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The Parish Letter

Faith is a journey, but one for which most of us need several divine promptings before setting out. It is a journey that can begin in many ways and take several different directions, but ultimately each one will lead to God. The Christmas Nativity illustrates some of these journeys of Faith, all different, but all rewarded with an encounter with Christ.

Mary's was one of obedience and courage, willing to carry the child miraculously conceived, believing that this was God's will, even though she knew she could be stoned to death. Joseph responded in faith by trusting that, indeed, this child was of God and not of man. The shepherds were alerted by a spectacular display of a multitude of angels and were so moved that they set out for Bethlehem. The Wise Men's journey to Faith was altogether different. They were men of learning, astrologers, early scientists, theirs was an intellectual challenge. They studied the Galaxies and deliberated together on the meaning of the ascendance of a new star and came to believe that it heralded the birth of a king.

Our individual journeys of faith may not be so very different. More people than we imagine have a vivid experience of the Divine Presence, such as the shepherds did, while others may find their faith through studying the Scriptures and reading the faith stories of other Christians. Faith can be 'inherited' through the faith of our parents, or 'caught' from the commitment and faith of others. Whatever way, God meets us where we are and leads us forward to a closer walk with Him.

It can be a journey of a lifetime, but it is never too late to set out.

Rev Celia

PS: The definition of 'Nativity' is 'The place of origin'

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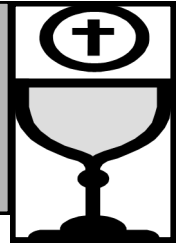
Services in Avening & Cherington

February

Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
February 6th	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
(5th Sunday before Lent)	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School & coffee after service
Sunday	08.00	Avening	No service
February 13th	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
(4th Sunday before Lent)	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
February 20th	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
(3rd Sunday before Lent)	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday	08.00	Avening	No Service
February 27th	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
(2nd Sunday before Lent)	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
March 6th	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
(Sunday before Lent)	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & coffee after service
Wednesday	7.00pm	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
February 9th			
(Ash Wednesday)			

You are always most welcome at any of these services - do come along!

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sidespersons	Chalice	Sacristan
Sunday 6th	Stephanie/ Margaret	Derrick	Elizabeth
Sunday 13th	Jeanie/ Piers	Stephen	Marion
Sunday 20th	Cas/ George	Paul	Ann
Sunday 27th	Frances/ Stephanie	Hamish	Elizabeth
Sunday 6th	Piers/ Margaret	Derrick	Marion
Wednesday 9th	George	Stephen	Elizabeth

SERVICES IN WINTER MONTHS

From November until early spring, Rev Celia will be
Celebrating Holy Communion at 8.00am on the
1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Holy Humour

(ok, ok, we did have a little hole to fill here.....no baptisms or weddings to be announced this month so this little one for all the current Sunday School teachers in Evening & Cherington)

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question,
"Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"
A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!"
said the kindergarten boy.
"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.
"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

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13th October 2010

Mrs Alice Fletcher (shop keeper June 1925 to March 1966)
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25th December 2010

In celebration of Terry and Judy Harvey's first Christmas together in 23 years. With love from the family xx

10th January 2011

Fond memory of Joyce Holbrow, a loving Mom and a great Nana
From Margaret, Cindy, Warren and Sherri in Canada

7th February 2011

In memory of Basil Fletcher
From Sylvia and Family

19th February 2011

In loving memory of Michael Powell
From Thelma, Kevin and Columba

Avening Roll of Honour

No. 33

Charles Eldridge

Private: 14th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment

"A muffled peel was rung at Avening Church on Sunday in memory of a soldier who fell last week. He was Pte. Charles Eldridge, son of Mr R Eldridge, Nags Head.

Information concerning Pte. Eldridge was received by his parents a week before in a telegram saying that he been received into No. 3 Stationary Hospital, Rouen with severe injuries to the spine from gunshot wounds received in action. This was followed by a letter from the Nurse and Chaplain, Rev. H M McKay, saying that they regretted to inform them that Pte. Eldridge died at 4.30am September the 3rd. The War Office formal notification was also received and the message of Royal sympathy. He joined up in November last and went to France about Whitsuntide. He was formerly employed at Messrs. Chamberlain's works, Nailsworth."

So read the report in the Stroud News and Journal of the 13th of September 1918.

