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Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
August 14th	09.30	Cherington	Animal Service
Trinity 8	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & <i>Sunday School</i>
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
August 21st	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
Trinity 9	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & <i>Sunday School</i>
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
August 28th	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
Trinity 10	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion PCW & <i>Sunday School</i>
Sunday	08.00	Avening	No service
September 4th	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
Trinity 11	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & <i>Sunday School</i> & <i>coffee after service</i>

Forthcoming Weddings & Baptisms

Baptisms

Elizabeth Clarke, Lilleigh Clarke, William Herbert

Wedding

Rhys Jones and Alice Attenborough



The Parish Letter

Over the years many of you have contributed most generously for the work of Hop Skip and Jump and I think most of you also know that we have had plans to build a new centre to give day respite to children with special needs. in Swindon.

Nearly four years ago mothers from Swindon came and begged us to open such a centre for them as they were desperate and there was nowhere for them to go unless they journeyed to the other centres in the Cheltenham and Bristol areas. We promised that we would do all that we could. We got planning permission for a magnificent centre in Lydiard Park but that was not to be as this is no time to raise £800,000! - and then the first of the miracles; someone casually mentioned that there was an old community centre in West Swindon which had been empty for three years and wondered if that would be of interest to us.

Off we went to find it -and when we did our hearts slightly sank. It was an old farmhouse, ery dark and gloomy, with an unattractive metal extension of a large hall. All very overgrown. The day we signed the licence for it, the Council architect shook his head and predicted that at least £250,000 would have to be spent before it would be suitable for our needs.

We had £54,000 in the bank for the building.

However it was there and it had potential and with God's help we could do it. From that moment the miracles kept pouring in. We travelled around the area speaking to schools, Rotary Clubs, Churches, WIs, the Sikh Temple and every other public-spirited group we could find. People came forward to offer their services and volunteered with such enthusiasm, that we were blown away. Marathons were run, non-uniform days in schools, aeroplanes jumped out of. The road from John O'Groats to Lands End must be trodden smooth by the number of walkers and cyclists who have travelled up and down it in support of Hop Skip and Jump.

In the meantime, the Avening office was buzzing, asking for estimates, knocking down walls, opening up windows, plastering ceilings, putting in new plumbing - everything you could possibly imagine. Time and time again suppliers were generous and the work was done for practically nothing. Warehouses were rung up. "Have you any hand basins?..disabled loos?..carpeting?..that you can give to us? Plumbers electricians, glaziers, carpet layers all offered themselves as volunteers and came late in the evening to do the work for free. Week after week went by and the gloomy old farmhouse came to life. The date we had published two months before as the day we would open, was drawing nearer.

The volunteers bust a gut.. the walls were painted the bicycle track was

done at the last moment.. and the Community Service Payback finished their work on the fence around the acre of land. We were due to open in three days and the place looked like a bomb site.

You'll never do it, the gloom merchants predicted. That was challenge enough! More people came forward to offer their services, and painted, scrubbed, cleared the rubbish and hung up banners around the town to tell everyone where it was. Twenty minutes to opening time we all changed out of our work clothes and the doors opened.

Then they came. So many of them - I have seldom been so moved. Children of every age with multiple disabilities. some carried, some in wheelchairs some profoundly deaf, communicating with their hands like fluttering birds. Slightly apprehensive parents, who then relaxed as their children were welcomed by the awaiting staff.

And then the stories, emotions batted down for years came pouring out with relief and grief. Even after many years of running such centres we had never been faced with such pent up desperation and then such joy.

A grandmother left with a severely autistic granddaughter whose mother had deserted her who could not believe she might go home to gain some sleep.

A young mother with triplets, one in a wheelchair, one autistic and the so called well one making herself ill for attention and clearly traumatised by her siblings. A ten-year-old boy brought in by his father, wheelchair bound as he has only ever been able to move his thumb, skilfully drove his wheelchair around the building grinning from ear to ear saying as he passed me I've already booked myself in for Monday!

A tiny little girl, whose body had never grown and who must have had the smallest wheelchair ever made, yet was so filled with high spirits and squealing with excitement as she led four other chair-bound children in a fearsome cavalry charge across the garden.

So many families, so utterly grateful. God has indeed worked a miracle. even sending us a committed Christian to run it who has been praying for three years to find her true vocation.

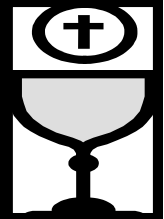
We opened on time, still with a few thousand in the bank - and had, at last, after four years, answered the plea of the desperate parents in Swindon.

