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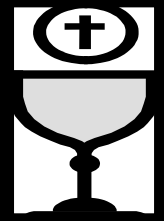
## *August*

<b>Sunday September 4th</b>	08.00	Avening	No service
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & <i>Sunday School</i> & <i>coffee after service</i>
<b>Sunday September 11th</b>	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW celebrating 100 years of the CHURCH CLOCK
<b>Sunday September 18th</b>	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW HARVEST FESTIVAL Avening followed by a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch
<b>Sunday September 25th</b>	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & <i>Sunday School</i>
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	HARVEST FESTIVAL Cherington followed by Harvest Supper in the Reading Room		
<b>Sunday October 2nd</b>	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	NO SERVICE
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & <i>Sunday School</i> & <i>coffee after service</i>
	12.15 Blessing Service for Marion and Brian Cox		

***There will be coffee after the service on  
September 4th & October 2nd***



# Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cas./George	Paul	Marion
Sept 11th	Stephanie/Jeanie	Stephen	Ann
Sept 18th	Frances/Margaret	Paul	Marion
Sept 25th	Piers/George	Stephen	Elizabeth
Oct 2nd	Cas/Stephanie	Paul	Ann

## Avening Memorial Hall

For all bookings & enquiries regarding the Memorial Hall:

**07583 073 604**

### Confirmation

I am still waiting for a definite date from the Bishop but, at the moment, it looks as though it will be at

6pm on **Sunday 11th December.**

We have quite a few candidates both adult and young coming forward so do contact me (01453 832716) if you would like to be one too.

The Evening will be a joint service of both Churches and will be a very special ceremony for our Parishes.

**Rev Celia**

# *The Parish Letter*

It is not often I feel sorry for politicians, but just recently I have. Continually faced with the almost impossible task of commenting immediately and constructively on events as they happen, and then expected to produce some instant solution. This is an impossible expectation. The recent outbreaks of violence and rioting took everyone by surprise, so there is no wonder that there has been a certain floundering around as to WHY it happened. For there was no real cause, but rather an 'opportunity' to express anger and resentment, while having a little excitement and a possible '15 minutes of fame'.

Now that the streets have been cleared of broken glass and burnt out cars, the country is indulging in its favourite national past time of allocating blame. The politicians blame the Police..... and the Police the politicians...the Asians blame the Black community...the old, the young.....and the indigenous city dwellers blame the immigrants...when of course we are all, in one sense, to blame. David Cameron refers to it as a consequence of a 'sick' society...a 'broken' society and has appealed to us all to help reconstruct community life and to reclaim our sense of morality. It is not difficult to see that there is something devastatingly wrong in our society and we have lost much of what it meant to be 'British'. Immigrants have come to our shores for generations. Not only for refuge, for employment and security, but also for something the world recognised and envied: freedom for the individual, a fair and just society, a sense of decency, a morality and a strong sense of what is right and wrong.

From where did we get these values and how did we move forward from the injustices of the past to a fairer, more civilised, society? It was, without doubt, from the strong foundations of our shared Christian Faith. We endeavoured to build a society in which people had the opportunity to live a decent life, where everyone was entitled to a good education, and where health care was free and accessible. Most of all we lived in communities where people felt they belonged, where family ties were strong and where neighbour went to the assistance of neighbour. It may not have been perfect, it is easy enough to look back through rose tinted glasses, but fundamentally it was good and the sense of community was strong. But we have allowed our Faith to be marginalised, our Country to be secularised; thus we have abandoned much of what held the Community together. It is no longer the Church calendar which dictates the shared holidays; only in villages such as ours does the whole community join in the Village fete, the Harvest Festival, Christmas, Easter, Whit Sunday. Even Sunday itself used to be regarded as a day of rest, when the schools, workplace, shops, cinemas, all closed on a Sunday and we had a shared day of recreation, not dependent on a shopping spree or football match, but simply a family day, when all in the community had a time away

from work and spent it with children and grandparents. Not everyone went to Church by a long way, but the Churches had an influence in what was considered right and wrong, the Nonconformists and Chapels in particular. Of course it was not all good; people could be hideously judgemental and sanctimonious - but even at its worst people felt that they belonged to the community, that they mattered to someone.