Charles was one of the youngest Avening men to have died in the Great War. He was just 18 years old. Although his actual date of birth is not known, it was registered during the last quarter of 1899. His father was Robert Eldridge, a shepherd who was born at Bibury in 1861 and his mother, Olive (nee Ludlow) who was born in Minchinhampton in the same year. The couple had seven children and were not strangers to sadness. In 1898 they had twin sons (Charles and Robert) both of whom died in infancy. Robert died aged just 12 days old and his brother a day later. They were buried, with no service, in our churchyard on the 29th and 30th of November, but the location of their grave is not known. Almost exactly a year later another son was born which they also called Charles. A younger sister, Constance May, was born in 1902 and she was the only one of the family to have been baptised in our church and then not until 1914.

Charles' Military Records have not survived but we must assume that

he was conscripted immediately after his 18th birthday and was enlisted into the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Following his formal training, he left for France in June 1918 and was part of a reinforcement allocation to the 14th Battalion during the following weeks. During August, the Battalion was one of many pushing the German forces back after their last big push in April and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission tells us that Charles died in hospital on Saturday the 31st of August 1918*, just 72 days before the Armistice. He was awarded the Victory and British Medal.

His grave is located in the St Sever Cemetery Extension, at Rouen. We have been unable to locate any relatives.

Fred Vening

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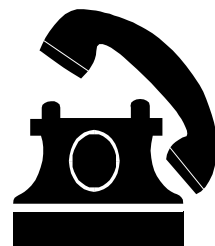
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Village People

Jim Parsons

Jim has lived in Avening all his life, born in 1935 he spent his childhood at 39 Bell Lane. He went to Avening Primary School before moving up to Tetbury Grammar in 1946.

On leaving school Jim faced the usual dilemma of what to do and it seemed that he was destined for a career in farming when his father set him up with a pig farming business in West End. Here he successfully bred black and white saddle back pigs and all looked rosy until the British love of leaner Danish bacon put him out of business.

A twist of fate with the untimely sticking of a rabbit bone in a farm workers throat (yes really!), led Basil Ross to take Jim on to help on his farm. "It was hard work", said Jim, especially at potato harvest time. The writing was on the wall though for Jim's farming career, a bumper crop of potatoes was a good thing you may think. Unless you were the one with the task of getting them in! Ten tons of potatoes, all picked up by hand proved to be one spud too many for Jim. At the end of a particularly back breaking day his mother, seeing how exhausted he was, dashed out and caught the man from the employment agency as he was walking down the street. She asked him if he had a job for her son and that was the end of farming for Jim.



"A key to a magic world" was how Jim described his first job at Aston Down. Starting as a labourer Jim quickly trained as an electrical technician leading to promotion and a posting to RAF Wroughton. A stickler for detail was how Jim described himself and this trait was to keep his bosses on their toes and was probably responsible for

his rapid rise up the career ladder and his many transfers to different military bases in the South. His busy work kept him away from home a great deal, and this was truly where his heart was as he still lives in the bungalow he built with his wife in 1959.

On his retirement from the civil service Jim was head of section at the procurement executive at Corsham, and responsible for managing a three million pound budget. This experience clearly set him in good stead for his next challenge. If there is a committee out there then Jim is on it! He is both a Parish and a District Councillor, a member of the Gloucestershire NHS Foundation Trust, Vice Chair of the Audit Committee and vice chair of the joint committee of Cotswold Water Park, to name but a few. Jim's commitment to improving the lives of others, particularly the residents of Avening, is evident in his success in helping to provide more affordable housing in the village along with securing the long term future of the Village Hall. These among many other projects are testament to his tireless energy and goodwill.

Despite his many successes though Jim's real passion obviously lies with his music. Since Bob Crosby and the Bobcats came knocking on



his door in the fifties when they were playing in Avening and their pianist had failed to find the venue, Jim has never looked back and along with his good friend Jim Hill (*the pair of them seen together in the photo above*) he has been keeping feet tapping in Avening for fifty years!

Clare Steele

A Trip Down Memory Lane....



In December we published this photo of Avening school pupils in 1958, and asked if anyone could recognise the pupils. Val Wylde (nee Fletcher) could and got in touch—many thanks Val!

