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Welcome to the first issue of the Villager for 2017. It seems such a long time ago since we were compiling the last bumper one for Christmas 2016. We hope so much that it was a happy time for all our readers and that you were able to enjoy some of the village events celebrating Christmas and the New Year in both Avening and Cherington.

Although this month's edition is a little quieter, you will see from the letter from the Chairman of the Avening Parish Council that exciting things are planned for Avening in the months to come. He asks for our help in pushing these plans forward, so maybe this is the moment to get even further involved in the village and its future.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all the very best in 2017 - and if you have any interesting news or fun adventures, we'd love to hear about them!

Keep warm and happy reading!

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Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
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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
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Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Baby and Toddler Group	Wednesday (not January)	1.30 - 3.00pm	Avening Playgroup	01453 832695
Yoga	Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Memorial Hall	Elles 0781 555 2952
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
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### **Christmas in Avening and Cherington**





Crib service at Avening



Cherington Christingle Service





Andrea and Sarah arrived to a carol service rehearsal in full Christmas running gear!

#### Beginning on March 7th The Avening and Cherington Lent meetings will follow the York course RECEIVING CHRIST in 5 different ways



An ecumenical course in five sessions written by Canon John Young, with input from Margaret Sentamu and Bishop Nick Baines (Bishop of Leeds) among others.

'To all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God.' (John 1.12.)

This raises big questions. Aren't we all children of God anyway? Just how can we receive Christ? And what does it mean to have 'a relationship with God'?

THE MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE on the 7th and 14th March at 70 Sandford Leaze Avening and 21st and 28th at 21 Nags Head Lane all meetings commencing AT 7.30 pm

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## Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



As there is a lot to tell you about this month, the editors have kindly allowed me some additional space.

The sad news that Lloyds, the last bank in Nailsworth is to close, prompted us to write to the chairman of the group to request they reconsider. Along with actions from Nailsworth Town Council, and Minchinhampton PC, the bank will hopefully have another look, but as time is short, please also write, or even comment of Facebook advertisements, to register as many protests as possible.

Christmas is a distant memory now, but I hope yours was a good one. I'd just like to reflect on what a success the tree lighting ceremony was. It was great to see so many families and children join us – our youngest was only 12 days old! With everyone's spare decorations, the tree looked beautiful, and was a bright beacon on the darkest days of winter. With carols from Avening Angels, a blessing from Rev Celia, and a visit from Father Christmas, it really set us up towards the big day. Hopefully the children will remember events like these for years to come, and we may have even started a new tradition?

Buoyed with the success of a new event, at the December PC meeting we focussed on other new ideas, both modest and radical, that we could consider for the benefit of the village. Here are a few highlights on the short list, with more in the PC section: permanent maps of the village to help visitors and deliveries; expanded Villager of the Year (see next page); Interactive webcast of public question time at a PC meeting; a summer coach trip or mystery tour to recreate the old charabanc events;

As well as these, our two biggest projects this year will be the upgrade of the playing field, and upgrade of safety equipment in the hall.

Following a good meeting with the playing field committee (APFA) early in January, we have some great news! The long awaited replacement of the playing equipment will commence in March. But that's just the beginning – the PC will be leading a project to completely revamp the rest of the site. The main feature will be an all-weather, multi-sport pitch on a flattened surface. It's early in the design stage, but we are also planning to add a running track; a woodland trail; mountain bike track; adult gym equipment; hard standing for cars; and maybe toilets/changing facilities. All of this gives fantastic potential for the whole village to utilise the space for leisure, wellbeing and fitness activities.

It will obviously be a large and complex piece of work, and we have set up a separate committee to run the project. This is open to anyone who would like to help shape the future of the playing field – just let me know if you would like to join us, or have any skills that would be useful. I'll post regular updates on Facebook, on the website, and in future magazines.

