

# *The Villager*

*A magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head*

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**VILLAGER MAGAZINE**

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## *The Parish Letter*

Lent, to many of us, conjures up the memory of heroic efforts as children, to give up sweets and chocolates, and followed by the feeling of triumph, if we ever managed to keep to our resolution for the whole of the long six weeks. Later, as adolescents, we were told that denying ourselves was not as true to the meaning of Lent as 'taking up' something new.....a good deed a day.....an act of kindness.

To deny ourselves an indulgence, for a while, reminds us a little of what Christ gave up for us. 'Taking on' something, which is of benefit to someone else, is surely a good thing.....particularly so, when, if at the end of Lent, we decide to keep on doing whatever it was!

But what was Jesus himself doing when he withdrew into the wilderness in Palestine? Surely He was seeking 'time apart' .....solitude and silence.....in order to reflect on His life and His relationship with God. He had a profound and unique understanding of the true Nature of God: His love for us, His generosity and His willingness to forgive. Jesus knew that the teachers of the faith at the time were giving a false image of God. He felt compelled to tell others of all that he knew to be true, and yet he foresaw the consequences of such boldness. He had a choice.....as we do.....He chose to respond to God and preach of His Love for us all to those who came to hear Him.

We, too, have a choice: to try and live our lives as Christians, or to ignore all that God challenges us to do, and go our own way. This is what Lent is all about.

It is hard to do this alone, harder still to make the choice as to whether or not we want to commit our lives to follow Jesus. During the weeks ahead there will be evenings of discussion and the chance to listen and debate with others their experiences of doubt and faith. The dates and venues of these evenings are in this copy of the magazine and I

do hope you will take the opportunity to come along. You have nothing to lose and maybe, you will discover something that will bring a whole new dimension to your life! Why not come along and see?

***Rev. Celia***

## **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

We will be having our traditional service on March 18<sup>th</sup> when we give thanks for our mothers and grandmothers and all that they do and mean to us. There will be flowers for the children to give out, Simnel cake for all..... and the chance to 'hug' the Mother Church.

Don't miss it!

## **THE HEALING MINISTRY**

A compelling part of Christian Ministry is to pray for healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

“Healing” in its widest sense of body soul and mind

‘a return to wholeness’ - a restoring of peace to the mind, a lifting of depression and dispelling of anxiety.....healing of the body. A healing of relationships and the opportunity to pray for forgiveness for ourselves and for others.

Lent is a good time for such prayer.

A time to open ourselves to the healing power of God.

**There will be a service of quietness, music and prayer on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm, where both general prayers for healing will be offered and there will be the opportunity for individuals to come forward for the laying on of hands, either for themselves, or for others.**

I hope that you will feel able to come, whether or not you are accustomed to church or from whatever denomination and tradition, for we all have a common need for healing and wholeness.

## **CONFIRMATION**

For those considering confirmation, There is still time for preparation. The confirmation service will be held on Friday 20th April 2007. Please contact me if you wish to be confirmed. ***Rev Celia***

**LENT ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS**

In addition to our regular Lent meetings with lead bible study and prayer, there will be two evenings of “debate with supper” for those who consider themselves “enquirers” and are interested to know more of the Christian Faith

**LENT MEETINGS (7.30pm to 9.00pm with supper)**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 70 Sandford Leaze

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Avening Park

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Longtree Barn

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at Church Farm Barn

*Phone 832716 for transport*

**DEBATING EVENINGS WITH SUPPER**

Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>

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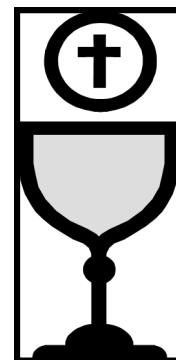
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# Church Duties:

## AVENING



| Date                   | Sidespersons              | Chalice Assistant |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| March 4 <sup>th</sup>  | J Bird / S Hamilton       | P Brown           |
| March 11 <sup>th</sup> | G Buchanan / K Lindesay   | P Lindesay        |
| March 18 <sup>th</sup> | H Graham Munro/ P Brown   | S Uzzell          |
| March 25 <sup>th</sup> | J Pargetter/ S Hamilton   | R Coates          |
| April 1st              | C Boddam-Wetham/ M Barton | D Pierce          |

### CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

**Avening Church was floodlit in February :**

February 7th

In memory of Basil Fletcher who died on 7th February 1983. Lovingly remembered by us all. Sylvia.

