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Services in Avening & Cherington

February

Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
5th February	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
12th February	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
	12.15	Avening	Baptism: Freddie & Emma Weinberger
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
18th February	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	Avening	Holy Communion
22nd February			
Sunday	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
26th February	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
4th March	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School

Note

*There will be coffee after the service in Avening on
February 5th & March 4th*

During Lent, Reverend Celia will be inviting other preachers to be at the Services, with the exception of Mothering Sunday and Palm Sunday.

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29th October

in memory of John Hopes, from his wife and family.

22nd December

for Eric Roberts

23rd December

In memory of Mrs L. Flight

24th December

To celebrate recovery of baby Rudy Robinson, from all his family

19th February

In memory of Michael Powell - from Thelma, Kevin and Columba

Co-editor needed!

Our co-editor, Nicholas Winkfield, is stepping down after a very enjoyable two years helping with your village magazine. He thought the last edition would be his Grande Finale.....

As you all know, the magazine is run by a small band of volunteers and a replacement for Nick is needed for the next edition.

If you are interested in joining the jolly team, can spare around 6-8 hours a month and want to add a new string to your bow, please contact Jane & Nick..

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Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
Feb 5th	Cas / Stephanie	Stephen	Ann
Feb 12th	Jeanie/Piers	Paul	Elizabeth
Feb 19th	Margaret/George	Derrick	Marion
Feb 26th	Stephanie/ Frances	Stephen	Elizabeth
March 4th	Jeanie/George	Paul	Ann

LENTEN SUPPER MEETINGS

We are planning to hold three Supper evenings next month followed by discussion, on Wednesdays March 14th 21st and 28th

which run from 7.30pm - 9pm:

Everyone welcome

Enquiries Rev Celia 832716

(Venues to be announced next month)

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Rev Celia

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The Parish Letter

Self-denial, fasting, discipline are not words in everyday use. Nor indeed are solitude, silence and prayer, but they do express something of real value for our inner happiness. These are the words we associate with Lent. The weeks that Christians use to prepare themselves for the greatest of all Christian Festivals: Easter Day.

Easter, when we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the amazing event, which released the life changing energy of the Holy Spirit, to all people.

In our busy and distracted World, which so often turns away from this energy, it is difficult to find solitude and silence, particularly when you are looking after a family, rushing out to work, and keeping appointments. But it need be no more than a country walk or half an hour in a room away from the television. It is enormously restorative and can become something very precious in our lives. Jesus, Himself, found it necessary to escape from the pressures and tensions in His life. He 'withdrew' from the crowds and from the continual companionship of his disciples to find times of solitude.....time to pray.....to restore a centre of calm.

If He needed such time away from it all....don't we all?

As for the fasting and self denial? Not practiced as often as it used to be, when we all prided ourselves on giving up sweets and chocolates, but it is something we should not dismiss too lightly, for such discipline serves to remind us that life has a further dimension.....that of the Soul.

When we dismiss the health of our Soul as irrelevant, we are only half living.

So keeping the Christian tradition of Lent adds something 'other' to our daily lives.....a deeper meaning.... and an inner calm and peace.

Rev Celia

Avening Memorial Hall

For all bookings & enquiries regarding the Memorial Hall:

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CHRISTMAS IN CHERINGTON



The start of the Cherington Christmas was on Saturday 3rd December when the village gathered for the lighting of the Christmas Tree. This has now become an annual event with the tree generously donated by Mr Ed Gottesman. The Green was full of families and children singing carols, with Reverend Cecilia leading us all after she had done the official switch on.

A brisk walk to St Nicholas Church for very welcome mulled wine and mince pies followed, and then this year we had an added bonus with a performance of a Medieval Mystery Play "Mak the Sheep Stealer." This was an extremely entertaining one man performance of a nativity play with fun, music and laughter with much audience participation as well as reminding us of the true spirit of Christmas. It was so good we asked him to remember us on his tour next year .

We then all wandered home feeling that Christmas had truly started!

