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The Parish Letter

FEAR NOT.....TRUST IN GOD AND TRUST IN ME

There are times in everyone's life when we have to hold on to what we believe, whatever the circumstances. Those times when the world seems to be collapsing around us, when all that we held to, has dissolved, and we are left, bewildered and afraid. At these darkest of times, we **MUST** believe that there is meaning to Life and that **GOD** is alongside us, ever loving and ever faithful.

In our secular and cynical world this is not easy. People can scoff at our faith and dismiss much of what we believe, but often this is no more than 'bravado'. It is hard to believe things we cannot prove and to accept things we cannot understand.....

But Hope is the very essence of Faith

Jesus said: **Do not be afraid.....trust in God and trust in Me also.**

Jesus knew what He was saying. He knew what it was to be afraid. He knew what it was to have His faith tested. He spoke these words to His disciples shortly before His arrest knowing that they would see Him die in most horrible circumstances and that their faith in Him would be shattered.

He spoke these words to re-assure them....to give them something to hold on to:

Trust in God and trust also in Me

The proof of what He said was in His Resurrection.

He overcame Death itself and appeared to His disciples on numerous occasions.

Because I live, Ye will live also

*The Darkness of Night does not last forever, but will melt away in the
Light of Dawn*

Rev Celia

**Confirmation. Why not take your baptismal vows for yourself
and make a full commitment to your faith?**

The Bishop is coming to Avening to confirm both adults and children later this year. Anyone who may wish to talk more about this do please call Rev Celia on 01453 832716.

Services in Avening & Cherington

June

Thursday June 2nd	10.45	Avening	Ascension Day Service
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Sunday June 5th (Ascension)	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	2.00pm	Avening	CHURCH FETE!!! <i>finishing with Songs of Praise</i>

Sunday June 11th (Pentecost - Whit Sunday)	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Matins
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW <i>& Sunday School</i>

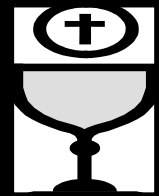
Sunday June 19th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW <i>& Sunday School</i>

Sunday June 26th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Service for Animals

*Please bring **all** your animals to be blessed at this very special service. Dogs on leads and all other sorts of pets in cages, or boxes for obvious reasons. Horses will be blessed at 11.45 by the church gates.*

Sunday July 3rd	08.00	Avening	No Service.
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW <i>& Sunday School</i> <i>& coffee after service</i>

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
June 5th	Church Fete - no service		
June 11th	Piers/Jeannie	Stephen	Ann
June 19th	Margaret/Cas	Paul	Elizabeth
June 26th	Frances/Stephanie	Stephen	Marion
July 3rd	George/Piers	Derrick	Ann

STOP PRESS: NEW DATES!



**Avening to Nailsworth Road
will be closed for repairs from
13th June 2011 to 14th October 2011**

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to Henry Arden for this month's 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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Celebration of Family Life Service

On May 1st Rev. Celia held a service to commemorate the Royal Wedding. Sunday school was very busy with lots of children dressed up as brides and grooms, one very smart young groom dressed in a kilt (Benedict) chose his bride (Kirsten) and they led the procession, following Rev. Celia.



The children all went into the Brydges Aisle, to hear the story of the wedding at Cana, Jesus first miracle; we then looked on a map of Israel for the village of Cana in Galilee. After colouring a picture, completing a dot to dot and making a wedding card the children joined the rest of the congregation for the baptism of baby Clementine Duff.

After the Communion service the wedding cake was cut by the bride and groom and shared with members of the congregation.



Following on from the Royal wedding tradition the groom then gave the bride a kiss!



This lovely photo is of Josie & Vic Chamberlain, also at the service. Thank you to Elizabeth Buchanan for the photograph.

Doreen Pierce

A Tribute to Edie Hinder May 13th 2011



I do not suppose that many of us here this morning will remember Avening without Edie, for she came here before she was married - she met Albert on her way to this Church for a Sunday Service, and they were married over 70 years ago! Avening will certainly never be quite the same, nor will our Sunday services, without her. Right up until ten days before she died at 96 years old we saw Edie purposefully striding up the hill to the church, never stopping, as most of us do to catch our breath, which was truly remarkable. I could judge if I was running late for the service myself, by gauging how close to the door Edie was!

She was a remarkable woman in many ways - wonderfully generous and thoughtful. In fact, when I was with her just before she died, she was lamenting the fact that she had not posted off her Easter Cards. "That's the first time EVER, she told me." Right up to the end she was thinking of others.

I remember so well when I first came to Avening, 45 years ago. It was Edie, along with the Teakles and Georgie Edmunds, who were the ones who ran

the caring ministry in the village, looking after the elderly, visiting the sick, cooking for the bed-ridden. Her strong Christian Faith, her warmth and natural kindness, motivated Edie throughout her life. Not only did she bring up her beloved children, Robert and Marjorie here, but she also cared for her parents-in-law, her husband and her brother-in-law, Wilson, while at the same time being housekeeper to Michael Powell's household. She seemed to have unlimited energy as she was seen at all hours caring for others around her.

She had many wonderful memories of the people she had met and had countless photographs and other mementoes. Indeed she unwittingly starred at the Wedding Festival we had here last year by being able to display not only her immaculate wedding dress, but the telegram from the Queen for Albert and her Diamond Wedding, accompanied by her list of their wedding presents which was fascinating to see - and Albert's receipt for the wedding ring bought from Davis in Nailsworth for £2!

