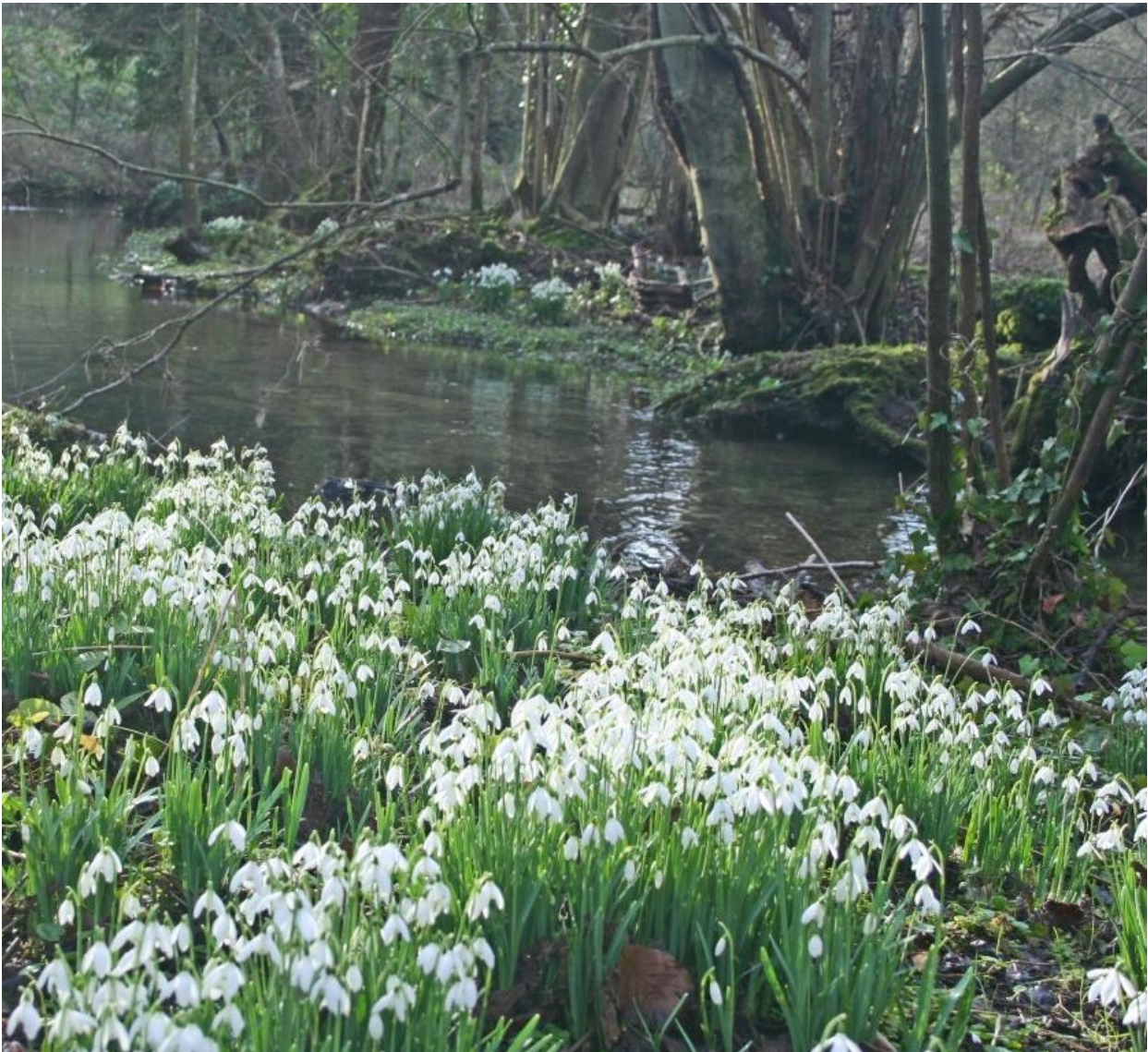


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The Parish Letter

All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made.

God had a purpose.....!

However it all came about.....through Evolution ...the Big Bang..... or the Garden of Eden.....it happened. Out of chaos, came Order. Day followed Night, Season followed Season, Death followed Life. Nothing is random, but within the divine order there is infinite variety. Variety, dependency, and interaction. We see it in the animal Kingdom, in insects and amphibians, trees and vegetation, in ALL forms of life. A delicate pattern which, when disturbed, brings about death, and, a return to chaos.

Most of you will know the names of the trees, shrubs and flowers in your own garden and maybe are pretty good at the wildflowers and trees in woodland. But it is pretty amazing to think that here in Britain there are no more than ten different species of tree or wooded plant in one hectare, whereas in the Rainforests there are well over 300.

Most of the major mammals of the World are known and recorded but there are still small rodents and amphibians unrecorded and unknown. Only a fraction of the insects, creatures in the Sea, have actually been named. In the Amazon region it is thought that only 40 percent of plant species are named and this is also the case in other remote parts of the world.

But all of this is vulnerable to change, to disturbance in the natural balance, as indeed, are we. We are told often enough that we are vulnerable to the destruction of the Rainforest and the part it plays in Climate Change..... but still its destruction continues at a terrifying rate.

We hear about it - but do we really consider it relevant to our own lives?

Whether we do or not, we are vulnerable..... both physically and psychologicallyand the more distant we become from the Natural World the more vulnerable we are.

Gathered in great numbers in our cities we become more open to infection and disease, to stress and mental breakdown. Think of the many outbreaks of cholera typhoid and serious disease in the townships

and slumsof the increase of swine flu, asthma, diabetes and unnamed viruses in the Western World.