Many of the young people in the riots were from dysfunctional families from every kind of background. Youngsters from families rarely at home, parents working all hours or none, where there are no shared meals, no real communication, no sense of belonging. Politicians from all parties blame the gang culture, but it goes deeper than that. Gangs thrive only when the family has broken down, for then the gang becomes the only thing to which the young people feel they belong. They can find their friends.....their excitement..... their sense of purpose..... from each other. Even children who are homeless and living on the streets find a greater sense of family with the vagrants and others living rough, than they ever do in their own homes.

We have somehow failed them. Our Society, the Church, and our Schools in which there have been no obligatory Christian assemblies since 1968. To send children out into life with no 'map' to guide them, in the misplaced conception that we are allowing them free choice, is not only irresponsible but downright wicked. Many youngsters in our country are bored to distraction, unhappy, listless and aimless. We have allowed a sub-class to develop in the years when many in our Country have enjoyed unknown prosperity. We have replaced our Christian values with the cheap alternative of a money culture and celebrity acclaim.

Jesus came to show us how to live. He gave us morality, not as a killjoy, but to show us the boundaries for our health and self-respect and He told *us* to respect every individual: to 'love our neighbour' is to respect and care for everyone, to look for their well being even before our own. To avoid hurting or rejecting anyone, to value what they value, to ensure that there is justice and equal opportunity, to persuade young people that marriage and commitment can bring greater happiness and security than multiple partners. It is not only unhappy teenagers who need to learn the difference between right and wrong.... but those of our politicians, our industrialists and journalists, who have dabbled in corruption to their own advantage. We have the answer. But so often we fail to put it into action.

One truly uplifting event over this time was seeing the Bishop of Birmingham, alongside other religious leaders, leading a peace rally of song and prayer. Young and old attended. Police linked arms with youngsters. All colours and creeds were represented. Together they demonstrated that there is 'another way' We need to drop the oppressive policies of political correctness and the supposed fear of offending people of other faiths, and once again, proclaim with them the love of God for ALL his people. And which we, as Christians, see in the Life of Christ.

***Rev Celia***

# The Sandford Trust

The Sandford Trust is a small charity for young people who live in the parish of Avening. We welcome applications for small grants if you are going on to, or are in higher education or work based training. The closing date is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, when the annual distribution of funds will be made.

Applications should be made in writing to:

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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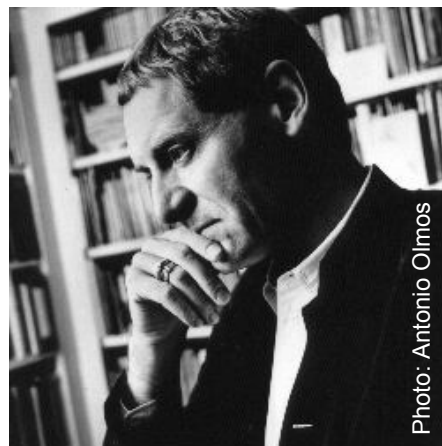


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**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October**

**7pm at Holy Cross Church, Avening**

**More details to follow next month**



## 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
Almost Angels Choir	Sunday	12.15pm	Holy Cross Church

## Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to Claire Crosthwaite for this month's 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...!

**[editors@acvillager.co.uk](mailto:editors@acvillager.co.uk)**

## A Cautionary Tale

During my Air Force career, it was an unwritten law: "Never volunteer"!! A further means of avoiding ancillary duties was to walk around carrying either a bucket or a clipboard.

I had neither in my hand when I was approached by the smiling Click Mitchell, who had earmarked me as an ideal chap to compile a "History of Avening". Never one to disappoint a smiling face, I accepted the challenge and, following another Air Force custom, I have delegated!!