Still so much to do, so much more money to raise, so we ask for your prayers to keep it going. AMEN

If you would like to help in any way please contact 01453 836390 or visit the website: www.hopskipandjumpswindon.org

Rev Celia

Church Duties in Avening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
August 7th	Cas/Piers	Paul	Ann
August 14th	Frances/Jeanie	Stephen	Marion
August 21st	Margaret/ George	Paul	Elizabeth
August 28th	Stephanie/ Piers	Stephen	Ann
September 4th	Cas/ George	Paul	Marion

There will be coffee after the service on August 7th & September 4th



Avening Memorial Hall

For all bookings & enquiries regarding the Memorial Hall:

07583 073 604

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to Tony Slater 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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What's On In Avening

A list of regular events in Avening
(please let us know if we have forgotten anything or if there is something you would like to have included here)

Event	Day	Time	Where
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 9 pm	Social Club
Boot Camp	Tuesday	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Avening Playing Fields
Youth Club	Tuesday	6 - 8 pm	Memorial Hall
Adult Ballet	Wednesday	7 - 8 pm	Memorial Hall
WI meeting	2nd Thursday each month		Memorial Hall
Avening Parish Council Meeting	3rd Thursday each month	7.30 pm	Memorial Hall
Zumba	Saturday	10 am	Memorial Hall
Boot Camp	Saturday	10.00 - 11.00 am	Avening Playing Fields
Country and Western Night	Saturday	8 pm	Social Club
Quiz Nights	1st and 3rd Saturday each month	7.30 pm	The Cross

Confirmation

The Bishop is coming in November to confirm anyone wishing to be confirmed. 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 further information.

01453 832716

Rev Celia

Avening Church Clock

During my illustrated talks on the history of Avening a question has recurred many times - 'Why is there only one clock face on your slides of the Church?'

Visit any city, town or village of any size and dominating the most imposing building most likely you will see a clock face. The object of this was to display the time of the day to the local populace as hard-earned wages did not allow for a clock in the home, also it was a lever for the employers to ensure the workers were punctual. Some employers had installed sirens etc.



Avening too had its clock and what better impetus than the Great Exhibition of 1851 to install such an item. Door to door collections were made, donations being given by the "well-off", and the clock was installed to commemorate the Great Exhibition of 1851. The clock, however, had only one face, on the north wall of the Tower.

The Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887 was marked by the renovating of the clock face by Mr Freebury of Stroud.

Unfortunately the north facing clock face did not supply the need of the village which lies mainly to the east of the Church and as the old clock was showing its age the Coronation of King George V in 1911 provided the impetus for the purchase of a new clock. Once again funds were raised by collections etc. and a new clock was installed with faces on both north and east walls of the Tower. It was repainted during the Ministry of the Rev. Canon Copper but the red medieval surrounds of the faces were unacceptable to the parish and they were repainted in the gold colour which remains today.

(The old 1851 clock remained in the small museum in the South Transept for many years until the museum was disbanded and its contents transferred to Cirencester Museum). Sadly the east clock face is deteriorating rapidly and is in need of renovation. I therefore leave you with the thought - could the impending Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II provide the impetus for such a project?

Riley Vincent

Embellish your life with ballet!!!



The adult ballet class at the Memorial Hall is run by Sophie Makosch, a former professional ballet dancer. The emphasis is very much on having fun but we do get told when we get things wrong! There are about eight of us who have been attending Sophie's class for about eighteen months so we've

expected to know our plies from our pirouettes - even if we can't perform them perfectly!



Ballet is a great way to improve general fitness and core strength, and, having had a go at it, I think we all appreciate the skill and dedication required to be a professional. No ballet careers for any of us - but we all look forward to our weekly class for a workout and a lot of laughs!.

If you are interested in adult or children's ballet please contact Sophie:

sophie makosch
e-mail: svmakosch@yahoo.co.uk
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Sarah Hancock

Avening Roll of Honour

No. 38

Charles Barnet Payne

Private: 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment.

There is much information available on Barnet Payne but at the same time there are many mysteries surrounding his service life. Born Charles Barnet Payne on the 17th of September 1888 at Avening, he was baptised in our church on the following 4th of November. He was known locally as Barnet and appears on our War Memorial tablets as such. After school he became a clerk eventually working at Longford's Mill.

He married Cassie Underwood at the Shortwood Chapel in Nailsworth on Saturday the 22nd of May 1915 and the happy couple set up home at Fernlea, Avening. We have been unable to locate this property.

He volunteered for Army service on the 27th of November 1915 and, inexplicably, was immediately put on the reserve for six months, completing his attestation on the 19th of May 1916. He joined the Royal Gloster Hussars Yeomanry and was on home duties until the 16th of December of that year. He left for France that day, arriving at the Regiment's base at Rouen the following day but lasted only a fortnight with the Hussars before being posted to the 12th Battalion Gloucester Regiment. By April 1917 he found himself in hospital at Rouen suffering from Trench Foot. He recovered in hospitals in England and Ireland. In his absence from home, meanwhile, his wife had given birth to their only child, Mary, on the 6th of February.

He had recovered from his foot injuries by the beginning of 1918 but, we think, he was again wounded because he became removed from his regiment, given a completely new service number and was transferred to the 1st Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment on the 6th of October 1918. It was on this document that Cassie's address was given as 7 Falmouth Avenue, Otley Road, Bradford, Yorkshire!!

Barnet lasted only 13 days with the West Kents, being killed in action on Saturday the 19th of October. We have no details of the battle in which he died, although it was obviously part of the German Army's "Great Retreat", being only three weeks from the Armistice. He is buried at St Souplet British Cemetery, Le Cateau, near Cambrai and is remembered, with honour, by the Royal West Kent Regiment in Maidstone, the Gloucestershire Hussars Yeomanry in Gloucester and on our own church memorial. We have a copy of a letter from the Ministry

of Pensions awarding Cassie and her daughter the princely sum of £1.02 per week from the 2nd of June 1919. We have another document where Cassie signs for receipt of Barnet's medals (the British Medal and Victory Medal). On this she signs as "C E Lawley" so she had remarried by that time. We have been unable to locate any living relative.