According to Val, the pupils are:

Back row from left: Rachel Richards, John Hinder, Colin Coates, Malcolm Bodley?, Philip Wyatt, Alan Anderton, Derek Hanchett, Teresa King,

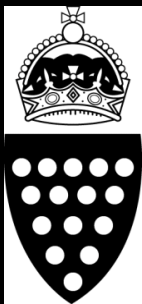
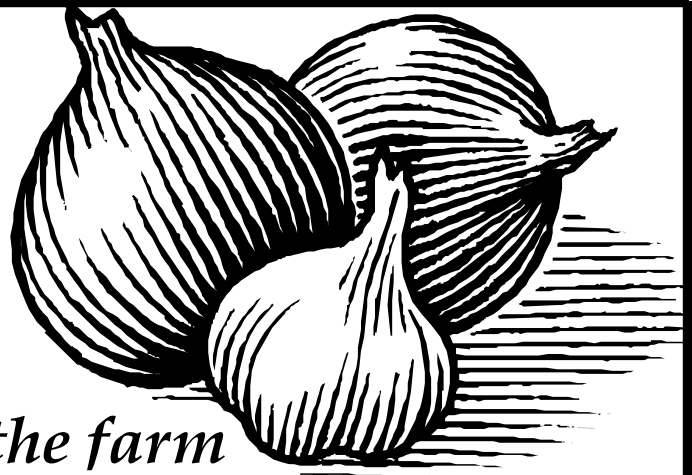
Middle Row from left: Susan Prosser, Janice Fletcher?, ? Richings, Audrey Anderton, ?, Christine Francis, Jean Simmons, Susan Anderton,

Front row from left: Raymond Flight?, John Bingle, Daryl Jackson, Robert Smith, John Fletcher (Val's brother),

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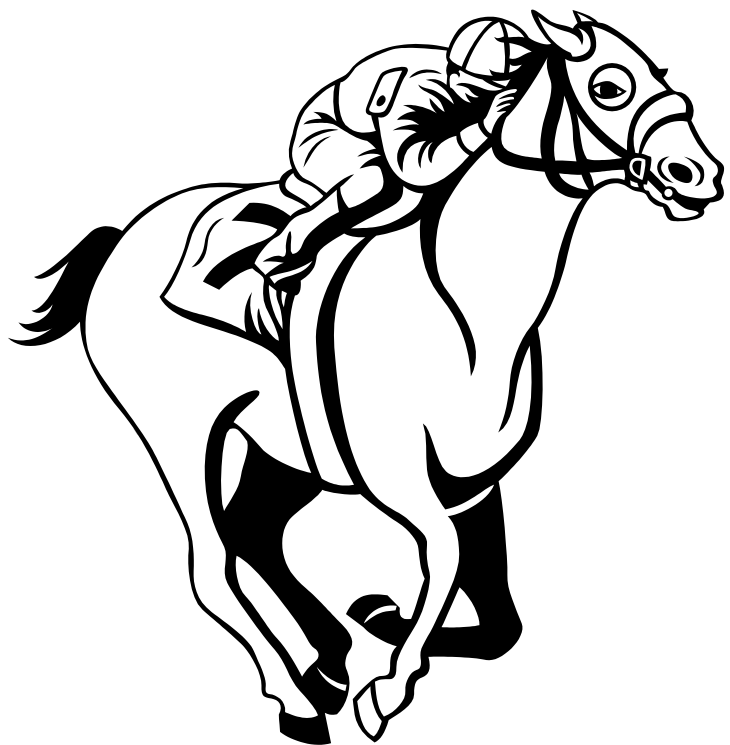
Race Night

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March edition of
The Villager**



PS we have reliable information from our Irish contingent within the villages that past Race Nights have been a truly hilarious event, simply not to be missed—Ed

Avening Conservation Group

Recently a group of people, mainly in the West End area, held an informal meeting to discuss concerns over various proposed developments and alterations being made to our landscape. At that meeting it was suggested that it would be useful to form a permanent organisation to deal with such matters, rather than having to form an ad hoc group as required.

The group would concern itself with anything that may have a beneficial or detrimental effect in the village, and its immediate surroundings.

Obviously such a group would have no powers to directly affect such matters, but it could inform, advise and lobby the local authorities to ensure that the best interests of the village were being served.

As a result we would like to invite residents of Avening who are interested in being involved in such a group to please get in touch with Katie Tew (Secretary).