The other significant project is the safety improvements to the hall and the reopening of the reading room – these plans are well formed, but are stuck behind the upgrade of the school kitchen, and related ongoing negotiations with GCC. We hope to clear this blockage soon, and get work underway.

The PC have been very prudent with your money in recent years, so are able to contribute a significant amount to these projects without digging into reserves or raising the precept. We will also be seeking multiple grants to maximise the potential scope of the playing field works, which will help to minimise the PC spend.

As you may recall, the last Annual Village Meeting was poorly attended, and we have thought very hard how we can make it better. The conclusion we are all agreed on is a PARTY!! The tea party we held to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was very popular, and we will organise something similar in the summer. It will incorporate the 'Pride of Avening' awards, which will now comprise three honours:

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

These, and previous winners will be commemorated on a new notice board, which will be permanently on display in the hall. So, please start to think about anyone who has made a difference to you, Avening, or its people, and send in your nominations before the end of April.

Finally, a quick update on the village pumps – it's taken a lot of time and effort to progress the paperwork to get them restored, but this should be complete by the time you read this. We can then start work on the replacement parts, ready for our adopters to get them painted.

It's going to be a busy year, and that's on top of nagging Highways, and dealing with the day to day concerns of residents. Let's have a great year together!

#### Tony Slater, Chairman

## **Avening Playgroup**

We would like to wish you all a belated Happy New Year and thank you very much for supporting the Father Christmas Float which raised a fantastic £414 for playgroup and Best For Ben.

In September 2017, families with both parents working will become eligible to receive 30 hours per week funding for 3 year olds (from the term following their third birthday).

We are currently open from 9-3 on a Thursday, and 9.15-12.15 on other days, with an option each day of staying for a lunch club until 1.15, when enough families wish to take advantage of this offer. We would like to know whether this suits families who would like to join us over the coming year or whether other days would be more useful to you. Please let us know so that we can do our best to meet your needs.

Children usually join us from the start of the term in which they become three, but we also take younger children when we have spaces and accept two year funding.

You are very welcome to come and visit us. Please call us on 01453 832695 or email us at aveningplaygroup@gmail.com for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Debbie, Angie and Sarah and the Committee

## **Avening Baby and Toddler Group**

The Toddler Group meets every Wednesday between 1.30 and 3.00pm at Avening Playgroup, The Sunground, Avening GL8 8NW. However, many of our children have now moved onto playgroup and we have had to suspend the Toddler Group temporarily due to low numbers.

The Toddler Group offers children the opportunity to meet new friends and play with a wide range of indoor equipment as well as enjoy our lovely outside play area. It also offers parents/carers the opportunity to meet and socialise with other families from the area.

We would like to re-establish the Toddler Group and need to know how much interest there is. Please contact us on 01453 832695, mornings during term time, or email aveningplaygroup@gmail.com to register your interest in attending the Baby and Toddler Group. When we have enough families interested we will contact you to inform you of the new start date.



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## Avening W.I.

Our 2017 programme includes a wide variety of topics from new speakers. At our first meeting one of our own members Di Wall gave a fascinating account of the role of women during World War 1. There were many poignant local photographs of women cheering and encouraging their men folk to join up, and other photos of numerous local houses which were converted into wartime hospitals and hospital supply centres.

We plan to have a programme of walks during the year but our January one was thwarted by torrential rain.

We finished 2016 with our usual Christmas celebrations. Some members attended the popular County Christmas Concert in Cheltenham Town Hall with the acclaimed soprano Laura Wright and the amazing young pianist/composer Adam Heron. We had a well attended lunch at the Snooty Fox and a fun Christmas party on our usual Thursday meeting date. Our final event of the year was on 21<sup>st</sup> December when a group of members prepared a full Christmas lunch for the Stroud Macular Society ably organised by Eileen Ind. Not surprisingly the Society would like us to repeat the event in the summer as well as next Christmas.

