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The Parish Letter

It was truly amazing last week, to see so many of you turn out to come and support the Fete, in spite of the relentless rain. Your loyalty was so encouraging to all the stall holders and organisers and we were thrilled to discover that we have made almost as much money during the afternoon as in previous years. Thank you all so very, very much. It was one of those many times in these two villages that one feels the strength of living in a supportive and close community. The next opportunity will be the Cherington Flower Show on July 24th.

It was wonderful, after these sad weeks when we have had so many funerals, and lost many old friends from these villages, to see the young mothers and fathers with their children, supporting the Church. I was able to cheer myself up by realising that there are, of course, many more baptisms and weddings than there are funerals, and also, that the villages are continually changing and renewing themselves with new life, and energy.

May God continue to bless all of us privileged to live here.

Rev Celia

Confirmation

In both Avening and Cherington Churches, I offer the Holy Sacrament to everyone present, including children, as I believe this is what Our Lord, Himself, would have done. Jesus gave us three commandments: To love God, To love one another, and to share the bread and wine in memory of Him.

The receiving of the Sacrament is central to our Faith and binds us together in a common loyalty. However, you have the opportunity this Autumn to take yourself the Christian vow of commitment which was said on your behalf by your Godparents at your Baptism. The Bishop is coming in November to confirm anyone wishing to do this. If you have not already been baptised this can be done during the service, or, if you prefer, I will do it privately for you sometime before. Please contact me if you would like to talk further about this:

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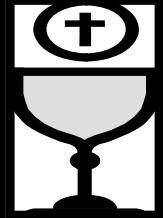
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Services in Avening & Cherington

July

Sunday	08.00	Avening	No Service.
July 3rd	09.30	Cherington	Matins
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & <i>Sunday School</i> & <i>coffee after service</i>
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
July 10th	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & <i>Sunday School</i>
	12.15	Avening	Baptism
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
July 17th	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & <i>Sunday School</i>
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
June 24th	09.30	Cherington	No service - Cherington Show!
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion PCW & <i>Sunday School</i>
	12.15	Avening	Baptism
	7.00pm	Cherington	Evensong
Tuesday	7.00pm	Avening	Healing Service for both Parishes
June 26th			
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
July 31st	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & <i>Sunday School</i>
	12.15	Avening	Baptism
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
August 7th	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & <i>Sunday School</i> & <i>coffee after service</i>
	12.15	Avening	Baptism

Church Duties in Evening



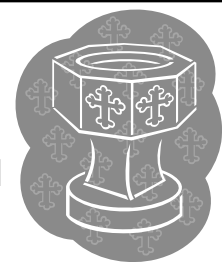
Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
July 3rd	George/Piers	Derrick	Ann
July 10th	Jeanie/Cas	Paul	Marion
July 17th	Margaret/Ann	Stephen	Ann
July 24th	Frances/George	Derrick	Elizabeth
July 31st	Stephanie/Jeanie	Derrick	Marion
August 7th	Cas/Piers	Paul	Ann

There will be coffee after the service on July 3rd & August 7th



Forthcoming Baptisms

Tilly Hamesse, Imogen Reades, Mia Shute, Elizabeth and Lilleigh Clark.



Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to Henry Arden for this month's lovely cover photo. If you have a photo of Evening 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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The Healing Service
Tuesday July 26th at 7.00pm
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The Healing Service welcomes all. To pray for someone you know, or to come forward for the laying on of hands. The Healing encompasses relationships, anxiety and any illness.

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If you (or your children) need help from this fund for this purpose,
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The Educational Fund
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Applications should please be in by the end of August, 2011.
We look forward to hearing from you.

Celia Carter, Stephanie Hamilton & George Buchanan.
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A Tribute to Ian Mitchell (1925 - 2011)



Ian was my brother-in-law. Much respected and much loved; a more generous and more unpretentious person one could not hope to meet.

I have always thought that a friendly fairy attended at Ian's birth. He had good health, good looks and was wonderfully well co-ordinated. His golf ball flew straight down the middle every time and for miles - he made it look so easy!

He was born at Poulton Priory in 1925 into a happy and united family with an elder brother, Michael and an elder sister, Janet. He had an idyllic childhood: summer was always sunny and Christmas always white, and the joy of catching crayfish and picking blackberries stayed with him forever.

Then the war came: Ian left Harrow in 1943 and went straight into the Navy. Tragically, in June 1944 his mother, brother and sister were all killed when a German rocket bomb fell on the Guards' Chapel where they were all attending Matins together. And thereafter there were just Ian and his father Alec. Plenty of people have speculated about the effects of the tragedy on Ian: I can only say that to the best of my knowledge he never spoke about it.