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We need a bit of your advice please.....

The Editors of this magazine, Avening Parish Council, the magazine deliverers, all our combined Friends and Relations, Uncle Tom Cobley and All have recently been debating a problem:

Should we increase the price of the Villager Magazine?

Here are a few facts to mull over:

1. We currently print about 300 copies per edition, with 11 editions per year.
2. Local subscriptions form the bulk of our delivery, a few being posted regionally & abroad and the remaining few being sold at the Cross Inn Village Store, the two churches, the social club and the two pubs.
3. We currently charge 50p per copy, or £5 per year, a rate unchanged for over 10 years.
4. Each copy actually costs us about £1 to print, so our printing costs for 11 months are around £3,300. We have shopped around and have a good price from our printers, not to mention excellent service.
5. Our subscriptions bring in around £1,500 per year.
6. Our adverts now bring in around £1,500 per year. We have revised our rates and think that they are now fair to both parties.
7. We have a few smaller grants that come to a few hundred pounds.

So we are running a fairly tight ship at the moment. Any thoughts?

Please contact us, just a quick one or two liner by email, a short note through our door, stop us in the street, etc. etc. We will be grateful for your feedback as, hey, it is your magazine!

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STOP PRESS!

Avening pupils scoop prizes in Stroud Competition!

Avening School was delighted to hear that three Y3 pupils had scooped all three prizes in the competition at the Museum in the Park to design a woven scarf. The competition was part of the 'Plain, Stripe, Check' exhibition of woven textiles currently running at the museum. The judges, well-known weavers Tim Parry-Williams (UK) and Ikuko Ida (Japan), were very impressed by the standard of the entries and presented prizes to Hugh Chidley 1st, Oli Jordan 2nd and William Walton 3rd.



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Avening Primary School

OPENING UP NEW WORLDS

All classes have got off to a flying start this term with an exciting range of new worlds and cultures being opened up to them all in imaginative ways.

The infants (Eagles and Kestrels classes) are finding out more about islands and pirates this term with a new character 'Captain Basin' featuring in their lessons! All these pupils are off to Bristol Zoo to look at lots of exotic things you might find on an island! And to get into the

pirate 'spirit' even more, everyone is dressing up as a pirate for Red Nose Day for Comic Relief!

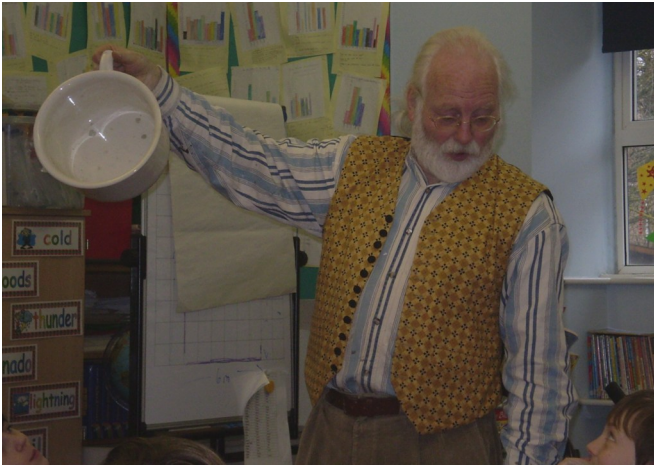


Jasmine (left) and Phoebe try out some Victorian fashions

The Hawks (Years 3 and 4) are delving into the world of the Victorians. 'Victorian' Charlie came in to the class to talk to the children about his Victorian father and to introduce them to a few everyday items. Among these were a corset, telephone and 'gazunder', also known as a chamber pot, a jerry, a jordan, or a po! The children have also been invited to bring in any Victorian artefacts from home, and as a result they have created their own mini-museum in their classroom.

The Hawks will also be taking a step back in time to find out more about industrial Britain. Joining with their partner class from Ladypool School in Birmingham, they will visit the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley, West Midlands.

In the Owls class (Years 5 and 6) children are finding out more about Kenya – a country with which the school has strong links through its



Above: Victorian 'visitor' Charlie shows the class a bedpan!

partnership with Elimambo School. Teaching assistant Shan Amos has talked to the class about her visit in October 2009 and shown photographs to bring the country to life. The children have produced very colourful information leaflets about the country and have looked closely at the different climates within Kenya.