The W.I. nationally is campaigning to tackle climate change. We are encouraging our members to show their support by wearing a green heart on St. Valentine's Day. Each year the W.I votes on resolutions on a variety of subjects and the ones chosen are then publicised, campaigned on and the Government lobbied. This year's resolutions include alleviating loneliness, supporting Women's Refuges and keeping microplastic fibres out of our oceans.

Our February speaker is a Tai Chi specialist so we expect to have some action from our members!

We welcome visitors at our meetings which are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Gwyneth Simpson

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## **Avening School**

Spring term is well underway at Avening School with school trips, sports matches and a visit from a Viking already ticked off the long list of things to look forward to this term.

The Hawks Class (y3/4) got their teeth into their new term topic straight away with a trip to Cirencester's Corinium Museum in the second week of term. They are focusing on the 'Romans' with another trip planned for later in the term, this time a bit further afield to Caerleon in South Wales.

Next door to The Romans, the Vikings have invaded! The Owls class (y5/6) will be exploring everything related to the 'Vicious Vikings' and have already spent a day with a real life Viking when they learned about Viking lifestyle and traditions. In conjunction with this focus, the Owls are studying the old English story of Beowulf, the brave Viking warrior king.

Flying further into the future and into the Kestrels class, ducking is essential (paper plane alert!!!) as they ask the question 'Can it fly?' and explore all things flight related. The Kestrels were lucky enough to visit Kemble airport a few weeks ago where they watched aircraft take off and land and learnt how an airport operates.

At the end of January, our Young Voices choir will travelling to Birmingham NEC to participate in this year's concert. Look out for next month's issue to find out how they got on!

The Girls' football team made the whole school proud at the start of term



when they played at a girls' football tournament in Cirencester coming an amazing fourth place out of eight teams! The Hawks Class have also been using plenty of energy when they took part in a gymnastics competition at SWR in the first week of term.

After school clubs have started again with a

brand new selection for the children to choose from including mock trial club and Spanish club as well as firm favourites football/tag rugby, cross country and netball club.

FOAS have started filling the diary for the year ahead with events and activities all to raise much needed funds for the school.

DON'T MISS FOAS QUIZ NIGHT ON FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY – AVENING MEMORIAL HALL – 7.30PM. TEAMS OF UP TO 6. COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US! See the FOAS article for more information on this and other forthcoming events.

NB: Fledglings sessions – 2-3 Friday afternoons – 3 February next.

Alex Adcock

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

### New Am-Dram Society in Minchinhampton is looking for members!

Since the demise of the Minchinhampton Dramatic Society in 2009, the town's am-dram aficionados have had to go outside the town to find their dramatic fix.

Fortunately, this unsatisfactory state of affairs is set to change thanks to longterm Minchinhampton resident, Sue Simmonds, and newcomer, John Mounsey (both old hands at am-dram), who are actively seeking to start a new drama group in the town.

The intention is to use the Minchinhampton Market House for the company's productions and to involve as many people as possible, of all ages, from the town and surrounding villages. Profits from productions will go to the Market House, which – unlike most other market houses in the area – has to pay its way on a daily basis, having no endowment to support it.

In addition to actors, Sue and John are seeking enthusiastic volunteers who may be able to help with front-of-house and marketing, scene-painting, costume-design, scenery construction and other backstage disciplines.

So anybody who likes the idea of getting involved in an exciting – and hopefully, fun – new dramatic venture should email John (jch.mounsey@gmail.com) or Sue (susan.simmonds45@gmail.com) now to register their interest.