After the War he went to Cambridge and read agriculture and in the late 1940s moved to Trull as a bachelor, before marrying Ann in 1950. By 1958

they had four children, and they now have grandchildren and one great grandchild. Ian was important in all their lives and they are going to miss him very much. They are a lovely family.

He was a natural games player, captained the Harrow cricket team and played for Gloucestershire. He also shot well, played tennis, squash, raquets and golf well (and I mean **really** well). He was a first class skier. He hunted with the Beaufort; he loved sailing; he played rugby for Cirencester; he played bridge. It was a joy to watch him Spey-casting for salmon, his line creaming out above him until he was ready to plonk the fly down in just the right spot.

From the time he took over the farm, he was a hands on farmer, but with a young family to keep, he decided to be a bit more ambitious. With a farm manager in Trull he went to the Agricultural College to learn new skills, and in 1957 joined Rylands, a convivial firm of estate agents in Cirencester, eventually becoming a senior partner. Those must have been happy years, as he motored round local estates giving advice.

Ian Mitchell was generous, courteous, modest, competent and conscientious. He was always suitably dressed and meticulously polite. He was sociable and able to talk on level terms with anyone. I never remember him saying anything beastly about anyone.

He did his turn as Chairman of the Tetbury Rural District Council and he was High Sheriff of Gloucestershire in 1967. He was President of both Poulton and Cherington Cricket Clubs, Churchwarden of this Church and Chairman of the village Flower Show. He was on the village council for 50 years and worked hard for the Cirencester Benefit Society, which was started many years ago for the benefit of farm labourers. All in all he more than pulled his weight in the community, which is exactly what he expected of himself.

Ann died in 1992 and two years later Ian married Sally. I am pleased to say our friendship continued as firm as ever. I have known him long enough to thank Sally for her loving care of him. They had many years of happy times at 'Evergreen Cottage', where we were often entertained royally.

Getting older is not very palatable, but Sally made it as easy as possible for Ian. He began to show signs of serious dementia about six months ago. He had a fall about two months ago and had to go into hospital for two weeks. His mind had more or less deserted him during the last weeks and he was probably grateful to be able to come home and die peacefully there in comfort.

Henry Gibbs

A Tribute to Caroline Paterson

(June 1954 - January 2011)

It seems particularly fitting that we are in this church to celebrate Caroline's life. She was born a stone's throw away at Cherington Park to Hugh and Helen Arden. She was baptized in this church and here that she and Johnny were married. It is no surprise that there should be so many of us here today because the world is poorer for our loss of her, for Caroline was special. It is my privilege today to recall some of the qualities which made us all love her.

She grew up just down the road at Colly Farm. This childhood instilled in her a love for family, farming and the outdoor life that never left her. Even from a young age, there were signs of that adventurous spirit in her that was so endearing.

At harvest time she would help in the fields, but when bale-hauling, she invented the game of 'Stubble Bombing' - grabbing a handful of stubble, hoiking it out of the soil and throwing the clod at some unsuspecting soul who was trying to stack bales.

The family summer holiday treat was a week away on the beaches of Rhos Neigr in Anglesey. One day she and her brother Henry were playing in the sand when they saw an RAF rescue helicopter on training exercise. Caroline had the brilliant idea of writing in the sand: "hello yellow helicopter". By the time they had started on the second 'l' of 'hello', the pilot decided he's spotted a help call and diverted to them.....!

Aged 10, Caroline was sent to Westwing Weekly Boarding school where she made many lasting friendships. It was here that she became Ogg, probably because she wore glasses for a year or two. I am sure that everyone remembers her delight in giving all she met very inventive nicknames. (She claimed to have an ancestral link to Shakespeare). Close to home, one of her two much-loved uncles, who read History at Cambridge, became 'Uncle Geography'. Some of the other names are unrepeatable and I won't embarrass anyone here by revealing who they refer to and why. But we all know that if you had one, it was a compliment. So, Ping, Poo Nai sick, Oxhips, Mudguard, Lettuce, Findus and Nutkin, Caroline would want me to say: it's good to see you here.

After Westwing, Caroline went to Cordon Bleu cooking school at Winkfield. Being inventive and creative she had a very natural talent for cooking. She managed to make any job fun and had an enthusiasm for life that most of us would envy. I well remember a Thompson's budget ski holiday in Austria. We had collapsed in a heap after a hard day and were looking forward to a relaxed evening and early night. Of course Caroline would have none of it; we were still dancing in the night club at 2am with her singing into the mic - she was the life and soul of any party.

It was no wonder that someone as vibrant, kindhearted and beautiful as

Caroline had a host of admirers. One of these was Johnny, a student at The Royal Ag College. They first met at The Dallas's in Shipton Moyne, and his first sight of her was upside down doing a headstand on the lawn.