A considerable proportion of our population in this Country is separated from the Natural World and has little understanding of the country and its wildlife or even farm animals. Few of our children today have the freedom to roll in new mown hay, to climb trees, to catch tadpoles, to build dens and tree houses. They have not only lost out in much of the fun and freedom that we older people knew in our childhood but have lost..... more importantly..... that contact, that feeling of being as one with the Natural World. They also have no opportunity to learn their older generation's knowledge of Country law and skills.

The Human race is as varied as the animal kingdom. Not only are we different in race, culture and faith but in our knowledge and understanding. In the Western World 21st Century man is highly skilled in innovative communication, electronics, mechanics, medicine and a thousand other things..... but helpless if taken out of his comfort Zone. Put him in the middle of the great sands of Arabia..... the rainforests..... the high mountain ranges..... or open moorland..... and they are lost. We are in danger of even losing the skills to feed ourselves. Fewer and fewer farm the land, or keep farm animals, or dig allotments and vegetable patches. We are increasingly dependent on others to produce our food. This is the outcome of man's "progress".....our "sophistication"..... and we are rightly proud of mankind's "advance". But should we not have more respect, if not deference, to people whose lives differ so much from our own? The Bedou who can ride across hundreds of square miles of featureless desert with nothing other than instinct and inherited knowledge.....or the Kalahari people who can find water and food in a barren land, or the Amazonian Indian who can feed and water himself entirely from the fruits of the Forest, or the African who knows which trees and roots will heal his body?

We are inclined to dismiss such people as primitive when they have an understanding of the World and an inherited wisdom which we should respect and value, but we are dependent on the World they understand. Only recently scientists are realising that much of our chemical medicine and drugs are there already within the trees and vegetation of the Rain Forest, drugs which control diabetes, epilepsy, migraine, cancer and many more, are there in the Natural state, and more answers to many currently incurable diseases, are waiting to be discovered. And yet these forests are being cut, never to be replaced. The forests of

Thailand have gone, and those in Burma, Malaya, India and China are being illegally deforested and destroyed. Humankind, in all its diversity, is as vital to our survival as the diversity of Nature. We need the accumulated wisdom of all people, both those versed in modern technology, and those who carry the knowledge of the living world. Those less attuned to modern life are often more aware of their dependence on God and the danger of destroying the delicate balance of His Creation. They have an inner peace, often missing in more “sophisticated” people, a peace they find in all around them and an inner confidence in the living presence of their Creator.

Jesus came to open our ears and our eyes.

He described His Church as members of one body....the eyes, the ears, the limbs.....each with its own function, and yet, dependent on one another to make the Whole. As it is with the Christian Church..... so it is with mankind. We have different gifts, skills and knowledge, so only together can we sustain and recreate, with God, the World, as He intended it to be: a loving, caring, believing people in Harmony with all Creation.

Rev Celia

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12th February

To celebrate the 97th Birthday of Georgina (Georgie) Edmunds.
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Services in Avening & Cherington

March

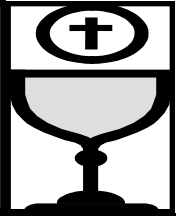
Sunday March 6th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School & coffee after service
	12.15	Avening	The Baptism of Lily Marshall
Sunday March 13th	08.00	Avening	No service
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday March 20th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday March 27th	08.00	Avening	No Service
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
	12.15	Avening	The Baptism of Quinn Sproule
Sunday April 3rd	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & coffee after service

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

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

Church Duties in Evening

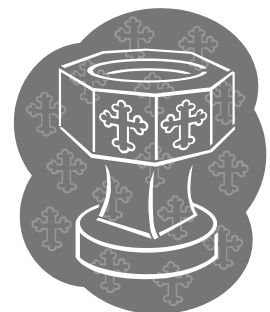


Date	Sidespersons	Chalice	Sacristan
6th March	Piers/ Margaret	Derrick	Marion
9th March (Ash Wednesday)	George	Stephen	Elizabeth
13th March	Stephanie/Jeanie	Paul	Ann
20th March	George /Frances	Hamish	Marion
27th March	Margaret/Cas	Derrick	Elizabeth
3rd April (Mothering Sunday)	Piers/Stephanie	Stephen/Paul	Ann

Baptisms in March

Both in Evening....

12.15pm	Sunday March 6th	Lily Marshal
12.15pm	Sunday March 28th	Quinn Sproule



Prayer up Point Road

Christine Duff , High Gables

Monday, 7th March

7.30pm

Please join us to pray for our church and community and enjoy a glass of wine together!

Celebrating Easter

In the weeks leading up to Easter speakers are being invited to tell us about the way they live out their Christian life. This is instead of the usual Sunday Sermon.

There will also be the following evenings open to everyone to celebrate 400 years of the King James's Bible, which continues to be the World's best seller - how it has influenced the English language and also moulded our culture.

March 21st, 7.30pm The Old Rectory, by kind permission of Anthea Bezant and Peter Best.

March 28th, 7.30pm Brimscombe by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Andrew Young. Map in churches

April 4th, 7.30pm Nag's Head by kind permission of Caz Bodham-Whettam

There will be supper during each evening.

More dates for your diary....

Tuesday April 19th 7.30pm A candlelit half hour of Taize in St Nicholas Cherington

Maundy Thursday, April 21st, 7.00pm The Re-enactment of the Last Supper for **all** ages. Holy Cross Church, Avening

Good Friday, April 22nd, 12.00 Noon Cherington & 2.00pm Avening Meditation and music during the Hours of the Cross.

Avening Memorial Hall bookings

For all bookings & enquiries regarding the Memorial Hall, just call or text:

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Avening Roll of Honour

We received the following from Fred Vening and thought it shows how hard he works to get us all this information. We hope you don't mind us printing this Fred, and thank you again for all your hard work... - Ed

Dear Nick & Jane

Disaster!!