Her years of looking after film director Michael Powell were many and she saw him through not only the death of Pamela Brown, but then his wedding to Thelma when, of course, she made the cake. She and Thelma became close friends and Thelma wanted so much to be here today. She sends this message from New York:

"Edith Hinder was the essence of goodness. I doubt if a negative thought ever went through her mind. She devoted herself to those she loved and managed to have a remarkable zest for life right up until the end of her days. Her quiet kindness and beautiful spirit were treasured by the family of Michael Powell. She made their lives in the village of Avening a joy."

Her fame for hospitality spread far and wide. When I was in London many years ago, at a private viewing of one of Scorsese's films, an American voice from behind asked me where I came from. On replying Avening in Gloucestershire, his voice changed to one of wistful reminiscence. "Avening? Oh how is Edie? I will never forget those wonderful cakes she always baked for us." The voice belonged to none other than Leonard Bernstein.

We have heard of the many memories of Edie from her family and stories of her life. I only want to add how much we all loved her and admired her stalwartness when tragedy struck Her determination to carry on. Her never failing kindness and generosity and example to us all of what it means to live a Christian Life.

Rev. Celia

Basil Heaven

Basil was born at 9 Point Road in Avening, and his parents were Gladys and William Heaven. He had a younger brother, Ivor, and they grew up in Point Road, opposite the bakery.

Basil left school at 14, and worked until the start of World War II, when he was one of the first to be drafted, and joined the Desert Rats. He was posted to Egypt and Libya and was involved in fighting against Germany's Africa Corps.

He left Britain in 1937, and didn't return until 1946 – when he was shipped back to Scotland, still in his shorts, which I think came as a bit of a shock! As is the case with many who have been to war, Basil did not like to talk about his time in service, as he must have seen some truly terrible things. However, what he has told me over the years has made me realise how much we owe to him and his peers. As I grew up and became more inquisitive about the people around me, I asked my father about why Basil was so deaf. I had assumed it was because of old age, but my father explained that he was actually deaf from gunfire during the war. In fact, during his time in the Middle East, he sustained a nasty neck injury from a grenade which went off near him, leaving shrapnel in his neck. Basil then had to play dead as the Germans stood around. Eventually they left, and thankfully he was recovered by the Red Cross.

When Basil was finally discharged, he came back to Avening and worked first at Aston Down Aerodrome, and later at Longfords Mill in Nailsworth, staying there until he retired.

In his spare time, he was a great fan of football, and along with supporting Liverpool FC all his life, he played for Avening until he was in his 40s, and also at time for Minchinhampton. He was renowned for having one of the hardest kicks in the district, and for being very fast. He also played cricket for Cherington and Avening. His love of horse-racing took him to the Cheltenham Festival, and he always watched the Grand National.

He lived with his mother in Point Road until she died, and then moved to his flat at The Sunground, where he was a kind and popular figure, often doing errands for neighbours, and making sure the football ground and pavilion were kept tidy whilst out on his regular walks. He spent his spare time watching football and cricket on the television, and followed the horse-racing avidly. In fact, much to my amusement when I was younger, he had two television sets – one to watch the actual races, and another to have the teletext on, so that he could keep an eye on the odds!

When he had a win on the horses, Basil would more often than not give the money away to one of the charities that were close to his heart, especially the Diabetes

charity or an animal charity – in fact, he was a vegetarian from the age of 15 until he died, which was unusual for those times, and must have meant missing out on food rations during his times in service. He was a kind and generous man who had little interest in material wealth, and would rather help others in need than spend money on himself.

Basil was very independent until the last year of his life, when his age and his diabetes started to creep up on him. He was unable to stay on his own at The Sunground, and after a stay in hospital he moved into a flat in Tetbury, and then finally into Kingsley House, but it was testament to his good nature that he took all this in his stride and was always eternally grateful for the help of others, always saying that he didn't want to be any trouble. It must have been hard for such an independent man to adjust to such a great change, but Basil managed it with great humour and dignity.

He had a great sense of humour, and I can always remember him telling me (aged about 6) to help myself to some of the grapes on the sideboard. He roared with laughter at the expression on my face when I bit into them and discovered they were made of wax! Those grapes are now on my sideboard, complete with the teethmarks to prove the story!

One of the things I think we will all remember fondly about Basil was his ginger toupee – I think he put it on in about 1974, and it was still on top of his head in 2010, although I don't think it had much more hair on it than Basil actually had on his head!

We will remember Basil for his sense of humour and caring nature. He was an extremely kind man, with never a bad word about anyone, and nothing was too much for him, if he could help someone out. He will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

Simon Heaven (Nephew)

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Avening Roll of Honour

No. 36

Frederick Tanner

Private: 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment.

Fred Tanner, born in Marston Meysey in 1900, was conscripted after his 18th birthday, joining the Worcestershire Regiment. He did his initial training at Sittingbourne in Kent and was then sent to France to join the Battalion in September.

The Germans were in retreat after the fall of the Hindenberg Line in September and a rapid, general advance was made all along the front. Fred's first taste of the front line came early in October, 1918 when the Battalion was occupying old German trenches between Oppy and Gavrelle, Northern France. He was in "C" Company which, on the night of the 6th/7th of October, was in the support trenches behind their colleagues of "B" Company whose task was to clear the forward trenches of enemy machine gunners. "D" Company took over the front and continued the slow but steady progress through the trenches but ran out of bombs and ammunition and "C" Company moved forward to take over. They had success, finally clearing their portion of the trenches and were relieved by other Battalions of the Division.

