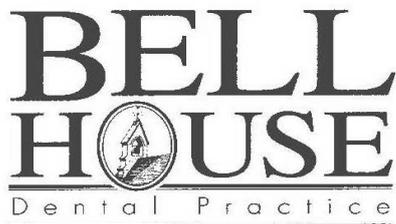
Sue Bryant from Bisley has been appointed Clerk to the Parish Council. Sue will begin training and handover almost immediately and will be at the **ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING** on 7 May.

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Sunday May 22nd	9.30	Cherington	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	11.00	Avening	Family Service (CW)
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Saturday 7th May	Avening Annual Village Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	10.30am
Saturday 14th May	FOAS event: The Grey Earls	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 18th May	Film Club Bridge of Spies	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Thursday 19th May	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 21st May	'Hoedown' (Mark Townsend Trust)	Sir William Romney's School	7.30pm - midnight
Sunday 5th June	Tea Parties—HM The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations	Street/Memorial Hall Avening and Cherington	tba
Sunday 12th June	Avening Fete and Fun Dog Show	Village Hall, School Garden Church & Old Rectory Gardens	2.00pm
Saturday 16th July	Art and Craft Workshop for Children	Cherington Village Hall	2.00-4.00pm



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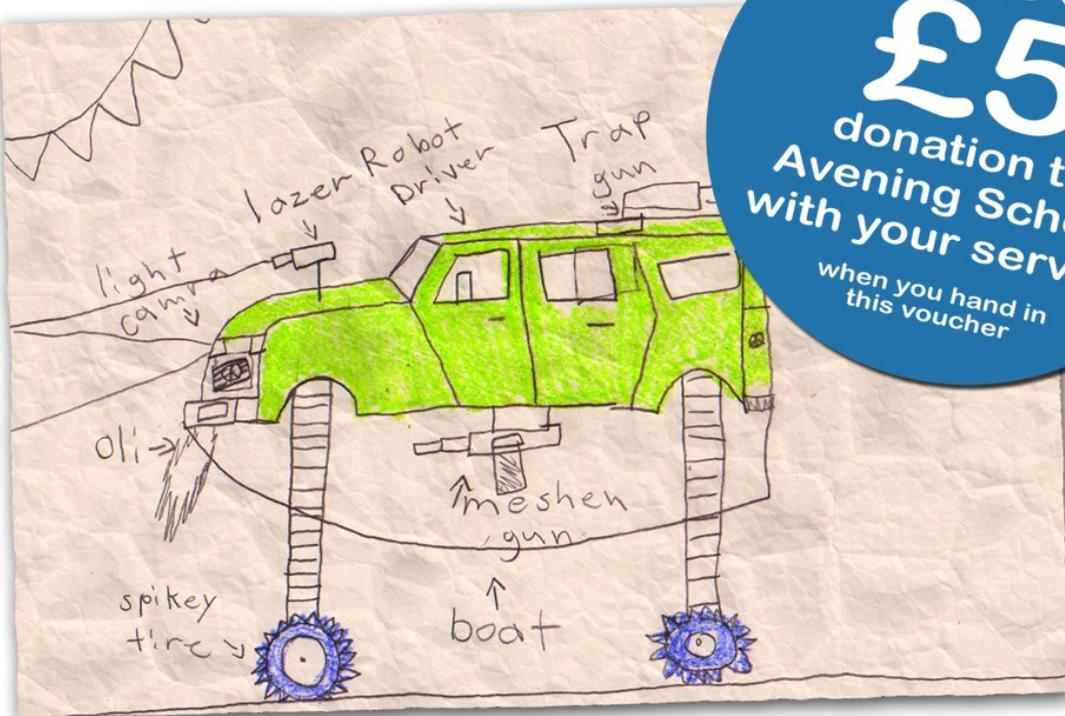
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