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*A Magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head*

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# *The Parish Letter*

## **Easter 2011**

Surely there can be no better time than now to celebrate the Easter message of Hope, after weeks of unprecedented disaster and massive loss of life. As our hearts go out to the people of Japan, how relevant is our observation of the suffering of Jesus on the Cross on Good Friday.

The Christ, who we try to follow, understands the depth of human suffering, and promises to be alongside us in the dark hours of our pain. As Easter follows Good Friday, so will a time of healing and new birth follow these terrible weeks of suffering which so many are going through in the world today.

We are reminded of the vulnerability of all Human Life. We can never be confident that we will be spared suffering in our families or in our Community.

Suffering and loss are as much a part of human life, as is Love and Hope..... But we are called to live each day as it comes, thankful for the Gift of Life. It is right that we should be aware of suffering in the World but so should we be conscious of our own blessings. The Love which we know, the fun and laughter we share with others.....the sheer beauty of the World around us. So much which gives richness to our Lives.

It is so easy to take for granted those things for which we should be thankful. As we pray for those who suffer at this time, let us at the same time, give thanks for all we receive in blessings. Easter brings New Life.....Love..... and Eternal Hope.

*Rev Celia*

***Remember, you are always most welcome at any of the services.***

***Do come along if you can!!!***

# *Services in Avening & Cherington*

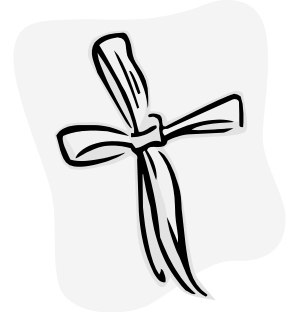
## *April*

<b>Sunday</b>	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<b>April 3rd</b>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
<b>Mothers Sunday</b> <i>(guest preacher John Fairley of the Marah Trust)</i>	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School <i>Special service with posies for children to give away &amp; Simnel cake &amp; coffee after service</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	08.00	Avening	No service
<b>April 10th</b> <i>(guest speaker Paul Rush of the Fellowship Trust)</i>	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP & coffee after service
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School & PCC AGM after this service
<b>Sunday</b>	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<b>April 17th</b>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Childrens Procession with Donkey
<b>Tuesday 19th</b>	7.30pm	Cherington	
<b>Thursday 21st</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	8.00pm	Avening	Agape Supper
<b>Friday 22nd</b>	12.00	Cherington	Prayer & Meditation
<b>Good Friday</b>	2.00pm	Avening	Prayer & Meditation
<b>Sunday</b>	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<b>April 24th</b>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	11.00	Avening	<i>Celebration Service &amp; Easter Eggs</i> Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School <i>Celebration Service &amp; Easter Egg hunt</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<b>May 1st</b>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW Celebration of family life Bring your children dressed as Brides & Bridegrooms to celebrate the Royal Wedding

## **Palm Sunday**

We are planning to start the Palm Sunday procession at the Cross in Avening at 10.45 to represent the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem.

All children and adults are welcome to join in. Palm Crosses and palms will be distributed and all led by a boy on a donkey.....followed by a joyful service in the Church at 11.00am.



## **Agape Supper**

This is a re-enactment of the Last Supper, in the Holy Cross Church and a very special experience not to be missed.  
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**7.00pm**  
**Maundy Thursday.**

## **Good Friday**

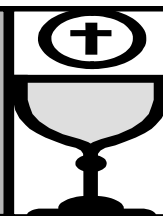
There will be Meditation & Music at both services during the hours of Jesus on the Cross.

**Noon- 1.00pm Cherington**  
**2.00—3.00pm Avening**

## **SERVICES IN SUMMER MONTHS**

**From 1st May , Rev Celia will be**  
**Celebrating Holy Communion at 8.00am Sunday**

# Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sidespersons	Chalice	Sacristan
<b>April 3rd</b> <b>(Mothering Sunday)</b>	Piers/Stephanie	Stephen/Paul	Ann
<b>April 10th</b>	Jeanie/George	Hamish	Elizabeth
<b>April 17th</b>	Frances/Cas	Derrick	Marion
<b>April 22nd</b> <b>(Good Friday)</b>	Stephanie	-	-
<b>April 24th</b> <b>(Easter Sunday)</b>	Piers/Stephanie	Stephen/Paul	Ann
<b>May 1st</b>	George/Margaret	Derrick	Elizabeth

## Baptisms in April

3rd April	Ralph Kevin William George Kerry Barker
10th April	Harry Jack Gobey Bailey
17th April	Luc Malkin
1st May	Clementine Duff



## Confirmation.....???

**Why not take your baptismal vows for yourself and make a full commitment to your faith?** The Bishop is coming to Evening to confirm- both adults and children later this year. Anyone who may wish to talk more about this do please get in touch with Rev Celia on 01453 832716.