On the 12th, the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshires was in the front line and had pushed forward until, once again, the enemy became more resistant. By the 13th, the Northamptonshires could make no further progress and were relieved by Fred's Battalion.

Let the War Diaries take over here:

"A" Company crossed the road and advanced in the failing light towards the village of Flers. Behind them followed "C" Company. As the Worcestershire platoons passed through, the 2nd Northamptonshires assembled in the gathering darkness and marched back into reserve....."A" Company had carried out their allotted task; "C" Company were now to go through to the line of the Haute Deule Canal.

An advance at night is never easy. At 8.30pm a strong patrol went forward to the canal bank and a skirmish with a party of Germans ended in the enemy's hurried retirement. The Company boldly pursued and crossed the canal by a railway bridge. The enemy again retired. The patrol re-crossed the bridge and reconnoitred the wood on the western bank of the canal. The remainder of "C" Company was called forward to take up position in the wood and here difficulties made themselves known. Ten foot high wire entanglements had to be overcome and, as the ground was so swampy, digging-in newly dug

trenches more than two feet deep immediately filled with water. As dawn broke on the 14th, the enemy's guns opened up all along the front. Shells struck in every direction.....but the main force of the bombardment was concentrated upon the wood on the canal bank and it was soon realised that the position of "C" Company was very dangerous. The enemy on the opposite bank had been reinforced and was strongly posted in good cover. The wood itself was open and afforded little protection and from the roof of a large factory on the opposite bank a group of German machine-guns swept the shallow trenches. A withdrawal was forced upon "C" Company but urgent support was required to assist them. "A" Company's Lewis Gunners came forward to check any enemy pursuit. But the remnants of "C" Company suffered terribly whilst crossing the half-mile of shell-swept open ground and only a few groups of survivors reached cover among the ruins of Flers.. After the retreat of "C" Company the fighting died down but the Battalion losses had been severe - over 100 in all dead, missing or wounded. The Battalion was not relieved and for two days fretted in inaction whilst heavy guns were brought up. Enemy artillery continued throughout the day of the 15th but the next day the shelling died down and the night of the 16th/17th was quiet. On the morning of the 18th the advance was begun. The area was "cleared of the Bosche".....Early next morning, the Sherwood Foresters came up through the outpost line and continued the pursuit, the 1st Worcestershires moved back and the Battalion concentrated in Anhiers for a well-earned rest."



This was their last engagement of the War but Fred was one of the eleven men killed on Wednesday the 14th of October. He is buried at Douai British Cemetery, Ciuncy, Northern France along with his comrades who were killed the same day. He is in plot F22 and lies beside Private Cox aged 19 (F21) and Ernest Coleman aged 17 (F22). He died just 28 days before the Armistice.

Fred was unmarried and his father, William Tanner of Nags Head, received his son's two medals after the war.

Fred Vening

EXACTLY 100 years ago, Two Important Things happened....

We are reminded of this partly because, at the VERY last minute before this publication went to print, Click popped in with a rather intriguing document:

Coronation of King George V.

June 1911

Festivities at Avening.

The Committee have pleasure in submitting the Balance Sheet of Accounts. The event was celebrated by setting one day apart as a General holiday, giving the Children a Tea, and by providing general Sports for all.

171 Children sat down to the Tea.

A new 8 day clock, with 2 dials was also subscribed for as a lasting Memorial. This has been placed in the Church Tower.

Messrs. John Smith & Son, Midland Clock Works, Derby, were entrusted with the work.

On behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE E. FOWLES,

Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

Yes, the Coronation of King George V on 22 June, 1911 and, almost as important to us in the village today, the installation of the lovely clock on Avening church tower as a fitting memorial to the event. The document goes on to detail how this clock was financed (£98 0s 0d from a general whip around, all carefully recorded) and the Tea & Sports Day that accompanied the Coronation festivities (£34 2s 5d—over a third of the cost of the clock itself.....) We might very well have more of this in a future edition.

Editors

Interested in Family History? Looking for your Avening ancestors?

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10am – 4pm**

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A message from that nice man, Mr Osbourne.....



(Or what he might say if given the chance).

Avening is a beautiful, peaceful, and friendly village nestling in the south Cotswold Hills. People have inhabited the valley settlement for thousands of years, and today it remains an attractive and pleasant place to live and work.

At the heart of the village is the Grade I listed Church of The Holy Cross, which has been the focal point for the village for over 930 years. The solid and imposing Norman foundations, together with varied additions, alterations and renovations, is a gem amongst many attractive buildings in the Stroud Valley area.

The Church of the Holy Cross has been at the very centre of village life, providing shelter, an inspirational spiritual home, as well as a final resting place for countless generations, whether folk were Church of England or not.

Today is no different, and the Parochial Church Council of Avening have the duty and responsibility that the Church remains in good condition and worthy of our village. Whether you are a member of the church (any church) or not, I am sure you will all wish our beautiful church to be well maintained, used and a vibrant open space for the community to enjoy.

So the government has made it easier for tax payers to make a vital contribution to the funding of charities and places of worship. For every pound you could give, the government will contribute a further 25p. For a standing order of just £4.00 a month, the church funds would be boosted by an additional £12.00 in the course of a year.