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### **Down to Earth**

At the darkest, coldest and possibly dreariest time of year, the dedicated gardener (as we all aspire to be) dusts herself down from past gardening disasters, embarrassing deficiencies and glaring blunders – and looks ahead. She (and her Assistant Gardener) makes her new resolutions. Here are one or two you might consider:

Buy from a proper plant nursery rather than a garden centre or a wretched, soulless DIY big shed. The plants are NOT more expensive. The staff have expertise and passion (well, you don't get a banker's bonus for running a plant nursery). Many of the plants are grown on site. The range of plants is far greater, just as the range of 'leisure' knick knacks is correspondingly small – or even non-existent. Check out Miserden Nursery, under new management, in a lovely location and very much worth going that extra mile for! Their web-site will give you a flavour; they can also be found on Facebook and you can subscribe to their informative newsletter. They are good and local, so support them!



Caltha palustris - a pretty plant for the water's edge

Fight mental atrophy by learning to attach names to plants! You won't get much garden-cred by saying: 'I don't know what that pink one's called, but I like it.' I am not saying that we should all go around talking in botanical Latin and referring to our centaurea cyanus instead of our cornflower. Nor is this to decry the common names which nearly alwavs have fascinating meanings embedded in them. Take 'wort', an old English word meaning 'plant' but also related to the German: 'Wurzel', or root.

'Lungwort' has the Latin name 'pulmonaria', deriving from the Latin, pulmo, meaning lung; it is a good example of the Doctrine of Signatures which defined European medical practice in the C16 and C17. According to this Doctrine, the appearance of a plant was thought to indicate its medicinal use. Thus the mottled leaves of the lungwort signified diseased lungs and consequently an infusion was recommended for bronchial infections.

Common names are fluid and imprecise. The marigold could be the *calendula* (pot marigold) or the *tagetes* or even the *caltha palustris*. Latin names are fixed – so we all know we are referring to the same plant. (It IS, surprisingly,

important!) The RHS publication: 'Latin for Gardeners' is a helpful start but I have found it frustratingly incomplete. Plus, it only gives you the descriptive, second part of the Latin name. Thus it will tell you that 'cyanus' means 'blue' – and how it is pronounced. And that 'palustris' means 'of marshland'. So, knowing that, you avoid the mistake of planting the poor caltha palustris in a



Stourhead in January

dry, gravel garden! A real treasure of a little book, which I would recommend, is: 'Plant Names Simplified' by A. T. Johnson and H. A. Smith, first published in 1931 and still in print. I have just added to my collection with William T. Stearn's 'Dictionary of Plant Names for Gardeners'. (Found in a charity shop!)

Finally, make time for visiting other gardens, from small-scale cottage or suburban gardens, to landscape gardens such as Stowe or Stourhead. Don't just tick them off the list because you have been there, done that one! Gardens wear a different garment in different seasons. And they evolve. Gardens are never static. Indeed, the whole issue of the restoration of a garden begs the question: restoration to what phase in their development? We took a winter walk around Stourhead, which was, on this day, cold, clear and classical. The NT look after it well, but sometimes it seems almost too static – but it is still lovely. Elsewhere, design is a constant cycle of re-invention. At first it's: 'Out with the old! So yesterday!' Then, as the new loses its novelty and charm, so we rediscover original planting schemes, such as at Sissinghurst, where Dan Pearson has been helping Troy Scott Smith in the 'revita-lisation' (pun intended) of Vita's garden. Worth another visit.



On the dreary day of writing this, I went into the garden and discovered the flowers of the *eranthis hyemalis*, or winter aconite, long coveted and at last established here. It lifted my spirits.

#### **Marilyn Jones**

Eranthis hyemalis - winter aconite

## Elsie and Eddy's FGR Experience

#### FGR vs. Dover Athletic

17<sup>th</sup> of December. A week before Christmas Eve. A foggy day. FGR against Dover at the New Lawn.

An unexpected surprise occurred ... it affected the game; it made most people 40 minutes late... it was a power-cut! The toilets were impossible to see, the Black and White Lounge became the Black Lounge, and worst of all, the chips ran out! Luckily, it was fixed within the 4 o'clock deadline and the game continued.

The first half was a game of fouls, starting with a yellow card for Charlie Clough. Next, some aggression in the FGR box, then some 2 rugby tackles, a helping of slide tackles and a few more fouls. Nothing much happened in the way of goals.