Kate Gegg

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Tony Slater** 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
Folk Club	Thursday	8.15pm	Cross Inn	Chris 01453 450010
Mobile Library	Every other Friday	12.30 - 12.50pm	Cherington Green	
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: Royal Garrison Artillery

We have very little information on Walter but are able to piece together a sparse history of him.

We know from the Parish Register that he was buried on Thursday the 15th of April 1920 and that he died six days earlier (Friday the 9th of April) at Cranham Sanatorium.

We quote from the Stroud News and Journal, the press report of his funeral:

"Death was directly due to injuries sustained through gas poisoning whilst on active service in France. Although demobilised on September 17th 1919, his health was so precarious that he was only able to work for two weeks." The article went on to list the people attending, which included his fiancée, Miss R Elliot of Tetbury.

We have a copy of his "Medical History". This tells us that he enlisted at Bristol on the 13th of November 1915. He gave his occupation as "Groom and Cowman". He was 5 ft 10 ins tall, (1.78m) and weighed 132 lb (60kgs) and, at the time was 22 years and 5 months old. We know nothing of his military service from then on, apart from an embarkation date to France on Monday the 26th of June 1916.

He was born on Monday the 12th of June 1893 and was baptised at Holy Cross Church 41 days later. He was the eldest child of 7 children born to Paul Ind and his wife Elizabeth, nee Risby. He lived with his parents, two brothers and four sisters at what was known as "Bell Corner" in the 1901 and 1911 census returns, (those cottages at the bottom of New Inn Lane) now known as High Street, Avening.

At some time before 1919, he was assessed for a pension although we have no details. His final medical report states the cause of his death as "Acute Pulmonary Tuberculosis" and "Cardiac Failure".

Our sympathies must go out to his parents and fiancée, trying to visit him at Cranham during his last days.

His father would have received Walter's two medals - The British Medal and

Victory Medal.

There is no marked grave for Walter visible in the churchyard and he is not mentioned on his father's grave which was erected on his later death in 1948.

Walter's life is a mystery even today to surviving descendants of his siblings.

Fred Vening

(This is the correct Walter Ind story after the confusion of two Walter Inds in the November issue of the Villager)



The Children's Society

The annual box offering in January this year amounted to

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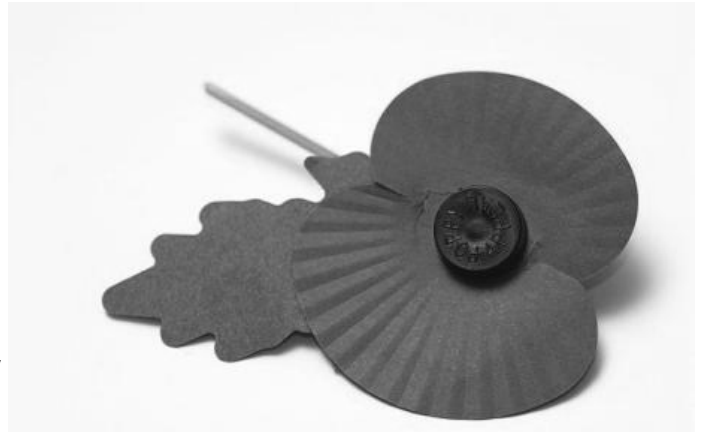
Eighteen people sat down and enjoyed the Christmas meal on December 7th. Everything you could wish for:- turkey, Christmas Pudding and all the trimmings. A nicely laid table, flowers, crackers, and a glass of wine followed by coffee.

Christine and Jean received gift vouchers to show the diners' appreciation.

We meet on the first Wednesday in the month at 12.30 at Avening Social Club. If you are interested in joining us, call Christine on 833246



Poppy Appeal thank you.



