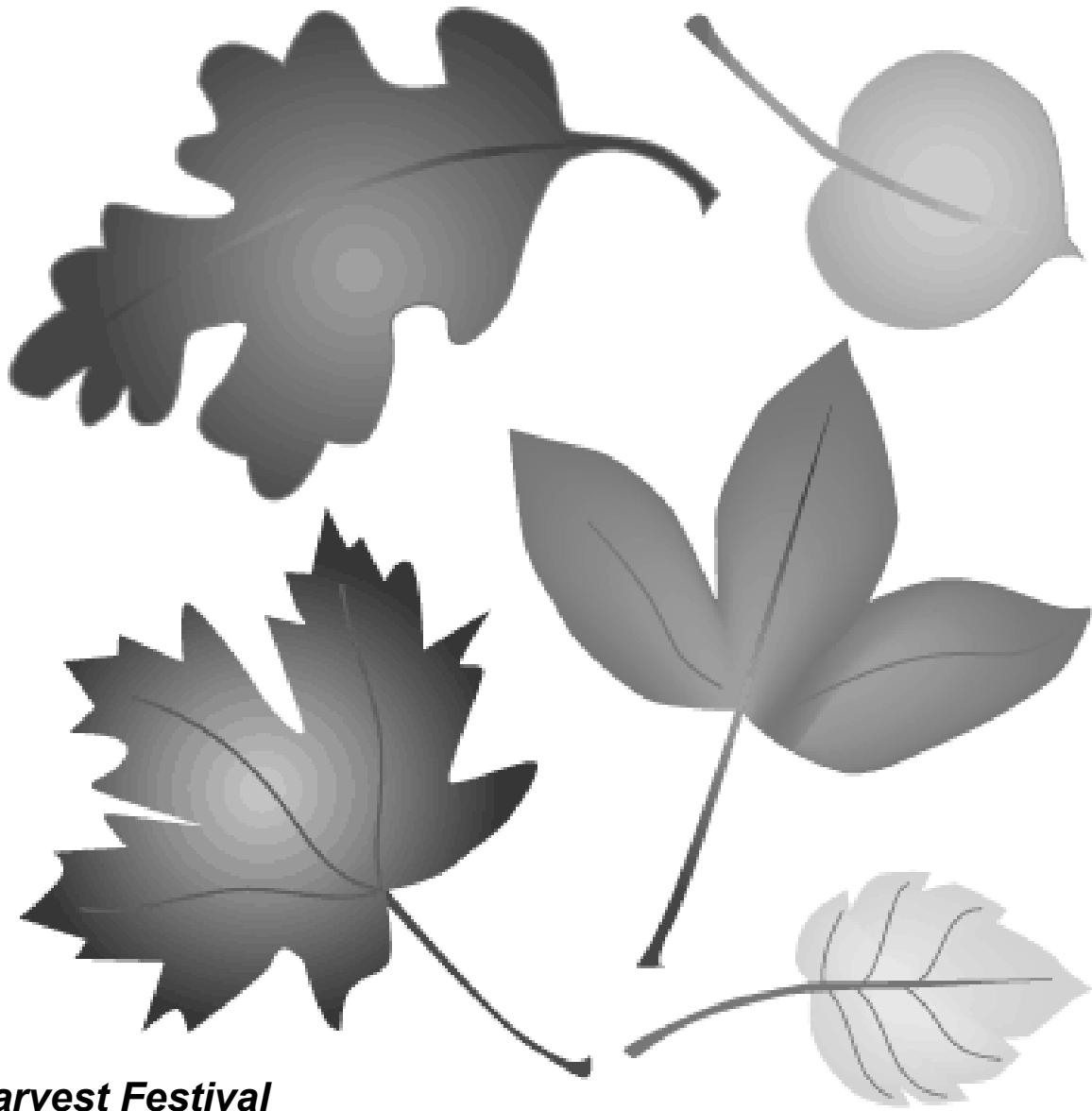


The Villager

A magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head

October 2007

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Harvest Festival
Cherington – October 5th
Avening – October 21st

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The Parish Letter

The confirmation of a case of the potentially fatal animal disease “Blue Tongue” this week, is yet another devastating blow to our farmers. Spread by midges – the disease is almost impossible to control, and has been the cause of death of well over a million farm animals in Europe already. Coming so close to the outbreak of foot and mouth – with the necessary restriction of animal movement and the extensive flooding of farm land with the consequential loss of crops – our farmers are close to despair.

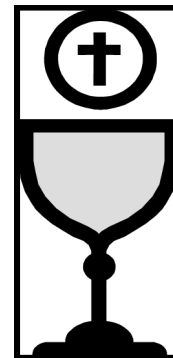
We are increasingly an urbanised society, and already country people and farmers in particular, feel marginalized and their interests of low priority to Government..... and yet we are an island people, and cannot afford to be totally reliant on imported food. So many farmers are told to diversify and use their land for leisure pursuits – while our supermarket shelves are filled with anaemic and tasteless goods from overseas. We are becoming more aware of the need for us all to be “Green Conscious” – and yet we import food, which we have traditionally provided for ourselves, for generations. Dairy farmers are packing up at the rate of 3 a week – and we import Milk!!.... We bring vegetables and flowers from Third World countries – while our own horticulturalists are squeezed out of existence. We are fast losing the skills and knowledge of countrymen and women and soon will be unable to restore our food industry – unless Government re-thinks rural policies urgently.