We now have a committee of another four 'volunteers'. Judith, my wife - typist and proof reader; Elizabeth Buchanan, photographer; Steph Hamilton - photograph personnel identifier and Ann Brick as filer and general all-round good egg.

So, the project is underway and we need assistance. All those with a long connection with Avening may well be sitting on old photographs of groups or buildings that may be of interest. With modern technology, we do not want anything permanently, just a loan for scanning or copying.

Please contact any of the above committee and we'll take it from there.....

.....and meanwhile, avoid being approached by smiling ladies !!

***Fred Vening***



The way we were - a group of road builders. Anyone recognise any of these gentlemen?

## Black Sheep on Pound Hill

Yes indeed, a short while ago 15 pedigree Welsh Black sheep went out to explore the village.

Being Welsh, they did what the Welsh always do and journeyed up hill. Lucky for us, since down hill would have taken them out to the main road and into dangerous places. Pound Hill echoed to their calls as they sampled a few gardens before deciding on a rather pretty courtyard. Welcomed by some surprised householders and children the wanderers decided to take a rest. A further stroke of luck was that village friends found me at home and helped me to return the wanderers to their home.

Someone had forgotten the essential rule of the countryside and left the gate open. All stock are inquisitive and do not need a second invitation to explore. Landowners like to share the wonderful views to be had in our valleys, but please respect the opportunities that we have to walk this beautiful landscape. Please close and secure all gates behind you.

Thanks to all who helped to get our Welsh friends back home safe and well.

*Dominic Conway*

# Children's Nearly New Sale

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*The dream - a real country wedding , and that is what Emily Gegg and Michael Robertson achieved for their wedding at Cherington Church on 30th July. As the bride's home is a short walk from the church, a path was cut through the corn so the guests could escort the couple to the reception . This wonderful picture by Henry Arden says it all.*

# **Avening Fun Run!**

4th September 3pm

**5 MILE RUN OR 3 MILE  
FAMILY WALK**



## **In aid of 'Friends of Little Stars'**

**A school for underprivileged children in Varanasi, India**

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<http://www.littlestarsschool.org>

## Gloucestershire Constabulary to Launch 101

From 19 September, Gloucestershire Constabulary will be joining the rest of the South West region with the introduction of 101 – the new national police non emergency telephone number. Our current non-emergency number 0845 090 1234 will be phased out.

While 999 is a well recognised number to report emergencies, the 2010 British Crime Survey found that only 54% of the public knew which telephone number to call if they wanted to speak to their local police about policing, non-urgent crime and anti-social behaviour issues.



The introduction of the 101 number will help communities to keep their neighbourhoods safe by giving them one easy way to speak directly with their local police to report and discuss all non-urgent police related issues. This new number will not change the way we respond to non-urgent calls or connect people to a large national call centre. Calls will still be received by call handlers in our Contact Centre based at Waterwells, Quedgeley.

The number is already in use in a number of areas across the country and will be rolled out across the rest of the UK by the end of this year. We know from these piloted areas that the 101 number is well received by the public and has led to improvements in public confidence when calling the police.

Calls to 101 will cost 15p per call, irrespective of how long that call may last. This cost applies to landlines and mobile phones. This will be the first time that everyone calling the non-emergency number will know exactly how much the call will cost and will be assured of equal access whether calling from a mobile or landline.

In an emergency the public will still be able to continue to call 999, such as when a crime is in progress, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

We will endeavour to keep you informed as this change moves forward and will let you know any developments as they happen.

More information can be found on [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)

# Avening Roll of Honour

## No. 39

### Adolphus W. Sharp

Lieutenant Engineer: Royal Navy

Adolphus, at the age of 55, was the oldest Avening man to die in the First World War. Born in the village in 1860, he was named Adolphus William Clutterbuck Sharp, the son of William, who in turn, was the eldest child of Robert and Elizabeth.