The Devonshire Regiment have just telephoned to tell me that they sent to wrong War Diaries. They send the 1st Battalion instead of the 2nd!! There is no way they are going to be able to send the correct paper for some days which will mean we will lose the deadline. I cannot dredge up sufficient information to make a useful article and it will be not courteous to Fred Townsend to patch something up. So - I will not be able to send you anything for this month.

Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience.

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Many thanks to **Tony Slater** for this months lovely cover photo and also for last months wonderful cover of happy sledgers and a number of other photos in the February Magazine.

If you have a photo of Avening or Cherington which you would like to share with us, please feel free to send it to us. You never know, it might turn up on the front cover...!

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Oooops.....

We recently printed an article about the Over 60's Lunch Club and said that 10 people came to their lunch. In fact 19 people came. Sorry!!

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Village People

A big thank you to Clare Steele for her excellent contributions to this column. Clare has had to step down from doing these as she has simply run out of time! We would love to hear from anybody who feels they could take over from her, as it is a great way of meeting fascinating villagers and recording snippets from their past. Just drop us an email:

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Advertising in this magazine

A big thank you to Kathleen Lindesay, who has just stopped doing the advertising for this magazine. She did this as well as being editor for 11 years and when we took over this time last year, she still carried on dealing with the adverts. The very capable Wendy Jennings has stepped in to take over from Kathleen. Looks like 3 of us have taken on what Kathleen did quite happily by herself....

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Avening Celebrates

The Royal Wedding

Friday 29th April



The Royal Wedding will be a lovely opportunity for all of Avening to come together for a good old-fashioned knees-up and celebration.

We plan to install a large TV screen in the Memorial Hall for villagers to watch the events in London, this will be free for all to enjoy. We have applied to close Church Road and would like to set up a long table at which people may sit and eat a picnic, bring a shared lunch or just enjoy a cup of tea.

We hope that groups who use the hall may wish to be involved. For example the *WI* might serve light refreshments from the hall; *Youth Club* may wish to set up a tuck shop; and other groups may have ideas about how they can join in. How about a Fancy Dress competition ? Or Duck Races ?

Live music would be lovely, Avening has a number of bands and musicians. *Almost Angels* have already agreed to sing.

Please do be in touch with the Memorial Hall Committee if you or your group would like to be involved.

Sarah Hancock, Sarah Stone, Elizabeth Oliver

Spotted in an undertaker's window: "If you live, we can't".

Submitted by June (with the bicycle)



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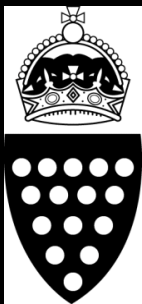
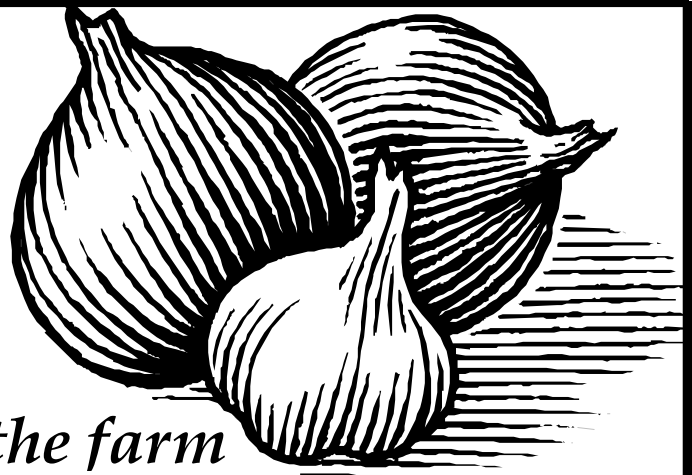
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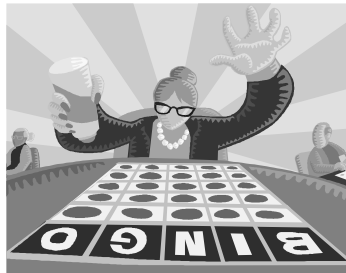
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Forthcoming Events

Bingo

Saturday March 5th
Saturday March 26th
Saturday April 16th
Saturday April 30th



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We received lots of emails about the increase in the subscription cost of this magazine, thank you. Just a few:

....Thanks for all your efforts in producing the Mag for Feb. We don't always remember to buy it but will try to reform! Re increase in the price... we are happy to pay more say £1.00..It is worth more than 50p and what else can you buy for that amount today!? Again many thanks and keep up the good work.....

....Do you remember the village mag I brought you from Blofield, in Norfolk? Colour, lots of village news and reports, adverts--and completely free to everyone in the village (which is about twice the size of Avening). The ads pay for it. I wish we could do something like that with the price of the Villager.....

....I've enjoyed The Villager for many years under the able editorship of Kathleen Lindesay and regarded it as one of the best parish magazines I'd come across . Now that I've moved away, I continue to subscribe and since you've both taken over, it is better than ever so well done both of you for all your hard work. No one LIKES price increases but given the fact the price has not risen for 10yrs , I think it would be entirely reasonable to put the price up to £1 if at the same time you could undertake to keep it at that for the next 5 yrs. What people don't like is year on year increases.....