***If you would like to have the church floodlit to commemorate a loved one or to celebrate a special event, please contact:***

***Paul Brown 01453 835983***

***The cost is £5.00 for 2 hours***

## SERVICES IN AVENING & CHERINGTON

| Day/Date   | Church     | Time    | Service                                 |
|--|------------|---------|---|
| SUNDAY 4th March                                     | Avening    | 8 am    | Holy Communion (BCP)                    |
| <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>                            | Cherington | 9.30 am | Holy Communion (BCW)                    |
|  | Avening    | 11 am   | Holy Communion (BCW)<br>& Sunday School |
| SUNDAY 11th March                                    | Avening    | 8 am    | Holy Communion (BCP)                    |
| <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>                            | Cherington | 9.30 am | Matins (BCP)                            |
|  | Avening    | 11 am   | Holy Communion (BCW)<br>& Sunday School |
| SUNDAY 18th March                                    | Avening    | 8 am    | Holy Communion (BCP)                    |
| <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i><br><i>Mothering Sunday</i> | Cherington | 9.30 am | Holy Communion (BCP)                    |
|  | Avening    | 11 am   | Holy Communion (BCW)<br>& Sunday School |
| SUNDAY 25th March                                    | Avening    | 8 am    | Holy Communion (BCP)                    |
| <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>                            | Cherington | 9.30 am | Holy Communion (BCW)                    |
|  | Avening    | 11 am   | Holy Communion (BCW)<br>& Sunday School |
| SUNDAY 1st April                                     | Avening    | 8 am    | Holy Communion (BCP)                    |
| <i>Palm Sunday</i>                                   | Cherington | 9.30 am | Holy Communion (BCP)                    |
|  | Avening    | 11 am   | Holy Communion (BCW)<br>& Sunday School |

## Message from the Archdeacon of Cheltenham

**The Ven Hedley Ringrose** *This is extracted from the current edition of Our Diocese, and is available on line at [www.glosdioc.org.uk](http://www.glosdioc.org.uk)*

### THE MEDIA AND THE MESSAGE

**W**e live in a world in which presentation and marketing play an increasingly significant role in many areas of life. Good P.R. increases public awareness of a service or product through market research, audience targeting, education, correcting a mistruth and building an image. So what lessons might we learn that could help us?

At the recent National Archdeacons' Conference the P.R. Consultant responsible for working with the BBC 2 programme 'Priest Idol' led an interesting workshop on modernising the message. Speaking as a person who grew up attending church regularly but no longer does so, he reminded us that we have a great message for a society where many people are desperate for a place to reflect, but we need to listen so that we know where people are, in order to communicate in a way that connects with them.

All benefices in this diocese have recently received an 'Experience Easter' resource pack containing ideas and offers of excellent free publicity material to help local churches promote the message of this important Christian festival more effectively in the wider communities we serve.

**"...The prime purpose of every Church must be to help people 'Experience Easter' ..."**

We must realise that people who are not used to church feel as much out of place there as we might do in a court or a betting shop, so every church should try to see itself as if through the eyes of a visitor attending for the first time. Perhaps we should have 'Egan Ronay' kind of anonymous and unannounced visits, with reports that show what we are really like!

The prime purpose of every Church must be to help people 'Experience Easter' and know the love of God afresh through celebrating the death and life of Jesus. The message is brilliant, but we almost certainly need help to present it anew and afresh.

***Archdeacon Hedley***

## ***Battling with the Elements***

Whilst we all shivered in our warm houses and gazed through the windows at the falling snow outside, I wonder how many of us gave more than a second's thought for Ian and Andrew, our village postmen, who continued to deliver our post despite freezing temperatures, heavy snow and treacherous driving conditions.

I think they need a collective thank-you from us all for the superb service they provided during the recent bad weather.