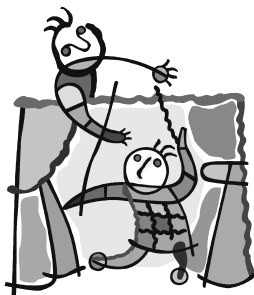
Would you be able to help on a regular basis and sign up to a monthly standing order? Even better if you are a tax payer, as the government will add its 25% additional contribution. We are lucky that the church is in good shape at the moment due to the very hard work of current and past custodians but the costs of regular upkeep are considerable. Regular giving via the Gift Aid scheme is an excellent way of providing the funds to keep on top of the nearly 1000 years, maintenance. Virtually all of our funds are generated within our village and supplemented only with some grant assistance. Your help would really make a difference. To receive a standing order and Gift Aid form, please contact

Peter Best

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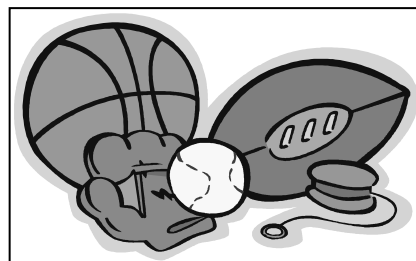
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Village People

Beryl Milsom



Beryl was born in Herefordshire, where she lived in a house built by her great grand father until she was 5 years old. After that the family moved around to where her Father's work took them, but they finally settled in Ashley when Beryl was 11. For a short time Beryl attended Rodmarton School but soon it was time for secondary education and Tetbury Grammar School. Beryl loved going to school and enjoyed all her classes but she particularly enjoyed sport, according to Beryl it was "the reason for going to school". Her favourites

were tennis in the summer and hockey in the winter and I have it on good authority that she was an excellent short distance runner.

After spending 1 year in the 6th form, Beryl went to Cheltenham College to study for an Intermediate pharmaceutical exam to be a dispensing chemist. She spent her apprenticeship with Boots, but during the course of this apprenticeship, while playing tennis locally she began courting a young man called Monty Milsom and as their relationship blossomed the thought of moving away to finish her studies became less appealing so Beryl never completed the qualification.

Monty and Beryl were married in Ashley in 1957, and because Monty was working for Coxes farm they moved into a tied cottage in Cherington, right next door to Monty's family. There was still a shortage of houses after the war so they were lucky to have a home of their own. Facilities at the time were a bit basic to say the least, there was 1 standpipe between 2 or 3 houses for water and the toilet was a bucket at the bottom of the garden! However, they did have electricity, as this had arrived in the village in 1954.

In 1959 Beryl and Monty's first son Kim was born, followed by Alan in 1962. When Alan was only months old the worst winter for years hit Cherington and the residents were stranded, Beryl didn't leave the village for 6 weeks because the roads were so bad. Some villagers rode horses to Avening to get bread and milk was brought across the fields by tractor.

In those early years Beryl didn't have a car, it wasn't needed. There was a

thriving shop in the village and local bakers, fishmongers, and groceries were all delivered to the door, there was even a delivery of clothes for those who wanted them. She also didn't own a fridge and milk was kept cool by standing it in cold water, however Beryl's cunning plan of purposely letting the milk go sour a few times did the trick, and Monty agreed that a fridge was in order, and that was followed by a freezer.

When Monty's Father got a new job a few miles away also with a tied cottage, Beryl and Monty moved next door as that house was larger, and in 1963 this house was modernised. It was 6 months of total chaos while builders ripped the house apart and when things got so bad they moved back to their original home next door so the work could be completed. At this time Alan was 17 months old and on more than one occasion he was found several rungs up the builders ladder, in the end the builders had to pull it up a couple of feet off the floor when they had climbed it, otherwise Alan would be following!

Beryl and Monty lived happily in Cherington, with Kim and Alan attending school in the village until it closed in the summer of 1969. Beryl has always been heavily involved with village life, she joined the Cherington show committee in 1957 and is still involved now, she was church warden for many years, and then moved on to being Sacristan, and more recently she has become a trustee at the Reading Room. Cricket has also played a large part in Beryl's life, initially Monty played cricket for Tetbury and then both Kim and Alan played cricket for Cherington - Beryl was on the tea rota for both of them. Cricket teas in Cherington used to be prepared in the Reading Room and Beryl said you always knew when the players were on their way for tea as you could hear their studded footwear clattering from the cricket pitch through Cherington on their way to the Reading Room, things became much easier when the teas could be prepared in the lovely pavilion on the ground and the match could be watched while making the sandwiches.

In 1996 Monty sadly passed away but with the help of family and friends Beryl was able to get through that difficult time and she was able to continue with her busy life. She has always had many hobbies including reading, sewing, embroidery, and gardening. With the Stuart Singers Beryl practices weekly and sings in approx. 12/14 concerts a year, she plays skittles and is also a keen WI member. Beryl also plays the organ in Long Newnton and Frampton Mansell and stands in at Cherington when needed; she goes line dancing and practices Thai Chi ... phew!

Beryl explained that after 54 years in the village, Cherington has changed with the loss of the pub, post office etc., and years ago the majority of houses were owned by the estate and occupied by farm workers, but as the nature of farming has changed over the years the need for such cottages has declined and now many houses are owner occupied. The community spirit hasn't changed and most recently everyone came together at Coxes farm for a party to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

Sarah Smith



Avening Primary School

SCHOOL'S BUDDING STORY-TELLERS TRY OUT SKILLS AT PLAYGROUP

The children in the Hawks class have been using literacy studies to test their story-telling skills with children at Playgroup. They have been writing stories for their younger brothers and sisters and friends at Playgroup. This involved bringing in some of their own favourite books to think about what makes a good story; looking at the relationship between text and illustrations; and what kinds of stories, plot and characters have wide appeal.