Fred Vening

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It's On The Meter Update



In front of the Taj Mahal

Avening's intrepid (foolhardy?) adventurer Paul Archer has now reached Mumbai in India, nearly 20,000 miles into his record breaking journey to Sydney, Australia, in a black London taxi.

Since leaving England in February, Paul and his two friends have already visited more than 32 countries, and the 20 year old taxi has had to contend with the frozen conditions north of the Arctic Circle and the searing heat of the Arabian

desert at over 50°C. Frequent stops for running repairs in local roadside workshops to replace rusting and worn out taxi parts have become a feature of the trip - and a good way of bonding with the locals, who are almost always intrigued, friendly and generous, probably waving them off with a bemused shake of the head!

The most recent countries to have figured in the itinerary before India were Iraq, Iran and Pakistan. The first proved surprisingly hospitable - they stayed only in the Kurdish northern area - and they enjoyed visiting the many fascinating sites in Iran, such as Esfahan and Persepolis, although the temperature in an overheating taxi meant that sometimes even touching the foot pedals was

almost impossible. Pakistan turned out to be a 'challenging' experience, travelling for much of the time in a police convoy. Passing over the only open border between India and Pakistan, north of Lahore, was also taxing, but entertaining, as they joined the crowds to watch the daily eyeball to eyeball confrontation between the border guards of the two countries.



Negotiating a local hazard in Georgia

And now there's just India, Nepal, Tibet, China.....before arriving in Australia probably in early November. By then they expect to have covered over 30,000 miles - and they also hope to have raised thousands of pound for the Red Cross. Their sponsorship total so far stands at £7,050, but they'd love to see it rise further - so if anyone wants to offer them some encouragement in this venture, you can donate on www.justgiving.com/itsonthemeter, or through the collecting box in The Bell. You can also read more about their travels and track their progress on www.itsonthemeter.com.

Family History Day

We were very pleased with the response to our first Family History Day on 9th July. It was lovely to welcome visitors from Reading, Worcester and Gloucester, as well as the local area, all in search of their elusive ancestors. The most popular name being researched was Ind; others included Fletcher, Jellyman, Harvey and Risby.

Everyone was impressed by the detailed records available to them, and very grateful to Fred Vening for all his hard work in transcribing and indexing the records.

There were also many favourable comments about our church and the well-kept churchyard.

We plan to repeat this event next year, and perhaps it may even become an annual event!

If anyone missed the day or would like to know more about how to research into their own Avening family history, Fred would be happy to talk them. He can be contacted on fred@fvening.fsnet.co.uk.

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Village People

Don Hopes

Don was born in 35, High Street, in January 1930. In all there were 9 children in the Hopes family; Don had 2 brothers and 6 sisters. Life was sometimes a squeeze in the house but everyone got on very well together.

Avening celebrated the coronation of King George VI in 1937, and a 7 year old Don was encouraged to enter the fancy dress competition. He was dressed up as a poacher complete with rabbit, gun and net and a sign saying "where's the copper". Don won the competition and a prize of 3 half crowns which at the time made him feel like a millionaire. However, it was soon the local shop keeper Mrs Coates who was to benefit from these winnings, as over the next few weeks Don spent it all on the sweets she used to sell.

Don went to school in Avening until the age of 14, after which he worked as a gardener at Old Quarries, which at the time was owned by Lord Lee of Fareham.

At 16, he was old enough to work behind the bar at his local pub The Bell Inn. The landlord at the time, Bert Hayes, became something of a second Father to Don and he spent a lot of time there, enjoying meals too, curries on Wednesdays and a traditional roast on Sundays. Beer at the time was 5d per pint. At that time there were 3 pubs in the village, The Bell, The Cross and The New Inn.

At 18 Don was called up to do his National Service in the army, mainly in the Hampshire area but because his father was poorly at the time he was given a compassionate posting near Gloucester. He spent most of his time in the

Catering Corps. and said that he knew if his sponge pudding was good if a piece that he had cut off bounced when he dropped it on the floor! After this 2 year service was finished Don returned to Avening only to be called back to complete a further 2 weeks ZT training in Belfast. Whilst in the army Don met Arthur Cox who offered him



a job as a plasterer. It must have suited him as it became his job for the next 45 years.

Don was 20 when he had finished his National Service and was at an Allen Production play in the Memorial Hall when he met Jean. He was able to bring nylons back from Belfast and Don's sister told Jean that he had brought some back. Unfortunately he had only brought enough for his sisters but that didn't put Jean off and they started courting.