This month is the time of the traditional services of Harvest Festival. A time when we give thanks to GOD for the abundance of blessings we experience in this country. We live in a temperate climate in a fertile and well-husbanded land – surely it is pure madness to abandon such blessings – and dismiss the work of generations of farmers... for the easy option of imported goods? I hope that in these parishes, we will show our support for local farmers and pray for a change of heart of those who govern us before it is too late.

Rev. Celia

Church Duties:

AVENING



Date	Sidespersons	Chalice Assistant	Sacristan
Oct 7th	G Buchanan/ M Barton	S Uzzell	M. Cox
Oct 14th	R Evershed / C Boddam-Wetham	P Lindesay	A. Brick
Oct 21st	K Lindesay / S Hamilton	P Lindesay	P. Sanders
Oct 28th	H Graham-Munro/ S Hamilton	P Brown	G. Parsons
Nov 4th	M Barton/G Buchanan	R Coates	M. Cox

Church Floodlighting

Avening Church was floodlit in September:

Sept 24th Remembering Rosie

Sept. 30th With many happy memories of Michael Powell on his birthday, from his wife Thelma and his sons Kevin and Columba

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 for 2 hours

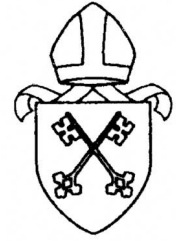
Day/Date	Church	Time	Service
FRIDAY 5th October	Cherington	7 pm	HARVEST FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 7th October	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCW)
	Avening		Holy Communion (BCW)
SUNDAY 14th October	Avening		NO SERVICE
<i>20th Sunday after Trinity</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Matins (BCP)
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion (BCW) & Sunday School
SUNDAY 21st October Septem-	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>21st Sunday after Trinity</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
HARVEST FESTIVAL & Light Lunch	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion (BCW) & Sunday School
SUNDAY 28th October	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>22nd Sunday after Trinity</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCW)
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion (BCW) & Sunday School
FRIDAY 2nd November <i>All Souls</i>	Avening	7.00 pm	Service for the Departed
SUNDAY 4th November	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>23rd Sunday after Trinity</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCW)
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion (BCW) & Sunday School

BAPTISM IN OCTOBER

Sebastian Turner
Amelia Goulty

Holly Mae Ludlow
Joseph Missenden

Message from the Rt Revd the Bishop of Gloucester The Rt Revd Michael Perham



It is difficult to put a precise date to the foundation of Gloucestershire. And, even if we could find a precise date, we wouldn't be dealing with exactly the 21st century shape to the county. There are three significant differences between the modern county and the one that came into existence about a thousand years ago. One is that, for a short while, Gloucestershire existed side by side with Winchcombeshire, which it then absorbed. Another is that, back then, the Forest of Dean was not part of the county. Finally, there is the major 20th century change, which some of us regret, when the southern part of the county was detached to become part of Avon and now exists as the separate unitary authority of South Gloucestershire, though many of its people still think of themselves as Gloucestershire folk. Be that as it may, we need occasions to celebrate our identity, to glance back and to look forward, in relation to our common, our community, life and, encouraged by its High Sheriff last year and this, Gloucestershire is celebrating in 2007 and through into 2008 the millennium of its foundation.

One of the events to mark Gloucestershire 1000 will be a service of Thanksgiving and Rededication in the Cathedral on 14 October at 3 pm. I was asked to write a prayer for that service, with the hope that it might be used on that day or at other times across the county. Here it is. It is based on verses from Psalm 90.

*Lord, our refuge and strength from one generation to another,
a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday.
Receive our thanks for the centuries past,
hear our prayer for our common life today,
and, for the future, help us, on firm foundations
to build communities of faith, justice, prosperity and mutual service.
May your gracious favour be upon us for all the years to come.
Glory to you for ever.*

The flood and water emergency have made us aware again of our sense of belonging to one another at a number of levels. "County" is only one of them, but it is an important one and we need to pray for local government. And in Gloucestershire, just at present, we need to guard some county assets - such as the Constabulary, the Fire Service and the Tri-Service centre at Quedgeley with real resolution.

+Michael

From the Gloucester Diocesan magazine

Zimbabwe Appeal

Many of you will know Nicholas and Alison Winkfield or may have been in the church last week and heard Nicholas' father Richard speak on life in Zimbabwe under the rule of Mugabe. With his family characteristic reserve he did not speak of his own considerable difficulties only of those of the Africans they help.

Venitia runs a community for orphaned children, the victims of parents with Aids, while Richard helps redundant farm workers. We have collected over £500. in the churches and would like to raise a further £500. with your help.

We plan to hold a Coffee Morning or Wine and Cheese Evening in the next month but in the meantime we'll put a collection box in the Post Office with the kind permission of Mrs Marshall for anyone who would like to contribute towards the wonderful work they are doing. There are no administration costs as all involved are volunteers.