Lessons involved visiting Playgroup, sitting in the sun and reading and sharing stories. They also listened to suggestions and ideas:

- Hannah shared stories with Sidney who likes cheetahs 'because they run fast' and wanted a story about him losing something like a teddy. So her story is about a cheetah called Timmy who goes to visit a friend and loses his teddy on the way but his friend Ann finds it again
 - Leon met Sophie and Annie and read books about a princess and an airport. He combined ideas and decided to write a story about Princess Petal who packs up and goes on a journey by aeroplane ...meeting Wizard Will on the way!
 - Ned chatted to Morgan and Joe and came up with ideas for a story about Little Mist the Arctic fox who comes across lots of vehicles...but he doesn't know what they are at first
 - Ellie spoke to Elizabeth who liked princesses and (Playgroup) Ned who liked builders. In the end she chose to write a story about starting school as 'that's something the Playgroup children would be interested in'
 - Phoebe thought it was great to write stories for someone rather than themselves
 - Jasmine really enjoyed going to Playgroup and because the younger children gave them lots of ideas, it made it easier!
 - Hannah however felt it was quite a challenge to write simple, clear stories
- Lucy thought it was a bit different as they are used to stories for older children so they had to think carefully about making them interesting and not too complicated. All the children have also enjoyed illustrating their stories using crayons, water colours, pastels, even cut out paper.

All these unique stories will be photocopied, bound and 'published' so will be taken to read at Playgroup but also kept as a copy for these budding young writers.

Michele Wheatley



Jack and Ellie working hard on their stories



Isaac, Lucy and Theo read some of their favourite stories to playgroup children

Ellie, Iris and Jasmine talk about stories with playgroup children



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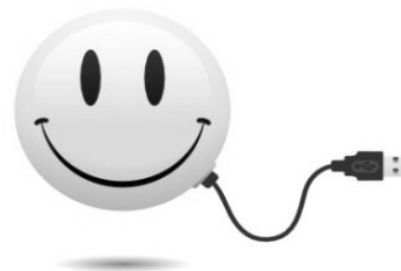
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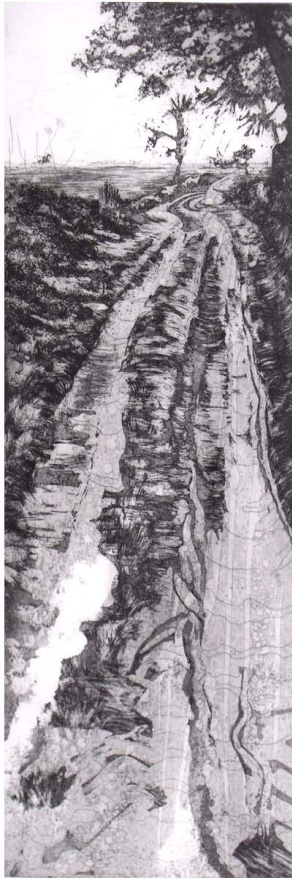
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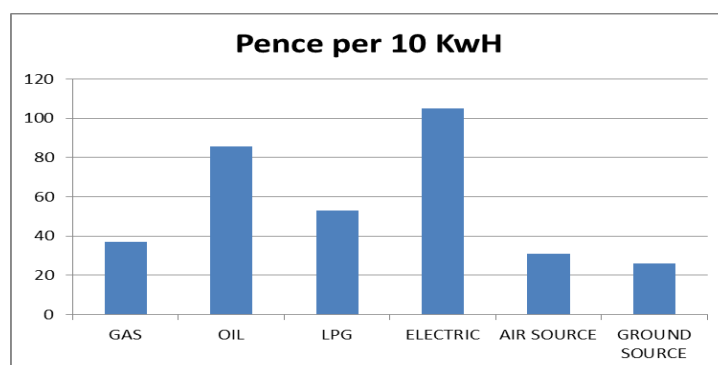
In a surprise move, it was announced that clothes were to be rationed with immediate effect and that people had to give up their margarine coupons to buy them until special ration cards were printed. Each man, woman or child was provided with sixty-six coupons to last for a year. The number of coupons to be given up varied,

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Edward Oliver (12)

Thank you to the many contributors for these photos of the general festivities...



.....and Cherington

“ So.” Cherington Parish Council was asked way back in January, “What are we going to do to celebrate the Royal Wedding?” Ideas were thrown around until finally it was agreed that it was a wonderful opportunity to have a village party, many older residents having fond memories of the party held to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in 1977.

The result on Friday 29th at 3pm – A Village Hog Roast. This was a real village event. The marquee, the hog, the amazing decorations, all the food, the delicious paella, the decorated cupcakes, salads - all were provided by people or businesses in the village. We even had chocolate biscuit cake as did William and Kate. With all the skills and talents we have Cherington could go into party planning in a big way.

Nearly everyone turned out and we welcomed friends and family too. Above the noise of chatter and laughter could be heard little snippets. “Oh, the dress, that hat! TWO balcony kisses no less!” as well as friends and neighbours catching up. An afternoon of friendship and fun.