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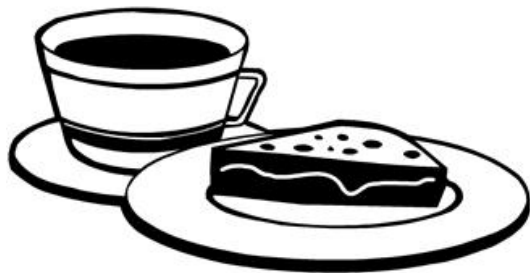
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# Celebrating Easter

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.

**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**

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# Avening Roll of Honour

No. 34

## Frederick Townsend

Private: 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment

The 2nd Phase of the Germans' last "Big Push" was their Operation "Hagen", aimed at pushing the Allies back to Paris. It was launched in May 1918. This resulted in the Third Battle of the Aisne, in which the 2nd Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment was employed. The Battalion was decimated and from a starting strength of over 500 men, it was reduced in a few days to just 47.

These were withdrawn and a reinforcement programme started. The new men came from raw recruits straight in from basic training, men of different Regiments returning from recovery from wounds and men of other much depleted Battalions surviving from the German offensive. It is into this environment that Fred Townsend was posted in June 1918.

Having been born on Tetbury Hill in 1900, he was conscripted in the early months of 1918 and, having completed his basic training, was shipped to the 2nd Battalion, Devonshires in June. The mixture of new recruits and old hands trained together for some weeks and, by August, were ready for front line service. The end of that month found them in the trenches in Northern France, at Ploegstreert, (what the British "Tommy" called "Plug Street"), and although not involved in any major battles, there were steady losses during their stay at the front. The Battalion War Diaries give us a snapshot of their activities throughout September 1918. On the 6th, they were relieved by the 2nd Battalion Yorkshire West Ridings and the following day proceeded to the Divisional Baths. The next few days were spent relaxing, with a voluntary church service on the 9th and football matches over the next three days. The Battalion then relieved the 2nd West Ridings on the 12th and this proved a quiet time on the front. They were there until the 18th, when again, they were replaced by the 2nd West Ridings. The next few days were spent in training and sport activities with football and rugby matches taking place almost daily. A concert was held on the 21st. They returned to the trenches three days later and the men were involved in patrols most nights.

The War Diary for the 26th of September reads thus:

*"In the trenches. The Brigade Major and a Royal Engineer officer went out and patrolled bridges over the River Lys. Special Company, Royal Engineers fired Gas Bombs on enemy trenches. Casualties: 2 killed and four wounded "*

Fred Townsend was one of those killed that night. He was an unmarried man of 18. The other man killed at the same time was Private John Adams of Rochdale. He was 33 and had been in France since 1915. They are buried, side by side, at Bois-Carre British Cemetery at Thelus.

Fred received two medals for his service, which would have been passed to his father, James Townsend, in 1922. By this time the family had moved to Nags Head. Fred was survived by six siblings, three elder brothers, two elder sisters and a brother two years his junior. His mother had died in 1909 but James lived on until 1947. Both were buried in our churchyard, but in unmarked graves.

I am indebted to Stephen and Kate Townsend for their assistance.

### ***Fred Vening***

*The graves of Fred Townsend (left) and John Adams.*

*Bois-Carre British Cemetery, Thelus, France*



## **Photographs in The Villager Magazine**

Many thanks to **Nigel Bowsher** for this months lovely cover photo.

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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# Village People

## Miss Georgina Edmunds



Georgie was born at Pike House (the old garage house) in Avening on February 12th 1914, becoming the fifth child of Mr and Mrs George Edmunds. Like her parents, she had a great interest in the church and the village. She attended the village school and then later travelled to the Girls Central School in Stroud.