The second half was a game of Spot the Ball. The fog was terrible. At the top of East Stand you could hardly see West Stand! A few injuries later, Keanu M-B and Elliot Frear came on. But then, in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute , Dover's Moses Emmanual scored to make it 0-1. Drissa Traore came on, and soon an 80<sup>th</sup> minute handball was denied by the referee ("It was a blatant handball; even I know that, and I don't know *anything* about football," said my mum). There were 4 minutes of stoppage time for FGR to score an equalizer. Then in the 2<sup>nd</sup> minute of injury time Kieffer Moore bagged that important goal. It was a Christmas miracle!

The 1,818 crowd were entertained and extremely patient today with this 1-1 draw.

#### Eddy Turner

#### FGR vs. Torquay

On New Year's Day a crowd of 2,300 people came to watch the Rovers play against Torquay and I'm pretty sure everyone was buzzing by the time the match had finished. We had previously played Torquay away on Boxing Day where we didn't manage to steal any points from a 4-3 loss but we were hoping for a better result this time around at the New Lawn. When the game began there was no messing about; both teams were straight on to the attack. It was very even right from the start of the first half but we managed to pass through their defence allowing Keanu Marsh-Brown to score the first goal of the game in the 4th minute. Torquay were always there though, pressuring us back into our own half and they moved our defence into giving them a huge amount of space to score, which they did. From there onwards Torquay started to dominate and scored their second goal soon after. FGR were determined to not let this game slip past their fingers without getting at least one point. This pushed Keanu Marsh-Brown to score his second goal equalising around 30 minutes in. Although, Torquay just

continued to push it that one bit further and scored again, bringing the half time score to 3-2.

When the second half began we were feeling a little deflated and our defence was weaker than usual, allowing a Torquay player to run down the field and shoot. Sadly, in attempt to clear it away from the goal, an own goal was scored. It was now 4-2 to Torquay, however, we were still chasing after the ball and Christian Doidge managed to give the FGR fans some hope that winning is still possible by scoring midway through the second half. Unfortunately though, Torquay had a free kick on target and because Sam Russell misjudged the ball, he just let it slide past him into the goal giving Torquay a 5-3 lead. With 15 mins to go there was still that opportunity to win but we would need a small miracle to prevent Torquay scoring any more. And then thankfully our hope was restored with a second goal for Christian Doidge putting the score at 5-4 and the FGR fans were beaming with excitement. Then we managed to level 5-5 and the stadium went crazy. That left 5 mins on the clock plus 5 mins of extra time, we could still win! And we came very close with three corners given to us: we hit the bar, a shot was cleared off the line but somehow neither of them went into the net.

Overall it was a great game, I mean, you don't see a 5-5 thriller that often in the premier league do you? And to top it all off Keanu Marsh-Brown was named man of the match in front of that humongous crowd of over 2,300 people of which 434 made the trip from Torquay. Let's hope we can win the next one.

COME ON YOU ROVERS!

Elsie Heslop

## **Friends of Avening School**

FOAS' fundraising calendar will kick off with a **Quiz Night** on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.** Held in the Village Hall, doors will open at 7.30pm with the Quiz starting at 8pm. There will be a licensed bar with nibbles and snacks also available to buy. Tickets are £5 per person which will include a free drink. Teams of up to 6 people max. Please contact Alison at the School office on 01453 833191 to purchase tickets. Dressing up as your team name completely optional!

#### Dates for your diary:

#### Race night (details to be confirmed) – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### Avening Bear Hunt – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

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## **Avening Youth Club**

Easter Term kicks off with plenty of fun and activity.

The Youth Club got back into the swing of things straight away as the new term started. With Easter being late this year, this term has 12 sessions. The dates for February are 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28th Feb (14<sup>th</sup> being half term).