Thank you to everybody who helped , donated, decorated, cooked and supported such a lovely event. Special thanks to Rosemary Bate-Williams Top-up-Tents, Patrick Keen for the Roast, Dave Paul for the Paella and William, Colin, Roger, Caroline, and Lara “ Designers of Cherington” for the amazing decorations and Helen Arden for the use of the garden at Coxes Farm and of course everyone else for everything else – we celebrated in style. The talk now is.....the next one !

Thank you to Henry Arden for this colourful photo....(also for the front cover one!)

**Kate Gegg
Cherington Parish Council**

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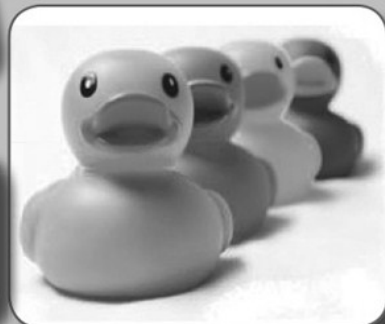
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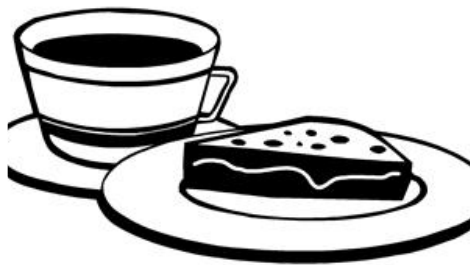
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Avening Dad's Camping Weekend

Avening Dads decided to give the Mums a weekend off from family duties last weekend, when they took the kids camping for the weekend. Approx. 15 Avening Dads took a total of around 30 children (none of the Dads seemed to know how many kids!!!) to a campsite near Shipston On Stour for the weekend. Despite it being a little chilly (with a frost on the ground on Saturday morning) and some rain everyone had a good time. Organised by the Dads for the third year running this must be an annual fixture in the Avening calendar by now! With a long walk to a pub for lunch, games of cricket, rounder's and football, lots of BBQ food (and chocolate - courtesy of Henry holding a chocolate party in his tent), marshmallows in a camp fire, gourmet cheese tasting and a keg of beer everyone was well catered for.

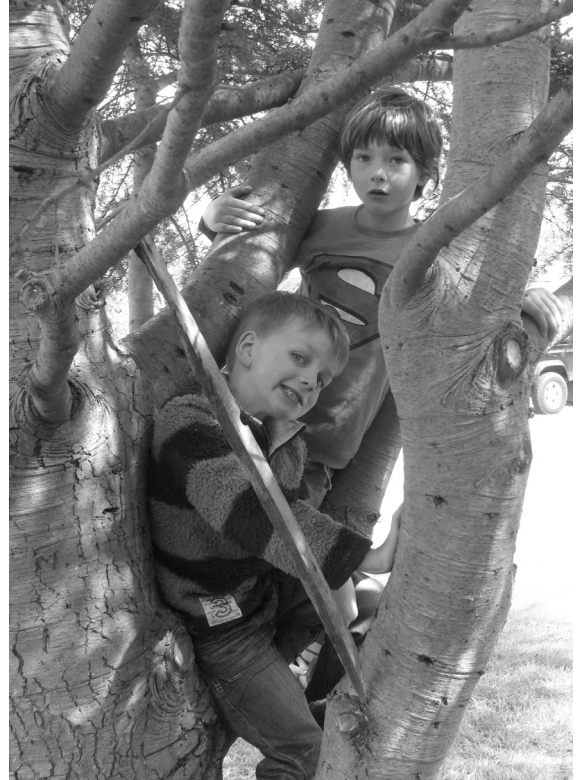
Meanwhile, while the Dads were enjoying the outdoors, the Mums enjoyed an evening in the Bell on Saturday and a lie in on Sunday. Lets hope it continues to be an annual event!

Charlie Bellamy





Thank you to Kevin Bellamy for these photos.



Avening Church Fete : The Raffle

1st prize - £250 ; 2nd prize - £100; 3rd prize - £50

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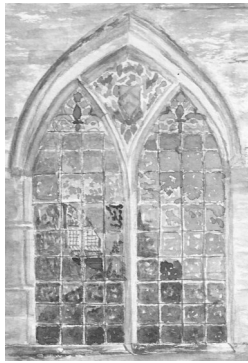
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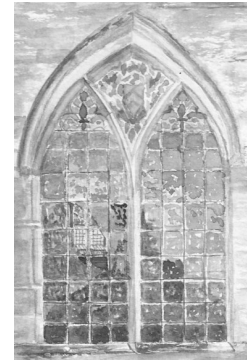




AVENING ANNUAL ART SHOW

3rd/4th/5th June

Call for Entries



We are lucky to have a thriving local arts community, in part reflected by membership of Avening Arts Group, but in larger part evidenced by the quality of entries to our **Annual Art Show**, run over the **Church Fete** weekend.

If you have contributed to this Show before, an entry form should be on its way. However, there may be others of you who would like to join in – not just by exhibiting paintings but with Crafts too. Just contact me for an entry form:

01453 836 318

rmwilliamson@mac.com

For the many visitors, here are details of times:

Friday 3rd June, 6.00-8.30, **Show preview**, by invitation only (contact Mick, details above, for invites)

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June, 10.00-5.00, **FREE ENTRY** to the show and an opportunity to view and buy the work of more than 25 local artists and visit the Children's Art Exhibition.



We had an unexpected guest at our May meeting. Annie from *Help a Hedgehog Hospital* bought along one of her patients. The hospital cared for more than 90 hedgehogs over the past winter and aims to return all of these delightful creatures to the same place as they were found once they are well enough. Hopefully they will live independently again.