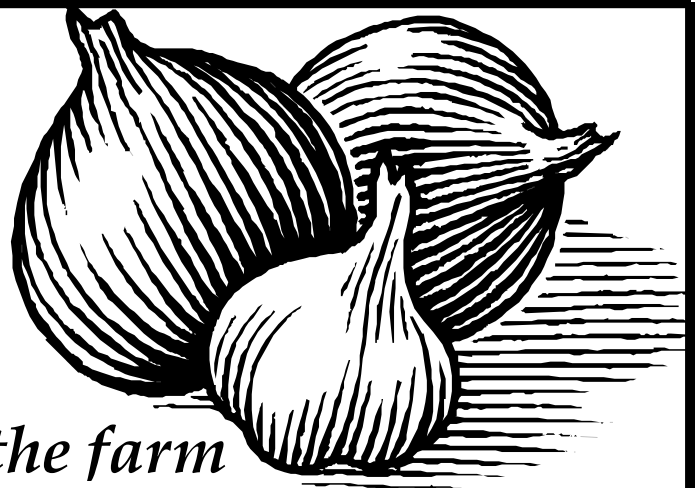
Bob and Kim Pittam would like to say a very big thank you to Mr John Green, as due to Bob's knee operation we had to rely on John to get all the boxes out and collect them all back in again. Also, thank you to all collectors and collection points - without you we wouldn't be able to contribute to such a good cause each year. This year we raised a total of

£1,173.47!!

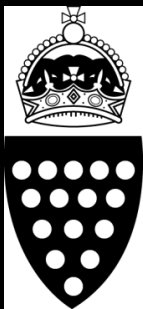
Please remember we need to order wreaths in September, so please try to order in time. Once again, a very big thank you.

Bob and Kim Pittam

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If you have a few hours to spare, live in the South Cotswolds and would like to find out more about making a difference to an older person, please contact Sue Black, 'People for You' co-ordinator, on 07507 641815 or Barbara Piranty on 01452 528491, email barbarap@grcc.org.uk.

Avening Playing Fields Plans

It all started with Adam Gale. Adam thought that there ought to be more available at the playing fields for the adventurous sorts and, to his credit, decided to do something positive about it. He thought that either a skate park or some sort of cycling track would foot the bill. He gathered together some of his ideas, talked to the Parish Council, talked to members of the Avening Playing Fields Committee, got a petition together signed by no less than 34 of his friends (!!) and got things moving. The upshot of this is that the Playing Fields will be developing the far top area above the basket ball tarmac, all currently rather neglected, into a short but adventurous off-road cycle track.

This will compliment the existing cycle track, designed for younger cyclists, and will incorporate the following:

1. A short dirt loop to link in with the existing track
2. Wood chippings along the side of the track to soften any possible falls
3. Jumps, designed to either simply ride over or to get some 'air'
4. Berms (earth banks) on steeper corners
5. Overhauling the existing rather more serious jumps
6. Anything else we can think of during the making of the track

We have inside information that this track may have help from some of the top UK mountain bike track designers, so could be something quite special. The general idea is to get a working party of Dads and children to design and build this track over the course of several weekend working parties. Mainly as this is a cheap way of constructing such a thing, but partly as it gets everybody involved and they feel it is 'theirs' to use, which of course it is.

The dates will be as follows:

Sunday 12th February at 1.30pm

Sunday 26th February at 1.30pm



You will need wheelbarrows, shovels and spades and a few test bikes to get the feel of the track as it develops. See you all there!

***Jon Glover & Paul Hancock,
Avening Playing Fields
Committee***

Avening Playgroup

Happy New Year to everyone from Avening Playgroup!

The children have returned to playgroup buoyant after the excitement of Christmas. As you can imagine during the month of December there were lots of glittery Christmas activities for the children to enjoy.

During the last couple of weeks the staff have been exploring healthy and unhealthy foods with the children and looking at allsorts of different types of exercise.

We would like to send out a HUGE thank you to everybody who supported our events throughout the month of December. The Christmas Bazaar is our largest fund raising event and it turned out to be a great afternoon with so many families from Avening and the surrounding areas coming along to join in with all the festivities.

Our other event, which you all supported brilliantly, was the 'Santa Float'. Santa was followed around the village by so many families and so many more villagers were generous with donations as we came knocking on your doors! This year we donated a proportion of our profits to the British Heart Foundation as a thank you to the family of Phil Waring for contributing the amplifying equipment on Santa's Float.

