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Services in Avening & Cherington

November

Sunday November 6th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday November 13th	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Matins
	10.30	Avening	Service of Remembrance
	11.45	Avening	Memorial Cross Civic Ceremony <i>(please bring a wreath if you wish)</i>
	6.00pm	Cherington	Service of Remembrance
Sunday November 20th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday November 27th Advent Sunday	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Tuesday November 30th	11.00	Gloucester Cathedral	Donkey Service
Sunday December 4th	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
	3.30pm	Avening	Sunday School Party for children

There will be coffee after the service on November 6th and December 4th

NB: No January edition of The Villager!

As usual, there will be no separate January edition of the Villager Magazine. If you want to inform the village about events happening in either December or January, please be sure to let us know by November 20th

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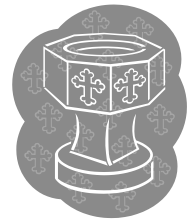
In memory of Dad (Martin Constable)
Love always, Verity and Ella

2nd November

In memory of Eric Roberts
With love from Ivy, Lynne and the family

Forthcoming Baptism

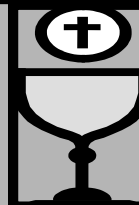
Eloise Turner



Cherington Seasonal Services

Sunday 30 th October	All Saints Day	9.30am
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Service (note no Christingle Service this year)	6.00pm
Sunday 11th December	Confirmation Service in Evening - ALL INVITED (note no 9.30am service that day in Cherington)	6.00pm
Sunday 18th December	Carol Service	5.00pm
Saturday 24th December	Midnight Mass	10.00pm
Sunday 25th December	Christmas Family Service	5.00pm

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
November 6th	Jeanie / George	Stephen	Elizabeth
November 13th	Stephanie / Frances	Paul	Ann
November 20th	Cas / Piers	Derrick	Marion
November 27th	Margaret / George	Stephen	Elizabeth
December 4th	Frances / Jeanie	Paul	Ann

Thanksgiving Prayer for the Life of Elizabeth Anne Bartlett 28th July 1955- 27th September 2011

We thank you Heavenly Father for all that Anne gave in her life.
Her love and affection for her mother and family
For her Carers, and her friends, at Old Quarries.

We thank you for her courage
in overcoming her many difficulties,
for her laughter and friendship.

We thank you too, for her love of all your creatures
especially for the small birds.

Her love of Music and for where she lived.

We thank you for the care and affection she received
from the staff of Old Quarries
and for the many memories
they will treasure in the years ahead.

We now give her back to you O Lord, claiming for her the
Easter Promise of Everlasting life.

AMEN

The Parish Letter

Once again, we are in the season of Remembrance, coinciding as it does with the fading light, Autumn colours and the chill in the air.

Memories of those lost in the two World Wars have been so vividly brought to life to us in these Parishes by our local historian, Fred Vening, with the personal histories of those men who were killed. Week by week, we have read of the courage and patriotism of soldiers, and others, who left these villages, never to return, but who we are to remember and give tribute to in the Service of Remembrance on November 13th. It is a sobering thought that, without their sacrifice, we in this country would be living under a very different regime and a different sense of values to those to which we have held for many generations.

Sadly the “War to end all Wars” has been followed by others, each bringing the loss of many hundreds of men and women in Northern Ireland, Kosovo, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. How moving it has been to watch the sad repatriation processions through the streets of Wootton Bassett...and how right that the town’s tribute to those troops and their families should have been honoured by HM The Queen, elevating it to a Royal Borough.

At the service of All Souls we remembered and gave thanks for all those who we know who have died, and we lit a candle in their memory. Death brings sadness, and often loneliness. But our Faith reminds us that it is not the end. Our Souls live on though the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who gave us Eternal Hope and Life Everlasting.

Rev Celia

Confirmation Service

The Bishop of Gloucester will be taking the Service of Confirmation on

Sunday 11th December at 6.00pm

There is still time for you to join those who are to be confirmed.

Please ring Rev Celia 0453 832716

Avening Memorial Hall

For all bookings & enquiries regarding the Memorial Hall:

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Churchyard Tuesdays done & dusted for the year.

We have now finished for the year and a very big thank you to all the helpers who have mown, strimmed, raked, dug and generally tended the churchyard this summer to make it so beautiful.



For those who don't know, a band of dedicated volunteers meet every Tuesday in the summer months between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. They recover afterwards with a drink and an idle chin-wag in the church car park (no doubt resolving all the world problems). More volunteers will of course be sought for next year - you have been warned!

George Buchanan & Stephanie Hamilton

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to Alison Winkfield 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...!