Rev Celia

SANDFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Sandford Trust is a small charity for young people going on to university or work based training. Applications are welcome for small grants from anyone living in the parish of Avening, up until the 20th October when the annual distribution of funds will be made.

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The Farewell Party for Diane and Jeff Vincent was reported in last month's Villager. The following message from Diane & Jeff has been received by the Editor.

We left Cherington after 13 very happy years and many friends joined us at the cricket ground on Sunday 19th August for a farewell party.

Sadly the President's cricket match was abandoned due to rain but, thankfully for us, the rain cleared and in the late afternoon many friends joined us for a party.

We wanted to say thank you to all those who came along and, whilst the rain had stopped, it was not exactly a beautiful summer day, so we really did appreciate so many coming along to say farewell.

We are so grateful to all those who contributed to the party. Jennifer Grant-Rennick who, we are told, was the prime mover and organiser, Peter Workman for his kind words, Simon Mitchell for running the bar, Derrick Ind and the Cricket Club for allowing us to use their facilities and organising the BBQ, Christine Williams who got so many to sign the card, Henry Arden for being the official photographer, the many amateur photographers and, of course, all those who brought plates of delicious food.

It was a memorable day for us. We were completely surprised and delighted to receive the gift of a painting of Westside House and the village green in Cherington, beautifully painted by Liz Workman. Our thanks go especially to Liz for all her hard work and we understand that it was completed in only a couple of weeks. Our thanks go to all who contributed to the framing of the painting.

We will certainly miss the community spirit of this rather unique village and we do promise to return for some of the village events, if we are invited.

Diane and Jeff Vincent.

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1891 AND ALL THAT

I have now completed the transcription of the 1891 census and this will be available to view in the Church along with its younger 1901 brother by the time you read this. During that ten years, little changed by way of population growth in the village and it will be interesting to see how things developed from 1841 which will be my last transcription. Only five to go!!

One of the dreads of the family historian is to find amongst ones sixteen great-great-great-grandparents someone named Smith. (or Jones or Williams in Wales) but this can be helped by an unusual Christian name. This is likely to be the case in Avening, where, in 1901, living in a three-roomed cottage in Woodstock was one Hephzibah Smith, a widow aged 75. And in 1891, she shows, again in Woodstock, widowed, but as a seamstress. In both census returns she gives her birthplace as Avening. Hephzibah sounds biblical and perhaps someone can give us, literally, chapter and verse on mention of it in the Bible. But what did her husband call her? And, when she met her neighbours at the Woodstock water pump, how did they greet her?

1881 is my next venture and I will let you know how Hephzibah features.

If you have any comments or amendments on the work to date, please do not hesitate to contact me at fred@fvening.fsnet.co.uk or 01285 850624

Fred Vening

(Apologies for the incorrect information given in last month's article on this subject. The correct phone number and email address are as given above. Editor.)

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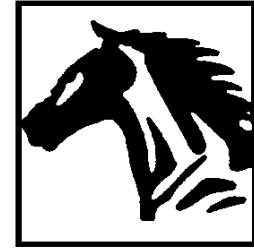
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The Autumn meeting started with the annual September show. There was a lovely display of flowers in baskets and vases, pot plants and vegetables including

longest runner bean, the best supported class which gave our judge, Tony Chesterman, quite a task as some were bent and not easy to measure, while others were straight! Tony did a great job with his keen eye looking for blemishes on petals and leaves of plants.

Sue was our judge for jams, chutneys and other cooking. This was also done with great expertise as all entries were of a high standard. Shirley had a lovely arrangement of prizes to choose from. It was a lot of fun.

We are holding a quiz on October 26th at Avening Social Club for the Cotswold Care Hospice. Tickets are £2.50 each (£10 per team), and include a bread and cheese supper. Get a ticket in advance if you can as this helps with catering.

This year's shopping trip is to Birmingham on Wednesday November 21st. The cost is £10 per head, or tokens can be used. Ring Hilary on 01285 841318 to book your seat.

October is the birthday month and the meeting has a Victorian theme. Visitors are welcome.

Wendy Eldridge



.....*The mirth and fun grew fast and furious;
The piper loud and louder blew,
The dancers quick and quicker flew,
They reel'd, they set, they crossed, they cleekit,*
....'

(Robbie Burns)

Saturday 17th November imagine the scene; a roaring fire, the twinkle of candlelight reflected in your champagne flute, the flick of tartan and the swirl of ball gowns as the music plays on.

Yes, make a date, gather your friends, dust off your dancing shoes and join us at the beautiful Chavenage House for an evening of dancing, dining and delights – which can mean only one thing the **Highland Fling** is back!!!!

The date may be later and the weather may be cooler but the atmosphere will be as warm as ever! A champagne reception, a truly delicious buffet dinner, a bar and dancing, dancing, dancing.....!

With tickets at only £45 per head and all the proceeds going to Avening Primary School don't miss the social event of the year!!! Why not get together with a group of friends and book a table.