After a good education, Georgie went to work at a grocery shop in Minchinhampton, riding there on a bicycle until she was able to buy a car. After many years she was made Manageress and then - good news! - she won a car for her sales. It was purple!

Anybody who has seen the film Dulcima will see Georgie pulling down the canopy on the shop window as John Mills drives down the street in Minchinhampton.

Georgie's father was Head Gardener at The Rectory (now Old Quarries), when it was bought by a lady from London called Mrs Graham. When she went back to London to her second home Georgie can remember the family

living at Old Quarries: "Nice big rooms," she said "- but very cold because it had very little heating!". When Mrs Graham became a widow, she sold Old quarries and bought Sandford House. Georgie's father became Caretaker/ Gardener and the family moved into the Lodge.

Georgie has met three royal ladies: Mrs Graham's great friend Queen Mary, used to come and stay during the war and always used the church; she welcomed the Princess Royal and her husband to Avening church when she moved to Gatcombe; and 10 years ago Georgie received a Maundy purse from the Queen.

She was in the church choir for over 50 years, and was also a churchwarden and on the Church Council.

For a number of years during the '60s Georgie was President of the Avening WI, of which her mother had been a founder member. She also helped to start the Good companions, which was a great success for many years for the over 60s - great holidays and day trips. For the young girls of the village she ran the GFS - the Girls Friendly society - which was held once a week at the now long-gone Institute Building on the cross.

Georgie remembers the dances on a Friday night in the Memorial Hall, with a live band, and she and her mother fund-raised to have a stage built, which lasted until the Hall was refurbished last year.

As I sit with Georgie on her 97th birthday in the lounge of the nursing home where she now lives, we talk about the Sunday School outing she used to organise for us, with the morning at Bristol Zoo and the afternoon at Weston-super-Mare.

I remember, it was always Georgie or her father who locked and opened the church and kept an eye on the clock.

In later years Georgie moved to Ansford Cottage in Woodstock, but failing health forced her to sell and she moved to the bungalows in Woodstock Close, and it was from there that she moved to Ilsom House six years ago.

Georgie never forgets Avening, and when she has visitors she always asks about her friends, some long gone, and the WI and the Church.

Georgie is so lucky to have a very supportive nephew Jim Hill and niece, Pat Ind, who visit her two or three times a week and who agreed to me talking and visiting Georgie, to write this for the Villager.

**Maureen Stone**

## Support Charlie's Marathon Attempt!



Some of you may have seen me pounding the local roads in the last few months, and if you are anything like I was 2 years ago you would have wondered why on earth anyone chooses to do that for fun? I'm not sure I actually consider it 'fun' but I am running for a purpose, and that makes it a little easier. On the 17th April this year, I will tackle a challenge I that only the most crazy would even consider trying.

At the age of 7, I watched Peter Duncan on Blue Peter run the London Marathon, and that day I promised myself I would one day run it too! Roll on over 25 years, and I am finally on the verge of achieving this lifelong ambition! This year I will be running the London Marathon.

Last year I ran the London 10K, walked the midnight 10 mile in Cirencester and ran the Great South run 10 mile in Portsmouth. This year I have already finished the Bath 1/2 marathon...and all in the name of training for something bigger!..... I am now training seriously for the London marathon.

Although achieving an ambition is a great thing; I have also been given a fantastic opportunity to raise money for a charity which does great work with Children throughout the UK. **The Children's Society**.

Whenever I see adverts or TV campaigns to support charities who work to help children in many disadvantaged situation it makes my heart ache. Our son wants for nothing! He has all the love we can give him, the security of a loving family, and has every opportunity to enjoy his childhood. When I imagine children hiding from their parents through fear as a result of drugs or alcohol abuse, or having to act as an adult because their mother or father is incapable of looking after them in some way it really makes me think about how lucky I was as a child, and how lucky my son is.

The Children's Society aims to prevent, rescue and support children facing life trapped in a vicious circle of fear and harm; a vicious circle driven by violence, neglect, poverty and discrimination. The charity supports children who feel that their only option is to become a runaway, they support young

refugees to rebuild their lives in new communities, they support disabled children by ensuring they have a voice, they support children affected by drug and alcohol misuse and so many other important aspects.