If you would like to find out more about Avening Playgroup or the Toddler Group which runs out of the same premises please contact Debbie Brown on 01453 832695

Deb Carter

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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 3: Village Entertainment

I learnt to ride a bike along Nags Head Road. A Fairy cycle: Dad would push me along and let it go without telling me. I think everyone learnt to ride on it. I was allowed to play with Joan Rimes, her parents owned the Avening Mill. Mr Rimes bought a boat and we would row up to the next bridge at Brook House. We had a policeman that would stand on the Cross. I forgot to go round him on my bike, so I got told off. He told my father!

We had Carnivals in the Poolhay, it was a playing field then. We had anniversaries where we sang and said poems. I learnt to ride and rode the Baker's horse in the carnival dressed as an Arab and got first prize although I got a bad leg from a rusty stirrup. We did plays and pantomimes. Once I was the end of a horse, Ha, Ha!

We had Avening Feast on the 11th of September with a service in the Church and a feast afterwards, which we still have in memory of Queen Matilda. We ate pig face sandwiches. We knew everyone in the village, so they would say come on in, have a cup of tea. We learned to sew and knit. My Mum taught me cooking.

Grandmother cooked on her old range and had a cricket under it - she liked the chirrup sound it made. She also told fortunes with tea leaves, I still have the cup. She would dress up as a Gypsy and darken her face also, go round the village selling clothes pegs, saying "any pegs today, lady?" Then they would say "Oh, it's you, Lizzie". She still has that name on her tombstone now. Also my Grandfather was good at playing cricket. He was George Fletcher and has cricket stumps on his grave stone. They called him Bradock after a famous Cricketer.

You had to make your own fun; no radio, no TV. Uncle Frank would play the piano accordion. My Grandfather played the violin and all the Bathes played something or other. They warmed the beer in copper saucepans shaped like a witch's hat. I was asked to join the choir at sixteen and Mrs White would watch us to make sure we did not put a foot wrong. We would go round Carol singing at Christmas with a candle in a jam jar. We went to Sunday School and Church

in the morning and Chapel in the afternoon

We loved to wear hats then, it kept us in fashion. Some looked like ATS hats. Taking walks round Avening Court we stared at the Sentries keeping guard. It must have been a creepy place. Mum used to go there before the war to garden parties. She had a lovely hat full of roses. The Seven Springs at the end of Avening Court was always good for lovely watercress. In the winter we went sledging. My father made us a big sledge of wood which we enjoyed at Gatcombe and could be away all day.

My interest in painting began early as Lord Lee gave us picture study at school then at Tetbury Grammar School. I loved painting. I did exams for the Royal Art Drawing and Painting Society. I was lucky to go to Newman Henders in the drawing office as a tracer then went to the Ecko factory where I met Allan and have now been married 56 years. I am lucky at the moment to join the People of Avening Art Group.

Looking back again at family life; walking down the lane to school, walking to Nailsworth with my Mum and my sister through woods and orchards, riding bikes, fishing, sliding down the lane on the ice with my leather gaters, done up with button hook like you would make a wool rug with.

(extracts from Rosemary's own notes)

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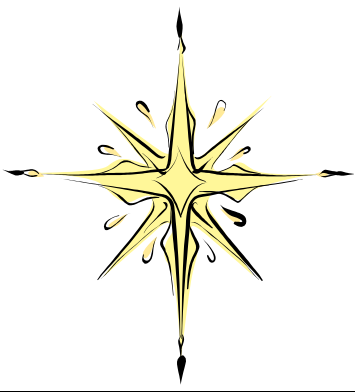
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Ringin' in the New Year



Mak the Sheep Stealer



Alice the Musical



Avening Primary School

Are you a keen birdwatcher?



Are you a keen bird watcher? Do you know all the varieties of birds that are commonly found around Avening? Pupils from Avening have once again enthusiastically participated in the RSPB's Big School Birdwatch (16-30 January 2012). Not only did they take part in the world's biggest birdwatch, but they also helped the RSPB monitor UK bird numbers. Run every year, the Birdwatch is a

country-wide project that enables the children to learn more about our birds, how they can be identified and the numbers in which they can be found.