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To reserve yours call Karen Porter on 01453 835911 or

Cherington Parish Council

COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the public are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council which will take place on Monday 12th November 2007 at 6.30 pm in the village Hall, Cherington

Sue Russell, Clerk to Cherington Parish Council

AVENING WATER WORKS in 1900

by Riley Vincent

Having had numerous enquiries regarding the old water pumps which still exist in the village, I thought the following information would be of interest to many villagers, so I decided to expand the article which I wrote for the Villager a few years ago.

By 1900 the wells and springs previously used to supply water to the village were no longer able to meet the demands of a growing community so it was decided that it was necessary to provide a more modern supply. To this end, the Avening Water Works Committee was formed to oversee the work as a number of pumps would be needed.

The Committee consisted of:

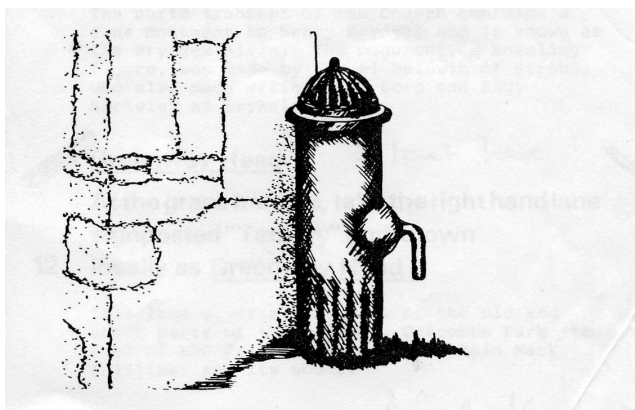
Mr Erskin Pollock, Chairman

Mr Edmund Kimber, treasurer

Mr A E Dickinson & Mr Robert Calcutt as Executives

Mr Goerge Fowles, Hon. Secretary

It was proposed that a voluntary rate of five shillings in the £1 on private properties should be collected; a total of £153.15s.0d was raised. By means of private donations an additional £318.3s.7d. was collected and by sale of Local Government Bonds a further £53.12s.9d, with the added interest of £10.15s.9d. The grand total of £536,6s,7p, was available.



Installation began with the construction of a large tank, off Longman's Lane, and springs in the area were tapped to give an adequate supply of water. This tank was capped with a lid, with an inspection cover for maintenance.

Water was then pumped across the fields to ten pumps situated at intervals

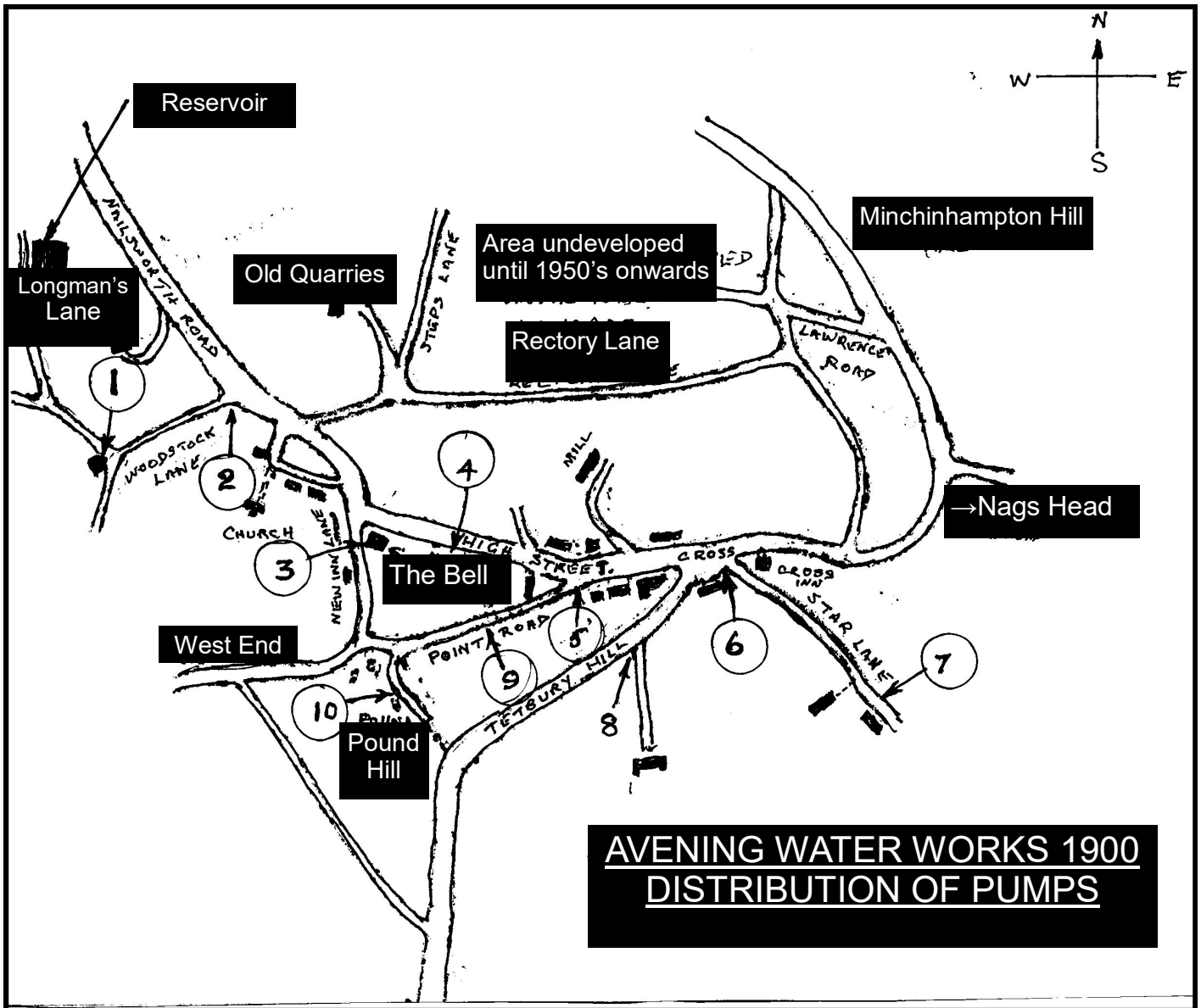
through the south side of the village (the north side remained undeveloped until 1939). The costs were as follows:

Laying pipes throughout the village	£357. 12s. 6d.
Making tank	£ 58. 0s .0d.
Laying pipes across fields	£ 95. 12s. 5d.
Cover for tank and extras	£ 16. 14s. 0d.
Digging stone, walling in tank	£ 27. 5s. 2d.
Stationery	£ 1. 3s. 0d.
TOTAL COST	£ 536. 6s. 11d.

The pumps were located at the following places:

- *1. Woodstock
 - *2. Paradise junction of High Street & Woodstock Lane
 - *3. The Bell Inn
 4. High street
 - *5. Junction of High Street & Point Road
 6. Cross Inn
 7. Star Lane
 - *8. Tetbury Hill
 - *9. Point Road
 - *10. Pound Hill
- * these pumps still exist but are waterless.

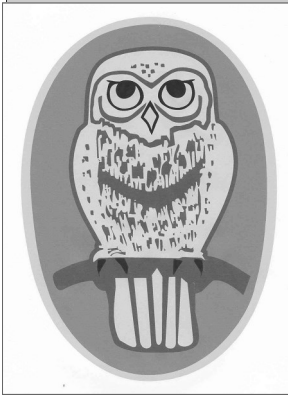
For approximately 50 years the pumps supplied the south side of the village but with the development going apace on the north side in the mid-20th century, mains water eventually became available to all.



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Avening School

RIGHT ROYAL START TO THE TERM!

We are back in full swing at school and welcome 14 new Reception children - Kieran Ball, Anna Barr, Hannah Burton, Arthur Bury, Hugh Chidley, George Hancock, Elsie Heslop, Molly Hulse, Luis Meson-Liriano, Jack Missenden, Jake Packer, William Walton, Jacob Wheatley and Ophelia Whitehead; one new Year 4 Pupil, Jordan Crosthwaite and three new Year 5 pupils Josiah Vater, Daisy May Streets and Tyron Cleaver. We also warmly welcome our new Teaching Assistant in the Eagles class, Mrs Rowan Roberts. We are pleased to see all our new people are settling in well.

Children in Years 4 and 6 had an extremely thrilling and privileged start to the term. As part of the Year of Food and Farming we were invited to visit the Duchy Home Farm and then Highgrove. Our group had a wonderful time, learning how to make bread with HRH Prince Charles, leading sheep around a field, picking vegetables and generally finding out more about the basics of where our food comes from.



Head
Diana

Pupils making bread with Prince Charles
(photo courtesy of Philip Clarke – Farmers World Weekly)