Cassie will be organising a series of interesting and varied events including smoothie making on the 7<sup>th</sup> February. Here the Children will be taught how to make all kinds of exotic and colourful smoothies! Delicious.

Also, and for a really special treat, on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, we have booked a double header in the form of Bisley Bouncy Castles most popular attractions. This night will be chaotic and great fun!

Two more special nights have been booked in March, so the term looks like being a busy one.

Come along and enjoy the fun!

Peter Best

### Situations Vacant!!!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Friends of Avening School



## Friday 3rd February - 7:30pm

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### **Down Memory Lane**



This photograph of a Mr Bathe of Cherington was probably taken during the 1920s or 1930s. His first name was Frederick. According to my late great-uncle, George White of Coxes Farm in Cherington, Mr Bathe (known as Bathe) worked for Edward Pope Fowler as a stock man on Westrip Farm in Cherington until 1917. When my late grandfather, Edgar Charles Rymer, took on the tenancy of the farm that year, Mr Bathe went to live at Hazleton near Cherington, where he remained until his death during World War II, aged about 90. My great uncle George said that Mr Bathe was a very clever man as well as an extremely good stockman and could "judge a good beast", being very able at selecting good healthy cattle and knowing when they were ready for market. Uncle George was fond of Mr Bathe and often chatted to him when he was living, and probably working, on the neighbouring farm at Hazleton.

Mr Bathe apparently spoke with an old Gloucestershire accent and used dialect words rarely heard these days. As an example, he pronounced the word beasts as "beaasts".

Edward Fowler was nicknamed "Scraper" Fowler by the farm workers. On wet days he often gave his men the task of applying grease to the axles of the wheels of the farm machinery. If he thought they had applied too much grease he would shout to his men "scrape it off man or you'll be the ruin of me". If he thought they were not working hard enough he would shout "Pick up your feet man, or the ground will stink of you by night". The use of this nickname caused trouble once when an unsuspecting farm worker seeking a job was told that "Scraper" would give him work. The poor man was sent packing when he innocently addressed Mr Fowler as "Mr Scraper"!

I would be interested if anyone knows which cottage in Cherington Mr Bathe lived while working at Westrip Farm. I believe he had a son, also called Fred, as well as other offspring.

According to the 1891 census, Edward Pope Fowler was then aged 29 and was born in Avening. Frederick Bathe was aged 41 in the same year and was born in Ashton Keynes. Judging by the census returns the Bathes were living near the green.

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## **Avening Cinema Club**

## The film on FRIDAY 24th February will be SULLY



On Jan. 15, 2009, Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger (Tom Hanks) trie to make an emergency landing in New York's Hudson River after US Airways Flight 1549 strikes a flock of geese. Miraculously, all of the 155 passengers and crew survive the harrowing ordeal, and Sullenberger becomes a national hero in the eyes of the public and the media. Despite the accolades, the famed pilot now faces an investigation that threatens to destroy his career and reputation

> **7.30 Avening Social Club** Admission only £4.00

Future Dates include Feb. 24th, March 24th, April 28th, May 17th, June 13th, and July 19th, No film August. Sep. Oct. & Nov. dates to follow.

### **CHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL** Vacancy for Parish Clerk

Cherington Parish Council is seeking to recruit a new Parish Clerk to start as soon as possible. We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to take responsibility for all aspects of the administrative and financial operations of the Council with the full support of the Parish Councillors You will be expected to prepare agendas, minutes, handle correspondence, and financial budgeting and reporting, equating to approximately 4-6 hours per month. This is a paid position Applicants should have access to a computer and have relevant IT skills. The successful applicant will be required to attend evening meetings at least 6 times per year and all other council administrative tasks may be carried out working from home For further information on this post contact

Chair :- Mike Mitchell on mmitchell@farmline.com or 07712 815548 Closing date for applications 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### **Letters to the Editors**

Our daughter Sarah and her husband Ian invited us all as a family to lunch on Christmas Day. Imagine how it felt to see my mother on the TV screen (she died 29 years ago). She was attending a wedding with her friends at Avening church and the reception was in the Memorial Hall, on reaching the door she looked round so we all had a good look at her. The wedding was in May 1984.