Don and Jean Hopes today

Jean Gay was originally from Woodchester and was working as a nurse at Avening House looking after the babies there. As soon as they were asleep at night Jean was allowed to finish work, so Don would often pop up to help give the babies their bottles so Jean could finish work earlier. They used to go to dances at Aston Down, to the pictures in Stroud and more Allen Productions in Stonehouse. In October 1953 Don and Jean were married in Avening Church followed by a reception in the Memorial Hall. For their first home they bought a caravan and lived in Hampton Fields for 12 months, in fact Arthur Cox joked that he was going to tow the caravan away on their wedding night! They then moved to Avening with the caravan where their first daughter Sue was born in 1954. Marshall May lived in The Bake House at the time. As it was a large building Marshall suggested they rent some rooms there and this is where their second daughter Sally was born in 1956. They lived there for 2 years before moving to their own house in Pound Hill, and after 27 happy years there they moved to Sandford Leaze in 1985.

Don was a committee member for 25 years at Avening Social Club and is a life member, he regularly enjoyed playing darts for The Bell and also played cricket for Avening (before it amalgamated with Cherington). Golf is still a firm favourite for Don, he still plays twice a week and scored a hole in 1 in August 2009.

This year Don and Jean have been married an incredible 58 years and still seem to be as active in the village as ever; Don enjoys a pint at the local and they both like a game of bingo too. Their family has increased over the years and as well as their 2 daughters, they now have 6 grandchildren and 8 great grand children to keep them busy.

Sarah Smith

Avening Playgroup

The children have had a busy few weeks as we draw near to the end of term. They have had two great days out. The older children enjoyed a coach trip to Slimbridge at the end of June, where they enjoyed feeding the wildfowl, having a talk about the wildlife and playing in Welly Boot land. Last week we also had a family day out at Cattle Country where lots of fun was had by all. The weather held out nicely for both days and so the paddling pool at Cattle Country in particular was a real hit.

We have been really excited by the arrival of our newly painted murals that adorn the outside of the building. They were originally painted several years ago but had become quite tatty and weathered. We were very lucky to enlist some help from the Art Department at Sir William Romney's School. Our playgroup murals became an art project for a number of their year 8 pupils. Over the last few weeks they have been busy painting beautifully bright and cheerful nursery rhyme pictures on them and they really do look fantastic. We were pleased to welcome the pupils who did the work to playgroup last week to see them in place, one of whom is an Avening girl who went to playgroup herself. On behalf of all the children and staff we would like to say a big thank you to them.

We would also like to say thank you to everyone in the village who entered our 'Guess the baby' competition and in particular to the people who helped to sell and collect them - The Cross and Shop, The Bell and the W.I. We raised over £80 which will help with essential maintenance work over the summer holiday. One of our children picked the winning sheet out of a hat at playgroup this week and we are pleased to announce that Clare Lowe is the winner of the meal for two at The Bell. Well done to her for getting the most correct answers – and there were some tricky ones! For those who still have the photo sheet we can now reveal the correct answers!

Our next fundraiser will be the Nearly New Sale on Saturday September 17th.

Well, it is time to go on holiday now and to say goodbye to some of the children who will be leaving playgroup to start school in September. We wish them well, they certainly enjoyed their taster days at the beginning of the month. Also, we would like to say goodbye and thank you to the current playgroup committee for all their hard work with fundraising. Without them there wouldn't be such a lovely playgroup for our children here in the village. Finally, of course, we also want to say an enormous thank you to our

Adult picture	Baby picture letter
1.Richard Price	D
2.Derek Pierce	B
3.Angie Heslop	F
4.Debbie Brown	N
5.Sharon Constable	L
6.Elizabeth Buchanan	H
7.Diana Boulton	C
8.Clare Crosthwaite	J
9.Nigel Stanton	O
10.Maisie Stanton	I
11.HRH Princess Anne	M
12.Sian Amos	E
13.Nick Winkfield	G
14.Alison Sollis	K
15.Derrick Ind	A
16. Jo-Jo Walsh	P



Thank you

wonderful playgroup staff - Debbie, Sarah and Angie who work so hard to give our children such a great start in life. We hope you all have a good and restful summer break.

Happy holidays! The new term starts on Monday 5th September.

Jenny Jones

For more information about Avening Playgroup, contact

Tamzin@Tamzincory.com



Some of the children enjoying a spot of gardening - it looks great, well done!



Avening Primary School

Good luck to our Year 6 pupils

At the end of term we said a sad farewell to Year 6 pupils Adam F, Adam G, Thomas, Tom, Sholto, Ethan, Angus, Innes, Emily N, Emily W, Laura, Kellie, Sam, Jamie, Hugo, Charlie, Ben and Tobi. The last week of term gave them an opportunity to celebrate their time at the school and share some of their memories with the rest of the pupils and staff.



They held a special Year 6 tea party to which they invited their parents and a small number of additional guests and served up a delicious array of cakes they had prepared earlier. They put on a special leavers' show, and then finally they took part in the Leavers' Assembly which is always memorable. This event sees the children share their favourite memories of their time at the school, and their teacher, Gill Redpath, responds with her renowned and carefully crafted rhyming

Parents and friends of Year 6 enjoy the tea party

couplets about each and every one of the Year 6 pupils to whom she is saying farewell!