May is the month when members vote on the resolutions for the NFWI Annual General Meeting. This year our link delegate will be representing Avening at the meeting in Liverpool on Wednesday 8th June. The two resolutions are:

Proposed Mega Farms: This meeting abhors the practice of factory farming particularly large animals such as pigs and cows and urges H.M. Government ensure that planning permission is not guaranteed for such projects.

Closure of Local Libraries: This meeting urges H M Government to maintain support for local libraries as an essential local educational and information service.

We are all looking forward to our visit the Bristol Blue Glass factory on the 2nd June where we will be able to watch the experts at work. We will see the glass blowers working with a guided demonstration – there is also the chance to have a go and ‘blow a bubble’. I’m sure some of us will be bringing home a piece or two of this world famous Bristol blue glass.



The Group Rally this year will be hosted by Kemble WI and they are offering a Turkish theme with a belly dancer, a meal of Lamb Tagine, dessert, coffee and Turkish Delight.

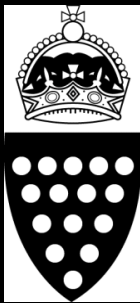
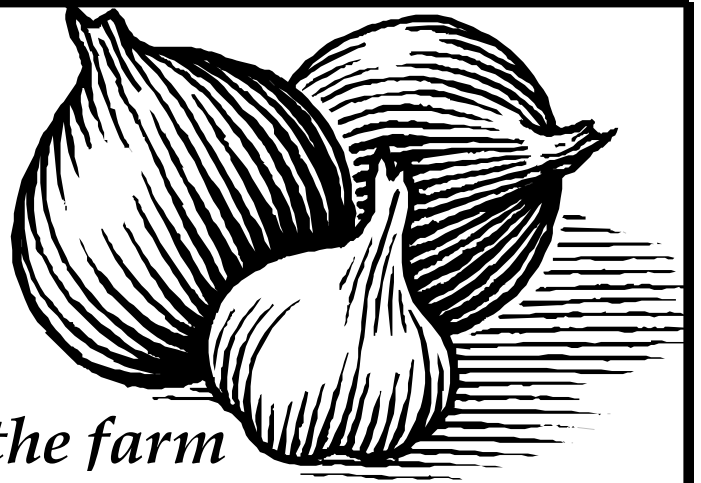
Good luck to our three teams who will be going forward to the second round of the WI County Quiz on 30th June at Chedworth.

Wendy Jennings/Doreen Pierce

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Dear Editors,

I note, with each of your notices on the Nailsworth Road, the mention of 'those lights.' I would far rather have those lights than the huge lorries that used to thunder down the High Street before the road problems. Do you remember meeting them on one of the corners? Stepping back with children as they splashed by, taking up all their lane and more? Waiting for them to negotiate the bend by the Cross?

When the Nailsworth Road is finally repaired, the plan is to allow those lorries back through Avening. Even now, in the middle of the night, some lorries sneak through, and our house literally trembles with the vibrations. Perhaps we could have a life with neither Lights nor Lorries on the Nailsworth Road? I think it is worth trying for.

Elizabeth Buchanan

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.

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If you would like your daughter's name put on the waiting list for any of our other units please send me their name, date of birth, address, telephone number and contact email address. We will contact you when there is a space. All our leaders are volunteers and if you feel you could spare some time to help this would help us clear our existing waiting lists and give more girls the opportunities available.

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Avening Playgroup

Playgroup children thoroughly enjoyed the visit of older children from Avening Primary School a few weeks ago. They brought in their favourite book from home and were then read to by the school pupils. It was a lovely sunny morning so they sat outside in groups. The older playgroup children are starting to get excited about starting at big school later this year so it was good to spend time mixing with the older boys and girls.

One Sunday this month parents and other volunteers turned up to playgroup to do some maintenance jobs- clearing away overgrown bushes, digging the vegetable garden and touching up the paintwork. A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day to make our playgroup look so nice. The children have now planted on their pepper and tomato plants into the vegetable patch and luckily we have a had a bit of rain to get them going.

The children are looking forward to taking part in the church fete and playgroup will be organising games and stalls in the church yard. Look out for the coconut shy, bouncy castle, face painting, lucky jars, splat the rat and many more. New for this year we are also running the 'Cosy Coupe challenge' – toddler car races in the school yard.

We are also making preparations for our 20th anniversary celebrations. Hopefully the date is in your diary – Saturday 2nd July. Playgroup will be open in the morning for current and older children and their families to come back and remember their time there. There will be lots of activities going on and a teddy bears' picnic. Also, look out over the next few weeks for our 'Guess the baby' photo competition. Sheets will be on sale around the village, the idea being to try recognising a few village people from their baby photo. It should be fun and will help to raise a bit of money for playgroup.

Jenny Jones

For more information about Avening Playgroup, contact

Tamzin@Tamzincory.com

Avening Memorial Hall AGM

20th June 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall

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Play Rangers photos!



Play Rangers has been coming to Avening Playing Fields on Fridays during school holidays for the past few years. Ever wonder what they did? Here are a few photos. It seems chaotic but was actually very organised. We have been told that their funding has now expired, but thank them for all their time and energy in the past.

Photos kindly submitted by Katie Spencer, one of the staff at Play Rangers.



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Cherington Parish Council

The Parish Open meeting was held on the 16th May. The main discussion topic was the cricket field which is now in new ownership. Views on both sides were listened to and the Parish Council noted the views expressed.