***Tony Russell***





# AVENING SILVER BAND

**CONGRATULATIONS  
to Avening Silver Band which celebrated its  
80th anniversary on February 27th**

*This is probably the first photograph ever taken of the Band*



*Left→ Right Back Row: Arthur Robins: Dave (Wacky) Nurdning: Elijah Glastonbury:  
Ernie Fletcher: ? : Rupert Sharp  
Middle row: George Holbrow: Bert Green: Fred Jellyman: P.Cuss: ?  
Front row: not known*

*The band was formed on February 27th 1927. The following appeal for support was made by Mr Glastonbury, Chairman of the Band, in 1955:*

## **AVENING SILVER BAND**

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Mrs.S.Tanner

**Chairman:** Mr.E.Glastonbury

**Hon.Secretary:** Mr.F.ROBINS

3, Rectory Lane, Avening

**Hon.Treasurer:** MR.N.HOLBROW

16 Rectory Lane, Avening

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

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

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

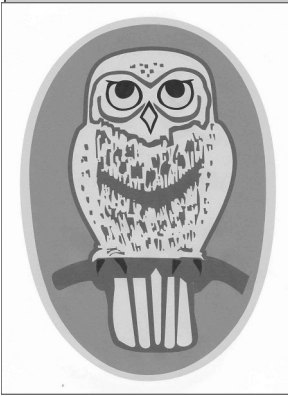
Although matters are not now so acute, the uniforms, which are twenty-six years old, are becoming ragged and worn and it is felt that, for the good name of the village, they should be replaced.

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

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

Signed E. GLASTONBURY  
Chairman Avening Silver Band

**Contributed by Jim Hill**



# *Avening School*

## *Skipping into Spring*

Pupils at Avening Primary School are developing their skipping skills and becoming fit and healthy at the same time. Did you know that skipping is so good for you that 5 minutes of skipping is equivalent to 20 minutes jogging? All classes are having an extra 5 minutes of exercise early each morning in order to give themselves a little bit of a shake up to stimulate the brain cells and make learning easier- and it is proving to be both popular and effective!

Wednesday 14 February was Valentine's Day and this seemed a good occasion to further promote the benefits of healthy exercise. Charlie Pierce, father of Innes and Finn, both pupils





at Avening School, came in to talk to all the children about the importance of the work of the British Heart Foundation. After he was taken seriously ill due to a fault in his heart, Charlie's life was saved by surgeons funded by the BHF so he is well aware of the crucial work that they do.

The pupils raised over £160 through their Healthy Hearts Day. They skipped and exercised and the older pupils measured the impact of this on their pulse rates, recording this information in tables and charts. The younger pupils enjoyed making 'healthy heart baskets' that they filled with grapes and other healthy snacks.

*The following anonymous letter was received by the editor. Normally it would not be the policy of this magazine to print anonymous material but in view of the strongly held sentiments contained in this letter, an exception has been made.*

**To the Avening community:**

This is an anonymous letter. I do not want publicity but my feelings are so strong that I feel I must voice them.

I am a senior citizen, lived in the village for a few years but have never felt so isolated. This village appears to revolve around the church and churchgoers and the spirit of care - particularly for the elderly - is very low.

Why is there not a telephone contact the elderly can ring in an emergency? You are just left. The recent snowfall has proved that. I remember when young how we knocked on peoples doors when there were elderly people to see if they needed help. Neighbours just walk by here unless you are a churchgoer.

One's own beliefs can be private and going to church is a personal choice, not an exclusion if you do not go.

We are asked to support the local shop more and I do whenever possible but could not the shop provide more help in the way of being a contact? It is very difficult getting old and having at all times to be dependent on others. It is made more difficult when none is offered and asking and finding out is embarrassing.

You are lucky if you have family close by but many of us who live on their own have not. Often the only way to get help is to pay for it and many of us are on a low income. You all live in a lovely area but could there be more outward love and care? Offering a £5 lunch once a month is not the answer when you are suddenly ill and unable to get out or struggle with bins, etc. in the snow!

I am sorry I have to write in this way. All my life I have cared for others. I also know I am not alone in my thoughts.

Thank you for reading this.

*Rev Celia has written the following response to this letter:*

I am responding to this letter, as I feel it concerns us all. I am very sad that whoever the author is, they feel the way they do and more so, that they believe themselves to be isolated and abandoned.