I have pledged to raise £2,000 for this charity by running the London marathon, and am well on my way to meeting this target. If you would like to support this charity through my marathon attempt you may do so by making a donation online at <http://www.justgiving.com/Charlotte-Bellamy2>. Alternatively I do have sponsor forms available.

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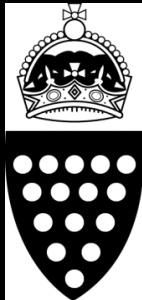
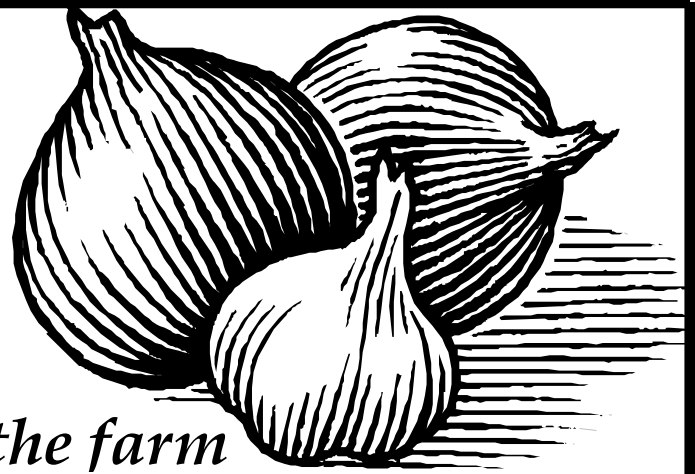
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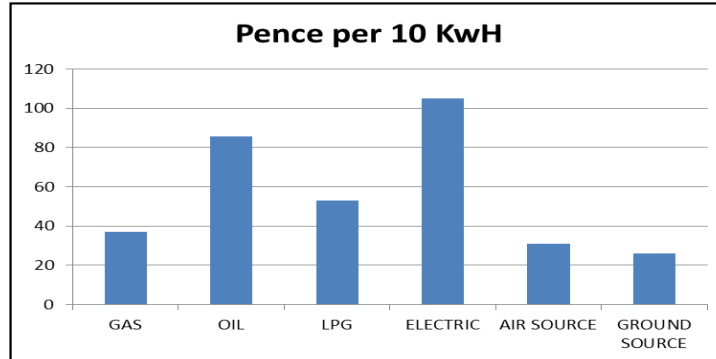
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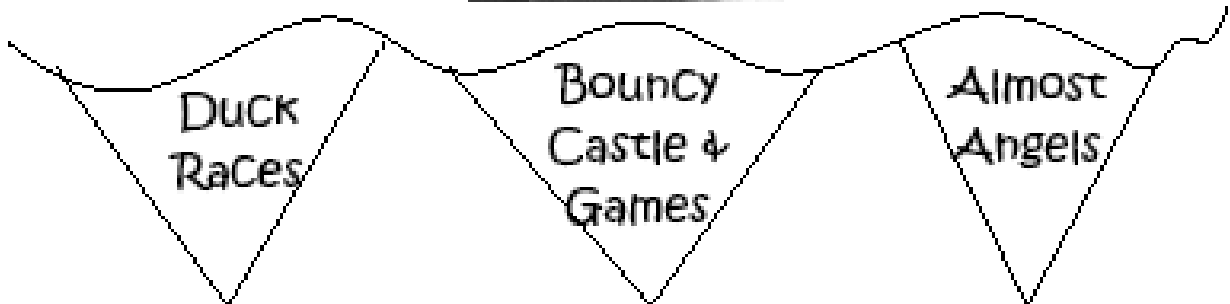
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# Avening Primary School

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As the Easter holidays approach, children in the Hawks class have reflected on their visit to the Black Country Museum to find out more about life in Victorian times. Over to some of the pupils to tell you all about it ...