To give readers a flavour, here are a few extracts from the children's 'memories' :

"When I was in the Owls we went to Mary Arden's Farm. We had to dress up in Tudor clothes. They were woollen and really uncomfortable. We wore bonnets as well. We had various activities and we made bread and butter. It was brilliant." (Emily W)

"My memory is from the Hawks and it involved me and Angus Perry. We had set up this catapult using a pencil, a ruler and a rubber as a boulder. We put the ruler over the pencil and then put the rubber on the bottom end of the ruler. So it was like a lever. I pretended to slam down on the end of the ruler and stopped millimetres from the end. Then Angus slammed down his hand, obviously meaning to miss but unfortunately hit the ruler perfectly and the rubber went sailing across the room to land on Holly V's head via Mrs Grayston's eyes... actually it nearly hit her on the head! To this day I wonder if she saw it or not and I apologise to Mrs Grayston and

we should have owned up.” (Hugo)

“My first memory is when I was in the Eagles, Mrs Brooke had left the classroom and Sam came up to me and said ‘good boy Tobi you can have 20 house points.’ Even though I had done nothing! And I put them up on the wrong team anyway!” (Tobi)

Olympic dreams

On 12 July three lucky Kestrels class pupils travelled to London to represent the school in a very special event. Thanks to a very strong entry into an Olympic cooking competition – ‘Get Set to Exercise Your Taste Buds – London 2012’ – Avening Primary School reached the last 13 out of 6,500 schools who entered from across the UK.

Molly Missenden, Billy Evans and Martha Hancock travelled to London with their teacher Mark Wilkinson and teaching assistant Kelly Wilkinson to cook up their dish – ‘Chicken Run Couscous’. The dish had to have an international theme and be nutritionally good for an athlete. The class chose the Moroccan dish couscous as many of the most successful runners are from this African country. Whilst the school



did not win, they can feel very proud that they got through to this prestigious final.

Give their recipe a go, it is on the following page.

www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk

In term time please contact 01453 833191

Michele Wheatley

School Breakfast Club

There has been some interest in running a Breakfast Club at Avening School but we would need two people to run it. If you are interested in running the club, or know someone who might be, please contact the school at the beginning of the Autumn term (term starts on 5th September). An enhanced CRB check will be required. The hours for the supervisor and assistant required will be 7.30am-9am daily, with the club open to children between 8am-9am.

Chicken Run Cous Cous

Ingredients:

4 chicken breast fillets	1 x tin tomato
1 onion	1 x15ml spoon tomato puree
2 cloves of garlic	2 x courgettes
1 x2cm of root ginger	2 x carrots
1 lemon	1 sweet potato
2 x15ml spoon olive oil	200g cous cous
1 x5ml spoon ground coriander	250 ml vegetable stock
1 x5ml spoon ground cumin	3-4 spring onions
1 x5ml spoon ground cinnamon	1 medium bunch parsley
1 quarter of spoon chilli powder	150 grams raisins
150 grams ready to eat apricots	1 x 2 cm piece root ginger

Method:

1. Peel and chop the onions into small pieces.
2. Peel and crush the garlic
3. Peel the ginger and grate carefully.
4. Using a vegetable peeler, peel two slices of lemon rind from the lemon.
5. Peel and chop the carrots, courgettes and sweet potato.
6. Heat the olive oil in the frying pan and fry the chicken on a high heat until it is browned on both sides. Remove the chicken from the pan.
7. Put the onions garlic carrots sweet potato, ground coriander, cumin, cinnamon and chilli powder in the frying pan, reduce the heat and fry gently for two to three minutes.
8. Return the chicken to the pan and mix with the onion mixture.
9. Add the grated ginger, apricots, courgettes and lemon peel.
10. Add the tomatoes and the tomato puree and bring to the boil, simmer for 50 minutes.
11. Remove the lemon peel which will have flavoured the chicken.
12. Put the couscous in a bowl
13. Peel the ginger and grate carefully
14. Slice the spring onions carefully discarding the root end.
15. Finely chop the parsley
16. Put all the ingredients in a bowl and add the hot stock.
17. Cover with cling film and leave to stand for 10 minutes.
18. Fluff the couscous with a fork.
19. Eat and enjoy!



Cherington Show Beats All Records!– Again!

It was hard to believe the weather would turn up trumps – as well as so many visitors flocking to our Show this year. Our village settings come into their own in the sunshine: the Old Rectory Lawn with the stalls and sideshows, bouncy castle and the band; the Cricket Ground for parking, jolly red and yellow tent for scrumptious teas, and Cricket Club barbecue; our church filled with flower arrangements; the Village Hall with amazing variety of creative Handicrafts; the gorgeous Cotswold stone buildings of Coxes Farm hosting the Art Exhibition and Horticulture competitions just next door to the Fun Dog Show. A traditional fete which evolves each year, from its inception way back in 1945 and has once again triumphed, with visitor numbers and takings both up by 20%.

Len Smith and Dave Tanner, Horticulture Judges, with a winning cabbage.



Short-handed as we were this year in this small village, everyone worked so hard to make it all go with a swing. From the time of Roger Maggs' eve of Show Hog Roast to our Pizza Supper in the tent after the Show was over, we all pulled together and enjoyed ourselves in the process. So many attend our Evensong, a moment to express our thanks for 'The day Thou gavest, Lord ...'

What's more we have succeeded well in our aim to top up the coffers of the Church, the Cricket Club and the Village Hall.

Heartfelt thanks go to all our helpers who made the Show once again a record-breaking success.

... and the cup winners were ...