I am also an "incomer" but during the forty years that I have lived here I have always found this to be a most caring and generous community and eager to support anyone, who is in trouble, or alone.

As the parish priest I can only speak on behalf of the Church but I can assure you that never at any time has preference knowingly been given to a church member over someone who does not attend church. I feel an equal concern for everyone in the Parish and will do all that I can to be of help, as do so many other people. There are several organisations and societies in the village who welcome new members and whose contact numbers can be found in this magazine. Throughout the year there are regular events to which everyone is invited through posters and this magazine. Transport is also offered for those without a car. The Corner Shop and Post Office are always willing to help by delivering papers and groceries to the housebound. There is also a telephone service for anyone wishing to place an order. It is, however, impossible to know if someone is alone or in difficulty if they do not make themselves known. Sadly, with the world as it is, people are less inclined than in years past to knock on someone's door to offer assistance.



# CLASSIC WIND

A concert is to be given in aid of the much needed school hall for Woodchester Endowed School by an established group of woodwind players. The locally well known group "Classic Wind" was formed in 1993 by some of the best players in Gloucestershire with the objective of performing wind quintets and arrangements of well known music to the highest standards.

The programme is designed to be interesting and informative, particularly for children. The players will introduce the audience to their instruments.

The concert starts at 3-00 pm on Sunday the 25th March 2007 in St. Mary's Parish Church, Woodchester. Tickets cost £6-00 each including refreshments and children accompanied by an adult will be admitted free.

A school without a school hall? It shouldn't be so.  
It is hoped the church will be full.

***Tickets can be obtained from  
Nonsuch Books & Music, Market Street, Nailsworth  
Tel. 01453 839173***

***or at Woodchester Parish Church Door before  
commencement***

***or from Woodchester Endowed School.***



## **HOME WORDS – Avening parish magazine, April 1889**

*In this extract from the parish magazine the Rev. De Paravicini describes the newly installed east window at Avening church. This was the gift of a local woman in memory of her father who had died as a young soldier in the Crimean War some years earlier ....*

This window is a valuable addition to, and a worthy commencement in, the restoration of our hallowed and valuable church. In itself it will always be an object of interest as a beautiful work of Art, as well as an historical illustration of the Divine and the holy characters therein depicted. But beyond this, to us who know the motive of reverent and filial affection which prompted the gift of this beautiful work, it has an additional interest. And there are special circumstances which add to this interest, and enlist the sympathies even of those who did not know the father thus honourably commemorated by it. His record as a soldier, and the testimony of his brother officers who knew and valued his work, bear witness to his worthiness and honour.

His career was short. As a youth he entered the service of his Queen and country in the Army. At the age of seventeen he went, at the call of duty, to face the enemy in the Crimea and to be exposed not only to the momentary danger from shot and shell and sword of an enemy far outnumbering the force to which he was attached; but he had moreover to face and endure dangers which, though slower in their destructions than fire and sword, are more sure to cripple and destroy in the end.

Earthworks thrown up or trenches dug in the earth may shield the soldier from the deadly missiles falling around him.. But those earthworks and defences cannot protect a youth whose muscles and whose delicate vital organs have not been seasoned and prepared by graduated exposure and hardship from the encircling dangers which ever attend exposure to the alternate and extreme changes of cold by night and heat by day, which the youthful soldier is called upon in discharge of duty to undergo.

Nor are these the only sources of danger in a campaign. In the

uncertainties of a war the enemy's movements, either of advance or retreat, have to be watched and rapidly followed; and in the rapidity of those unforeseen movements, a regiment may be out of reach of baggage and provisions stores, and the soldiers may thus suffer the want of accustomed food and clothing. A march or change of position by the enemy may endanger his own position and so oblige him, by long and forced marches to advance or retreat in search of his own base of action. During these operations much hardship has to be borne, which tries the constitution severely. To the youthful these privations and hardships are too severely trying and too often they enfeeble the constitution resulting in early death.