*“Hi, welcome to the Black Country Museum. We have some treats waiting for you. You might visit the Black Mine or the Fun Fair. We have a whole village – would you like to visit?”*

**Ned Glover**

*“The Black Country Museum is fantastic because when you get in the mine it is dark, it is damp, it is smelly, it is scary, you hear banging and people at work.”*

**Ophelia Whitehead**



*“Step into the explosive world of the Black Country Museum. You should definitely check out the coal mine because you get to go deep underground. You listen to a voice and it will tell you all about the mine. After, the ground will shake but don’t worry, nothing else will happen but you have to wear a hard helmet just in case.”*

**Tom Stewart**

*“After visiting the coal mine you may want to go and visit the bakery. There is a man there making bread. He tells you how to work in the bakery in Victorian times and shows you all the different places in the bakery. The*

*man has the fire blazing in the fireplace and even though the fire is to cook the bread it keeps you warm, very warm. In the bakery you get an appetising whiff coming to your lovely nose.”*

**Sophie Putnam**

*“If you are tired of all the walking around, why not get a bus to give you a lift? You can go on it, it doesn’t cost you anything. The bus is small and old but fast. Don’t worry but hold on as you won’t have seatbelts. Why not have a look around the village and enjoy the ride?”*

**Lucy Gale**

*“Come to the great chain maker’s workshop. Oh, go back so the fire sparks don’t get you! You can see a fantastic man make a chain out of fire. Wow! See the massive hammer that the man pulls down smashing the iron chain straight from the fire. The chain maker is just round the corner from the canal.”*

**Arthur Bury**



Friday 18 March was **Comic Relief Day** and Avening Primary School comedians were out in force as always – as pirates this time. The children had fun making the most of this year’s national comedy fundraising event and even the staff got into it! Over £400 was raised for Comic Relief.

**Michele Wheatley**

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In term time please contact 01453 833191

# Spiderman to the Rescue!

In January, Avening Church clock went on strike. The 1911 Smiths of Derby two train turret clock mechanism stopped. The hands hung at 4.20, the pendulum drooped, no longer did the sonorous clang of a heavy bell disturb the innocent dreams of the villagers.

This clock is powered by two heavy weights which, so long as they are wound up each week steadily descend, pulling the wheels and cogs round as they go. Mr. Jim Hill, custodian of the Clock, reported that the weights were wound right up to the tower roof, but they wouldn't come down.

Why?

A visual check gave no clear answer as to why the clock had stopped. A little more research revealed that old turret clocks should be serviced annually, but no one could remember when ours was last serviced, if indeed it had ever been serviced. Would it be rash, we wondered to commission its first service after one hundred years? We contacted Julian Cosby, a specialist in antique clock restoration and invited him to give us an opinion.



On the 17<sup>th</sup> January we got it. Working from the top down, he reported that birds had nested in the under dial motions behind the clock faces. The hour pipe-bearing on the east dial was seized. The pulleys transmitting the power from the weights were on the point of seizing, the weight box (which is a

long wooden box for the weights to lift and fall in) was filling up with sticks and straw, and the clock mechanism was covered with oil, grease and stone dust and slowly grinding itself into oblivion. We commissioned a full service.

The painstaking service took a week. Every part of the clock was dismantled and cleaned and the greasy parts were rinsed in diesel oil. The pulleys were lowered and dismantled, the under dial motions were taken apart and cleaned. Sticks, straw and feathers were removed from the cogs and slowly the clock was put back together.

By Thursday evening Julian had completed the service, but he reported a problem. He needed to access the East dial in order to free the hands and adjust the hour hand counterbalance.

The trouble was that the dial is a long way down from the tower parapet and a long way up from the sharp ridge of the Chancel roof. How could a man reach them?

This was when we contacted Spiderman Piers Hansen (tree surgeon). Balancing at the edge of the tower and glancing down from the dizzy height, he made some deft precautions, then threw himself off the tower attached to a thin thread. As he reached the clock face he arrested his fall, and propping a couple of feet on the clock face, waited for instructions. With Julian inside whirling spanners and Piers hanging outside gripping the hands, adjustments were made, and within minutes Spiderman was springing back over the parapet, and coiling his web into his large satchel.

The hands were set, and at 4pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> January the clock sprang back to life, thanks to Julian Cosby and Avening's Own Spiderman.



***George Buchanan***

# Village Announcements

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



Well done to Katy Porter, Martha Lukas and Holly Turner who 'Did Something Funny For Money'.

They wore their PJs all day on Sunday and managed to raise nearly £180.00 for Comic Relief!!!