It was a very nice surprise, thank you.

Maureen Stone.

### **Best for Ben Christmas Bottle Raffle.** The raffle ran for 6 weeks before Christmas and raised a fantastic **£2900!** Thank you to everyone who donated a bottle, Leopard Press Tetbury for printing, Avening ladies who sold tickets and helped to deliver on the night, and the Bell Inn for the use of a room and you all for buying the tickets. Thank you!

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## **Cherington Parish Council**

#### Planning

Applications received for Woodlands House (previously The Gastons) for change of use of land and The Coach House for erection of a fence.

Planning Approval: Approval granted for bathroom alterations 33 Cherington and alterations to Hailstone Barn

For further information contact Cotswold District Council, Planning Department

#### Village Car Park

There is one space available, contact Parish Council for details.

#### Broadband

The Parish Council is investigating various options to improve the village reception and contacts have been made with Fastershire, and Gigaclear.

#### Parish Clerk

Due to Frances Ashfield leaving there is now a vacancy for a new Parish Clerk. Details on page 31

#### Village Litter Pick

Date Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017: Meet in Village Hall at 10 a.m.

Councillor Tony Hicks Tetbury Division Gloucestershire County Council is standing down this year. He has been very supportive and active for Cherington Parish Council. The Council is happy to meet the new candidates for election at the next Parish Council Meeting

#### **Dates of Parish Council Meetings**

Tuesday 7th March 6 p,; Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April Annual Parish Meeting All Welcome 10 am; Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May Annual Council Meeting 6 pm; Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6 pm; Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 6 pm; Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

If you have any concerns, issues, queries or comments you would like to make relating to the Parish then please don't hesitate to send an email to the parish email: cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Chairman Cllr Mike Mitchell Councillors : Henry Arden, Alison Sharpe, Peter Workman, Kate Gegg



### 100+ Club

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Its that time of year when we are asking if you will renew your 100+ club membership or join the 100+ Club. If you are new member you can purchase a number at an annual cost of £12.00. If you are renewing you will keep the same number. Numbers will be issued from 1 to 200. The draw will take place monthly and will consist of a first prize of £20.00 and a second prize of £10.00. There will be a special draw in May (Remembering Marks's Birthday) of £100.00

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## **Avening Parish Council**



The minutes of the meetings will be published shortly but some of the issues raised at the meeting are listed below.

#### **Christmas Tree Lights – Switch On**

Councillors felt that the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony was a lovely event, well organised and well supported and that the tree looks beautiful (thanks to Geoff Brooks – great job). It was thought that if more people were to attend next year we could maybe host the after-lighting party in the Memorial Hall

The summer event this year for the Queen's birthday was also a success so it was proposed that Avening continue to hold 2 village events, one in the summer and the lighting ceremony in the winter.

#### **Proposed Village Projects**

The main agenda item for the December meeting was village projects where Councillors put their ideas and suggestions forward for discussion. Some of the ideas included:

- Villager of the year upgrade to include:
  - Change name to be 'Pride of Avening'
  - Include Junior award (up to age 11)
  - Student award (12-21)
- Broadcast a live webcast of a council meeting (at least public questions)
- Set up a regular/occasional survey via Survey Monkey or similar, to trial asking questions on current issues/events/feedback
- Flatten playing field and lay all weather pitch
- Upgrade playing field equipment
- Display map for visitors
- Lawrence Road Junction
- Road Safety Avening School
- Village Allotments
- Senior Citizens Day Out
- Avening Coat of Arms to be displayed at entrances to the village

All of the ideas will be considered and discussed in further detail and any comments welcomed.