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What's On In Avening & Cherington

Please let us know if we have forgotten any regular event or if there is something you would like to have included here.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Social Club	
Cherington PC	4th Monday each month	6.30pm	Village Hall	Sue 01666 503370
Boot Camp	Tuesday	6.30 - 7.30pm	Playing Field	
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Adult Ballet	Wednesday	7.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Sophie 07887 671956
WI	2nd Thursday each month		Memorial Hall	Doreen 01453 835090
Avening PC	3rd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Julie 01453 751823
Mobile Library	Every other Friday	12.30 - 12.50pm	Cherington Green	
Zumba	Saturday	10.00am	Memorial Hall	Ruth 07734 886275
Boot Camp	Saturday	10.00 - 11.00am	Playing Field	
Country and Western Night	Saturday	8.00pm	Social Club	
Quiz Nights	1st /3rd Saturday each month	7.30pm	Cross Inn	
Almost Angels Choir	Sunday	12.15pm	Holy Cross Church	Derrick 01453 835090

Avening Roll of Honour

No. 41

Walter Ind

Private: 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment

Walter was conscripted on the 31st of March 1917, at which time he was 24 years old. He had married Florence Emma Jones at Shortwood Chapel in Nailsworth two years earlier and their only child, Selina had arrived early in 1917. Walter was born on the 12th of June 1893, the eldest child of Paul Ind and his wife Elizabeth (nee Risby), the couple having married in our church in March of that year. By 1901, the family were living in New Inn Lane, in the cottages opposite The Bell.

Walter was a carpenter and joiner. By the time Selina was born, he and Florence were living in No. 2 Gothic Cottages, where Florence and Selina continued to live once Walter was serving. After training, Walter was sent to France, arriving there on the 23rd of October 1917 where he continued with his training. On the 6th of November he was charged with "unsuitable conduct" and received "3 days Field Punishment". He was only in France for 44 days, and his battalion was sent to the front soon after his misdemeanour but by the 3rd of December he was moved to hospital in Boulogne, suffering from Trench Foot. His military records do not show the campaign in which he was involved.

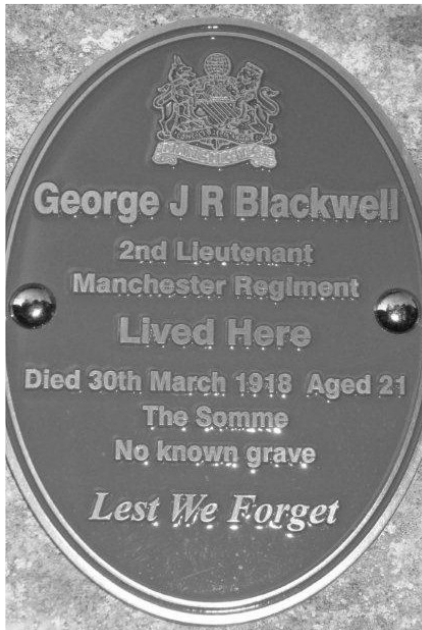
By the 10th of December he was in the Military Hospital in Devonport. His records are unreadable for this period of his service but we do know that he was transferred to Class P Reserve, recommended for shipyard employment and expected to take up work with the North East Engineering Company in Wallsend!!. We will never know whether he took up that employment but he was discharged from the Army on the 5th of February 1919, having been awarded a pension from July 1918, the Medical Board citing his Trench Foot as his disability. What happened then? We don't know except for the entry in the Parish Register which records his burial in our churchyard on Thursday , 15th of April 1920. The Register notes that he died at Cranham Sanatorium. His wife received his two medals (Victory and British Medals) in 1922. We do not know for sure what became of either Florence or Selina but his father lived through until 1948.

Although buried in the churchyard, Walter's grave is unmarked and so not recorded on our grave maps. His death occurred too late for inclusion in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission scheme. He is remembered with honour on our War Memorials.

Fred Vening

Lest We Forget

It seemed a good idea to commemorate our War Dead by remembering them with a blue door plaque recording that they were born or lived in an Avening property.



We have started off with a plate at Church Farm where George Blackwell lived in his youth between 1901 and 1910. Pictured here are



Frances and Dominic Conway who were pleased and proud to have the plaque fitted to their property. Watch out for future plaques.

Fred Vening

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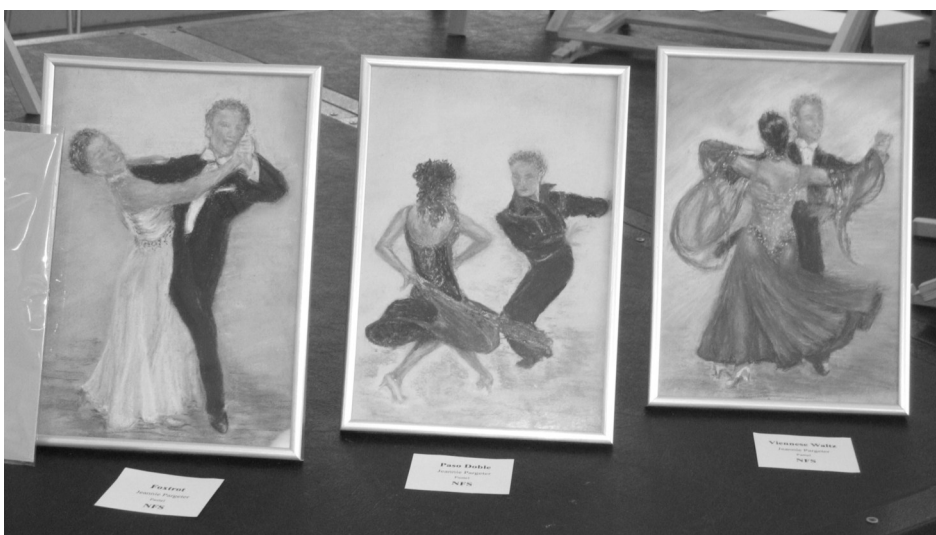
Avening Arts Group Exhibition