In this way a valuable youthful life, for which there seemed hope of long continuance, and perhaps of distinguished service is sometimes prematurely brought to its close. Thus was the promising young father of Mrs Erskine Pollock cut off in the flower of his early manhood. But his end, although it came so early, was not reached before he had made his mark as a soldier faithful to his charge and as one beloved and valued by his brother officers and by others who knew his worth. The testimonies of his friends speak highly of his private character. These are the testimonies which a daughter, deprived of such a father when she was an infant, may well treasure in grateful remembrance. And this memorial window is evidence of how greatly she cherishes the memory of one so precious to her. In her filial memory, where he will long continue to live, she will have the satisfaction of having done all that affection could prompt to perpetuate a recollection so sweet to her, in association with this house of prayer and praise, in the parish of his birth, and of her inheritance through him.

***F De Paravicini***

### ***A Word of Warning***

With the approach of spring many of us will be spending time working in our gardens. Be warned!

On a sunny February afternoon an Avening resident was happily working in his garden. Meanwhile a burglar had entered the house through an unlocked door and, in a very short space of time, stole a number of items, some valuable, others of great sentimental value. It seems that we must keep our doors locked at all times nowadays.

*Thank you to an anonymous person who left an engraved silver salver, of particular sentimental value, at the front door of the house at some time after the burglary.*

### ***A Plea to all Dog Owners.***

We all live in a beautiful area of the Cotswolds with its undulating hills and amazing scenery and never have to go far to find open countryside. This is why I am totally bemused to find an array of dog faeces along the side of the road outside our and neighbours houses in Point Road. I don't mean hidden in the verge, I mean literally on our doorsteps, in our gateways in the road where our children walk to to school. It's disgusting, and it's getting worse. (there are seven turds along our garden wall outside our house alone, as I write this!!)

How would the dog owners feel if dog mess was around THEIR doorstep every day?

Please, please don't let your dogs foul on our roads.

Pick it up, or use the fields

Keep Avening a clean and safe environment for all of us and our children.

***Tamzin Cory***

Rodways Place  
Point Road

# **AVENING OPEN GARDENS 2007**

## **SUNDAY 26th JUNE**

In aid of Holy Cross Church, Avening

This is an advance notice that an Open Gardens event is being planned.

As before, there will be a plant stall and you are asked, when working in your garden this Spring to pot up divided plants, seedlings & cuttings to be sold.



There will be lots of gardens open, both large and small.

Make a note in your diary – more information in

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Chris Howell 01453 833246

Lyn Uzell 01453 835674



Women's  
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## *Avening WI*

The February meeting was slightly hampered by the snowy weather but still about twenty brave souls decided to beat the cold and attend.

Our speaker was Mr James Coe who gave us a talk on 'Inside 10 Downing Street'. He started his

career as a journalist and eventually was asked to be deputy Press Secretary at Number 10. He told us some amusing tales about his time with Mrs Thatcher and about the house itself, which goes back a long way and is much larger than it appears from the front. It now has a bullet-proof front door. The flat is at the top, government offices on the middle floor and garden room at the bottom. It was a long hour but a good experience.

There was a small amount of business. A trip to Wisley has been arranged for Wednesday May 23rd, leaving Avening at 8.30 am, picking up at Tetbury at 8.40 am. The cost will be £10 plus the entrance fee. Season tickets for Westonbirt can be used for this. Ring Hilary Hodges on 01285 841318 to reserve a seat.

At the next meeting on March 8th Mr Peter Ralph will give a talk on 'The Forest of Dean', with slides. The competition is a collage of a tree using any material.

***Wendy Eldridge***



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# *Cherington Parish Council*

## **PLANNING APPLICATION**

SITE: Evergreen Cottage, near Cherington  
PROPOSAL: Minor extension and internal alterations  
APPLICATION: 07/0076/LBC & 07/0077FUL  
REF: CT. 0280/D&E

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Cherington Parish Council will meet on Tuesday 17th April 2007 at 6.30 pm at the Village Hall, Cherington. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

PLEASE NOTE that due to the elections, the date for the Open Parish Meeting will be brought forward to 14th May 2007 at 7.30 pm in Cherington Village Hall, **not 21st May** as previously agreed.

Sue Russell, Clerk to Cherington Parish Council  
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# *Avening Playgroup*

February activities for Playgroup children included learning about Chinese New Year. The children made dragon puppets and Chinese lanterns and sampled some out of the ordinary snacks – crispy seaweed and prawn crackers!