Handicrafts: Joint winners: **Jenny Cuss** and **Beryl Milsom**

Childrens' Competitions: **Lucy Hale**

Amy Wood Cup for Best Flower Arrangement: **Wendy Eldridge**

Horticulture: **John Nettleton**

Mabberley Cup for Best Horticulture Exhibit: **John Nettleton**

Liz Workman



Cherington Flower



According to the Judges, the Horticulture was outstanding this year



and Produce Show



All the fun of the fair - and great teas, too!



Bell ringing - not as easy as it looks!



Many thanks to Liz Workman, Tony Slater and Jane Archer for these photos

Two Mums to Mongolia

At the end of September myself and my good friend Debby Frowen will set off for what I am sure will be life changing experience when we travel to Mongolia to work as volunteers at the Lotus Children's Centre in Ulaanbaatur. The idea came about after a throwaway comment at a party where I declared that I would love to do some voluntary work overseas, something that would genuinely make a difference and set me completely outside of my comfort zone. Debby's husband put me in touch with a friend, a truly inspirational man called Fraser who has been involved with the charity in Mongolia for several years. Having attended a fundraising event held by him, and read his fascinating account of his travels there I was hooked, and so was Debby.

The Lotus Centre was set up in 1993 by an Australian yoga teacher living in Ulaanbaatar called Didi Kalika. Struck by the plight of the children living on the streets she started initially giving food and basic medical care, then with the help of friends she managed to purchase a small yard where she set about giving the children their first proper home. Now a registered charity, the Lotus Centre provides love and care for up to 150 children, many of whom are abandoned babies, the result of the harsh economic conditions in Mongolia.

The Centre now has a summer camp which gives the children a chance to get away from the city, and its own Kindergarten and school which ensures that all the children gain an education as their lack of necessary paperwork would prevent them being able to attend state schools.

The Lotus Centre receives no Government funding and relies entirely on donations and the help of volunteers. I have been asked to help establish a programme to teach the children English as this gives them a huge advantage when they come to look for jobs in the future.

I have already received a good deal of support from friends in Avening both in coming to a fundraising event I held last month and by donating used clothes, toys and books which I will take out with me. The money I have raised so far has gone to buy a new projector for the community centre which helps support those children still living on the streets. The film club they had set up which was so popular for the children had to be abandoned when the ancient projector broke down. The lady who ran the centre burst into tears when she was presented with a new one, 'it means so much to the children' she said.

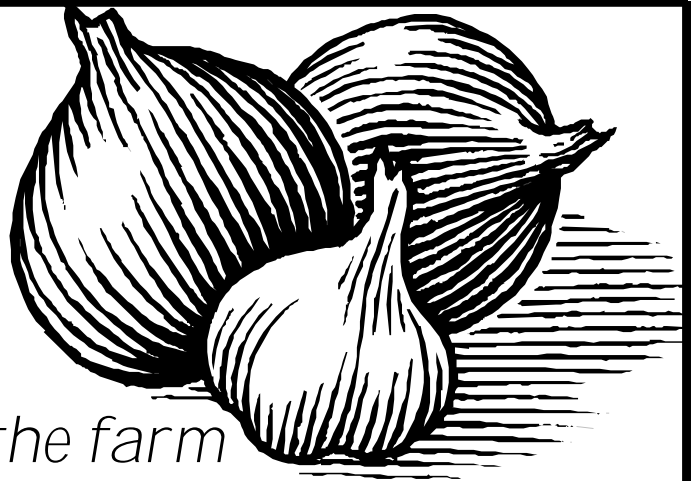
If you would like to find out more about the Lotus Centre then please visit their website at www.lotuschild.org. If you would like to make a donation of clothes etc or have any experience of Teaching English as a Foreign Language I would love to hear from you. My email address is csteele123@aol.com. or phone 01453 883122/ 07887 544428. I am away during August but I will reply as soon as I return.

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What is a Village Agent?

Our Village Agent, Aileen Bendall, explains:

People living in rural areas, and Gloucestershire is no exception, are a classic example of a hard-to-reach group. Whilst frequently masked by a veneer of affluence, these communities are often isolated, with high levels of social deprivation and poor transport links. They are usually very 'self-contained' and because of this, are reluctant to find help outside of their local community.

In a previous era, all villages had what are commonly referred to as the "5 Ps": the **P**riest, the **P**atron (Lord of the Manor), the **P**ostmaster/Mistress, the **P**oliceman – and invariably therefore the Policeman's wife - and the **P**edagogue – Village School Master or Mistress.

Today, most villages have few if any of these resident, and that informal advice, information and support network has disappeared. The majority of parish councils employ part-time clerks, many of whom are only able to give very limited time to this role. Many individual councillors have skills but little time, and some have time but perhaps do not have the skills and experience. This lack of resource has been confirmed in the Rural Economic Strategy for Gloucestershire (published by Gloucestershire First in 2004).

The Village Agents concept was first identified as a recommendation from the Rurality research funded by the Department for Work and Pensions in 2002/03 and carried out by GRCC. This research gathered the views of older people living in some of the most rural areas of Gloucestershire and identified that an average of 83% of respondents would be happy approaching someone they knew and trusted within the community for help and advice.