The art group meet every Thursday morning from 10am to 12noon. We had an exhibition at the Memorial Hall on the 15th and 16th October with 91 entries. Four members sold paintings and cards. Unfortunately owing to the road closure visitor numbers were drastically down.

The competition titled Avening past and present was won by Mick Williamson the title of his painting was Avening Stream. We all enjoyed showing off our art work, congratulations to Rosemary Evans who despite being poorly managed to enter some lovely paintings.

Interested in contacting the group? Contact Mick Williamson on 01453 836 318.

Doreen Pierce



Some truly lovely paintings on display in Avening Memorial Hall. The organisers chuckling about something or other....

Left:
Wonderful flowing pictures by Jeanie Pargeter

Avening & Cherington Cricket Club

It's been a mixed season for Avening & Cherington Cricket Club....

On the field the first XI suffered due to a few of their players taking the summer off travelling the world, so results were mixed. However, despite this they were able to maintain their position in Division 4 of the County League, hopeful that as these players have now returned they will push for promotion in 2012. The second XI were often depleted due to having to fill the gaps in the first team and results reflected this. A lack of confidence with the bat also contributed to the 2nd XI needing to win the last game of the season to stay up and hope other results went their way. They managed the win but Bibury's win at Coates meant relegation into Division Three of the Cirencester league. However club captain Andy Smith is confident that the club will bounce back – dropping to Division Three will allow us to play a few of the 13 and 14 year olds who currently make up our junior squad. An undoubted highlight of the season was our run to the final in the Frocester Fayre Senior K.O Cup which included wins over sides such as Cam and Frocester who are in higher leagues. A close final against Oldlands went against us but the lads can be proud of their performances.

Off the field we were again delighted to participate in the Cherington Flower Show which proved to be the most successful yet. It took place on a glorious late July day and proved to be hard work but very enjoyable.

We are always on the look out for Vice Presidents – the only 'duty' of which is to donate to the continued running of the club – if you would like to become a Vice President or would like more information about the club please email us at results@avchcc.co.uk.

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Come and join us most Sundays at about 12.15 in Avening Church.

We are also keen to share our enthusiasm with other communities so if you know of anyone who would like a choir for church services or other events then please let us know.

Further details from Derrick Pierce 01453 835090, or call into church when we are rehearsing.

Cheltenham Literature Festival

So the tents have come down and Imperial Square and Montpellier Gardens return to normality. The Literature Festival 2011 was certainly one to be proud of and the Festival team of organisers must be congratulated on producing such a wealth of outstanding writers who delighted, educated and amused those of us lucky enough to be there to listen to them.

For so many years, Cheltenham was synonymous with the Gold Cup and various other top class races but the racing fraternity now has to share its town with four other Festivals - Jazz, Science, Music and Literature. Because all these festivals are so well supported and each, in its own different way, brings a cross-section of visitors to the local shops, restaurants, hotels and bed and breakfast establishments reap the benefit which must be good for the economy of the town.

Kate and I decided, when the programme of events arrived towards the end of August, that we had better be very selective or we would have our respective husbands complaining that they were Literature widowers. With such a glittering array of names leaping out from the pages of the brochure, it would have been too easy to find somebody we wanted to hear every day (and sometimes twice a day) for the whole two weeks!

For the opening shot, we went off to hear Jeremy Paxman talking about his latest book "The British Empire". With this razor sharp brain and rather dry humour, he kept his audience well entertained and informed us that BBC2 was screening the series next year - something to very definitely look forward to.

It was fortunate that Kate and I both had similar tastes in who we wanted to hear so next was a writer called Virginia Nicholson, great-niece of Virginia Woolf, talking about her book "Millions like Us" - the story of women's lives in war and peace between 1939-1949. These women, from all walks of life, suddenly discovered that life for them had taken a dramatic turn. The ordinary housewife had to "make do and mend" and had to use her ingenuity to eke out food rations or perhaps she offered her services to visit bombed-out cities and climb over the rubble with a bucket in her hand picking up human remains. It mattered not which social class you came from - you were all in it together and got on with it.