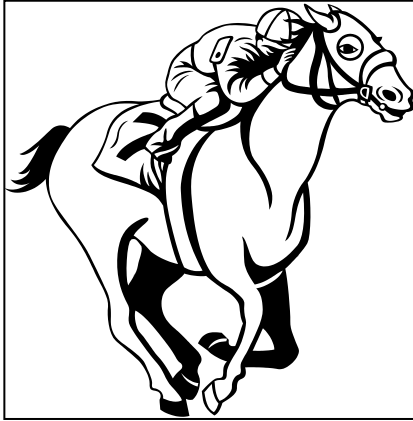
....I have moved with my family to Avening and am enjoying living here. I think the Villager magazine is a useful resource, yes of course you should. I am guessing that people buy the magazine and/or subscribe for it because they like to know what is going on and because they like to feel part of the community. A few more pence paid at the shop and/or a few more pounds paid for a full year's subscription should not be an issue and, by the sounds of it, will ensure the ongoing financial viability of the magazine.....

We may be able to keep the cost of the Villager to 50p for the time being as we don't need to create much of a profit (simply enough to cover our reasonable costs) and we will slowly be increasing our advertising to cover our current small shortfall.

So if any of you know of anybody interested in advertising in our magazine, don't forget to get in touch! (You may have already seen the item on page 12....)

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Avening Memorial Hall FUNdraiser



Race Night

POSTPONED

New Date to be announced –

Watch this space!

Family History Search

To any born and bred Avening Villagers

I'm trying to complete a family tree. My grandmother is Jenny Brain , nee Barrett - I know about her parents Charles and Ethel Barrett, nee Cox.

If anybody knows any more about any of them could you please contact me on 07873 504073

Thank you

Annmarie Price (Annie in the shop)



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AVENING'S YOUNG SPORTS WOMAN JESSICA ROBINS: UPDATE CROSS COUNTRY SEASON SO FAR !!



This is Jessica receiving her bronze medal from the Mayor Of Gloucester on 5th February

Jessica started her season on the 9th October 2010. Having moved up a age group from last year she is now running longer distances.

OCTOBER 9th: Guiting Power 4.9k she came 9th.

OCTOBER 24th: Stroud Silver Mile she came 1st, Senior girl champion.

NOVEMBER 20th: Cheltenham 4.85k she came 4th.

DECEMBER 11th : Black Bridge 4.55k she came 7th

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JANUARY 8th:Tewkesbury Country Championship 4.5k - 3rd Bronze Medal
(Gold For The Team)

JANUARY 16th: Cardiff South West Schools 3.5k - 13th..

JANUARY 29th: Lemington Spa Midland Country Champs 4k - 64th.

FEBRUARY 5th : Plot Court 3k -2nd . (3rd overall in the league) Stroud Team gold medal

Also qualified to run in Somerset, South West Country schools cross country.

SWIMMING:

Jessica, swimming for Dursley Dolphins, swam at Gloucester on the 7th of November. Brockworth, Cinderford and Lydney open meet.

Jessica had a fab day!

Gold: 50m backstroke, Freestyle and 100m IM

Silver: 50m Breast Stroke, 50m fly

Club Championships 2010: Top Under 14 Girl Club Champion!

1st : 200m IM, 200m Back, 200m Free, 100m Free, 50m Fly, 100m Back, 100m IM, 100m Breast

2nd: 200m Breast

3rd: 400m Free

Well done Jessica! Many thanks to Jessica's grandmother, Della Robins, for keeping us updated on Jessica's progress.

Avondale Church's AIDS Task Force, Harare, Zimbabwe

Many people in Avondale's Anglican church were concerned to hear of suffering in families affected by the AIDS pandemic, not only sick and dying people but the distress of their relatives and their orphans. The AIDS Task Force was therefore set up in 1997 to lead all our church members in doing something actively to help.

We help some affected families in Avondale itself, but our main work is in Mabvuku, a high-density slum suburb of Harare. The main aim is to keep AIDS orphans in their own extended families, who would not otherwise be able to keep these children. Wouldn't you rather be in your own family than in an institution, however good? We now befriend and help 38 families (150 people) in Mabvuku with food, medicine, school fees, love and friendship, plus 12 other families connected with Avondale. A few of these receive only school expenses. All these families were desperate when we took them on. Many of the family heads are grandmothers with no income, who with help can manage to care for the children.

Avondale has a prayer support network (which we would love you to join, even if you live outside Zimbabwe) with a person or group praying each day for their particular Mabvuku family. We will let you know regularly how your family are getting on.

To help the people to become self-sufficient, we have arranged for some to go to training courses, sewing, soap-making, building, etc. We try to show the teenagers that there is hope and they can get out of their poverty. This year, four very promising young orphans, who Avondale has helped through the years, are at university in Harare, all on cadetship grants or individually sponsored.

We are about to start our nineteenth Alpha course (Christian outreach), for members of our families in Mabvuku, their relatives and friends, and hope to have over 40 guests on this course. All the speakers and leaders are from the Mabvuku families themselves or from the Mabvuku Anglican church.

We meet the Mabvuku families all together at a local school on the first Saturday morning of each month. We have a time of praise and worship, then we break into small teams to talk to each family individually so we can discuss their problems and achievements. We then give them food and sometimes a clothing parcel before they go home, and we also run a very popular library which lends textbooks, children's books, novels and non-fiction. We used to have a clinic each month with a doctor. The government recently ordered all informal clinics to close, but we help where we can.

Venetia Winkfield (venetia@zol.co.zw)

Submitted by Nicholas Winkfield, whose parents live in Zimbabwe. Julia Walkley recently raised £250 for this charity by means of a fabulous tea party for about 25 people, and this was the blurb that Venetia sent over to Julia for the event.

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Community makes for Economy

Smart new noticeboards

The Parish Council have just put up some new village notice boards outside the Memorial Hall. We think they are made of oak—they are exceptionally smart. Go along and check them out. In the meantime, here is a glimpse of what they look like...