Molly (Y3) explained: "We went out into the old garden and took a clipboard and binoculars. My group managed to spot jackdaws flying over the school. They are very noisy!"

"My group went into the top playground and had a good view from the climbing frame. There were lots of birds on the old chimney of the school," added Billy.

"Yes," agreed Molly. "In the bottom playground we could see birds outside the chimney, guarding the place where we think there is a nest".

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 2011 FACTS:

- Over 600,000 people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2011
- Over 10 million birds were counted
- The house sparrow was the most commonly spotted bird in Gloucestershire

The younger children were also kept busy making fat balls and treats with nuts and seeds to feed the birds on these cold days. Jackdaws are usually the most common birds to be found by the school and in the school garden but they are certainly not the only ones! Some of the youngest children in the Eagles and Kestrels have been busy drawing and writing quite independently about the birds they have seen. Robins, not surprisingly, are particularly popular at this time of year.

Olivia – *“This is a robin. They love worms. They have a short beak and it is orange. Robins come out at winter. They have a red chest and the rest of their body is brown. They fly on their own. They have tiny legs. Robins don’t sing as much as blackbirds. They have nice warm feathers.”*



Rachel – *“This is a robin. Robins have half of a red tummy. You sometimes see them in spring and winter. Robins eat worms.”*

Some of the children wrote descriptions a little like riddles:

Bethany – *“It has two legs. It goes outside in winter and it sings and its tummy is red. I am a robin.”*

Paul – *“I eat worms. I am black. I have some eyes and I have feet. I have a black head. I have legs. I am a jackdaw.”*

Many of you will know that the classes at the school are named after different birds. The children come into the Eagles class, move onto the Kestrels and then the Hawks, before finally becoming an Owl, the bird particularly associated with wisdom! This is also the inspiration for the school badge that the children wear proudly on their red sweatshirts. The bird theme is maintained through other aspects of school life too.



The weekly newsletter is the ‘Hoot’, the children’s own newspaper is called the ‘Warbler’, the summer school is ‘Swallows’ and the after-school care is called ‘Kites’! Not to be left out, the School Council is made up of two committees - ‘Avocets’ responsible for environmental matters and ‘Wrens’ who concentrate on community business.

Michele Wheatley

Have you seen the Black Panther...???

Or is it all just rubbish, lots of imagination, some festive spirit
and a few large pussy cats?

Quite a few people in Avening and Cherington think they've
seen one - let's hear your stories.....

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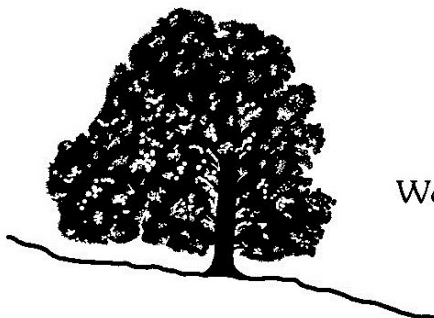
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Welcome to our newly elected President Maisie Stanton!

Our Christmas party was a great success and the picture shows members searching newspapers for answers in a quiz set by Shirley Hand. The party was well attended this year in contrast to last year's when members could not get to the hall due to the snow.

As well as the party we had an excellent Christmas meal, with husbands and partners invited, at the Minchinhampton Golf Club.

One of our members Gill Thomas was invited at very short notice to appear on the One Show demonstrating various crafts with the comedienne Sarah Millican. Well done Gill as it must be nerve racking appearing on a live T.V. show.

The subject of our speaker's talk in January was 'dark holidays'. I was thinking this might include ghost hunting or exploring caves but not at all. Phil Bischler and his family enjoy exploring war zones and other dangerous locations. He gave us a fascinating talk about his travels to Syria, the Lebanon and Croatia. He brought along a small landmine, fortunately defused, found on his travels.