On a lighter note, Edward Stourton's dog Kudu is the subject of his latest book written as a result of his column in "The Daily Telegraph". Kudu appears to be something of a character in the dog world and, as all of us who own and therefore walk our dogs know, dogs have a habit of stopping and in dog language communicating with each other. This means, generally, that the owners do the same and through Kudu, Ed's circle of acquaintances has grown by leaps and bounds.

As far as we were concerned there were two stars of the show. The first being Mary Soames, Sir Winston Churchill's eldest daughter who entranced us with her memories of life with her parents at Chartwell, her stories of Sarah her sister who went off to America and subsequently married Vic Oliver and of her own

marriage to Christopher Soames and life in Rhodesia (as it then was). If my brain works as well in my late eighties as Lady Soames' brain does, I shall not complain.

Joan Bakewell and Martin Bell continued to entertain us - she with her tales of life in the sixties and indeed her latest novel is set in that period - Martin Bell reading from his newly published book of poetry. Quite a change from the white-suited BBC war correspondent who luckily survived the shooting incident all those years ago.

The second star, as far as we were concerned and I think the whole of his audience would agree, was none other than Sir Terence Wogan. From the moment he walked on to the platform he just seemed to have the audience in the palm of his hand. He talked about his early life in Ireland, he talked about moving over to England and his life in the BBC. He talked about things that obviously had meant a lot to him and of course it was all delivered in that wonderful Irish accent. We all loved him and we all laughed and it was the best way ever to end what Kate and myself had been a really fascinating, enjoyable and to a great extent, educational, week.

Cannot wait for 2012.

Ann Tarlton

Festive Evening!!

**Two Jims
Almost Angels singing
Performances by the Youth Club
& John Turner on the Saxophone**

**Christmas stalls (with presents from 50p!)
Mulled wine, wine tasting & nibbles
Christmas food**

ALL BY CANDLELIGHT!!

**2nd December at 5.00pm
Holy Cross Church, Avening**



AVENING
PLAYGROUP

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 3rd December 2011

open from 2pm-4pm

Avening Memorial Hall

Teddy Tombola + Bottle Tombola + Amazing Raffle
+ Santa's Grotto + Lucky Jars + Guess Price of Hamper
+ Home Produce Books and Toys
+ Lucky Dip Raffle, Instant prizes
+ Face Painting and Nail Painting

Avening Playgroup

The children are enjoying autumn and all of the mild weather we have been experiencing. On October 10th the staff and parent helpers took the children on a leisurely walk through the woods and fields adjacent to playgroup. This enabled the children to have a really good look at all the autumn colours and gather a huge collection of autumnal items from within our village. They collected lots of multi-coloured and different sized/shaped leaves, twigs and conkers. These have all been on display at playgroup allowing the children to continually look and explore their properties. The children have also taken great delight in using the items in many art projects that the staff had arranged. All of these are displayed at playgroup and the children are really proud of their achievements.

The children have also been working on mobiles of the staff, which help them learn about shapes and colours. These mobiles are now hung from the ceiling in the building and the children are enjoying them immensely.

On the 21st October our children joined Avening Primary School for their Harvest Festival celebrations, which the children have always enjoyed so much in the past.

Avening Toddler group meets on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30-3.30pm up at Avening Playgroup. If you have a child who is too young for playgroup, do come along to toddlers (with parent or carer) as they have a lot of fun. Please spread the word about it – thank you.



Moving on to a very important event of ours **“The Christmas Bazaar” - Saturday 3rd December, 2-4pm, Avening Memorial Hall.** Everyone is welcome! We have many lovely festive stalls planned as well as some really fun ones. The committee are hard at work arranging numerous raffle prizes; already many super gifts have been generously donated. If you are a local business and would be happy to donate to our raffle or get involved with our event please do contact us. The best number to contact the playgroup on is 01453 832695 any morning between 9 and 12am.

The Playgroup Father Christmas Float this year will be moving slowly but incredibly festively around the village on **Sunday 11th December from 5pm.**

Deb Carter

Village People

Rosemary Evans

Rosemary has lived all her life in Avening and has kindly let us read her memories of growing up in the village. It is told in the inimitable Rosemary flowing style that we have not edited (too much anyway...)

Part 1: Village Life Before the War



I was born Rosemary Valentine Jane Fletcher on February 8th, 1931, was privileged to live in the village of Avening and grew up in the house my father loved, although Mum found it hard, coming from Nailsworth. Her father was a chimneysweep, while her mother was a Law from Bisley. Grampy Fletcher worked at Longfords Mill, driving horses up and down the Nailsworth Road carrying cloth. Apparently his father was Coachman at Avening Court.

My father worked for Holrow, the Builders in Tetbury, as a painter and decorator and my Mum was very good at sewing. Holrows were great

builders and built houses all over the country. My Dad went to Stow School also Aversock in Wales.

My sister Pearl is 5 years younger than me and once, to give herself a break, Mum took her to a neighbour down at the Old Council Houses at Rectory Lane, the bottom ones. I thought "she is not having my sister," so when she said she had to pop upstairs, I seized my chance and carried her up the steps and promptly dropped her on the top step. Mrs Cook came flying up the steps to rescue her, she seemed OK - some things you do not forget.