Pupils from the Hawks class examine a very old telephone

Michele Wheatley

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Christmas in Aven



ing and Cherington



Boyhood Memories of Avening (2)

Returning to village life, wood coal and paraffin were the only sources of heat and light, hence the need for "wooding", although logs could be obtained from Mr.. Walter Clapton, the Village Woodman*. Coal was supplied by our resident Coalman, Mr.. Arthur Strange, and also from the Dolphin Coal Company of Tetbury, and paraffin came from Mr.. Walter Bolland who was the Garage Proprietor*. The supply of electricity to the village in 1938 was a big issue and included the installation of street lighting for the first time, ironically to be switched off for the duration of the Second World War in 1939. Water supplies were collected from the old cast iron pumps still visible at various points in the village*- some wells existed but they were few. Disposal of human waste was by means of cess pits or bucket from toilets sited well away from the house, for obvious reasons, but in later years with the supply of mains water and the building of a sewerage system in the 1950s, it was all change for Avening.

Back to my boyhood. One seldom had to travel out of the village for everyday provisions as four shops supplied most peoples needs. These were Cotswold Stores (groceries); a General Store (sweets, groceries and haberdashery), owned by Mr.s Coates*; the Co-op (groceries and later a butchery); and the Corner Shop (sweets, cigarettes and newspapers).

A fish merchant and greengrocer visited on Wednesday and Saturday and it was a regular occurrence to see the Proprietor lolling in the seat of the horse and carriage with the horse taking him back to Nailsworth.

Employment in Avening was divided between agriculture, building and the local mills. Of the four mills that were in Avening Parish, George's Mill had practically disappeared whilst Sandord Mill was being dismantled for the stonework to build the Manse. Avening Mill had survived, having been a cloth mill, a silk mill and in my youth an animal feeds mill owned by a Mr.. Jas Whittingham. but only a few villagers were employed. A similar situation existed with agriculture. The bulk of the families were employed by William Playne at Longfords Mill, others at Holcombe Mill, the Leather Mill at Nailsworth and Newman Henders at Woodchester.

The only houses to be built in my boyhood were three blocks of four units in 1929. These were in Back Lane (now Rectory Lane) also the Manse in Hampton Hill for the Baptist Minister. In later years following

the introduction of mains water and sewerage further post war developments continued namely at Rectory Lane, Lawrence Road, Sandford Leaze and Sunground.

Two builders traded in the Parish, Mr. George May and Mr. John Fowles and carpentry services were carried out by Mr. John Singleton and Mr. Humphries.

Mr. Humphries and Mr. Fowles were available for undertaking requirements. The Holy Cross Church and the Baptist Chapel carried out pastoral care. Three bakers provided us with daily deliveries of bread, cakes etc. These were Mr. Marshall May*, Mr. Bill Payne and Mr. George May who all baked on their own premises.

For those of us wishing to travel further afield, an excellent bus service, operated by Merretts of Minchinhampton, the Western National, and Red and White Bus Services linked us to the adjoining towns of Gloucester, Cheltenham, Stroud, Nailsworth, Minchinhampton, Tetbury, Malmesbury, Chippenham and Trowbridge.

Last but not least the Post Office, run by Miss Bessie Fowles and later Miss Margaret Mann, provided all aspects of the service which included the daily sorting of mail for the postmen and the franking of all outgoing mail as well as a telegram service.

Sadly my school days came to an end. I had passed my Oxford School Certificate and with help from my Headmaster, Mr. R Woodward, I achieved my next ambition, and passed the Royal Air Force examination held at Shire Hall, Gloucester and was accepted as a Royal Air Force apprentice (Trenchard Brats as we were known) in August 1939 and for the next fifteen years I served as an Airframe Fitter travelling the world at His and Her Majesties expense.

Riley Vincent

**These Characters and subjects were the subject of previous publications of the Villager—we may re-run them at a later date—let us know if that would be of interest.*

Do you have childhood memories of growing up in Avening or Cherington?

Let us know, we'd love to hear them.

Avening Playgroup

Happy New Year from everyone at playgroup. The children are now back after the excitement of Christmas and we welcome this term several new children and their families. They all seem to be settling in well and we hope they have an enjoyable time with us at play group.



Father Christmas visits the village!