In the 1861 and 1871 census returns, he is shown living with his grandparents next door to the Sawyers Arms (later The Institute - now demolished) on Tetbury Hill.

Ten years later, he had moved to Bristol Road, Gloucester as a boarder, and worked as an Engine Fitter and Turner.

He married Mary Kimber at Southampton in 1890 and they lived in Portsea in 1891, by which time he had joined the Royal Navy. His occupation was described as an Engine Room Artificer. Living with them at the time of that census, was Mary's mother Charlotte G. Kimber who was born in Painswick.

Adolphus and Mary had a daughter in 1892 and she was also named Charlotte.

By 1901, the family had moved to Portsmouth where Adolphus was a Royal Navy Artificer Engineer.

We are unable to locate the family in the 1911 census but we have found his death in the National Archives. His death was registered in the 2nd Quarter of 1916 in the Portsmouth Registration District. We have also been able to locate a summary of his will, in which he leaves all to his wife Mary, then living at Victoria Road, Southsea. He was 55.

As you can gather, no service record can be found for Adolphus but we have traced his medal roll where he is awarded the British Medal. In that roll, we learnt that at some time he was commissioned and the medal award was to an Engineer Lieutenant. His medal was presented to his wife.

We do not know where he was buried or if he is named on other War Memorials.

We have been unable to locate any relatives.

The Sharp family of Avening were not immune to further tragedy, as in July 1917, they lost Percy Sharp, Adolphus' cousin, the son of Mark Sharp who was William's younger brother.

(See Roll of Honour No. 19)

*Fred Vening*

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# Famous Village People

## Avening's Pivotal Position in Global Economy

**David Ricardo**  
1772-1823



As this edition of *The Villager* was going to press, world financial markets continue to totter on the brink of another major downturn. Is this an example of Double-Dip Recession or just a cyclical readjustment of stock markets? Is the global economy about to descend into a Depression or will it bounce back to the heady pre-2008 levels of financial extravagance? Questions such as these have forced politicians and financial analysts to consult their dusty textbooks and revisit the timeless theories of international trade as propounded around the end of the 18th century by the fathers of classical economics like Adam Smith and Thomas Malthus. Foremost amongst these intellectual giants is David Ricardo whose *Theory of Comparative Advantage* and advocacy for free trade are considered amongst the most robust foundation stones of modern economics which still have acute relevance today.

Why that is of interest to readers of *The Villager* may not be immediately apparent, until it is pointed out that Ricardo was a resident of Avening for a number of years and that all of his greatest economics output was produced from Gatcombe Park overlooking the village.

Ricardo was born in 1771, one of no less than 17 children to a Jewish family of Portuguese origins. His father was a successful stockbroker,

but when David eloped at the age of 21 with a Quaker lady, Priscilla Wilkinson, he was disowned by his family. He consequently became a stockbroker himself and was extremely successful in the stock markets around the time of the battle of Waterloo, earning himself a considerable fortune which allowed him to indulge himself with an early retirement from The City by the age of 43.



*Mrs David Ricardo c.1820  
from the miniature by Thomas Heaphy*

With the proceeds of his stockbroking, Ricardo was able in 1815 to purchase the substantial Gatcombe Park manor house and surrounding Estate, where he retreated to pursue his newly-found passion for the study of political economy. Over the last 8 years of his life, before an untimely death at the age of 51 in 1823, he produced what would have been a lifetime's work for a lesser man.

This included ground-breaking work on theories of rent, taxation, value and free trade which advanced the understanding of economics by quantum leaps and which is still highly apposite today. He participated in some of the great social debates of the day with other intellectual leaders such as Bentham and Mill and found time to be one of the earliest members of the Geological Society after its foundation in 1807. He was elected as a Member of Parliament in 1821, not for a Gloucestershire seat but, as was common at the time, as an absentee representative for the Irish "rotten borough" of Portarlington. He also found time to father eight children of which two were also MP's, one David (Junior), representing Stroud in 1832/3.