At 5 we went to school and learnt to write and our tables. I had a skirt made for school by Mr Malting, the tailor at Nailsworth, also a coat to match. Grey worsted, I expect, bought from Longfords Mill. Mum made me a red cable cardigan. I remember sitting by the stove in school in the winter. We could see the Church through the window. We had a swing, a lovely rocking horse and a very interesting doll's house which I loved to play with. I walked back up the lane for lunch and picked violets, purple, blue and white, my Mum's favourite flower. They smelt so sweet and we saw newts sunning themselves. We would play hopscotch, hoop-hay, marbles, and skipping. We skipped singing the song "Farmer wants a Wife". We went to Sunday School and Church in the morning and Chapel in the afternoon.

Grannie (Lizzie) Fletcher lived in Leonard Brook Cottage and I got on well with her. She had a lovely old stove and had a pet cricket under the stove to show me. The spring ran through her garden where she would feed trout, sometimes from her used ice pudding dishes. Cinders Alley, (now Powis Lane) was where my Grandmother put her ashes from the fire.

My uncle was a shepherd. We would walk down to his cottage in West End, Owls Cottage, then he moved up to a cottage up by Forty Acres. Auntie Polly had a parrot.

We would grow all our fruit and vegetables in the gardens. Dad had an allotment at the top of Tetbury Hill where we would collect the sprouts. Quinces grew in our garden, made nice jam jelly. They were yellow shaped like pears. They had grey fur on them till they were ripe. Lovely raspberries, I liked to hide in them - until I found a toad. We also had an old donkey stable at the top of the garden. Dad had kept his motorbike there, a Rudge, until someone bought it so we were then able to play in the stable. We picked snowdrops at Cherington Lake, Dad and me.

Mum would make us dresses the same and sometimes when we went home we would have an ice cream from a man who came round on a three wheel bike with a box on the side for the ice cream. On very hot days Dad made us stay in and



Rosemary aged 16

he would put the shutters up to keep the house cool. In the winter we played in the attic. Apples were picked in the autumn and stored up there as well. They were good keepers and kept till apples came again.

We had a Post Office, 2 Bakers, Co-op, Cotswold Stores, Sweet Shop also Fish and Chip shop for a short time, Cobblers, and Blacksmiths. We would collect rosehips and blackberries for the jam factories also potato pickings. Avening also had a Corn Mill, Smithy & Longfords, a wool cloth mill. Wool Merchants lived in all the big houses around great towns around Tetbury, Minchinhampton and Nailsworth.

My Uncle Bill Corwell lived to be 90 years old. He loved to walk and I would walk with him along the old drovers lanes. He would sit behind the wall and just fall asleep for 10 minutes. He was Grannie's brother. He did not bother to change the clocks and got up in the sun and went to bed when the sun went down. He would walk to Nailsworth and back, no buses then.

(to be continued.....)

Father Christmas is coming to Avening



**On Sunday 11th December
From 5PM**

**Look out your windows, open your doors Father
Christmas could be outside your house....**

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Avening Memorial Hall

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Avening Primary School

Beauty All Around

Pupils and staff at Avening Primary School have been celebrating the joys of autumn and the wonderful abundance of the harvest around us.

In September, the children had taken some fantastic images of plants and insects in the school garden, helped by wildlife photographer Iain Green. Following on from this, all the classes have been exploring different fruits and vegetables and this has led to a variety of art work in different media. Careful observations have been explored through drawings and paintings, enabling the children to express their appreciation of the beauty all around them. Developing their work further, the Owls have created wonderful silk wall hangings to enhance a corridor in the school, collaborating closely together to make decorations for the school that will last for many years.

The children have also been working with words to express their delight in the seasons and the changing natural world. The older children had enjoyed a visit by published poet, Michael Henry, who now lives in Cheltenham and joined them on National Poetry Day. Only a small selection of the poems they have written this term can be included here but they clearly deserve a wider audience.

Autumn is here!

The flowers no longer dance in the sunlight.

The trees are no longer motionless.

The bright sun no longer blazes in delight.

The magical leaves turn from sweet green
to orange, red, brown and yellow.

The urban streets turn darker and cold.

The fruit turns ruby red and topaz orange,
mud brown and lemon yellow.

The silent shadows crouch down and hold
the harvest cones out to sing and play!

The field mice scamper always.

The clean moon creeps into the night.

The summer fades away.

The conker drops and
a wondrous sight is near!

Autumn has come,

Autumn has sung,

Autumn is here!

Holly Turner.

It's Autumn Time!

Autumn time has come.

She changes her clothes from

Bright yellow dresses

And orange flip flops

To orangey red cardigans and tights,

With a matching skirt

And a pair of bronze boots.

She slips on a lightly frosted scarf and hat,

Then takes the wind train to the college of
Autumn.