At their request, the children also enjoyed making shape rockets, treasure maps and windmills. They saved their windmills for a windy day and had lots of fun running around the playground watching them go round and round.

Our older group has been thinking about how to keep healthy – this has included exercising with hoops and bean bags, drawing apples and playing a very popular shopping game.

And during the half term break ‘finding and sticking’ was the theme of our fundraising event – the children were sponsored to collect a range of different items and stick them onto a specially designed sheet.

Stuck for something to do with the pre-school children you look after during the week? We have two exciting pieces of news to share with you this month:

## **BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

We were very disappointed to have to close the toddler group sessions in January due to dwindling numbers. So we are delighted to inform readers that due to new demand, and continued support from our Playgroup staff, from **Thursday 26 April (after the Easter holidays), we are reintroducing these sessions on a Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm.** These meetings will be managed by a member of our Playgroup staff and will be structured to ensure you and the children you look after get as much out of the time there as possible.

So if you look after children from 0 to 5 and would like a place where you can go to meet people in the same boat, have access

to a vast range of inside and outside toys, and give the children an opportunity play in our greatly improved outside play area, we would love to see you. Prices are £2.50 for parent/carer and child and £1 for each additional child.

### **'PERCY THE PIANO' PLAYTIME**

Many Villager readers will have experienced the fun and mayhem that is 'Percy' – otherwise known as one of our residents Andrea Glover! From after Easter, Andrea will be running one-hour music and movement sessions for children up to school age at the Playgroup building. Sessions will run on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm-3pm. In order to ensure we always have a suitable number (and not too many) children, this activity will be bookable by the half-term, starting with the first half-term after the Easter holidays – five weeks. The charge will be £3.25 per session or £12.50 for the half-term (five weeks which works out at £2.50 a session). The first Percy will be held on Tuesday 24 April.

Please contact Andrea via the Playgroup if you would like to book a place for you and your child/children.

**We are now on the lookout for more people to join our small committee of loyal and friendly volunteers. You don't need to have children at playgroup – and we only meet about every 4-6 weeks. If you are interested in joining the committee and getting more involved in this vital village resource, please contact Debbie Brown at the number below.**



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Playgroup please call  
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*about Avening  
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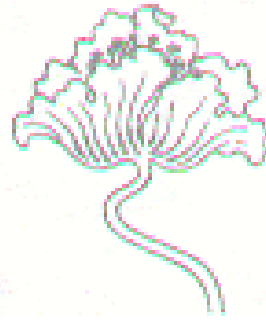
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# *Avening Parish Council*

## **January /February Meeting**

### **Planning Applications January 2007**

06/03189/MINAM **The Lair, Pound Hill, Avening** – minor amendments to planning permission. Members had no objections.

### **Decision Notices Received**

06/02726/FUL, CT2854/H **Rectory Cottage, Rectory Lane** – erection of first floor extension – permission granted by Cotswold District Council on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006

### **Village Hall**

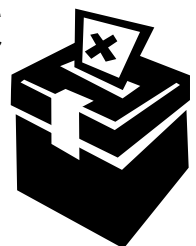
The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that it has been able to secure just under £380 in funding from Cotswold District Council for small items of sanitary/hygiene ware and some new chairs in order to make a few immediate improvements to the current service in the village hall.

The Parish Council wishes to thank the WI, School and Youth Club for contributing to the consultation in order to establish what was needed most.

A public consultation will be taking place through the next parish council newsletter to ask residents to have their say about the future facilities at the hall.

### **Local Council Elections 2007**

Local elections take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007. If you are interested in becoming a councillor please come along to one of the parish council's meetings to see what the council does. There will be an exciting work programme for the year, guided by the village through the parish plan. It is a chance to make a difference and put your skills to good use in improving life in the village. For an informal discussion please contact the clerk or speak to one of the existing councillors.



**Website** [www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk)

If you are interested in placing a link to your organisation or business please contact the parish clerk for further information.