At about this time, Caroline and my sister Sue, in one of their many joint enterprises, were cooking together at the very upmarket Bibury Court Hotel. Many people used to ring Caroline on the kitchen phone at Bibury. Sue soon noticed that whenever Johnny rang, the cakes got burned and the Bavarian cream sauce scalded. It was clear that this time it was serious and this in spite of the fact that Caroline had previously confided to her mum, after one of her early dates with Johnny, that "he even had the nerve to kiss me".

They were married here in 1977 and moved to Pinfold Cottage in Cheshire to run the family farm. Caroline was made to feel very welcome by all John's family and she was soon enthusiastically helping him on the farm. It was while living here that Mack and Georgina were born. It was a time when they made many new friends (a lot of whom are here today). As well as farming, they managed to travel extensively - holidays in Madagascar, racing at Chantilly and later, visits to Australia. At home it would be no surprise to find her, still the country girl, in her kitchen surrounded by a roomful of pigeon feathers and gizzards, preparing for some dinner party.

In 1999 Johnny and Caroline made the brave decision to move to Australia. They bought Glendon, a 5,000 acre cattle station in New South Wales, and I would like to quote from Mack Lee Warner who spoke at Caroline's service in Australia:

"She loved Glendon, the land and her cattle. She put in 110% and helped John make it the successful operation that it was. She was a great lover of Australian rural life and its people. She would check her calving cows every day, probably twice, and attack other jobs on the farm with the same gusto."

It was joy to see her enthusiasm for, and involvement in, the life they had created for themselves, Mack and Georgina. She was devoted to Johnny and he to her and she was clearly proud of what they had achieved out there. A pride that was only matched by that in their children. Mack is a brilliant horseman, also an artist and now well into a career in cabinet-making. Georgina though only 22, is already a fully-fledged and much respected bush pilot.

Only last year Johnny and Caroline made the move to Caroo, a beautiful but smaller and less demanding place to run. This freed them up to travel more and they had only just been to Chicago for a Blues Music festival. More trips were planned..... But it was not to be...

It was at Caroline's funeral service that one of her neighbours described her as 'the kindest person in the world'. It's true. She was loved wherever she went and will be sorely missed, but I am grateful that we were all lucky enough to have known such a very special person.

Rev. Celia

Avening Roll of Honour

No. 37

George Dickerson Sergeant: Royal Engineers

The life and times of George Dickerson read as follows:

November 1885: Born Woodbridge, Suffolk

8 March 1904: Disillusioned with life as a Butcher's Assistant, joined the Army's Royal Engineers and trained as a driver.

24 December 1904: Sent to South Africa, returning on the 4th of March 1907.

10 March 1907: Released from regular service onto the Reserve for nine years.

2 April 1911: Appears in Avening census for first time, living at The Institute, occupation "Chauffeur", probably to Mr Alfred Dickinson of Brook House.

6 September 1913: Married Emily Rowles at Brimscombe and set up home in the hamlet of Burleigh on Minchinhampton Common.

July 1914: Set off on a four week fishing holiday in Scotland, driving Mr Dickinson.

August 1914: Whilst in Scotland, reported for duty at the outbreak of War.

6 August 1914: Mobilised at Bulford, Wiltshire.

18 August 1914: Sent to France

18 September 1914: Wounded at Aisne during the retreat. Some time later returned to hospital in Plymouth where he was reunited with his wife. Remained in England until

22 January 1917: Returned to France.

July 1917: Gassed and returned to England. The same month his daughter Emily was born at Burleigh.

11 August 1917 to 11 September 1917: Leave at home.

September 1917: Returned to France



The Institute, George's home in Avening

November 1917: Posted to Italy

27 February 1918: Promoted to Sergeant

Early October 1918: Contracted influenza, which led to complications.

27 October 1918: Died of bronchial pneumonia, buried at the Giavera British Cemetery, Arcade, Italy.

May 1919: His wife received his effects.

1922: His wife received his three medals - 1914 Star, Victory Medal and British Medal.

1939: His daughter Emily married Ronald F Shearman.

We have been unable to locate any relatives.

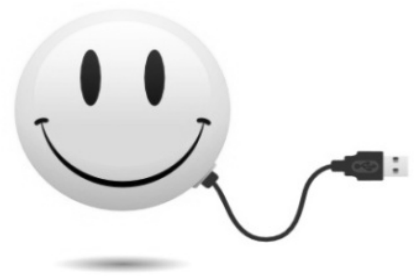
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The 1911 Census for Avening

There has been a population census held every ten years since 1841 (apart from 1941 for obvious reasons). Because of privacy laws, the returns are only published to the general public once they are 100 years old.