For five hours a day she teaches

Trees how to lose their leaves

And squirrels how to store their nuts.

Hedgehogs how to hibernate,

Birds how to build their nests.

She then travels back home

And cuddles up by the fire

With a cat on her lap.

Gesney Uzzell.

Conkers

Conkers are pleasant things.
Bulky green armour,
all crusty and hard,
soft warm insides, like a guard.

Leaves are fun things.
They fall off the trees.
They turn from green to golden brown,
Before they fall and hit the ground.

Squirrels are scuttling things.
They try not to starve in winter,
collecting conkers, big or small,
they don't think it matters at all!

Conkers are starting to fade away
Winter is drawing near,
Autumn can't last all year!

Daisy Carville.

The Magic of Autumn

I saw the tiger eye conkers fall,
I saw the needle covered hedgehog go into
his ball,
I saw the leaves burn up in flames and float
down as crisps.

I saw vegetables and fruit grow and now
they are fully grown,
I saw them be turned into jams and pickles,
So they could last through autumn and
snow.

I saw the squirrels store up their nuts
And hide away in their little huts,
I saw the owl sit in the tree awaiting a
scurrying mouse,
I saw the sun going to bed early,
I saw the moon coming out so clear.
Now I have seen the Autumn time is here.

Katy Porter



*Above:
During Harvest Assembly, in front
of a packed audience....*



*Left:
One of the fabulous shots the
pupils took (not a professional!)
when the wildlife photographer Iain
Green came into school.*

Continued overleaf....

On the last day before half term, pupils and staff, joined by parents and Rev. Celia, gathered for a special Harvest Assembly, focusing on the wonders and abundance of the natural world, all around us. Each class contributed an item, often linked with other curriculum work. For example, the Hawks are finding out about WW2 so they explained about rationing, shortages of fruit and vegetables and the need to 'Dig For Victory'.



Another great close up taken by the children.

Older and younger children worked together to retell (in French!) and illustrate the classic children's story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' (also known as 'La Chenille qui fait des trous'). This story of the small caterpillar that eats through so many things before finally becoming a cocoon and then..... a wonderful butterfly, surely epitomises the amazing mysteries of the natural world – all around us.

Michele Wheatley

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Happy 81st Birthday to Avening W.I. which was formed on 7th October 1930. To celebrate our birthday, members of the Committee baked cakes for all the members to enjoy with their coffee at the end of the meeting.

Despite having speakers arranged for every meeting until the end of 2012 sometimes things go wrong and we found ourselves having to find a speaker at very short notice for the October meeting. One of our Committee members Gill Thomas agreed to talk about her enthusiasm for gadgets.

There was no sign of any gadgets when Gill began her talk but from her modest sized handbag she produced an amazing array of small items from a very sophisticated mobile phone, a mini photo printer, Ipods with one loudspeaker which looked exactly like a small Lego brick and another a sphere the size of a ping pong ball, to digital cameras and a mini voice recorder. The largest gadget to come out of the handbag was a Kindle on which over 4000 books can be stored. Gill showed us how quickly a new novel can be downloaded onto the Kindle: A very useful gadget for regular travellers and members of book clubs.

This week some members got together to pack decorated shoe boxes with a wide variety of toys, sweets, pens and notebooks, hand knitted hats, scarves and gloves and toiletry items all donated by generous W.I. members. 40 boxes were filled and will be sent to needy children abroad via the Charity, Samaritan's Purse. A further £100 has to be provided to cover the cost of transporting the boxes and to raise this amount a fun quiz is being held on 4th November at Avening Social Club at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome so please encourage your friends to come along in teams of 4.

Gwyneth Simpson

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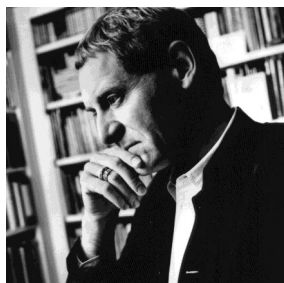