#### Planning Applications

**16/04836/FUL** Full Application for Erection of a dwelling and garage (revised scheme) at Land at Wingfield, Hampton Hill, Avening, Gloucestershire.

No objections were raised but it was generally felt that the architecture of the proposed plans was somewhat unchallenging and bland.





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Star Lane, Avening, Glos, GL8 8NT Telephone 01453 350305 Website: queenmatildatavern.co.uk **Ref:16/04412/FUL CT.1737/D:** Full Application for Removal of Condition B restricting the use to the applicant and Condition E restricting the operation to the keeping of 10 cats at any one time, of Planning Application No: CT.1737/B dated 18th May 1988 for the erection of a building to be used as a cattery, alterations to the existing vehicular access at 33 Tetbury Hill, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8LT for Mr Jim Parsons

No objections raised.

**Ref: 16/04996/FUL:** Full Application for Proposed side two storey and single storey extensions, rear two storey extension and external alterations to ground levels to provide wheelchair access to the dwelling and level areas in the rear garden accessed from first floor level at Hilltop View, 69, The Sunground, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

No objections raised.

**16/05389** Full Application for Retrospective application for the formation of a platform hardstanding to provide parking at 3 Lawrence Road Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NP

No objections raised.

#### Budget 2017-18

The budget for 2017/18 was agreed, with no increase to the precept.

#### **Suspicious Callers**

There have been reports in neighbouring areas of people called at houses stating that they are there to undertake work but once challenged make a sharp exit. Please be wary of such callers and report any suspicious activity to the Police.

#### **Road Safety**

Stuart Richards, an ex-Avening School Governor, attended the January meeting to seek the Parish Council's support in trying to resolve the issue of speeding traffic on the main road past the school. The Council confirmed their support for this and a number of initiatives were put forward for further discussion including undertaking speed checks, a community speed watch and investigating the possibility of traffic calming measures.

#### **Avening Playing Fields Association**

The Parish Council, in consultation with the Playing Fields Association is proposing to dissolve the Association which was last updated in 1999 and lists a number of Trustees, many of which have long since left the village. It is proposed to set up, in its place, a Management Committee to take responsibility for the project to update and maintain the play equipment with the Parish Council taking responsibility for the project to improve and maintain the playing field itself.

#### Gritter

The gritter is available for use if any snow is forecast

#### **Next Meeting**

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

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



## Church Services in Avening & Cherington in February

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Sunday Feb. 5th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)	
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)	
		Cherington	NO SERVICE	
Sunday Feb.12th	5.00pm	Avening	Evensong (BCP)	
Current and Talk 40th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)	
Sunday Feb 19th	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)	
Sunday Feb	9.30am	Cherington	Morning Prayer	
26th		Avening	NO SERVICE	
Mar 1st ASH WED	7.00pm	Avening	Ash Wednesday Communion	
Sunday Mar 5th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)	
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)	

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This is an amazing opportunity. Although details of the session have not been confirmed, anyone interested in finding out more or joining this workshop please get in touch with George Buchanan and he will be glad to send you details as soon as they are available.

### **INTERESTED? Contact George at** buchanan.pg@gmail.com

## **Dates For Your Diary**

Friday 3rd February	FOAS Quiz Night	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 16th February	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Friday 24th February	Film Club showing Sully	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Tuesday 7th March	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.00pm
Tuesday 7th March	1st Avening and Cherington Lent Meeting	70, Sandford Leaze, Avening	7.30pm
Saturday 11th March	Cherington Litter Pick	Village Hall	10am
Saturday 1st April	Cherington Annual Parish Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	10.00am
Saturday 1st April	FOAS Race Night	tba	
Saturday 29th April	Academix Concert	Holy Cross Avening	7.30pm
Saturday 29th April	Academix Singing Workshop 'Take a Part'	Holy Cross Avening	tba
Sunday 25th June	Avening Church Fete	All around the Church	Afternoon



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