January saw the release of the 1911 census returns, and thanks to Ann Brick, who has a subscription to findmypast.com, the return was downloaded and has now been transcribed.

In 1911 the population of Avening was 822 souls, 336 being children aged up to 14, 507 adults aged 15 to 64 and 62 over the age of 65. Of that total, 445 were born in Avening, 243 elsewhere in Gloucestershire and 133 from other parts of the UK. One person was born overseas.

The most numerous in family numbers were those named "Ind" with 56 souls, followed by the "Fletcher" name with 40. For the first time, two "chauffeurs" were listed under "occupations".

One additional piece of information was that on the length of marriage and the number of children born to a family, plus the number living and died. As an example, the Cooke family were living at The Bell Inn. William and Sophia Cooke had been married for nine years and had three children, all living. Next door, Reuben Maller had been married to Ann, his wife, for 45 years and they had had five children, three of whom were still alive.

If you have Avening ancestors, you may find the 1911 census return of interest.

Visit us in the church on Saturday the 9th of July (10am to 4pm) to have a look at this return and all others which, for everyone's convenience, have been indexed.

If you are unable to visit, contact my e-mail address for further information.

Fred Vening

Fancy seeing your name in PRINT? Want to find out more about your village?

The Villager Magazine is always on the lookout for people happy to contribute articles or to help write pieces. No experience needed and we have plenty of ideas for stories.

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Village People

Graham Lowe: Quizmaster Extraordinaire!

Surely a character as well known in Avening as Graham Lowe needs no introduction? Graham in the shop, playfully verbally abusing the (male) customers while paying the most outrageous compliments to the female patrons? Or calling the noisy quiz teams to order in The Cross as he floors even the most confident group with his erudite and entertaining questions?

However, it may come as a surprise to many to discover that Graham is, relatively speaking, a newcomer to the village, having only arrived in 1976!

“I was born in the village of Henley in Arden in Warwickshire, the eldest of five children, and my mother still lives in the county, at the age of 92,” he explains. “I was the rebel of the family,” (now, why does that not surprise us?) “My first job was working in the British Rail offices in Birmingham. Coming from the country, stepping off the train there was a shock; it was the first time I really appreciated the green fields and fresh air in which I had been brought up.” He later worked back in his home town for a local haulage company, where he ran the office and organised the logistical movements of the lorries – and learnt, as he puts it, that “there are different ways of asking people to do things, and when you are telling a large lorry driver he has to change his plans, it’s good to understand that!”



Eventually, needing a change of scene and having some vague contacts in the area, Graham ended up in Tetbury, working in the office of the now defunct Ivory Coaches - he describes himself as “an accountant without the piece of paper” - before moving to Avening with his second wife to the house in Rectory Lane where he still lives. “I settled well into village life - I always loved it. I joining the skittles team – still play twice a week - and the children went to the school. Mind you, the village has changed a lot. Of course, Sandford Leaze wasn't here and it was really quite insular. As an incomer, I wasn't frowned upon, or made to feel unwelcome, but, well, treated with circumspection, shall we say – just as it would have been in any similar village at the time. The village is more cosmopolitan now, and that's a good thing.”

“Something I really did notice was the different pace of life here. It took me about six months to slow down and adjust to the idea that maybe something won't be done today, but it will be done tomorrow. I also had to learn to drive when I came here.”

Since arriving in Avening, Graham has had a variety of jobs, ranging from factory work to gardening and working in the bookies in Tetbury (“You name it, I've pretty much done it!) but is probably best known in Avening for working in the Village Shop, firstly with Brian when the Powell's owned it, then managing it with Andrea after Click Mitchell bought it. He is now to be found most days helping out at the Shop in the Cross Inn. And wherever Graham is, his 'best friend' Chewie, a 13 year old cross sheepdog/spaniel, is sure to be found. “We always had dogs; in fact, we had five at one time. I couldn't live without a dog, and Chewie comes everywhere with me.”

Graham's other claim to fame in the village is as a quizmaster, setting challenging and intriguing questions on an amazing range of topics (tiddlywinks crept into a sports round once, I seem to remember). His interest initially started when he joined the Cross Quiz Team, but it seemed a logical step to turn his attention to setting rather than answering questions. Amazingly, it is all done without the aid of a computer, so how does he know so much about so many different things? “I don't watch much television, but I'm an avid reader – anything from Woman's Own to Tolstoy – so I suppose it comes from that. And I love listening to classical music. Anyway, it's good to keep your brain active and busy.”

“I'm very happy and contented here in Avening. I'm busy; I see my grandkids, who live in the village, often; I have my dog, and I like to talk to people, no matter who they are or where they come from. I know I'm an outrageous flirt, but it's all in fun, and I'd rather make people laugh than cry. I just like people.”