In order to be truly effective in taking a holistic approach to anyone in need within their communities, the Village Agents needed appropriate access to relevant resources and support. In order to meet this need, they formed part of a network of local contact points within Gloucestershire, providing an essential role in taking information and support to some of the most rural areas in the county. They are supported in their role through the provision of training, publicity materials, high quality information resources and support both on a one-to-one and through the network.

Gloucestershire Village Agents are funded by Gloucestershire County Council and NHS Gloucestershire working in partnership with Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

Village Agents are recruited locally, trained and supported to provide face to face information and support particularly to the elderly and vulnerable, but also other disadvantaged and isolated people. This will enable the recipient to make informed decisions about their present and future needs based on the information and support given. The scheme is very much around assisted signposting and practical checks where appropriate.

As the Avening Village Agent I work 15 hours a week in the community, providing access to information via broadband and the web through lap tops and mobile phones. This is achieved by attending local groups and activities and home visits.

I am really pleased to be given the opportunity to be Village Agent and look forward to meeting and helping as many people as possible'. Please feel free to contact me:

07810-630156

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Aileen Bendall

We note that Aileen will be at The Bell Inn on Wednesday 3rd August between 2.00pm and 3.00pm to meet any of you. - Ed

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Our trip to Windsor on the 6 July was a great success. Friends and family joined the coach from Avening and enjoyed a wonderfully sunny day looking around the town. Some enjoyed a trip around the Castle which has been the home of thirty-nine monarchs and is the oldest royal residence in the British Isles to have been in continuous use. Others had a boat trip up the river and then toured the town with refreshments on hand.

We are already planning another trip – in November we are thinking of going to Salisbury for a pre-Christmas shopping trip, and maybe visit the Cathedral. Let us know if you are interested in joining us.

One of our three teams representing Avening in the County Quiz at Chedworth managed to secure a place in the final to be held later this year at the University of Gloucestershire. Very many congratulations to them.

The Group Rally in Kemble Village Hall was a marvellous evening. We started with a belly dancer who was beautifully dressed and encouraged us all to join in with some of the moves. We were given the history of belly dancing and how good it is as a fitness routine. We were then treated to a meal of lamb tagine, with rice or couscous and salad, followed by baklava and fruit, with coffee and Turkish delight. As it is Avening's turn to host the event next year, we have a hard act to follow !!



Our guest speaker for July was Philip Taubenheim from Wotton Auction Rooms and he did not disappoint. We heard how the Auction Rooms operate. We had brought along items of family history including pictures, china and small pieces of furniture which Philip examined and then told us about their history and likely cost at auction. Unfortunately none of us went home thinking we had an exciting antique tucked away!

Wendy Jennings/Doreen Pierce

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors,

We would like to thank all friends and relatives who contributed to the fantastic success of our 65th Wedding Anniversary held at the Avening Social Club on July 9th.

A special mention must be made of Eileen and Derrick Ind and their assistants, who were responsible for the highly decorated venue and provision of first class catering, highly appreciated by all our guests.

Thank you all.

We are 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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There are many graves that are being uncovered and tended to, particularly in the western end of the churchyard. This is mostly the work of Stephanie Hamilton, Fred Venning and Ann Brick, who methodically record all the graves as they go along, doing a couple a week. Do go along - makes for a lovely stroll. I am lucky enough to walk through it most days on my way to and from work and I never cease to enjoy it!



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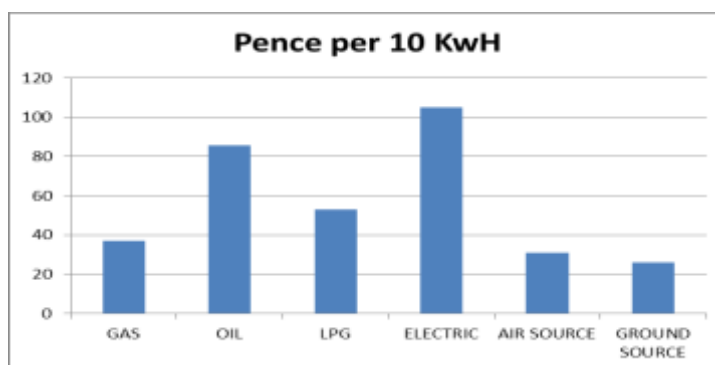
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Cherington Parish Council

The Parish Council held a meeting last week and have co-opted on two new Councillors, Alison Sharpe and Mike Mitchell, welcome back to both. The Council is now up to strength with five Councillors. It was a very difficult decision for the sitting Councillors selecting two from four applications all of whom would serve the Council and community well. Hopefully both unsuccessful candidates would consider putting their names forward should a vacancy occur in the future.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11/02698/FUL 11/02699/LBC: Ward: Avening

Date: 01 July 2011

Location: Aston Farm, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SW,

Proposal: Conversion and alterations to barn to form farm office on ground floor and residential accommodation at first floor

Case officer: Helen Donnelly

11/02507/LBC: Ward: Avening

Date: 19 July 2011

Location: 11 Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SW,

Proposal: Changes to internal layout, new staircase, new windows and rooflights to rear

Case officer: Laurie Davis

PERMIT

Application: 11/01907/LBC: **Ward:** Avening

Date decided: 05 July 2011

Decision: Application Permit

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

Application: 11/02579/TCONR

This application type was for information purposes only and was not open to consultation. No initial alert would have been sent.