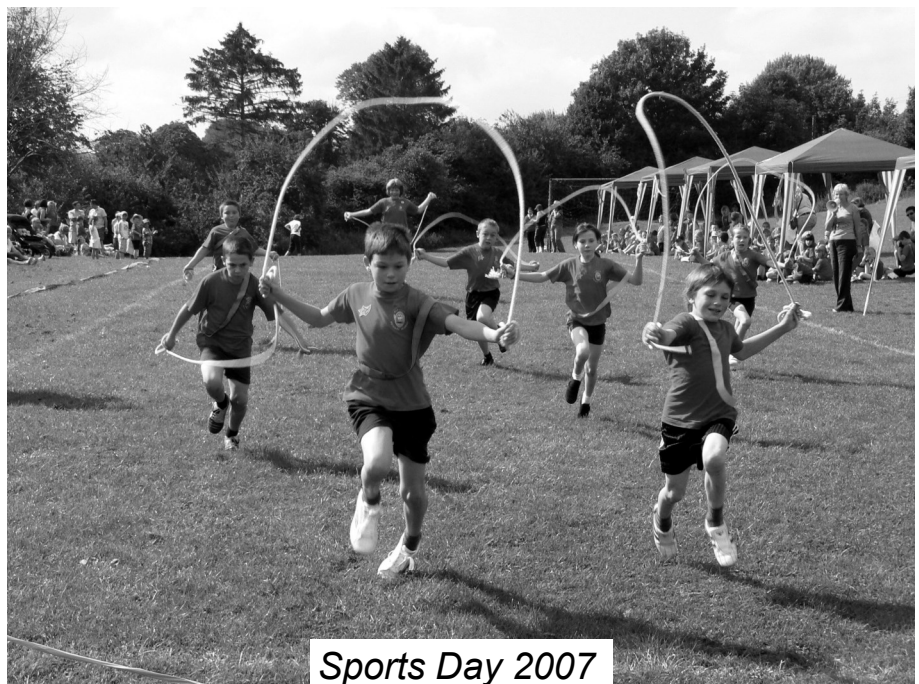
teacher
Boulton

says: "Although our school has a fairly rural setting, some pupils still struggle to understand how the countryside fits in with the everyday food they eat. We're delighted to have taken part in this inaugural visit, as we've seen at first hand the power of giving pupils direct experiences of the countryside. This summer students picked their first crop from our new vegetable patches – with the produce landing on their plates that same lunchtime. The pupils were so excited to see their salads in the school canteen that they let out a spontaneous round of applause – we knew then that we'd managed to capture their imagination about green things on their plate!"

We were also all very excited to see so many of our pupils featured later on the news on BBC and Sky, and in local newspapers and on the radio. How do we follow this as an exciting date in our school calendar?

(If you are interested in finding out more about this campaign and have access to the internet, you can go to the web-site - <http://www.yearoffoodandfarming.org.uk/>)

The rain put paid to many plans last term – sports day being one of these. But we were not deterred, at very short notice, thanks to the flexibility of the staff and parent helpers, we organised this event for the first Friday of term. It was very well attended and loudly supported by all our children! This year it was Jupiter House's



Sports Day 2007

turn to take the Sports Day prize for winning the most races and scoring the most points. Congratulations to them.

CHERINGTON FLOWER SHOW

We are still trying to trace two lucky winners from the show. A young lady called Laura whom we believe to be about 7 years old won the girls' skittles and Sophie Putnam won a prize in the children's horticulture classif anyone knows Laura or Sophie, please ask them to contact me.

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August/September Meeting

Planning Applications September 2007

07/02148/FUL
CT7747/D **9 Pound Hill, Avening** – erection of porch to front elevation and installation of two front dormer windows – Members had no objections.

07/02105/FUL
CT2348/1/J **28 Sandford Leaze, Avening** – erection of single storey extension – Members had no objections.

Decision Notices Received from CDC

07/01327/FUL
CT7867/B **Leonards Brook Cottage, 1 Old Hill, Avening** – alterations and extensions to south elevation – decision notice 11th July 2007 permission refused.

07/01293/LBC
CT6480/E **Avening House** – alteration to form separate temporary living accommodation for caretaker – listed building consent granted 12th July 2007

07/01202/FUL
CT6480/F **Avening House** – sub-division of part of building to provide one additional residential unit – Decision notice 12th July 2007 permits

07/00921/LBC
CT4134/K **The Coach House, Hampton Hill** – amendment to previous listed building consent CT4134/H to include internal and external alterations

07/01365/FUL
CT5302/K **29 High Street, Avening** – subdivision of ancillary accommodation to form separate dwelling - Decision Notice 7th August 2007 permits

07/01740/FUL
CT6714/B

47 Nags Head Lane Avening –
retrospective: wooden summerhouse –
Decision Notice 16th August 2007 permits

07/01638/FUL
CT3159/E
&

07/01637/LBC
07/01637/LBC
CT3159/D

Glebe House Cottage, New Inn Lane –
creation of new pedestrian access from New
Inn Lane through new gate in junction of
curtilage structure stone wall – Decision
Notice 22nd August 2007 permits (planning
and listed building consent)

07/01352/FUL
CT7989/A

61 High Street, Avening – loft conversion
with new dormer windows and rooflight to
existing roof - Decision Notice 22nd August
2007 permits

07/01951/FUL
CT0525/R

9 Lawrence Road, Avening - Erection of
single storey extension to rear of property to
form ancillary accommodation with formation
of parking bay and bicycle store – Decision
Notice 30th August 2007 permits

Autumn Village Clean Up

The Autumn Village Clean Up will take place on Saturday 3rd November from 10.30am to 11.30am. Please meet at the Village Hall to collect your litter picking equipment. All welcome!

New Councillors

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome two new Councillors – Mick Williamson and Elizabeth Oliver joined the Council on the 13th September. All vacancies have now been filled.

Part Night Operation of Street Lighting

Local newspapers have been reporting on the recent County Council initiative to reduce carbon emissions and reduce energy costs by reducing the number of street lights that stay on through

the night. The plan is to turn off certain street lights between midnight (GMT) and 5.30 am (GMT). The County has set criteria to ensure that certain street lights will remain on for eg main traffic routes, areas with an above average record of crime and areas with residences accommodating vulnerable people.

The Parish Council have been consulted by the County Council about draft plans for Avening. The Council have made one or two suggestions, but believe the plans are reasonable. If at any stage there is a problem, the County have advised that requests for reinstatement of individual streetlights to all night operation will be given their urgent attention.