The next WI meeting is on Thursday 9th February and our speaker is Jan Greenman (Life at the Edge and Beyond) who will talk about her life with her son, Luke, who has Aspergers Syndrome.

Gwyneth Simpson

Round the World Taxi Trip

Thank you so much for all the support from everyone in the village. Your donations in the Bell are now over £50 (and hopefully you'll see a postcard send from the 'finish line' there too).



*Sydney - not quite
the finish line after
all.....*

However, this isn't it! The lads and I got an offer we couldn't refuse, the opportunity to drive the whole way around the world back to London again, thanks to a new sponsor. We are now setting off to the USA, which we will cross from San Francisco to New York and then to Europe and back to London.

We are still a fair way off the £20,000 target we set for the British Red Cross, so if you're feeling generous you can donate at www.justgiving.com/itsonthemeter or pop into the bell and put something in the box on the bar (and maybe have a pint whilst your there...)

Anyway, thanks again for the support, I'll be back in May.

Paul Archer



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All Take Note.

A Royal Decree has been sent out!

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Monday June 4th 2012.

Avening is now registered for a Beacon Ceremony, meaning a Beacon will be lit on the ridge of Avening Park that evening.

The village and the Parish Council have been asked, by Royal Decree, to have a big party for everyone. Thus there is to be a Hog Roast, Bars, Music, a big screen showing the Buckingham Palace Concert the Park, etc. etc.

From 6.30pm onwards. Tuesday is a bank holiday so no problem for everybody to stay up later than normal!

More information closer to the time.

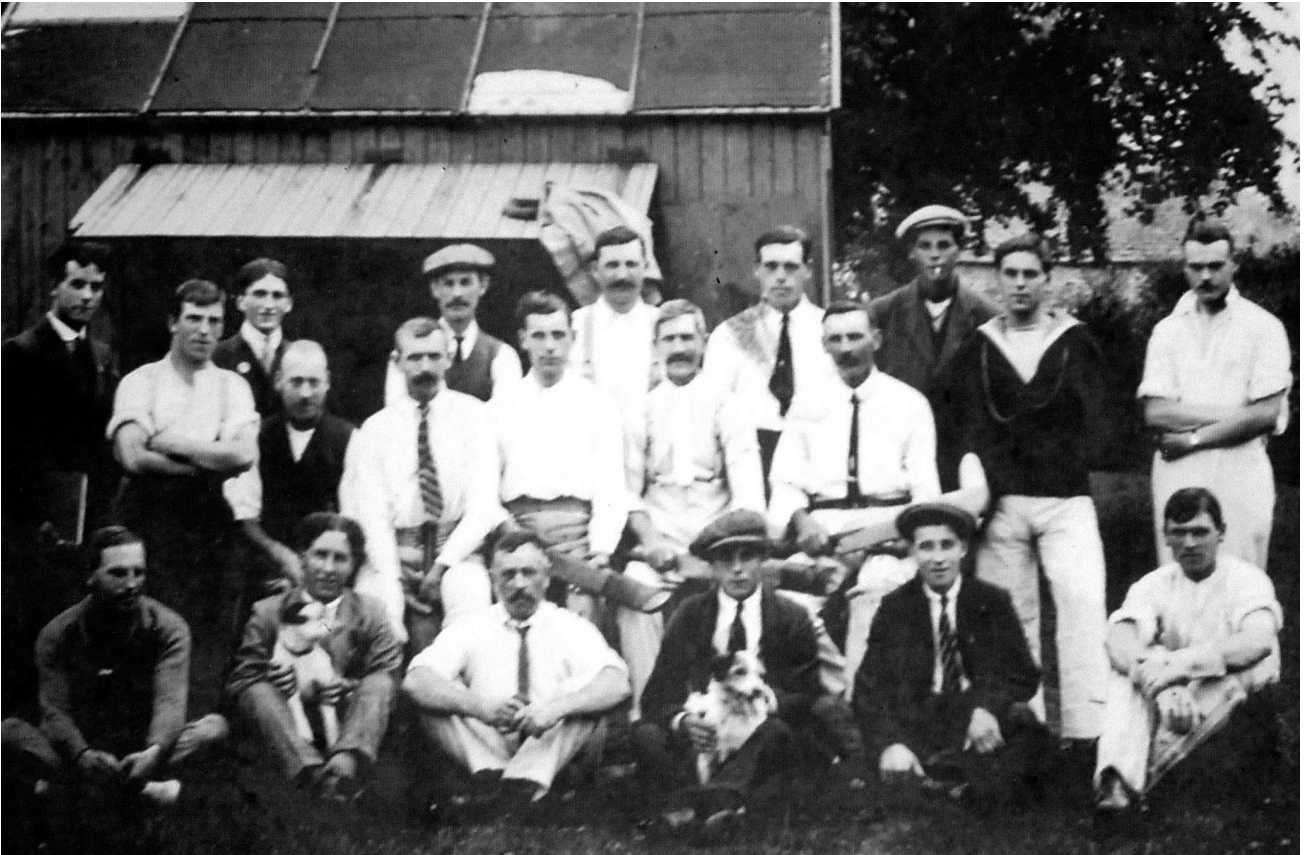
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We have kindly been passed this photo from Riley Vincent's collection, quite clearly a cricket team between the wars.