Well done also to Megan Wheatley who wasn't able to join her friends, but also wore her PJs all day (including on the beach!) and raised another £60.00. A fantastic effort - well done girls!

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# *Avening Playgroup*



The children really enjoyed **Red Nose Day**. They made cakes during the week which were iced and decorated with a red nose (cherry!) and then sold after playgroup. We made £38.50 for Comic Relief. The children dressed up in their favourite dressing up clothes and some told a joke. They went home happily wearing a red nose and clutching a bag of cakes.

One of the favourite activities at playgroup is playing with play dough. It is really easy to make, you may like to try it.

### ***Home made play dough***

- 1 large cup plain flour
- ½ large cup of salt
- 2 tsp cream of tartar
- Food colouring
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 cup water

Mix all the ingredients in a pan.

Cook over a low heat until the mixture leaves the sides of the pan.

Add children (not literally) and start making a mess!

For more information about Avening Playgroup, contact

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# *Nailsworth Festival 2011*

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This year's festival will start on Saturday 21st May, running through to Sunday 29th May. As usual, Festival Saturday events commence at 10:00am in Mortimer Gardens, with a varied programme of music, comedy and dance, designed to appeal to all the family. With market stalls and many activities happening across the town make sure that you're around Nailsworth during the day. On the evening of Festival Saturday a highlight will be the appearance of Hank Wangford and the Lost Cowboys. The multi-talented Hank Wangford is a doctor, broadcaster and performer of songs known for their humour and cheerful irony. His band, the Lost Cowboys, features some of the most respected musicians on the British Country & Western scene.

Events continue on Sunday with a performance of the Faure Requiem at Christ Church. On Monday, of particular local interest, will be a talk by the "naked gardeners", more formally known as Barbara and Ian Pollard of Abbey House Gardens, Malmesbury. Arranged in association with the Nailsworth Society, this promises to be a fascinating evening. Then on Tuesday we have an appearance at Ruskin Mill of Andy Cutting (BBC Radio 2 Folk Award Winner Best Musician 2009 & 2011). The Katona Twins, Peter and Zoltán Katona, will be appearing at Christchurch on Wednesday. Critically acclaimed by the Daily Telegraph as "the classical world's best known guitar duo" they have given recitals in major concert venues throughout the world. Returning, by public demand, following a very successful concert at last year's festival, are the Gasworks Singers. The 35 members of the Singers meet to sing their favourite songs at charity events and festivals over the summer and autumn period. Appearing on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, the concert will feature some new songs, as well as old favourites.

With a performance of "Tom Jones" by the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School on Friday and the second Nailsworth Poetry Slam on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May and a range of other activities across the town the festival should be well worth waiting for.

Tickets can be booked through the website at [www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk](http://www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk) or from the Town Information Centre, Fountain Street, Nailsworth or by post, using the form on the back of the brochure which will be widely available around Nailsworth.

**Tim Hughes**  
**Publicity, 01453 836993**

# *Avening Youth Club*

**Tuesday evenings, Avening Memorial Hall**

**6.00pm to 8.00pm**

**Just £1 entry. Age 8 and over. All welcome.**

## **Just a few titbits about things that happened in April 1941:**

**Friday 4th April:** The Government issued a new regulation regarding the official time in the country. This regulation provided for double summer time, during which period the time was two hours in advance of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). This was to start on the day after the first Saturday in May and was to end on the day after the second Saturday in August. The time for the rest of the year remained one hour in advance of GMT

**Monday 7th April:** The standard rate of income tax was raised by 7.5p to 50p in the pound (ie 50%). Personal allowances and the tax exemption limits were also drastically reduced. Money raised by the cuts in allowances was treated as compulsory savings with the intention of repaying them through Post Office savings accounts after the war.



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Congratulations to our teams who went to Nailsworth for the first round of the County Quiz. We joined teams from Amberley group. The quiz was conducted at breakneck speed and some of us found the going much too fast to get our brains in gear! Nevertheless three of our teams will go forward to the next round in June and our 'first' team had a better score than anyone else!

We welcomed our March speaker with open arms as he came along to tell us 'the Story of Chocolate'. He showed excellent slides to illustrate the history and development of one of our favourite foods. We happily chomped through lots of samples during the talk which everyone appreciated! In spite of this members still enjoyed our usual homemade biscuits served by our hostesses with tea and coffee afterwards.