Jane Archer



Avening Primary School

School bids a fond farewell to Mrs Brooke

After 22 years teaching at Avening Primary School, Reception-class teacher Nicky Brooke will be retiring at the end of the summer term. As the pupils get ready to say farewell, we decided to ask her some questions about her life as a teacher in Avening.



What has changed the most in the most 22 years?

The child-centred approach has remained much the same in Early Years teaching. The way that we carry out pupil assessments has been finely tuned over the years with more emphasis on individual development. The biggest change is that now the staff work as a team rather than individuals – looking at important next steps in the children’s learning.

Have you achieved your teaching ambitions?

Definitely. There is so much involved in teaching and I get so much out of it every day. I love seeing children develop and flourish and the days are so diverse.

What was it like when you started at this school?

There were only three classrooms then and whilst it is better since we built the fourth classroom, I am sad that we had to sacrifice the firing kiln to make way for it.

Can you remember some of your first pupils?

I can remember many of them, especially Jack Lovegrove who came up with the name, the Eagles for this class, and who is getting married this year!

What has been your most memorable experience whilst a teacher?

I have had many memorable experiences at Avening such as our very enjoyable arts weeks. Another memorable experience was on my trip to our twin school Elimambo in Kenya in 2009 with my colleague Shan Amos. I remember the huge classes and how the children were so excited to hear our traditional British stories.

What’s the funniest thing that has happened at school?

I am not sure it was the funniest but it was certainly one of the funniest. I was telling a story during assembly which takes place in the Village Hall next to the school. The children were all waiting for the end with baited breath when the man delivering vegetables to the school kitchen walked through. The children laughed but kept their attention on the story. Just as I was about to continue, a dog poked its head round the door and barked very loudly. Believe it or not we did manage to finish the story after much giggling!

What do you plan to do when you retire from teaching?

Apart from teaching, my other passion is art and I hope to do more painting and

drawing and maybe sell some of my work.

What will you miss most about your life here at Avening School?

EVERYTHING! I will miss the children, the interaction with families, all the staff who have given me such wonderful support over the years – they have all become friends. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful support and all the enjoyable times we have had together.

PUPILS PAST AND PRESENT

We asked her current and ex-pupils for some comments! One of the main things everyone seems to say is that ‘she hasn’t changed a bit’ in all the time she has been teaching at the school. The photo here from 1995 certainly reinforces this!

This photo will trigger a few people’s memories and also has a very quirky story behind it. The little blond boy back row far left is David Tilling who was in Year One when this photo was taken. David’s daughter Phoebe is now in Nicky’s Reception class so for this particular family, Nicky has taught two generations! Remembering back to 1995 David says:



“Like everyone I can’t believe how Mrs Brooke looks exactly the same as she did back then. We were in what is now the Kestrels classroom back then and I remember her always being very kind – she definitely wasn’t one of the strict ones!”

There are several other current links with the school in this photo: Tom and Rebecca Redpath (back row centre) - children of the Owls class teacher, Gill Redpath; Kerry Warner (middle row, second from right) - daughter of the school caretaker, Liz Warner; and Simon Woodman (middle row, far left) – son of Julie Woodman, one of our lunchtime supervisors.

Some quotes from other past pupils:

“I remember her very smooth voice.”

“I remember lots of breaks and lots of songs.”

“I remember Charlie chimp on the computer.”

“She was nice and kind and only sometimes a bit strict.”

Headteacher Diana Boulton adds: “Nicky has clearly contributed so much to the school over the last 22 years. It is quite an achievement to be teaching the children of the children you taught! I know she will really enjoy having more time to spend on her own painting – but we will all miss her.”

All the pupils (past and present), staff and governors of Avening Primary School would like to wish Nicky all very best wishes for her in her retirement. We are sure she will stay in touch.

Michele Wheatley

The Avening Church Fete.....

Fete fever started to spread the weekend before the fete, bunting and signs going up, stall holders getting ready, committee in a flurry of activity! The sun was shining and looked set for the weekend, everyone in high hopes of a great fete. The rain started on Saturday evening, it was still raining on Sunday morning, still spirits were high and there was a lot of activity in the village. Dashing between gazebos to avoid a soaking, warm coffee was served, and everyone was hopeful we were having a “clearing up storm”, and the rain would stop. Well it didn't really, probably one of the wettest fetes in the last decade. However, we had a great afternoon, plants were sold, dogs were on show, raffle tickets sold, and lots of cups of tea were made. We were right, we had a great Fete!

Huge thanks to you all for supporting the fete in such style, lots of fun was had, and despite the weather it looks as if we will make about £5000! Final figures are still being calculated and exact details will be available next month. This is really an amazing amount and we are very, very grateful for all your support and encouragement.