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welcome, from bluegrass and country to country rock, traditional unaccompanied ballads and Scottish and Irish music. It's all very informal, and no performing experience is needed — just pitch up and have a go.

Following the closure of the club's home at the Crown in Minchinhampton before Christmas, the club moved to the upstairs function room at the Cross Inn, where Glyn and Claire have given the musicians and their followers a warm welcome. Admission is only £2 to cover costs, and although every night is different anyone who drops in may be sure of a warm welcome. The regulars have already begun to make the room their home with improved lighting and a display of pictures of performers.

And you just enjoy listening to live music, you are always welcome, the more the merrier; it's always good to have an audience!

If you want further details, contact
The Cross, or Chris Newton on
01453 450010 or see
www.minchfolkclub.org



Letters to the Editor

Hello,

Me and my friends would like a small skate park in Avening playing field. We have not got anywhere else to play on our scooters and our bikes. In the park there is a basketball court that never gets played with. We need something that is strong and it is not going to be destroyed by teenagers. There are also some mud jumps in the top left in the park, we used to enjoy them but now we cant because it is all overgrown and no-one is doing anything to make sure it is all cut back. If anyone can help me and my friends to create a skate park or clear the jumps we would be very grateful.

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11/02925/FUL **Avening Ward** 09 December 2011
Location: The Gastons, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SL,
Proposal: Proposed replacement dwelling, amendments to 06/00306/
FUL
Case officer: Claire Baker

11/05207/FUL **Avening Ward** 08 December 2011
Location: Cheington House, Cherington, Tetbury, Glos., GL8 8SN,
Proposal: Construction of new two storey extension in place of
demolished single storey extensions. Renovation and re-
roofing existing.
Case officer: Claire Baker

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

It is with regret the Parish Council has accepted the resignation of Roy Eldridge. Roy has been a great stalwart of the Council and will be greatly missed for his willingness to help and knowledge of the Village.

This has left a vacancy on the Parish Council which will be filled by co-option. If you wish to put your name forward for the post please contact the Clerk, all completed application forms have to be received by 5pm on the 10th February.

CAR PARK SPACES

Two car park spaces have become available, please contact the Clerk if you wish to take any of these spaces.

BROADBAND

If you wish to keep informed of progress with regard to the improved speeds proposed for our area please go to www.gfirst.co.uk/broadband.

The Parish Council has bought a salt spreader for the village footpaths. Cllr Alison Sharpe will be responsible for its use should any bad weather occur!

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 20th February, 2012 6.30pm in the Village Hall, **not** on the 6th February as scheduled, all residents welcome to attend.