December was a very busy month for the staff and committee and we are pleased to say that our fund raising events were very successful. The bazaar made approximately £900 and the Santa float a further £230. These are fantastic amounts and without the funds raised at these two events, our biggest fund raisers, we would not be able to sustain such a wonderful playgroup facility in

the village. The children benefit enormously and so we wish to say a **huge thank you** to the village community and to those who contributed in any way. We were very grateful to people who kindly left donations on their doorsteps for the bazaar stalls and for the generous contributions put in our buckets when Santa came round. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves as Santa came to visit them in Avening. Also thank you for coming to the bazaar and to those who helped prepare and man the stalls. This year we will be making a donation to 'The British Heart Foundation' in memory of Philip Waring who died in December. He was a close friend of a playgroup committee member and over the years had kindly donated his generator to use on the Santa float.

2011 is an exciting year as it is the twentieth anniversary of the playgroup building. (Prior to the construction of a purpose built building, the playgroup used to be run from the Memorial Hall, as many people may remember). We wish to mark this anniversary with a celebration in the summer time so please put the date of Saturday 2nd July in your

diaries. On this occasion we are hoping to put together a display of old photos and memorabilia of playgroup in the past. If anyone has such things we would be very pleased to receive them for that day. Watch this space for more details on the event as it is planned over the next few months. If you have any ideas or suggestions please ring playgroup on 01453 832695 or email Tamzin Cory at

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Jenny Jones

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Over 60's Lunch Club

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Christine and Jean were given Gift Tokens in appreciation of their hard work, which is now in it's fifth year.

New people are always welcome on the first Wednesday in the month at Avening Social Club, at a cost of £5.

Thank you Christine.

Maureen Stone



Calling all Toddlers...

Avening Toddler Group is open and ready for some seriously fun playtime....!!!

Based at the Avening Playground at Sunground, Avening, we have all the games, toys, crafts and outdoor stuff you can imagine.

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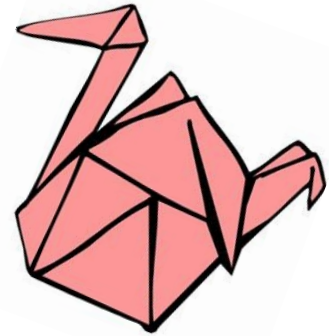
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Paul (top) and friends and taxi, known affectionately as Hannah, in Avening last year

The team aim to raise over £20,000 for the British Red Cross - approximately the amount they think the fare would come to if you actually took a taxi from London to Sydney.

The Villager will keep you posted on the progress of the ex- Avening Primary and Marling School pupil and his travels, but if anyone is interested in learning more about this lunatic idea, take a look at

www.itsonthemeter.com.

And obviously, if anyone wants to support the trip by sponsoring them in aid of the Red Cross, you can do so through their web page or contact the Villager Editors.

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The year has started off well for us at Avening WI with a great speaker. At our first meeting of 2011, Perry Meredith, a traditional butcher from Jesse Smith, visited us and spoke about his life as a butcher. Even the vegetarians among us were fascinated by what he had to say.

We had plenty to discuss and plan ahead – the first round of the County Quiz is coming up in February so we have entered teams who will battle their wits against neighbouring WIs. We were lucky enough to get to the final last time so we have a hard act to follow!

We have arranged a craft afternoon at Cherington Village Hall on the 27th January and these events are always most convivial and productive. Visitors from other WIs are invited along too.

In February we have booked the Social Club in the village to hold a friendly skittles match, inviting friends and family to join in the fun. This is on Friday the 18th February.

On alternate years Avening WI offers a Bursary for one of our members to attend Denman College. This is a marvellous building in Abingdon which runs a wide range of exciting courses – most courses are held over a period of three or four days and students are accommodated in wonderful surroundings. All of our members who wish to have the opportunity of a trip to Abingdon put their names forward and at our next meeting we will draw the lucky person's name from the box.

We have plenty of other events lined up for the coming year. If you would like to meet some new friends why not come along to our monthly meetings, where you can listen to a talk, chat while enjoying a drink and a biscuit and maybe win a prize in the raffle. Membership costs £30 which will give you 11 monthly meetings and 8 copies of the WI Life magazine.

There are many other opportunities for extra activities with our WI and through County organised events.

Visitors and new members are made very welcome. Why not go onto our website for more details and view our programme for this year. We have a wide variety of speakers lined up.