Community Police Officer Paul Hancock gave his report. There had been seven incidents, six of burglary and theft and one of criminal damage. A decision is still to be made whether Tetbury Police Station will close or it could be moved to shared premises in Tetbury. PcsO Hancock thanked residents for being vigilant and reporting anything suspicious. The mobile Police van is still in operation in this area and residents were grateful they could still visit this.

The Chair reported the success at getting the BT poles removed and thanked Liz Workman for her help at the planning meeting. She also thanked the Flower show for their donation to help purchase Christmas lights and a big thank you to all who helped and contributed to a very successful Royal Wedding barbecue. The Clerk's report thanked all who helped with the litter pick, explained the emergency plan leaflet, thanked Mr Tony Chesterman for his help and work as Snow Warden and informed the residents Mr Mike Mitchell has offered to succeed Mr Chesterman as Snow Warden when he steps down. The Clerk then told the residents the blue grit bins would be remaining in situ and dog fouling signs had been placed around the village.

Mrs Beryl Milson gave her report on the Village Hall, she was congratulated on her income from the quiz, the Hall has made a profit this year. The Open Meeting next year will be on Monday 14th May 2012 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

New Planning Application — May 2011

Application 11/01907/LBC

Location Trull House, Trull, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SQ,

Proposal External and internal alterations including new French doors to rear elevation, new flue pipe, removal and replacement of roof lights and changes to room layout

Comments to Cotswold District Council www.cotswolds.gov.uk planning register by 9th June 2011

The Parish Council's meeting on Monday 16th May, 2011 was cancelled, the agenda will be placed on the notice board when the date has been decided.

Sue Russell
Clerk to Cherington Parish Council

POLICE REPORT FOR AVENING PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish of Avening.

There were **4** substantiated crimes between 1st April and 30th April 2011, this compares to **3** for the same period of 2010.

The Year to date 1st Apr 2011 to 30th April 2011 stands at a total of **4** Crimes compared to **3** at the same point in the previous year.

- 0 incidents of BURGLARY Compared to 0 in 2010
- 0 incidents of THEFT/HANDLING. 1 in 2010
- 0 incidents of CRIMINAL DAMAGE 2 in 2010
- 4 incidents of VIOLENCE 0 in 2010
- 0 incidents of FRAUD 0 in 2010
- 0 other NOTIFIABLE CRIME 0 in 2010

*Tetbury Police
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New Planning Applications - May 2011

Application: 11/01686/FUL
Location: 1 High Street, Avening, GL8 8LU
Proposal: Change of use from retail to residential
Comment: The Parish Council had no objections to application.

Application: 11/01823/FUL
Location: Boat House, Gatcombe Water, Avening
Proposal: Change of use from boathouse to single dwelling including, repair and refurbishment, extension and garage/workshop.
Comment: The Parish Council had no objections to application.

Decisions Received

Applications: 11/01129/FUL
Location: Coach House, Avening House, Avening, GL8 8NH
Proposal: Replacement of existing greenhouse, landscaping of garden to rear of property.
Decision: Application Permit

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

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 19th May 2011. Cllr Mick Williamson was appointed as the Chairman for 2011/12 and Cllr Tony Slater was appointed as the Vice Chairman. Cllr Jim Parsons was appointed as the Parish Council representative on the Memorial Hall Committee.

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: B4014 Nailsworth Road

The B4014 closure was scheduled to go ahead for May. At the last minute we were informed that it would be delayed due to contractor issues. The new proposed dates for closure are as from 13 June to 14 October.

Proposed Alternative Route

Driving anti-clockwise from Longfords Mill; continue along Avening Road for 2km to the junction with the **A46** and turn left. Continue along the A46 for 5km to the traffic signal junction with the **A4135** and turn left on to the Tetbury Road (A4135). Continue along the Tetbury Road for 5.5km and at the junction with the **B4104** turn left. Continue along the B4014 for 5.5km, and at toward Avening village centre turn left on to the B4014 Avening Road. Continue along the B4014 for 1.5km to return to Longfords Mill. Local road users may wish to seek an alternative diversion route.

Bus Service Review

The County Council is planning big changes and large cuts for bus services across Gloucestershire. Please see your local press for details of information evenings and roadshows. Further details are available at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/busreview. If you are a bus user in the village, please try and look at the review and if at all possible please do respond to the County Council.

The next meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 16th June 2011 at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome.

Deborah Cook, Parish Clerk
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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

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 4th June	Country and Western	Avening Social Club	
Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th June	Avening Annual Art Exhibition	Holy Cross Church Avening	
Sunday 5th June	Avening Church Fete	Avening	2.00 pm
Thursday 2 nd June	WI outing to Bristol Glass Factory		1.00 pm
Thursday 16th June	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 18th June	Bingo and Sing-Along	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Monday 20th June	Avening Memorial Hall AGM	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Sunday 26th June	Fun in the Park	Cherington Cricket Club	11am - 3pm
Saturday 2nd July	Country and Western Evening	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Wednesday 6th July	WI outing to Windsor		tba
Saturday 9th July	Avening Family History Day	Holy Cross Chirch, Avening	10am - 4pm
Sunday 24th July	Cherington Show	Cherington	2.00pm

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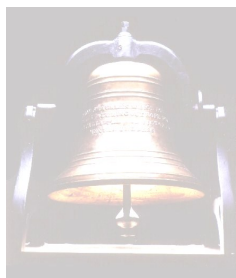
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