Sue Russell
Clerk to Cherington Parish Council



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Broadband – Please Keep Sending Surveys

The Cotswolds is one of a number of rural areas where nearly half of households have broadband speeds below or at 2 Mega bits per second - the Government's acceptable minimum level of service. This means that downloading from the internet may take a long time and watching things like 'iplayer' may be very frustrating. We know that there is variable Broadband speed across the village of Avening. The Parish Council, along with Cotswolds District Council and Gloucestershire Rural Community Council is urging you to fill in the survey at www.gfirst.co.uk/broadband. Hard copies with freepost returnable envelopes are available from Chris Cowcher, GRCC Broadband Champion. Alternatively you can contact him on 01452 528491 or by emailing christopherc@grcc.org.uk. Please do fill in the surveys as this will help inform Gloucestershire Rural Community Council of the actual speeds we receive and prioritise our needs for the broadband upgrade project. Please feel free to forward these details on to friends and neighbours so that they can fill them in too.

SNOW, ICE AND GRIT BINS

The Council will shortly be conducting its annual review of grit bins and effectiveness of (all) Councils' responses to snow/ice in the village.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN INFORM OUR DISCUSSIONS.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

We are seeking nominations for our Volunteer of the Year Award 2012 – please nominate a volunteer who has contributed to improving life in the village. The award will be made at our Parish Meeting (usually held in May). Please either contact a Councillor, or the Clerk to make your nomination.

DAMAGE TO BUS SHELTER

We are given to understand that our bus shelter on Hampton Hill was damaged by a lorry but no first hand information has been forthcoming about this. The repair will have to be undertaken by the Parish Council.

NEW POLICE PHONE NUMBER

The Police now have a new phone number for non emergency matters. It is 101. You still need to call 999 for emergencies or if you see a crime taking place. You can also call the Crime Stoppers number 0800 555 111 and remain anonymous.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2012/13

The Parish Council financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March. This year a Band D Council tax payer (one who pays the full amount without any discounts) will pay £50.82 which is exactly the same as they would have paid last year. This

is £4.23 per month or 98p per week. As the first tier of local government and local service provision we hope you think that the Parish Council is excellent value for money.

We provide community grants to a variety of organizations which are of direct benefit to village life; we provide litter bins, dog waste bins, grit bins, bus shelters. We are active in commenting on Planning Applications and on issues to do with the roads, Highways and Rights of Way. We arrange for the grass to be cut in several areas around the village. We liaise directly with the police on local crime issues and we are active in campaigning for better Broadband for the village. Our budget will be available on our website: www.avening-pc.gov.uk.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

If you are considering submitting a planning application in the parish, please feel free to come and talk to the Parish Council at one of their monthly meetings.

The next meeting of the Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 15^h March 2012 at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome.

*Julie Wickham, Parish Clerk, PO Box 400, Stroud, GL6 1GZ Tel: 01453 751823
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Avening Tower Captain	David Govier	01453 882914
Avening Primary School	Diana Boulton	01453 833191
Avening Playgroup	Debbie Brown	01453 832695 Home 835983
Avening Village Agent	Aileen Bendall	07810-630156
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A & C Cricket Club	Derrick Ind	01453 835752
Over 60s Lunch Club	Christine Howell	01453 833246
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Avening History Project	Fred Vening red@fvening.fsnet.co.uk	01285 850624
Stroud Hospital		01453 562200
Women's Institute	Maisie Stanton Wendy Jennings	01453 834679 01453 832881

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 4th February	Boogie Bop Boys	Social Club	8 - late
Monday 20th February	Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.30pm
Thursday 9th February	WI	Memorial Hall	
Sunday 12th February	Playing Fields Working Party	Playing Fields	1.30pm
Sunday 26th February	Playing Fields Working Party	Playing Fields	1.30pm
Wednesday 14th March	Lenten Supper	tba	7.30 - 9.00pm
Wednesday 21st March	Lenten Supper	tba	7.30 - 9.00pm
Wednesday 28th March	Lenten Supper	tba	7.30 - 9.00pm
Friday 10th Feb - Monday 20th February	Half Term	Avening Primary School	
Friday 30th March - Monday 16th April	Easter Holidays	Avening Primary School	
Monday June 4th	Queens Diamond Jubilee Party		6.30

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