Parish Plan Questionnaire Results

The Council carried out a survey at the fete in order to see whether issues raised in the 2004 Parish Plan are still relevant and what other issues may have arisen in the village since then.

The Council is pleased to publish the results to the following questions:

1. "The following are issues /projects that the Parish Council has not addressed yet from the 2004 plan. Please say whether you feel they are still relevant."

- 20 mph speed limit past village hall and school **76.3%** said the issue was still relevant
- Promotion of more recycling of household waste **76.3%**
- Scenic walks around village to be better maintained and publicised **71%**
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Village **68.4%**
- Community Directory – list of all clubs and contact details within village **68.4%**
- Village Hall (improve facilities/publicity to increase usage of hall/review of charges **65.8%**
- Community Directory –on website and hardcopy (medical info, emergency contact, public transport, clubs etc) (to include Clubs, Businesses and Services) **63.1%**
- Leisure Facilities for elderly – assess what there is and encourage development **57.9%**
- Sympathetic traffic calming generally **57.9%**

- Bus Shelters – Mays Lane and High Street **55.3%**
- Footpath to football field – look at feasibility **55.3%**
- Mini roundabout at the Cross **36.8%**
- Road signs survey – too many or too little **34.2%**

2. “What are the new issues in the village? What projects could address them?”

Environment

Main issues raised – recycling and litter

Main project suggested– litter picking

Businesses and Services

Main issue raised – losing the shop

Highways and Transport

Main issues raised – Speed/traffic calming, public transport, parking.

Main projects –traffic calming suggestions

Facilities for Children and Older People

Main issues raised – playing field, teenagers

Crime and Disorder

Main issues raised– police visibility

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with projects. The Council is looking at its work plan and will be in contact with volunteers before projects are about to start. If anyone else wishes to help out, please contact the Clerk.

Village Hall Consultation

The Parish Council wishes to thank all those who returned questionnaires in May. Unfortunately the response box was taken from the Post Office by an unknown person and the questionnaires are missing. Despite making enquiries the Council has not located it. If anyone has any information about the whereabouts of the box please contact the Clerk.

If anyone put their names forward as a potential volunteer for the village hall would they please make contact with the Clerk to give their details again.

Antisocial Behaviour

The Parish Council has sadly received comments about antisocial behaviour in the village. The police attended the last council meeting and have advised that people should telephone them on 0845 0901234 to report incidents of antisocial behaviour. The telephone line is manned 24 hours a day. This will build up a picture of what is happening in the village. If you witness a crime being committed please telephone 999 at the time.

If the problems persist, please keep a note of what happened and when, so that the police can build up a picture of any trends.

The police are able to issue antisocial behaviour warnings to the culprits. This can be the first step to an ASBO through the courts in appropriate cases.

Garden Waste Collections

Cotswold District Council's waste contractor, SITA, has asked us to remind residents not to put plastic bags in their green garden waste wheelie bins. There have been several recent instances of lorry loads being heavily 'contaminated' with plastic bin bags on delivery to the Agricultural Supply Company (ASC) at Sunhill where the material is turned into a soil improver for local farmers. If the contamination continues there is a real risk that entire loads will not be accepted by ASC and will therefore have to be sent to landfill sites instead. Garden waste should be put loose into the bins, not in bags.

Overhanging Trees

Would home owners please check any trees that overhang onto roads and pathways. Following the recent wet weather branches were reported as hanging over pavements and potentially creating a hazard.

If you live in the conservation area Cotswold District Council requires at least six weeks notice, preferably on the prescribed form by e-mail or by letter, before carrying out any works to trees that are over 75mm in diameter, measured at 1.5 m above ground level. During the notice period no works can be carried out.

If your tree is subject to a tree preservation order permission will be required from CDC. An application to carry out works can be made on a standard form download or by letter (www.cotswold.gov.uk).

Fly Tipping

We have been made aware of certain instances of fly tipping in the village. Fly tipping can be dangerous, pollutes land and waterways and costs Council Tax payers significant amounts of money to clear away. If you witness a fly tipping incident and there is conclusive evidence, Cotswold District Council will prosecute the offenders wherever they can. Fly tipping is a serious criminal offence that carries a fine of up to £20,000 (unlimited if the case goes to Crown Court) or even a prison sentence. If you discover fly-tipped waste please report it to Cotswold District Council on 01285 623000.

Volunteers

Two opportunities have arisen for volunteering in the village:

Drainage Warden – to receive training by the County Council to ensure that the responsible people keep land, drains and ditches clear and look out for leaves and debris that may block gulleys and culverts.

Key Information Network Volunteer – a local person to receive training by Gloucestershire Police to gather information and send out information from the police. (Training dates are 26th, 27th and 28th November at Waterwells in Quedgeley).

If you are interested in either position please contact the Clerk for further details.