After the death of Ricardo, Gatcombe Park passed eventually to the Courtauld manufacturing family and subsequently became the home of another famous politician Lord "RAB" Butler, who was an MP and Home Secretary.



Avening should be suitably proud of the exceptional contribution which has been made to British public life by both the past and present residents of Gatcombe Park.

**Kieran Archer**



# Avening Primary School

## 'SWALLOWS' SET UP SUMMER HOME AT SCHOOL



During the summer holidays activity at the school normally covers staff preparations for the new school year in September and routine maintenance work. This summer there was a week of extraordinary activity when the 'Swallows' summer holiday club took place for the first time.

Led by teaching assistant Shan Amos, the club offered parents an exciting outlet for school children and in many cases, a way of easing the pressure of childcare when parents are still working. Headteacher Diana Boulton plus former playgroup leader Maisie Stanton and Shan's daughter Claire were also on hand during the week.

The full week of activities was based around the theme of the circus. Depending on which days they attended, children took part in a range of activities including circus skills, creating giant circus-based artwork, and even attending the renowned Gifford's Circus.

Access to the Tetbury Extended Services Cluster minibuses gave them the flexibility to get out and about. On the first day the children got to explore and play in Stratford Park and visit the Museum in the Park to look at the 'Worn to be Wild' exhibition of fashion through the ages by Kate Plumtree.

Lunch and snacks were provided in school with the Kestrels and Hawks classrooms





being transformed into the hub for the Swallows club. Shan says: “This was the first time we have run a summer holiday club – it was very popular with some dates getting booked up as far back as May. We like to be able to extend the service we can provide through the school wherever practical. The week helped parents with childcare cover for a variety of reasons. The children all seemed to enjoy themselves and we managed to cram quite a lot into the five days. We hope to be able to offer similar holiday clubs again in the future.

“The children who attended will have a shock when they come back in September and find the classrooms are back to their old layout and work is very much back on the timetable!”

***Michele Wheatley***

[www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk)  
In term time please contact 01453 833191

## **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.

# AVENING POST



*Post Mistress Claire Crosthwaite with Karen Vickery behind the counter at the Village Stores, which is now doubling up as Avening's Post Office.*

At last, Avening has a Post Office again!

After a lot of hard work, the new Postmistress (and The Cross Landlady,) Claire Crosthwaite has at last been able to open a Post Office in the Cross Village Stores, replacing the Post Office we lost over a year ago when the old shop closed.

Situated in a converted garage in the car park behind The Cross, the shop has been growing steadily since opening earlier this year. It stocks a wide range of groceries, as well as fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs and dairy produce, Quality Meat products (from Nailsworth) and freshly baked croissants, sausage rolls and pies. You can buy wine and beer, and there is always a range of newspapers and magazines, which can also be regularly ordered. And now, you can even buy your stamps!

But not just stamps - as Claire explains, the new post office offers a variety of facilities. "As well as the full range of postal services like special deliveries and postage, you can pay your utilities bills here with Pay Point, get foreign currency or top up your mobile phone. We also offer a lot of banking services for many of the main high street banks: things like cash

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withdrawal, balance enquiries, and paying-in facilities.”

All the staff who work in the shop have been trained in Post Office business, which is all now available over the same counter as the one used for shop purchases. And the Post Office is open the same hours as the shop, meaning you can post letters, withdraw cash or pay bills at times when other Post Offices are closed - a fantastic convenience in our own village!

So many, many thanks to Claire and Glyn for their efforts on our behalf to re-establish a Post Office in the Village; and now it's up to the rest of us to ensure it is a success!