**The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007 In Avening Memorial Hall at 7.45pm (Planning at 7pm)**

*Deborah Cook, Parish Clerk, 18 Martin Close, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1XY Tel: 01285 656139  
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### MARCH 2007 **Market Day every Wednesday morning**

- Mar 3** **Didmarton** Point to Point. This is one of the major Point to Point meetings of the season. First race 12.30 pm  
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- Mar 3** **The Oriel Singers** – at Westonbirt school 7.30 pm. A varied programme of music by Bach, Elgar, Howells & Frank Martin. Tickets £8 Tel: 01666 880333  
[www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk)
- Mar 7 – 10** **Tetbury Mop Fair** – in the Chipping Car Park from 6 pm weekdays, earlier Saturday afternoon
- Mar 10** **Thamesdown Ladies Choir** at Christchurch, The Chipping, Tetbury. 7.30 pm. Admission £4 at the door. Tea & Coffee served afterwards.
- Mar 13 – 16** Cheltenham Gold Cup. World famous National Hunt Festival of horse racing over 4 days at Prestbury Park .
- Mar 23 – 25** **Gatcombe Spring Horse Trials.**  
[www.britisheventing.com](http://www.britisheventing.com)
- Mar 30** **Band Concert at Dolphins Hall, Tetbury. The Woodford Band** – starting at 7.30 pm. In aid of Dennis Price's sponsored Poppy Appeal cycle rides to Brussels & Paris. Tickets £5. Tel: 01666 502134



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| DATE       | EVENT                     | PLACE         | TIME    |
|------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------|
| March 8th  | Avening Parish Council    | Memorial Hall | 7.45 pm |
| March 8th  | WI meeting                | Memorial Hall |         |
| March 8th  | Avening Parish Council    | Memorial Hall | 7.45 pm |
| April 17th | Cherington Parish Council | Village Hall  | 6.30 pm |
| May 23rd   | WI visit to Wisley        |               | 8.30 am |
| June 24th  | Avening Open Gardens      |               | pm      |

**THE MOBILE POLICE STATION**  
will visit Avening & Cherington on  
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Friday February 2nd & 16th

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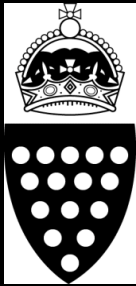
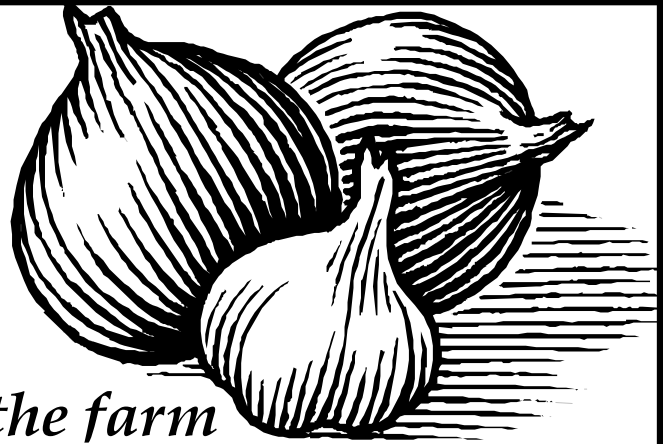


## Useful Telephone Numbers

|                              |                   |              |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Avening Parish Council       | Deborah Cook      | 01285 656139 |
| Cherington Parish Council    | Sue Russell       | 01666 503370 |
| Cotswold District Councillor | Jim Parsons       | 01453 836596 |
| Avening Sunday School        | Debbie Brown      | 01453 835983 |
| Avening Tower Captain        | Andrew Lelliott   | 01453 835783 |
| Avening Primary School       | Diana Boulton     | 01453 833191 |
| Avening Playgroup            | Debbie Brown      | 01453 832695 |
|                              |                   | Home 835983  |
| Avening Players              | Julie Sharpe      | 01453 835565 |
| A & C Cricket Club           | Derrick Ind       | 01453 835752 |
| Avening Silver Band          | Jim Hill          | 01453 834438 |
| Friends of Avening School    | Nicola John       | 01453 833375 |
| Cherington Reading Room      | G Davies          | 01285 841318 |
| Memorial Hall                | Jon Green         | 01453 833048 |
| Tennis @ Avening Park        | Roger Lindley     | 01453 835115 |
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