**The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on
Thursday, 11th October 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

*Deborah Cook, Parish Clerk, 28 Partridge Way, Cirencester,
Gloucestershire GL7 1BQ Tel: 01285 656139*

Email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

POLICE REPORT FOR AVENING PARISH COUNCIL

INTRODUCTION

There were 3 substantiated crimes from 1st July 2007 until 12th September 2007, this compares with 10 in the same period last year. There has been a significant decrease in **THEFT** (5 in 2006 Vs 0 2007) and **CRIMINAL DAMAGE** (3 in 2006 Vs 0 2007)

The **DETECTION** rate for the year to date is currently standing at 33%, compared with the 24.4% for 2006.

CRIME BREAKDOWN

- There have been three recorded crimes of **VIOLENCE** in this period All of which have resulted in an offender being detected.

Summary

Overall the figures for this period 1st July to 12th September 2007 have been encouraging and have seen a 70% crime reduction in all areas across the board when comparing them to those of 2006, whilst also showing an increase in detection rates, again compared to the same period last year. The Constabulary will be trying hard to continue this trend.

In relation to the areas Priorities set by the local residents, the current situation is that a number of Visual speed checks have been carried out on the routes into Tetbury.

Overall Avening remains a peaceful and safe place to live and work and we look forward to maintaining this in the future.

Many Thanks , Tetbury Police.

For information only

Article printed in this month's Tetbury Advertiser notifying and thanking the public with help given in the setting of the three area priorities:

Gloucestershire Constabulary would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the Priority Form printed in June's Tetbury Advertiser, also many thanks to the Advertiser for offering us space within their magazine. From all the responses received along with the information received from members of the public and Town/Parish Councils we have now been able to collate the results and identify 3 areas that you have told us are causing the most

concern in the area. The South Cotswold Safer Community Team (SCT) and local officers will now be targeting these three Priorities.

1. Speeding traffic along many of the main area routes including the B4014, A4135 and in and around Tetbury and Shipton Moyne
2. Issues concerning low-level drug use in areas of Tetbury and Avening.
3. Anti Social Behaviour. This is being reported as an ongoing problem. The main issues identified are concerning noise, underage drinking in and around the Tetbury Area.

In an effort to resolve these issues, it is planned for SCT & Local officers to patrol the key areas identified at relevant times, both on foot and in vehicles to maintain a visible presence to deter these activities and patterns of behavior from occurring.

To get a full picture of the level of the speeding problem we will be carrying out both visual speed checks and employing the use of the speed gun. Traffic units and the Road Policing Unit (RPU) can also be used to look to prosecute where deemed necessary. The Cotswold District Council Highways department is also involved to help monitor speed and traffic volumes along some of these routes.

Again many thanks to all members of the local communities who took the time and trouble to get these forms back to us. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any information on these matters or details we may find useful.

By Phone 0845 090 1234

By e-mail via the South Cotswold SCT page off main Police website www.gloucestershire.police.uk

By post Tetbury Police Station, London Road, Tetbury GL8 8HT

Or in person, the police station is not always manned but if you are in the area we would be very pleased to see you.

PCSO Sue Fellows 49193

PCSO Paul Hancock 49054

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
October 5th	Harvest Festival	Cherington Church	7.00 pm
October 6th	Social Club 50th Anniversary Party	Social Club	7.00 pm
October 13th	Hop, Skip & Jump – Male Voice Choir Concert	Seven Springs	7.30 pm
October 21st	Harvest Festival	Avening Church	11 am
October 28th	WI Quiz	Social Club	
November 17th	Highland Fling	Chavanage House	pm
November 20th	Coffee Morning	14 High Street, Avening	10 – 12
November 21st	WI shopping trip to Birmingham		
December 16th	Carol Service	Avening Church	7.00 pm

**THE MOBILE POLICE STATION
will visit Avening on
October 10th & 22nd**

FIVE VALLEYS MOBILE LIBRARY

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Friday 12th & 26th

The Green, Cherington

11.55 – 12.15

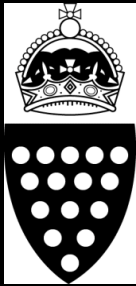
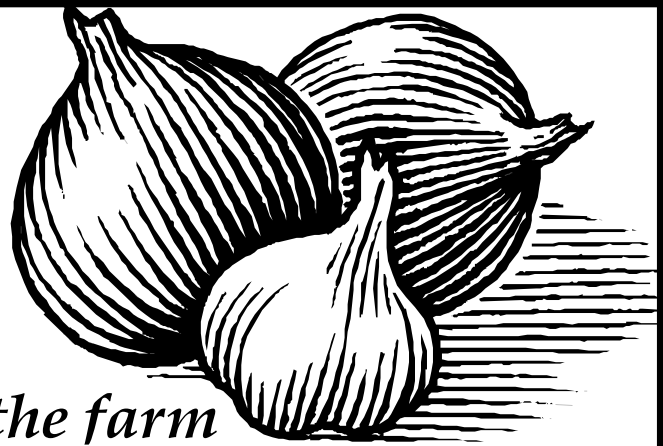


Useful Telephone Numbers

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
Avening Group Oil Coordinator	Frances Lindley	01453 835115
Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336
Stroud Hospital		01453 562200
Avening Post Office		01453 832008
Women's Institute	Maisie Stanton	01453 834679
	Doreen Chesterman	01285 841346

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