## **Opening Times (Shop and Post Office):**

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Tuesday - Friday:	7.00 - 21.00
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*The Cross with the new sign showing that there is now a Post Office in the shop, the entrance to which is in the car park behind the pub.*



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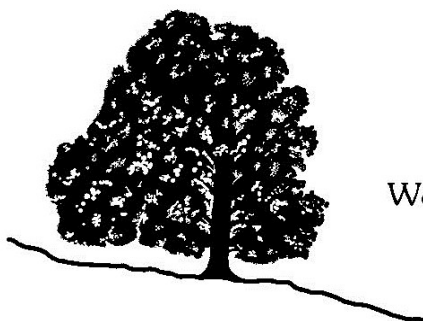
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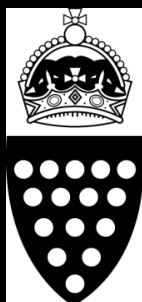
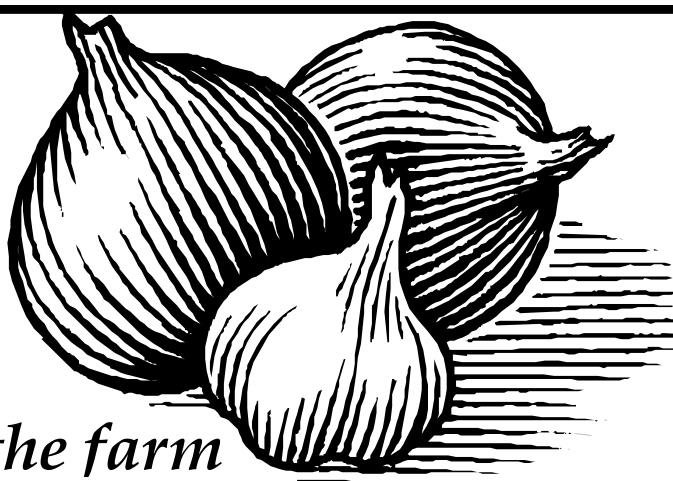
Representing Holy Cross Church, Avening at the Glorious Festival of Flowers, we had pleasure in designing and creating floral arrangements in the Lady Chapel to the Memorial of Dorothea Beale who was Principal of Cheltenham Ladies College and Founder of St Hilda's College, Oxford.

This was partly sponsored by the PCC. The Festival of Flowers was a great success.

*Gill Parsons and  
Abigail Carter*

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On the 11<sup>th</sup> August a group of us set out from Tetbury, down in the old Station Car Park, to walk across the fields through Escourt Park, to Shipton Moyne and ending up at The Cat & Custard Pot. We were hopeful that the weather would improve and we would get a glimpse of the sun, but unfortunately it was very damp. Despite the weather we had an entertaining trek, negotiating fences and stiles, and visiting the lovely church in Shipton Moyne. We were met at The Cat & Custard Pot by friends who had driven directly there and were ready to enjoy lunch with us.

Twenty five WI members from Lancashire joined us for lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> August, on their way to visit HRH Prince Charles' garden at Highgrove. We're always pleased to welcome groups to our lovely patch of the countryside and so we watched the clouds anxiously, hoping that the weather would hold for their visit. Thankfully, the rain clouds passed over and as our friends enjoyed the home made dishes prepared for them, the sun was trying hard to shine. We had made quiches, rice salad, crunchy coleslaw, ham, beetroot jelly and carrot salad plus delicious desserts for them to enjoy.

As we gathered the empty plates and they prepared to leave, our friends surprised us with a wonderful basket of Lancashire goodies. Here in the basket were Chorley cakes, Eccles cakes, several different biscuits and cookies, some Lancashire tea and a couple of packets of Fisherman's Friends, all topped with a red rose! At our next WI meeting in September, we'll enjoy a taste of Lancashire, for sure.

We love entertaining groups who are visiting Highgrove, Westonbirt Arboretum or simply visiting the Cotswolds. If you have contact with a group who would like to join us for lunch or tea, then please, drop us an email and we'll send you details.

September is going to be a busy time as we have our Craft & Produce show. We have a new schedule of arts and crafts for us all to have a go at, and hopefully it will attract lots of entries. These will be assessed by guest judges who will be invited to spend the evening with us and enjoy the rest of the evening's entertainment. We also have a first aid course later on in September.