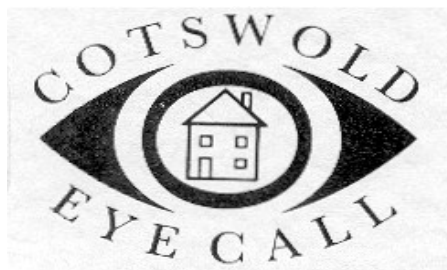
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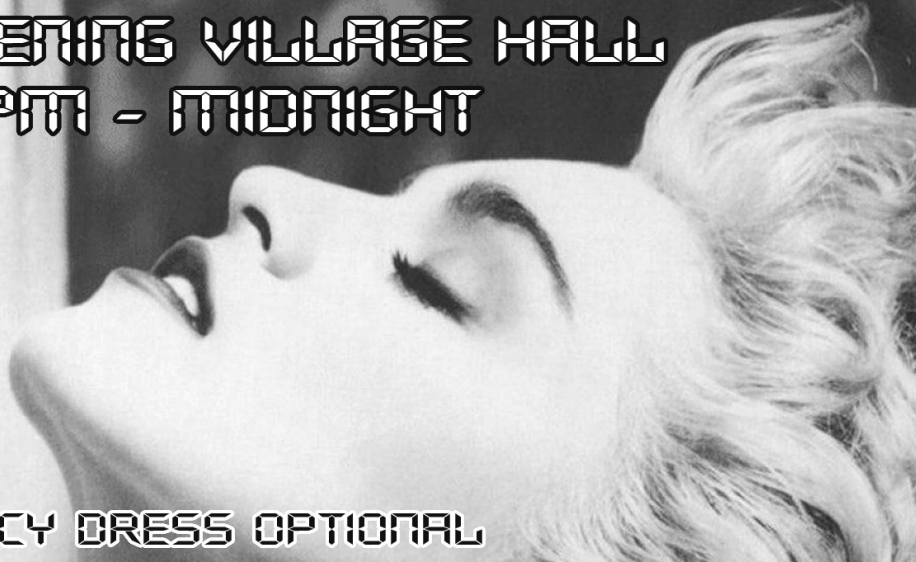
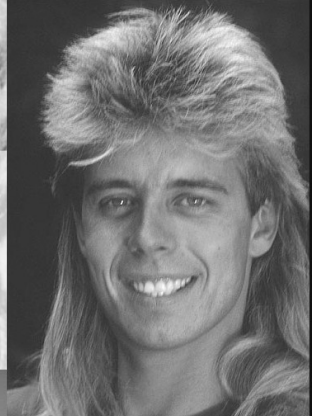
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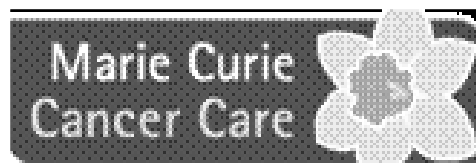
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The meeting will on the 24th November between 6-8pm at the Market Tavern, 2 Union Street Stroud GL5 2HE.

If you are interested in coming along and finding out more about Marie Curie Cancer Care and the work we do in Gloucestershire please contact Catherine Butt on 0117 942 7132 or catherine.butt@mariecurie.org.uk

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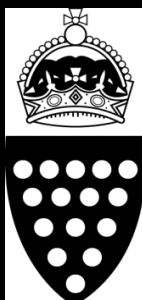
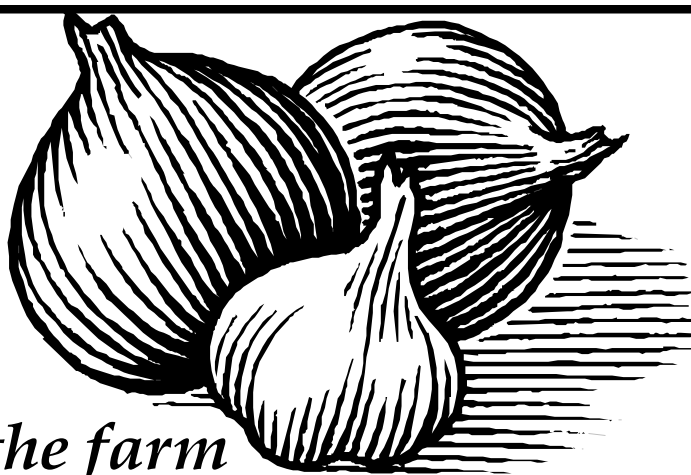


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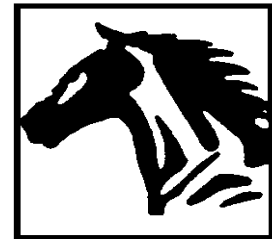
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It's getting to panto time of year again.....!

This photograph was loaned to Fred Venning by Mike Green, who used to live in Avening as a youngster but now lives in Ashley. He was in this pantomime in the 50s and thinks he can recognise most of the people in it. They are (left to right): Lily Green, UNKNOWN, Valerie Hedges, Rita Francis, Sylvia Jowers, UNKNOWN, Carol Niblett and Mike Green himself.

Can anyone confirm he is right, and can you fill in the gaps? And does any one know the date and the title of the panto?

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Letters to the Editor

Avening Parish Council have sent the following in response to the letter about the Avening Football Field from M. Jones, published in October's edition of The Villager.

The Parish Council would like to thank M Jones for their letter. The Parish Council feel it is very important to help to clarify the situation, even though this is largely a matter for the Trustees and the landowner. We are happy to play our part in informing people and correcting misunderstandings, so thank you for this opportunity. The Parish Council asked to be informed about the sale of the land at the time and Mr Derrick Ind and Jim Hill reported to the Parish Council in June 2009 and then later when the matter was resolved.