Ward: Avening

Date decided: 22 July 2011

Decision: Application Permit

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

Proposal: Various tree works. See Proposed Tree Works Schedule.

Plans can be viewed on www.cotswold.gov.uk go to planning register.

The Parish Council's next meeting is on Monday 22nd August, 2011 at 6.30pm in Cherington Village Hall, residents welcome to attend.

Sue Russell, Clerk to Cherington Parish Council



Anyone recognise these footballers or could put a date on the picture? If so, could you contact Fred Venning on fred@fvenning.fsnet.co.uk, or the villager on editors@acvillager.co.uk



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4 tbsp Thai Green Curry paste
2 pts Chicken Stock
2 tbsp Thai Fish Sauce
1 bunch Spring Onions, green tops chopped, white ends sliced diagonally for garnish
1 sml tin Bamboo Shoots, sliced
1 sml tin Water Chestnuts, sliced
1lb Skinless & Boneless Chicken Thighs (or breast if you prefer), sliced
Handful Fresh Basil
Juice of 2 Limes
10oz Fine Green Beans, cut in half
1 can Coconut Milk

Heat oil in wok or frying pan. Add onion, garlic and green of spring onions and gently fry until soft taking care not to burn the garlic. Add the raw chicken and cook until it turns colour. Add the curry paste, stock, coconut milk and fish sauce and simmer for approx 5-6 mins. Add the green beans and simmer until tender. Add the water chestnuts, bamboo shoots, lime juice, basil and sliced white of the spring onions. Heat through and serve

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POLICE REPORT FOR AVENING, JUNE 2011

There were **12** substantiated crimes between 1st June and 30th June 2011, (3 for the same period of 2010): **1** incident of **BURGLARY** (Non Dwelling), **10** incidents of **THEFT/HANDLING**; **1** incident of **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**.

The Year to date 1st Apr 2011 to 30th June 2011 stands at a total of **18** Crimes compared to **11** at the same point in the previous year.

As many residents are aware, Avening unfortunately suffered a number of thefts from motor vehicles over the night of Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June. These breaks took place at a number of locations throughout the Parish.

We are pleased to report that after an operation was launched to investigate these crimes two teenage boys were arrested on suspicion of committing burglaries and thefts from vehicles with a large number of items recovered. These males, aged 14 and 17 from the Nailsworth area, are currently on Police bail until August 3rd, pending further enquires.

This was only made possible due to information being given to us from local residents for which we are truly grateful.

Incident of note this month include:–

Incident 273 01/07/11 Attempt Burglary. Between 1700 22/6/11 and 0745 23/6/11 unknown person/s has attempted to kick down the door to the reception area of the Primary School. Although no entry was gained on this occasion.

If any resident has information relating to this 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 - July 2011

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: Amended details: Parish Council had no objections to application.

Decisions Received

Application: 11/02317/FUL
Location: Avendale, 2 High Street, Avening, GL8 8LU
Proposal: Erection of a conservatory
CDC Decision: 8th July 2011 - permitted

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

Annual Grants

The Parish Council awarded annual grants to the following groups at its June meeting. Subject to terms and conditions being agreed, the following grants were awarded:

Avening PCC – churchyard maintenance	£1000
Avening PCC – Villager Magazine	£250
Playing Fields Association	£1600
Memorial Hall	£1500
Playgroup	£300
Youth Club (temp grant for partial hall fees)	£400
Dial-a-Ride (Cirencester/Nailsworth buses)	£200
CAB	£50

Bench at Rectory Lane

The Parish Council were disappointed to see that the bench at Rectory Lane has been vandalised beyond repair. The Parish Council is looking into a replacement bench. If anyone does have any information that would apprehend the culprits please telephone the police (anonymously if you wish) on 0845 0901234.

New Post Office

The Parish Council were pleased to be advised that the new Post Office at the Cross Inn will open on the 16th August and be trialed for a year. The Council wishes Claire and Glyn every success and encourages residents to use the Post Office in order to keep the service in the village.

Mobile Library Service

The mobile library service was due to be withdrawn by early July. Following a recent court hearing it was confirmed that the mobile libraries will continue to run throughout the summer, until the Judicial Review on 27th and 28th September 2011.

The dates and times for the mobile library service to Cherington are set out below:

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Village Clean Ups



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.

The next meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 15th September 2011 at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome.

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Women's Institute	Doreen Pierce Wendy Jennings	01453 835090 01453 832881

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3rd August	Aileen Bendall (New Village Agent)	The Bell Inn	2.00 - 3.00pm
Saturday 6th August	Country and Western	Avening Social Club	8.00pm
Saturday 13th August	Bingo	Avening Social Club	8.00pm
Sunday August 14th	Animal Service	St Nicholas Church Cherington	9.30am
Monday 16th August	POST OFFICE RE-OPENS!	Avening Shop	7.00am
Sunday 4th September	Avening Fun Run and Walk	Carrigoona, New Inn Lane	3.00 pm
Monday 5th September	Autumn Term begins	Avening School	
Saturday 17th September	Quarry Gig Live Music	Paul Kirby's Quarry, Tetbury Road	2.00pm - late
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