<http://www.aveningwi.wordpress.com>

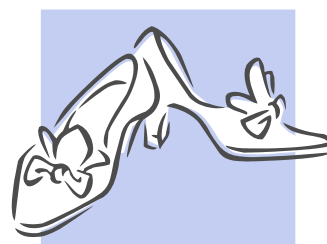
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Cherington Parish Council

New Planning Decision – November/December 2010

10/04123/LBC	Location: 23, Pear Tree Row, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SW, Proposal: Internal and external alterations including installation of two rooflights, replacement windows and door to rear, opening up of fireplace and removal of porch
10/03792/LBC	Location: Land Parcel E389938 N197346, Cherington, Gloucestershire, , Proposal: Proposed rebuilding of Ryeford to Cherington overhead 33kv electricity line (phase 1) Decision: Application Permit

Plans can be seen on www.cotswold.gov.uk go to weekly planning.

BUS PASSES

From the beginning of April bus passes will be issued by Gloucestershire County Council and not by Cotswold District Council. Present passes are valid but renewal will be issued by Gloucester. There are proposed some restrictions from April 2011, passes will not be valid until 9.30am weekdays instead of at present 9am but will be valid until 11pm at night. For more information please contact Gloucester County Council.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk
Go to Travel and Transport.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 7th February, 2011 6.30pm in Cherington Village Hall

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New Planning Applications – December 2010/January 2011

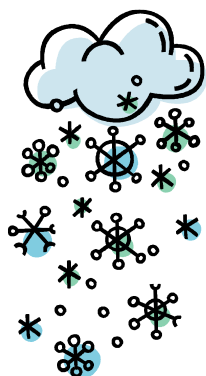
11/00099/AGPA	Green Acres Farm, Greenway Head, Tetbury Hill, Avening Proposal: Erection of agricultural building to house livestock and machinery The Parish Council meeting took place after the magazine deadline.
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New Planning Decisions – November 2010

Green Acres Farm, Green Way Head, Tetbury Hill, Avening Proposal: Erection of a polytunnel Date decided: 20 December 2010 Decision: Application Refused
Avening Mill, Mill Lane, GL8 8PD Proposal: Change of use from workshop, commercial and office use to residential Date decided: 12 January 2011 Decision: Application Permit

Plans can be seen on www.cotswold.gov.uk go to weekly planning list

Snow, Ice and Grit Bins



The Parish Council received requests for additional grit bins during the bad weather conditions in December. We were not able to meet everyone's needs during the bad weather as we have to comply with County Council's policies on installing grit bins. The County Council had to prioritise keeping the main roads open and were therefore unable to keep grit bins topped up and install new ones.

The best time to install new grit bins is through the spring, summer and autumn in readiness for the next winter.

The Council is conducting its annual review of grit bins and effectiveness of (all) Councils' responses to the snow/ice in the village.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU FEEL THERE WERE PROBLEMS IN YOUR ROAD WITH THE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Volunteer of the Year Award



We are seeking nominations for our Volunteer of the Year Award 2011 – please nominate a volunteer who has contributed to improving life in the village. The award will be made at our Parish Meeting (usually held in May). Please either contact a Councillor, or the Clerk to make your nomination.

Autumn Village Clean-Up

The Autumn Village Clean Up took place on Saturday 27th November. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who took part.



Evening Business Forum

The Business Forum is now recruiting new members. If you run your own business please get in touch so that we can keep you advised of events.

The Business Forum will be developing a directory of local businesses on the Parish Council Website. There will be a small charge (around £10 per annum) for this service. Please send your details to the parish clerk by email.

Road Closure:

Proposed closure of road from Cherington to Tetbury via William's Forge for carriageway patching. Proposed date 4th February until 15th February 2011.

Wall at High Street

Gloucestershire Highways have inspected two sections of the wall at High Street (near the Bell and opposite Millstone and no 34) following reports and concerns from the Parish Council and residents that the wall was unsafe. The wall will be monitored monthly and has been scheduled for repair work within 12 months. This is subject to the ownership of the wall being established.

Play Ranger Holiday Sessions in Avening

Play Rangers are returning for half term. They will be at the playing fields on rectory Lane on Friday, 25th February 2011 10am -4pm.

The next meeting of the Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 17th February 2011 at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome.

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