Julia Walkley
Chair, Avening Church Fete Committee



Steve Uzzell admiring exhibits at the Art Show

...including the Duck Races!



Everyone went Quacker's for the opportunity to sponsor their own "Duck for all races". For the first time, Sponsors could choose their own name for their duck and my favourite was "James Pond" - licensed to paddle! The weather for the days racing was perfect for ducks! Considering the wet day the attendance was amazing. There were different winners for every race and with the added obstacles on the river, the ducks were champing at the beak to get going for every race. The final race "The Avening Cup" had £100 of cash prizes going down to fourth place and the winner walked off with the prestigious Avening Cup for the year.

Revenue for the duck races was a record in 2011, up 20% on 2010 so thanks to all our sponsors and supporters, see you in

Olympic year and start thinking about your duck's name for 2012.

The duck races were well supported but there is one prize unclaimed. Michael Clarke's duck came second in the "Potting Shed Paddle" but organisers haven't quacked, sorry, tracked him down yet! If anyone can help please call Andrew "Quacker's" Young on: **01453 886750**.



Notification of forthcoming Meeting Avening Conservation Group

The Avening Conservation Group will be meeting on Wednesday 6th July 2011 at 7.30pm at The Avening Social Club. This meeting is open to new and existing members, who are residents of Avening, care about our environment, its "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty" status and wish to help to conserve it.

Enquires to Katie Tew tewklh@gmail.com

The Avening Church Fete

Rev Celia was recently overheard to say that the English are at their very best in the pouring rain. This was certainly true of Sunday 5th June, where, despite the weather being pretty grim, the crowds turned out to enjoy the fete. Here are a few of the many highlights.



Many thanks to Henry Arden and Tony Slater for these photos

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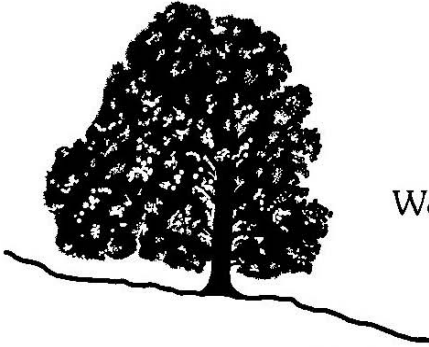
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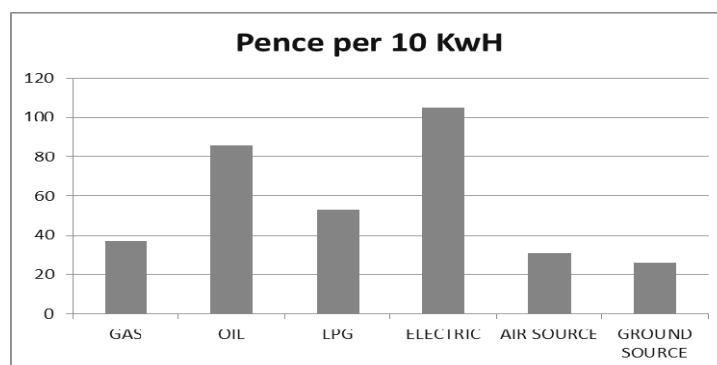
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Alexia Durnell, alias Lexi from Lexi Loves, a shop in Cirencester, was our June speaker. She entertained us with an account of how she started out and came to run her own shop. She brought with her a colourful collection of things from her gorgeous shop to illustrate her talk. Selling all kinds of things which she loves herself, there was no doubt that many of us shared her passion, too. We were shown quirky soft furnishings, materials of many different colours and

designs, an array of buttons and much, much more.

The group Rally is nearly upon us, where 4 local WIs join together for a get together. It is Kemble's turn to organise and entertain us and I am sure they will, having enlisted the help of a belly dancer! The whole evening will have a Turkish theme with lamb tagine and Turkish delight on the menu.

The coach trip to Windsor on 6 July seems to be very popular with most places already booked.

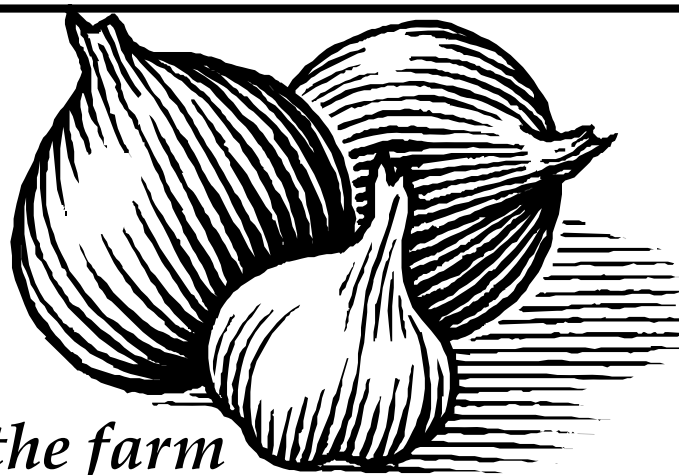
Our next speaker on Thursday 14 July is Philip Taubenheim from Wotton Auction Rooms – so come along for an antiques road show style event.