SCOTTISH DANCING

**Avening Social Club, 8-10pm
(and just £2.00 per session!)**



This sketch is a little optimistic, but the dancing is always good fun....
Come on, give it a whirl! There are usually two sessions a month, normally on Wednesdays. For further information, contact

**Roger Newton
01453 834 654**

The next sessions are on
9th & 23rd March
6th & 20th April



Avening Primary School

CELEBRATING SPRING WITH OUR NEW GARDEN



There is a buzz of excitement amongst the children at Avening Primary School this term. They are starting to see the new school garden area transformed into a new resource for outside study and play.

The new school garden area project started with the generous support of the Church – the owners

of the land – who have ‘leased’ the area to the school. With the help of a weekend working party of parents, the land was cleared and prepared for the children to start working on their own ideas for the development of the area.

Experts from the Wilderness Centre (Gloucestershire Outdoor Learning Centre) have helped the children progress their ideas. And as they broke up for their half term holiday, work was progressing on raised planting beds, a bird hide, a log seating area, a pond and a meandering path.

Green-fingered parents are booked to help out with two more working party weekends in March which should really help the garden take shape. The final garden will be a stimulating educational environment for the whole school, linked to plans created by the children and building upon their study of Darwin and his ‘thinking walks’.

Michele Wheatley

www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk

In term time please contact 01453 833191

Poppy Appeal thank you

Bob & Kim Pittam and John Green would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteer poppy collectors for their poppy appeal, and to everyone who purchased wreaths. Well done, so far we have collected **£1,081.37**- actually slightly down this year but due to the present economy we did expect this. Lets hope for better this year!

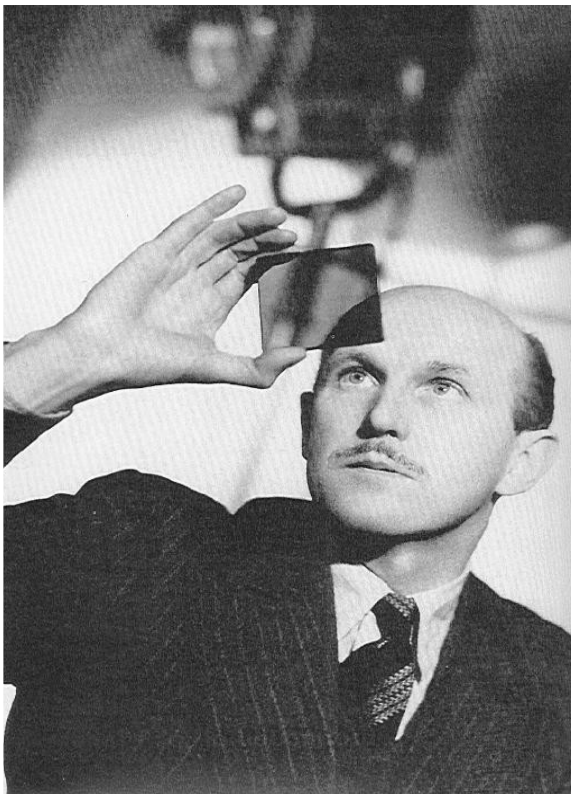
We are also looking for volunteers to collect along the High Street, Sunground & Lawrence Road and Star Lane & Tetbury Hill. If anyone is interested please call Bob on 839004. Just a reminder that all wreaths have to be **ordered in September** so please don't wait for Celia to remind you.



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* **High Street Names - Bargain Prices - All Sizes!** *
* **Sir William Romney's School** *
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Famous Avening Residents - Michael Powell

In a recent edition of *The Villager* we featured Avening's Oscar-winner, the film editor Thelma Schoonmaker. Thelma is the widow of film director Michael Powell who died in 1990 and is buried in Holy Cross Churchyard. Thelma and his close friend Martin Scorsese devote much effort to keeping Powell's reputation alive amongst contemporary film-makers.



Michael was the renowned director of some 60 titles, who output classic British films such as *The Red Shoes* (1948), *Black Narcissus* (1947) and *The Tales of Hoffman* (1951). He was nominated three times for Best Director at the Oscars and his autobiography, *A Life In Movies*, was published in 1986.

Born in Kent in 1905, Powell began directing in the early 1930s, and between 1931 and 1936 created no less than 23 short films known as “quota quickies”. These were hour-long films which were intended to meet a legal requirement for cinemas to show British-made films. Progressing to more substantive films, he directed *The Edge of the World* in 1937 and *The Silent Spy* in 1939, before beginning an immensely productive 17-year collaboration with Hungarian-born screen-writer Emeric Pressburger in their own production company known as The Archers. Powell and Pressburger shared credits for writing, directing and producing a string of wartime classics

including *One of Our Aircraft is Missing*, *49th Parallel* and *The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp*. After the end of the Second World War, the Archers continued to output great films such as *The Red Shoes*, starring Moira Shearer, *The Black Narcissus* and *The Tales of Hoffmann*. Regrettably the Powell/Pressburger relationship collapsed in 1957 during the making of the Dirk Bogarde film, *III Met By Moonlight*. Michael went on as a solo director to make a small number of other films.



His gravestone in Avening churchyard is inscribed 'Michael Powell: Film Director and Optimist'

Perhaps the most remarkable of these is the groundbreaking *Peeping Tom* which was originally released in 1960. The film shocked

critics with violent and sexual content which was considered disturbing at that time. It arguably terminated Powell's directorial career prematurely, yet is now recognised as a masterpiece. It was re-released in 2010 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the film's premiere.

Michael's final years were spent writing, lecturing and pursuing his favourite recreation, as recorded in *Who's Who*, of 'leaning on gates.' The fields around Avening will have provided him with many opportunities to do just that.

The British Film Institute commemorated him with the creation of The Michael Powell Award for the Best New British Feature at the Edinburgh Film Festival in 1993.