Our friendly skittles match was most enjoyable, the 'sticker' joined in and won one of the prizes!

Everyone enjoyed our first 'pub lunch' at Hunters Hall. As there were quite a few of us we were able to pair up and take advantage of the special offer! We are planning to go to Egypt Mill in May.

We held our first walk of the year and luckily had a sunny day. We negotiated our way along lanes and tracks to Cherington, taking in the lake there, and then back to Avening where a soup lunch was provided by one of our members.

Gill Thomas invited ladies to a Crafternoon in Cherington Village Hall making decorative flowers.

We have our first round of the County Skittles knock out competition at the beginning of April playing against Leonard Stanley WI. We welcome new members and visitors at our meetings.

*Shirley Hand*

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

## *Letters to the Editor*

Dear Sir,

I feel that I must respond to your decision to print an anonymous letter in the March edition of 'The Villager'. As the correspondent withheld their name I do not feel that their letter should have been published. Vitriol has no place in a village magazine, particularly from poorly informed anonymous correspondents.

Derek & Sue Osborne,  
Winterfold,  
Westend, Avening

Dear Editors,

I would indeed like to take up the invitation to respond to the person who commented on the Avening Conservation Group. I was one of a significant number of residents who, not unreasonably, backed the Group's support for a Tidying Up notice at the field on the Tetbury Road and a more general sentiment that buildings not be put up in fields without permission, however, I take great exception to being automatically characterized as a 'NIMBY' because of this. In addition to supporting the above, I nevertheless went out of my way to comment on the agricultural proposals in question in a very even-handed way, to make it clear I would not feel happy if I thought the group were to be used in order to target actions towards one family and lastly, that wider participation be sought from the village at large through the obvious channels. This was immediately done through The Villager but I am not aware that many people have shown an interest.

We are all entitled to our views but I do not think it acceptable to make sweeping assumptions in a public forum about the wider opinions and motivation of a diverse group of people, and to do so anonymously seems particularly unfair and needs challenging. Incidentally, as far as I am aware, Vale Farm has never been mentioned.

Also, I'm perfectly happy to put my name to this letter.

Sarah Croome,  
West End, Avening



# It's On the Meter Update



Paul Archer and his two co-travellers are now 5 weeks into their epic 8 month trip to Australia in a London Black cab, and have already travelled about 4,500 miles through 10 countries (France, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Bylarus, Poland and the Czech Republic.) Apart

from a few interesting run-in's with the local constabulary, who usually just want to break their boredom by flagging down a strange looking vehicle and accusing it of speeding - quite an achievement in a 20 year old overladen taxi - things have been going well. Through couchsurfing they have met some fascinating people and stayed in some amazing places, from a hippie commune in the woods in Sweden, to a farm on the Arctic Circle, a house boat in Finland and a Soviet era flat in Moscow. Been entertained by a Lithuanian folk band, met Santa Claus, and (briefly) arrested in front of the Kremlin.

The point of this, apart from to have fun, is to break the record for the world's longest taxi ride, and in the process raise some much needed cash for the Red Cross, at present busier than ever, between earthquakes, tsunamis and mass exodus from strife-riven areas in Africa. So far they have raised £6,500, but their aim is £20,000 - the estimated taxi fare to Australia. So if you would like to support this worthy cause, and read more of their adventures, go to: [www.itsonthemeter.com](http://www.itsonthemeter.com). There's also a Red Cross collecting box in The Bell.



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# Cherington Parish Council

## **Litter Pick**

Thank you to all who helped with the litter pick. Approximately twenty five people gathered collecting numerous black bags containing all sorts. Over twenty tyres, four large plastic containers that had contained some nasty liquid, labels torn off so we could not tell what and finally a complete rear car seat. It never ceases to amaze what people throw out in the hedgerows and Horsley tip is only six miles away!

## **Royal Wedding Celebration**

A Village Hog Roast will be taking place. Flyers will be distributed to you all giving details, it will take place thanks to Coxes Farm where the dog show is held.