A date for your diary – would you like to join us on a visit to Salisbury? We have booked a coach on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, leaving the village at 9.00 am from the Memorial hall. If you would like to book a place please ring Gwyneth on 836556. £10 per ticket. There is plenty to see and do, why not visit the cathedral or do some Christmas shopping.

To read more about Avening WI activities please go to our website - [www.aveningwi.wordpress.com](http://www.aveningwi.wordpress.com)

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# Letters to the Editor

Photo from the August edition of the Villager Magazine:



Dear Editors,

Looking at the Villager I was shocked to see one of me! Is this one from the wall in The Cross? The Avening team is I think from the 94/95 season as far as I can judge but not sure on all of the names

Back row: Peter -----?, Shaun Vickery, Kevin Pring, Bruce Salisbury, Anth Seale, Simon Gale, Ross Richings?

Front Row: Alan Lawrence, Steve Neale, Paul -----?, Damon Hall?, Paul Salisbury, James King?

**Simon Gale**

Dear Simon (via Editors),

I trust the shock of your appearance in The Villager was not too hard to bear!! I received a shock too as the goal keeper, Kevin Pring, is married to my wife's niece, Anita (nee Best). I am, therefore, his uncle-in-law. I didn't even know he played football. He still lives at Bussage and I shall ask him if he can fill in blanks. Yes, the picture is a photograph of The Cross edition - perhaps Kevin has a copy which may turn out to be of a better quality. The photograph will be used in "A History of Avening" now being slowly (very slowly) compiled so you will be immortalised in the village!! Many thanks for your response.

Yours Aye

**Fred Vening**

Dear Simon,

Having emailed Kevin he was able to complete the name list. They read:

Back Row: Peter Hicks, Shaun Vickery, Kevin Pring, Bruce Salisbury, Anth Seale, Simon Gale and Ross Riching.

Front Row: Alan Lawrence, Steve Neale (Capt), Paul Butler, Damon Hall, Paul Salisbury and James King.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours Aye

**Fred Vening**

*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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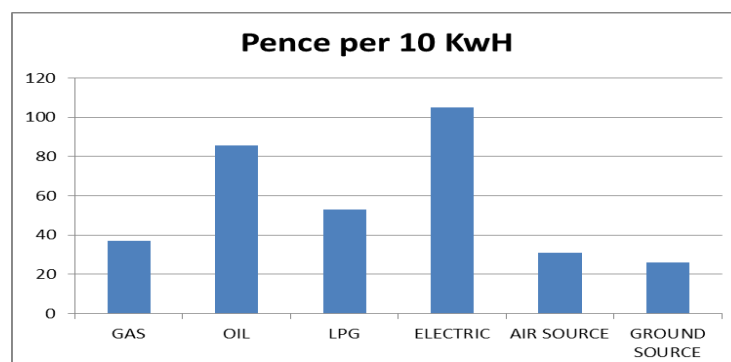
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# Down Memory Lane



Following the success of the football team identification, this photo was kindly sent in by Fred Vening. We think that it is of a darts or cribbage team, taken at the Bell Inn quite some time ago. We would love to hear from anybody who can identify and possibly give a date to this rather smart lot.



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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following valid planning applications have been lodged or new details have been received in the Parish of Cherington on 28 July 2011.

### 11/03004/FUL

**Ward:** Avening  
**Date:** 28 July 2011  
**Location:** Toad Hall Barn, Trull Farm, Trull, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SQ,  
**Proposal:** Retrospective change of use from old tractor shed to office meeting rooms and addition of porch and flue  
**Case officer:** Claire Baker  
Comments were by 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011

The following valid planning applications have been lodged or new details have been received in the Parish of Cherington on 12 August 2011.