Kieran Archer

Village Announcements

Congratulations to Nicola Redpath, daughter of Chris and Gillian Redpath of Sandford Leaze, and James Downing on their recent engagement.

Something exciting happening in your family? Let us know - you can even send us a photo! - Ed.

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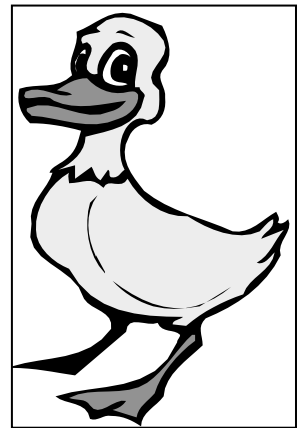
**"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see
the whole staircase."**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

AVENING CHURCH FETE SUNDAY JUNE 5TH

I thought I would remind you we will be back for the Church Fete on Sunday June 5th, racing through the village. We are of course a star attraction but there will be lots of fun and games for everyone. Bring all of your friends and family.

Keep looking out in the Villager for more details of the fete, hope to see you there!



If anyone would like to help with any aspect of the Church Fete, please do get in touch. If you have a new idea, would like to run a stall or just join in on the day give me a call.

Do you have a gazebo or trestle table in the garden shed that you don't use any more? If so please consider donating it to the fete, happy to collect!

Julia Walkley, on behalf of Avening Fete Committee

jawalkley@btinternet.com

01453 757784

Evening Playgroup

We are pleased to welcome another two new children to playgroup this term, both have settled in well. In the last couple of weeks the children have been learning about the Chinese New Year. They found out about the different animals which represent each year and coloured a poster of them. They also made brilliant dragon stick puppets. Other highlights have been painting a large box into a dragon and dancing under it and tasting Chinese food at snack time.

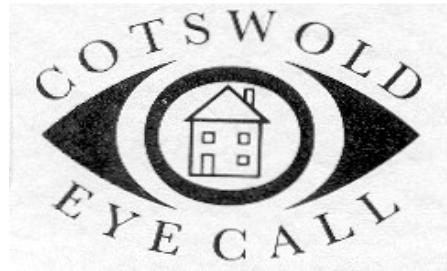
The children were very excited and intrigued when the aforementioned large box arrived a couple of weeks ago. It contained our new fish tank! Our old one was getting very cramped and tatty and because the light had broken beyond repair we couldn't really see the fish very well. Needless to say the new one is shiny, bright and a great addition to the fabric of the room. The fish have a lovely new home and the children are enjoying looking at them and learning about them. It is a particularly good distraction for the younger ones if they get upset – feeding the fish is great therapy! The old tank is now in storage ready to house some tadpoles in the spring time and so that's the box and old tank recycled we are pleased to say. With some of the funds raised last term we were also able to purchase two much needed new trikes for the children to play on outside.

On March 18th Red Nose Day the children will have the opportunity to dress up and to tell some jokes! If you are lucky we may repeat some of them in next month's Villager.

The committee are continuing to plan our 20th anniversary celebrations of the new playgroup building, which will be taking place on July 2nd. If anyone has any old photos or other memorabilia relating to playgroup over the years we would love to hear from you. Please ring playgroup (01453 832695) or email Tamzin:

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Jenny Jones



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outdoor stuff you can imagine.

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minded toddlers.

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1.30pm to 3.30pm.

See you there!!!

Avening Youth Club

In March the following activities are planned:

Face painting
Paint racing!!!! (*what on earth....???*)
Jewellery making
Games night

Also milkshakes will be on sale!
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every week - yum!
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Letters to the Editor

We are always happy to receive and print letters of concern or interest to the people of Avening and Cherington, but reserve the right not to publish if we consider they are inappropriate or offensive. We stress that letters represent the opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the Editors or the Villager Magazine.

Dear Editors,

It was with surprise and interest that I read the article entitled 'Avening Conservation Group' in the February edition of the Villager.

In my opinion 'Avening Conservation Group' translates (very thinly disguised) as NIMBY. One would hope that the Parish Council would 'concern itself' over any 'potential or proposed developments' within the village. At a guess, I imagine the group are concerned over the potential development of Vale Farm.

A couple of years ago, I believe an application was made for the removal of trees in the West End area because they 'spoil the view'. Trees, landscape and conservation—all one thing, surely?

Please print my letter, I would be interested to read any other responses.

Name and address withheld by correspondent

Dear Editors,

I was very excited to see that Avening School has swept the board with their prizes in the Competition to design a scarf. The judge, Timothy Parry Williams, is a renowned weaver. He lived in Avening and started school here about 35 years ago.

Elizabeth Buchanan

Dear Editors,

Re: Photo on page 12 of The Villager, December Edition: the girl 3rd from the left in middle row is Marian Richings.

Tony (no surname given)

Comment or response? Write to editors@acvillager.co.uk

We had a record number of ladies present for our February meeting which was marvellous on such a wet winter evening. One of our longest running members, Rosemary Evans, arrived just on cue for us all to sing *Happy Birthday* as she has just celebrated her 80th birthday. She was presented with a bunch of flowers and many congratulations. Rosemary joined the WI as a young girl when her mother was a member.

Our original speaker for February was a lady from Tetbury, Jan Greenman, who was due to speak on life with her son Luke, who has Aspergers Syndrome and ADHD. She has written a book, *Life at the Edge and Beyond*, which is very successful and she has appeared on national TV. At the last minute she was invited to speak in London so was unable to visit us, but we have already booked her for our next year's programme.

Our very own Avening WI member, Gwyneth Simpson, stepped in at



the last minute, to tell us about her introduction to the Citizens Advice Bureau and how, after many years, she is still helping them. 'It is addictive' she said.