## **Emergency Information**

Shortly you will be receiving an Emergency Information leaflet that the Parish Council have put together. It is designed for you to keep in a safe place with the hope you will never need it. The Village Hall has been designated the "Place of Safety" a First Aid and Emergency Kit will be located there. The leaflet contains contact numbers and suggested items to take with you should you have to vacate your house quickly in an emergency.

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

***Sue Russell***  
***Clerk to Cherington Parish Council***

## **Cherington Correspondent 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 - March 2011

**Applications:** 1/00458/FUL & 1/00678/FUL  
**Location:** 18 Woodstock Lane, Avening GL8 8NG  
**Proposal:** Erection of timber oil fired boiler shed to side.  
**Comment:** The Parish Council had no objections to application.

**Application:** 10/04842/FUL  
**Location:** Little Fields, Tetbury, GL8 8SE  
**Proposal:** Erection of summer house and plant room amendment to planning application 10/03650/FUL  
**Decision:** Deadline passed.

**Application:** 10/00650/FUL  
**Location:** 6 Old Hill, Avening, GL8 8NR  
**Proposal:** New roofs, windows & doors, erection of 1st floor rear extension, new vehicular access.  
**Comment:** Previous comments reiterated by Parish Council.

## Decisions Received - March 2011

**Applications:** 1/00099/FUL  
**Location:** Green Acres Farm, Green Way Head, Avening, GL8  
**Proposal:** Erection of a polytunnel  
**CDC Decision:** Application Permit.

**Applications:** 1/00219/FUL  
**Location:** Lavender Cottage, 5 Star Lane, Avening, GL8 8NT  
**Proposal:** Erection of 2 storey extension with cellar  
**CDC Decision:** Application Permit.

Plans can be seen on [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk) go to weekly planning list

### **Snow, Ice & Grit Bins**

The Parish Council reviewed provision of grit bins across the village at their March meeting. The Council will be in contact with Gloucestershire County Highways to discuss the installation of a grit bin near the recycling centre at Sunground.

The Parish Council will be reviewing the provision of grit bins and responses to snow/ice etc annually. The next time the Council will consider grit bins will be approximately March 2012 (this helps us keep costs down if we do this once a year).

### **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. Council will decide who has won the title at our April meeting and the award will be made at our Parish Meeting (26th May). Please either contact a Councillor, or the Clerk, to make your nomination by 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

The Parish Council has sadly had reports of more 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 chose.** The Police need to know what is happening and when in order to address the problems.



### **Road Closure:**

The following roads will be closed on a rolling programme from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to allow for surfacing dressing works by Gloucestershire Highways:

- Avening Road / Hampton Hill, Minchinhampton & Avening
- Woefeldane Bottom, Minchinhampton
- Gatcombe Corner to jct Cirencester Road, Minchinhampton

## **Parish Council Annual Grants 2011**

Local groups who usually apply for their annual grant from the Parish Council will be sent a letter and form in April. The Council has changed the way it is administering its annual grants in order to increase efficiency in difficult economic times. The letter will contain all instructions that applicants will need to apply for their annual grant. Annual grants will be decided at the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011 Parish Council meeting. If you have any questions please email or telephone the Clerk (details below).

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**The next meeting of the Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 21st April 2011 at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome.**

*Deborah Cook, Parish Clerk  
28 Partridge Way, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1BQ  
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	Cherington	9.45-10.30am

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## *Useful Telephone Numbers*

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## *Dates for your Diary*

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	
Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th April	Avening Arts Group Spring Show	Memorial Hall	10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Thursday 21st April	Maundy Thursday: Agape Supper	Holy Cross	7.00 pm
Thursday 21st April	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30 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	9.00am
Friday 29th April	Royal Wedding Street Party and Picnic	Church Road/ Memorial Hall	
Monday 2nd May	Road Closure	B4014	
Sunday 5th June	Avening Fete		

### **Family History Search**

**Annmarie Price (Annie in the shop) says thank you everyone who contacted her to help with her family research. And apologies to anyone who couldn't contact her, thanks to a slight error by the Villager Editors. The correct number to call was 07837 504073!**

**Sorry Annie!**

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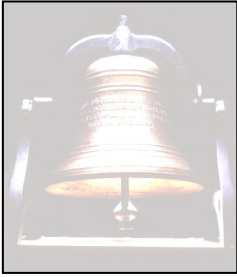
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