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Dear Editors,

Just to say how pleased we were with one of your advertisers - a very professional carpet cleaning service we received from Michael Denley at Barden Clean. An excellent job at a fair price! Thank you.

Liz and John Bate-Williams

Dear Editors

Recently at our Pony field by Avening Play Group, there was an incident in which a bonfire was lit in the wood in close proximity to our Pony Stable. The Pony was running around terrified, luckily a man walking his dog was able to put the fire out.

At the same time two other incidents occurred: one of our hens went missing without a trace. We know for a fact someone steals hens to feed his dog. The other incident involved a van parked by the Playgroup in the early hours of the morning. These people made a noise as if dropping tools causing people to look out of their windows at which the van drove off, but why were they there??

This was all reported to the Police. A Police Officer came the next day and took full details, promising action the next two or three days" but it was not until three weeks later, after we had complained to the Police Sergeant at Cirencester, that we had a visit from the local PCSO. We are very disappointed and disgusted at this, especially as the pony could have been in danger-what if he had been in for the night and the stable caught on fire? Other incidents in the past were dealt with very quickly by the local PCSO'S so the latest incident response is, to say the least, extremely disappointing.

Mr and Mrs T Bond, 17 Lawrence Road, Avening

Dear Editors,

To whoever strimmed the roadside verge outside Cherington Church in May, thank you very much — it was greatly appreciated. I no longer have a strimmer and find it difficult to do.

Sue Watkins

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 Nicholas Winkfield & Jane Archer,

I am the widow of Michael Powell and owner of his cottage in Avening (1, Lee Cottages), but I am unfortunately not able to be in Avening as much as I would like because of my work as a film editor here in the United States. I think Jane and I met at the Pig Face event last year, and I was very grateful for the piece on Michael Powell that appeared in the newsletter, and the photo of myself and Edith Hinder from the Pig Face event.

The incredible Edith Hinder used to send The Villager to me every month, and I treasured reading about all that goes on in Avening amidst my hectic life here in New York City.

Now that we have lost Edith, I wonder if I could send you a set of envelopes with my address already on them and correct UK postage for AIRMAILING the newsletter to me every month? I would also enclose a UK cheque to pay for the newsletter and any other charges you might wish to add.

It means so much to me to read The Villager.

You may be pleased, I hope, to hear that I often show the newsletter to my director, Martin Scorsese, and to his eleven year old daughter, who is very impressed by the inclusion of animals in the Christmas ceremonies, and other things.

I will look forward particularly to the edition with tribute to Edith Hinder.

Again, my thanks, and how I wish I could get a glimpse of my cottage right now!

With best wishes from New York,

Thelma (Schoonmaker)

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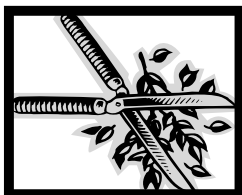
Bob's Tribute Fund

For new Cobolt Unit in Cheltenham General Hospital

Bank Holiday Monday saw Mary Uzzell in Tetbury with her tombola stall in aid of Cobalt. Luckily she was under the town hall as it was a cold and wet day. Lots of people were expected, but it was slow to begin with, only picking up towards the end of the day. Hopes were not high for good takings, but the cold and wet completely disappeared when we counted £200, in line with previous years. Thank you for all who came to the stall. Maybe just maybe may see us there next year!



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Avening Playgroup

The last weeks of term are proving busy at playgroup. We have welcomed a few more new children, and of course very soon we will be saying goodbye to our older ones who will be starting school in September. Some of them have been coming regularly since they were very little toddlers so it will be a time of mixed emotions. We will also be saying goodbye and thank you to several committee members at our AGM on Wednesday 6th July at The Cross. (8 pm – for those who are coming). We welcome new committee members that night too, so do come along.

In the first week of July the children leaving will have 3 taster days at school which they are really excited about – some have already been seen parading around their homes in their new uniform! They have a coach trip to Slimbridge to look forward to and later in the month all toddler and playgroup families are invited to Cattle Country for a fun day out.

Thank you to all of you who supported our stalls at the very wet church fete this year. We hardly needed the wet sponges to soak people at the Stocks! Our last fundraiser of the year is our 'Guess the baby' photo competition which you have hopefully seen around the village – at events and in the pubs and shop. If you haven't done so already, please pick up a copy for a £1 and try to match up the pictures. Thank you to The Bell for kindly donating a meal for two as the prize. Answers and winners will be announced in next month's villager.