Back in October when we held our 80th Birthday celebration of Avening WI, we were each given a hyacinth bulb to grow, and then

bring it back in February to see the result. This was something that started way back at the beginning of the WI movement and the historians amongst us had tracked down in the archives. What an

interesting variety of specimens that turned up!! One thing is certain – no two hyacinths were the same.

Comments heard during the evening:

I planted it in bulb fibre and it was beautiful last week !

I have brought a photo of my hyacinth because it wasn't worth bringing to the meeting.

I grew it over water, and it died before it came out.

After the laughter died down it was time to make the draw for the Denman Bursary when a lucky lady gets to attend the WI college in Abingdon – there is a marvellous range of courses on offer. The first name out of the box was Eileen Ind. Congratulations to her.

If you would like to come along to our meetings please do so on the second Thursday of the month. In March we have The Story of Chocolate – with tastings !!

Wendy Jennings & Doreen Pierce

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 Cherington 2.45-3.30pm

March 29th Avening 8.30-9.30am
 Cherington 9.45-10.30am

POLICE REPORT FOR AVENING PARISH

INTRODUCTION

There were 0 substantiated crimes between 1st January and 31st Jan 2011, this compares to 2 for the same period of 2010.

The Year to date 1st Apr 2010 to 31st Jan 2011 stands at a total of 31 Crimes compared to 16 at the same point in the previous year.

CRIME CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

- There were 0 incidents of BURGLARY. Compared to 1 in 2010
- 0 incidents of THEFT/HANDLING. 0 in 2010
- 0 incidents of CRIMINAL DAMAGE. 1 in 2010
- 0 incidents of VIOLENCE. 0 in 2010
- 0 incidents of SEXUAL OFFENCE. 0 in 2010
- 0 incidents of FRAUD. 0 in 2010
- 0 other NOTIFIABLE CRIME. 0 in 2010.

SUMMARY

Although January has seen no incidents in the parish a number of the surrounding areas have been suffering with Burglary and Theft which remain a concern throughout the Cotswold. We therefore ask all residents to look at their own Home security, including lighting with a number of the breaks & thefts taking late afternoon or early evening as it begins to get dark on either insecure properties or where items have been left in the open.

We also ask that any suspicious activity, person or vehicle is reported, this can be done in person, on the 0845 090 1234 number or via crime stoppers 0800 555 111 all calls can be treated as anonymous.

Many Thanks.

Tetbury Police
PCSO Paul Hancock & Sue Fellows
PC Matt Shorter & Sarah Bradley

Cherington Parish Council

New Planning Applications – February 2010

Application: 10/05369/FUL

Ward: Avening

Date: 07 February 2011

Location: Cherington Park, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SN,

Proposal: Proposed extension to provide service areas to include an enlarged utility room, wc, rear entrance hall, with covered porch and boot/gun room. Proposed new stone walled courtyard garden with enclosed bin and log store. Proposed new garage block with games room/studio above.

Application: 10/05370/LBC

Ward: Avening

Date: 07 February 2011

Location: Cherington Park, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SN,

Proposal: Proposed extension to provide service areas to include an enlarged utility room, wc, rear entrance hall, with covered porch and boot/gun room. Proposed new stone walled courtyard garden with enclosed bin and log store. Proposed new garage block with games room/studio above.

Case officer: Claire Baker

Comments by 3rd March 2011

New Planning Decisions – February 2010

Application: 10/04919/FUL

Ward: Avening

Date : 04 February 2011

Decision: Application Permit

Location: Cherington Park, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SN,

Proposal: Refurbishment of existing house

Application: 10/04920/LBC

Ward: Avening
Date: 04 February 2011
Decision: Application Permit
Location: Cherington Park, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SN
Proposal: Refurbishment of existing house

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

LITTER PICK

The Parish Council are organising the annual litter pick for Saturday 12th March 10am at the Village Hall. Equipment provided, all help on that day would be appreciated, refreshments provided at the end.

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION

A flyer will have been distributed to all households by the time you read this, asking if you would like a Village Barbecue - we await your decision.

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL CORE STRATEGY

What does the Cotswold District need in the next 20 years?

Friday 4th March in the Dolphins Hall, Tetbury between 11am - 5pm you will be able to ask questions and leave feedback. Between 6pm - 8pm there will be a brief presentation followed by a meeting to discuss the future planning of Cotswold District.

**The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 4th April, 2011 at
6.30pm in Cherington Village Hall**

Sue Russell
Clerk to Cherington Parish Council

Cherington Correspondant Needed

We are looking for somebody from Cherington to regularly feed us the little snippets that could make this magazine just that little bit more interesting. i.e. the lowdown on Cherington. Any takers?

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Avening Parish Council

New Planning Applications – February 2011

Application: 1/00219/FUL

Location: Lavender Cottage, 5 Star Lane, Avening GL8 8NT

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension with cellar

Decision: The Parish Council had no objections to the application.

Application: 11/00522/FUL

Location: Field House, 12 West End, Avening, GL8 8NE

Proposal: Change of use of paddock land to residential use, re align boundary wall to provide car parking spaces.

Decision:: The Parish Council noted the benefit in taking cars off the highway, but objected to the application for the following reasons:

- There would be no turning space for the cars
- The suggested number of cars parking on site is unrealistic
- The site is on a corner, so there is little visibility for cars attempting to back out
- Cars will not be able to leave the site if a vehicle parks opposite

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.

CRIME

Following the recent theft of roof tiles in the village, the Parish Council would like to remind residents that they can have their property marked with smartwater to aid in recovery if items are stolen.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Parish Council has sadly had reports of some antisocial behaviour in the village. The Police have asked that anyone witnessing or being subjected to incidents of antisocial behavior should telephone them on 0845 0901234 (if it is an emergency then telephone 999). You can remain anonymous if you choose. The Police need to know what is happening and when in order to address the problems.



BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2011/12



The Parish Council financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March. The Parish Council have set their precept (council tax charge) for 2011/12 at the same level as last year: £23,500. There will be changes in the way we allocate grant money in the next financial year. Our budget will be available on our website shortly www.avening-pc.gov.uk.

ROAD CLOSURE

B4014 Nailsworth Road from beginning of May to end August - see page 19.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

If you are considering submitting a planning application in the parish, please feel free to come and talk to the Parish Council at one of their monthly meetings (third Thursday of the month, 7.30pm in the village hall (except August) before you submit your application.

PARISH ELECTIONS, 5TH MAY 2011

Parish Council Elections take place on 5th May 2011. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor please consider attending one of the following information evenings to find out more:

Wed 9 March: Cotswold District Council Council Chamber. Cirencester District Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Mon 14 March: Rodborough Community Hall, Butterow West, Rodborough, Stroud GL5 3TZ
6.00pm – 8.00pm

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

*Deborah Cook, Parish Clerk
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Note from Parish Council :

ANNUAL GRANTS

System for annual grants in the new financial year

In the past you have all been awarded a fixed sum of money each year, usually this has been agreed in advance and included in our budget.

Council has not put up the precept (ie council tax money) for 2011/12. This means we will be trying to make the same amount of money go further as other government money and funding streams dry up.

We are finding our workload going up with no additional money to support the extra work. Accordingly we will be making some changes.

Please can you note the following:

- We will set out the details here and also in a letter in April/May 2011

- We will not chase groups who have not put an application in for their annual grant
- Annual grants will be decided in the June 2011 Council meeting.
- All paperwork should be submitted by the deadline' If you miss the deadline, which will be about a week before (all dates will follow), then we are sorry, but there will be no annual grant for your group for 2011/12.
- Amounts have not been decided. Please fill in the form that will be sent out in April/May and include your accounts. The Council will be awarding on "need", not just on a standard annual amount.

Community fund grants:

le those "other" grants you might apply to the PC for, for ad hoc things, or projects eg cycle track, new swings etc.

You will be able to submit grant applications as and when you need them. However please note that grant applications will only appear on the agenda when all paperwork is complete. Please bear this in mind when you are planning a project, as the Council does not like retrospective grant applications.

We will contact you again by post in April/early May 2011 with a letter and grant application form.

If any of your contact details change in the meantime, please let me know, as post to the wrong person may mean you miss the deadline for the annual grant.

Gloucestershire Five Valleys Mobile Library

The mobile library operates in this area as follows:

The Green, Cherington
March 11th & 25th
12.30pm – 12.50pm



Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd March	Fashion Show	William Romney School	7.00 pm
Saturday 12th March	Litter Pick Cherington	Cherington Village Hall	10.00 am
Thursday 17th March	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Friday 18th March	Race Night FUNdraiser CANCELLED	Avening Memorial Hall	
Monday 21st March	Lenten Evening Discussion	The Old Rectory, Avening	7.30 pm
Monday 28th March	Lenten Evening Discussion	Mr & Mrs Young	7.30 pm
Saturday 2nd April	Bob Uzzell Tribute Fund Coffee Morning	No 4 Cherington	10 am - 12.30 pm
Monday 4th April	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.30 pm
Monday 4th April	Lenten Evening Discussion	Nag's Head	7.30 pm
Friday 8th April	End of Spring Term	Avening Primary School	
Thursday 21st April	Maundy Thursday: Last Supper	Holy Cross	7.00 pm
Friday 22nd April	Meditation and Music	St. Nicholas Cherington Holy Cross Avening	12 noon 2.00 pm
Tuesday 26th April	Start of Summer Term	Avening Primary School	
Friday 29th April	Royal Wedding Street Party and Picnic	Church Road/ Memorial Hall	

Useful Telephone Numbers

Avening Parish Council Clerk	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	David Govier	01453 882914
Avening Primary School	Diana Boulton	01453 833191
Avening Playgroup	Debbie Brown	01453 832695 Home 835983
Avening Village Agent	Carolynn Dent	0781 0630156
Avening Youth Club	Cassie Chesterman	01453 834182
A & C Cricket Club	Derrick Ind	01453 835752
Over 60s Lunch Club	Christine Howell	01453 833246
Avening Silver Band	Jim Hill	01453 834438
Friends of Avening School	Katie Turner	01453 832556
Cherington Village Hall	Beryl Milsom	01285 841248
Avening Memorial Hall		07583 073604
Tennis @ Avening Park	Roger Lindley	01453 835115
Avening Group Oil Coordinator	Frances Lindley	01453 835115
Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336
Stroud Hospital		01453 562200
Women's Institute	Doreen Pierce Wendy Jennings	01453 835090 01453 832881



CROSS INN

Quiz Nights

*Saturday 5th March
With Graham Lowe*

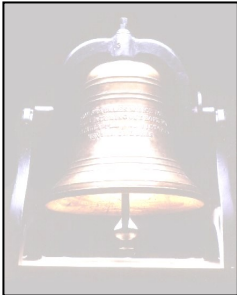
Saturday 19th March

Music Quiz

From 8pm

Cash Prize Question

Proceeds to Cobalt Cancer Appeal Fund



THE BELL AVENING

WHAT'S ON

Sat 5th – MAVIS & FRIENDS

8th-12th – CREPE WEEK (early 5.30pm supper for families on Friday)

Friday 18th – GOLD CUP – Live racing and buffet lunch
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Thurs 24th – LIVE MUSIC from Irish band, Odd Socks Revival

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