The field had been donated to the village in 1922. Our understanding of the situation was that at the time of the sale the football field hadn't been played on for 4-5 years and the football club was no longer meeting. At one point there was only one Trustee left. The field had been condemned largely due to access issues; no ambulance would have been able to get to the site. The situation became worse when the pavilion fell into disrepair and the asbestos roof fell off.

At that point the remaining trustees of the club received an offer for the land at a price far in excess of market value. The Parish Council was satisfied that all the dealings were above board using a solicitor and a land agent. The money has been placed in Trust with a view to it being used to set up a new football club or for some other charitable sporting purpose to benefit the village. The Trustees agreed to review the situation in 5 years and at least two and a half years of this time have passed. If you would like further information please contact the Clerk in the first instance who will put you in touch with the Trustees.

Avening Parish Council

Small Ads

Boys 24" bike for sale. £10. Contact Click on 836 442

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Cherington Parish Council

An Autumn newsletter will soon be distributed to all residents with information and dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings and events. An Internet and Broadband survey questionnaire will also be distributed. Please take time to fill this out as Gloucestershire County Council have funding to upgrade broadband in rural areas which will make it much faster especially for those of you who work from home.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Go to www.cotswold.gov.uk then Planning Register for details. The following valid planning applications have been lodged or new details have been received in the Parish of Cherington on 12 October 2011.

11/04391/LBC Avening Ward 12 October 2011
Location Trull House, Trull, Cherington, Tetbury, GL8 8SQ,
Proposal Alteration to an existing consent: reference 11/01907.
Reinstate the open gallery landing by moving the stairs
and banister to be in line with the existing adjacent wall.
In addition to this the work will involve the relocation of an
existing cupboard door to the entrance of the bathroom.
Case officer Laurie Davis Comments by 2nd November, 2011

PLANNING PERMIT

11/02698/FUL Avening Ward 16 September 2011
Location Aston Farm, Cherington, Tetbury, 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

11/03804/LBC Avening Ward 31 August 2011
Location Trull House, Trull, Cherington, Tetbury, GL8 8SQ
Proposal Re-roofing of lean-to, alterations to fireplaces and
installation of second flue
Case officer Laurie Davis Comments by 29th September 2011

The Parish Council's next meeting is on Monday 28th November, 2011 at 6.30pm in Cherington Village Hall, residents welcome to attend.

Sue Russell
Clerk to Cherington Parish Council



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Waste and Fly Tipping

“Local councils will be considering whether their fly-tipping concerns will be addressed by Government plans to reintroduce weekly domestic waste bin collections.” Communities Secretary, Eric Pickles, stated that the “new Weekly Collections Support Scheme will both support weekly collections and enable councils to invest in schemes and projects that will benefit the environment including through raising recycling rates. In the coming months councils” (waste collection and disposal authorities) “will be invited to submit innovative bids for funding. Ministers believe more frequent collections are likely to discourage fly-tipping and littering as well as reducing problems with vermin and pests.”

(30th September, 2011 <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1998987>)

Maybe you are happy with the fortnightly collections and think this is a good way to save money, or maybe your bin is bursting at the seams and you would really welcome the return of the weekly collection. The Parish Council is seeking your views on this. Please email the Clerk on the address below

Village Clean Up and Dog Waste

The Village Clean Up was very successful this year and removed several bags of fly tipped waste from the Recreation Ground. All the volunteers commented on the amount of dog waste around the village. We are sure that all the readers of The Villager clean up after their dogs but what should you do if see someone not picking up after their dog? Cotswold District Council take the issue of dog waste very seriously and this is their advice:

- Make a note of the time, date and place it happened. If possible, find out the person's name and address.
- Contact CDC or report it using the online dog fouling report form.
- If you want to give a statement, the Council can issue a fixed penalty and take prosecution proceedings with you as the witness if the fine is not paid. However, if you don't want to give a statement, the complaint will still be followed up. Report an issue to Animal Control and Welfare on 01285 62300.

The next meeting of the Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 17th November 2011 and then Thursday, 15th December 2011, at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st November,	WI outing to Salisbury	Coach leaves from Memorial Hall	9.00am
Saturday 5th November	Boogie Bop Boys	Avening Social Club	8.00pm
Saturday 12th November	Maud's Coffee Morning	Avening Memorial Hall	9.30am - noon
Wednesday 16th November	Sir Andrew Motion	Holy Cross Church, Avening	7.00pm
Thursday 17th November	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 19th November	FOAS '80s Disco	Avening Memorial Hall	8.00pm
Thursday 24th November	Boogie Bop Boys	The Bell	8.30pm
Friday 2nd December	Festive Evening by candle light	Holy Cross Church Avening	5.00pm
Saturday 3rd December	Playgroup Christmas Bazaar	Avening Memorial Hall	2.00pm
Sunday 4th December	Sunday School Party	Holy Cross Church Avening	3.30pm
Sunday 11th December	Father Christmas visits Avening	Avening	5.00pm
Sunday 11th December	Confirmation Service	Holy Cross Church Avening	6.00pm

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