For those thinking ahead.....we will be holding our annual Nearly New Sale in September, so if you wish to de-clutter your cupboards of old clothes and toys, the summer holidays could be the time to do it!

Everyone at playgroup wishes you a happy end of term and a fabulous summer holiday!

Jenny Jones

For more information about Avening Playgroup, contact

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Sue Watkins abseiling in Cheltenham!

Sunday 17th April saw 75 people assembled at the Eagle Tower building in Cheltenham, me among them, to abseil down the building. As the sides are mostly glass, they put a small platform at the top. The worst bit was kicking away from this, then WIZZ! and I was on the ground. All in aid of Riding for the Disabled and Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre.



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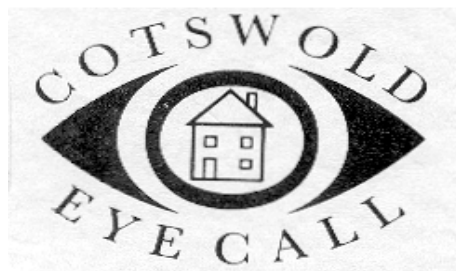
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Cherington Parish Council

Sorry, but we don't seem to have received anything from Cherington Parish Council this month. No doubt all will be revealed next month....

POLICE REPORT FOR AVENING PARISH COUNCIL

1st May 2011 – 31st May 2011

There were 2 substantiated crimes between 1st May and 31st May 2011, this compares to 5 for the same period of 2010. The year to date 1st Apr 2011 to 31st May 2011 stands at a total of 6 Crimes compared to 8 at the same point in the previous year.

Incidents of note this month include –

- 1) Incident 183 01/05/11 Criminal Damage. Between 1900 30/4/11 and 1000 1/5/11 unknown person has placed a small piece of wood with 2 spikes sticking out under the rear nearside tyre of a vehicle whilst parked in Lawrence road. Subsequently the item was discovered before the vehicle moved off otherwise damage would have been caused.
- 2) Incident 194 10/5/11 Burglary between 0900 10/5/11 and 1150 10/5/11 an unknown offender has used an implement to force a rear window and door to gain access to a property in the West End area, entry has been gained and items taken.

If any resident has information relating to these or has seen anything suspicious then please contact the local Police in person or by telephone 0845 090 1234 (Quoting Incident Number given) information can also be passed via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

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New Planning Applications - June 2011

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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 Parish Meeting Thursday, 26th May 2011

The Annual Parish Meeting was well attended by residents.

- The Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council reported on the Council's year and finances. The Council's budget is available on the website www.avening-pc.gov.uk.
- PCSO Paul Hancock reported on the crime statistics in the Village over the past year. Unfortunately reported crime had increased and there had been more antisocial behaviour problems ongoing.
- Jim Hill was awarded the Parish Council's Volunteer of the Year 2011 award for winding and looking after the church clock over many years. Cllr Mick Williamson (Chairman) and Cllr Tony Hicks (GCC) awarded Mr Hill his certificate and a donation for £25 towards the Church Bell Fund.



- County Councillor Tony Hicks confirmed that GCC has to make £114m of savings in total over the next 4 years equal if averaged of 7% per year. The current savings of £2m related to subsidised buses are out to consultation to establish what services best suit individuals in the communities. Decisions will be made in the autumn.
- Ms Putnam a parent governor at the school, advised that the school was fully subscribed for September 2011. They had received a good report from their latest Ofsted inspection. The Kites after school club has also been successful and there is a planned summer school for a week this summer.

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.

Village Clean Ups

The Parish Council would like to thank David and Elizabeth Oliver for their organisation of the village clean ups over the last few years.

The Council now needs one (or more!) volunteers to take on organising the village clean ups. The Parish Council advertise the event and provide the litter picking equipment. The volunteer(s) just need to arrange a small group on the day with equipment and places to collect litter (approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours twice a year). Please contact the Clerk for further information.



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

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Dates for your Diary

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Wednesday 6th July	WI outing to Windsor		tba
Wednesday 6th July	Avening Conservation Group meeting	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Wednesday 6 th July	Playgroup AGM	The Cross	8.00pm
Saturday 9th July	Family History Day	Holy Cross Church Avening	10.00am-4.00pm
Thursday 21st July	Avening Primary School	Start of Summer Holiday	2.30pm
Thursday 21st July	Avening Parish Council meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 24th July	Cherington Show	Cherington	2.00pm
Sunday August 14th	Animal Service	St Nicholas Church Cherington	9.30 am

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