### 11/02925/FUL

**Ward:** Avening  
**Date:** 12 August 2011  
**Location:** The Gastons, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SL,  
**Proposal:** Proposed replacement dwelling, amendments to 06/00306/  
FUL  
**Case officer:** Claire Baker  
Comments to be sent by 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011

## TREE WORKS PERMIT

The following decisions have been made for the Parish of Cherington on 01 August 2011.

### Application: 11/03334/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:** 1 August 2011  
**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Yew Tree House, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire,  
GL8 8SW,  
**Proposal:** Fell larger of two ornamental Cherry trees in small garden

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

*Sue Russell, Clerk to Cherington Parish Council*

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# Averning Parish Council

## Antisocial Behaviour

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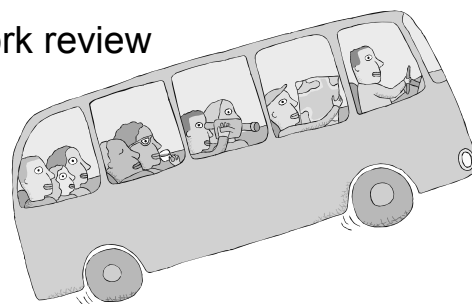
## Village Clean Up



The Spring Village Clean Up will take place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 10am - 12noon.** As usual, please meet at the village hall at 10am – everyone is welcome!

## Bus Network Review

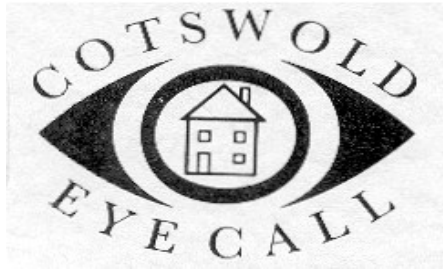
The County Council have finished their bus network review and there will be changes to the No. 28/28A and 29 bus routes (number of services). The County Council are also looking to tie in the bus routes so that residents can travel to Nailsworth on the bus. This should be in place by mid-November.



## Change of Clerk

Please note that Julie Wickham will be taking over as Clerk for a year whilst Deborah Cook is on leave, from 5<sup>th</sup> September. Please continue to use the same email address and she will be able to pick up your messages. The agenda deadline for the next Parish Council meeting is Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. If you have any matters that you would like the Parish Council to look at, please let me know by then.

**The next meeting of Averning Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome. Would you please note that Julie Wickham, Parish Clerk, c/o 28 Partridge Way, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1BQ Tel: 01453 751823**  
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	Cherington	2.45-3.30pm

Due to the new policing areas, there will be changes as to who visits the South Cotswold routes. From October Cirencester Police will take over the 4 routes, using the North Gloucestershire Mobile Police Station, or similar vehicle. There will be, to my knowledge, no reduction in this service.

During the change over every effort will be made to publish the routes at the correct times, but please bear with us during the first couple of months, if there are any delay's.

From a personal point of view, I've really enjoyed working for you all and will miss covering these routes, although I'm sure you may still see me around from time to time.

**Paul Bowman**

# Useful Telephone Numbers

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## *Dates for your Diary*

Sunday 4th September	Avening Fun Run and Walk	Carrigoona, New Inn Lane	3.00 pm
Monday 5th September	Autumn Term begins	Avening Primary School	9.00am
Thursday 15th September	Avening Parish Council meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 17th September	Quarry Gig Live Music	Paul Kirby's Quarry, Tetbury Road	2.00 pm - late
Saturday 17th September	Nearly New Sale	Memorial Hall	tba
Sunday September 18th	Harvest Festival	Holy Cross Church	
Saturday 1st October	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper	St. Nicholas Church, Cherington/ Reading Room	7.00?
Thursday October 6th	Poetry Reading, Sir Andrew Motion	Holy Cross Church	
Saturday 8th October	Village Clean-up	Memorial Hall	10.00 am - noon
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November,	WI outing to Salisbury		
Sunday 6th December	Confirmation Service (tbc)	Holy Cross Church	6.00 pm

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