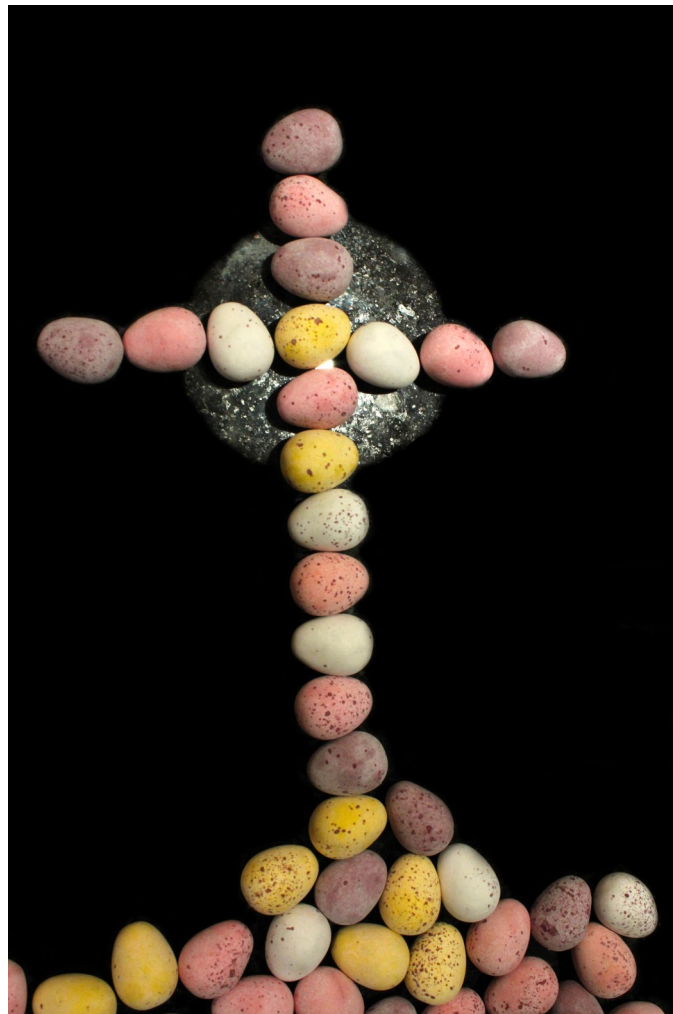


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HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday 1st April	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	10.45	Avening	Children's Procession, meeting at the Cross, followed by Holy Communion BCW
	11.00		
Tuesday 3rd April	7.30pm	Cherington	Taize Service
Maundy Thursday 5th April	7.00pm	Avening	Agape Supper for all ages, the re-enactment of the Last Supper
Good Friday 6th April	12-1pm	Cherington	Meditations on the Cross
	2-3pm	Avening	Meditation & Tenebrae Service
Easter Saturday 7th April	7-8pm	Avening	Silent Candlelit Vigil
Easter Sunday 8th April	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW

There will be Easter Egg hunts at the 9.30 and 11.00 Easter Day services at Cherington and Avening!

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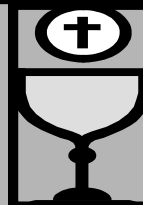
25th March

For Martin Constable from the Family.
Always in our thoughts

Sunday	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
15th April	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
22nd April	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW Followed by PCC AGM
Sunday	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
29th April	09.30	Cherington	
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
6th May	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW

**There will be coffee after the service in Avening on
1st April & 6th May. As usual, all are very welcome!!**

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
Palm Sunday April 1st	Cas/Jeanie	Stephen	Marion
Easter Day April 8 th	Stephanie/Frances	Paul	Ann
April 15 th	George/Piers	Stephen	Marion
April 22 nd	Margaret/Jeanie	Paul	Elizabeth
April 29th	Stephanie/Cas	Stephen	Ann
May 6 th	Frances/George	Paul	Elizabeth

A very big
THANK YOU
to

NICK WINKFIELD

For all his hard work as co-Editor of
The Villager for the past two years!

And a warm welcome to Derrick and Frances who
have volunteered to take his place (yes, we needed
two people to replace him!)

The Parish Letter

Almost as soon as the Christmas baubles and tinsel have left the shop shelves.....their place is taken by Easter bunnies, baby chicks and chocolate eggs!

All so familiar and yet one is tempted to wonder if the meaning behind it all has been forgotten - hardly surprising if it has, as it doesn't immediately spring to mind what relevance the chocolate egg has to the early morning scene in a garden in Palestine 2000 years ago. But it DOES have a relevance, even if slightly frivolous...for any egg, even a chocolate one, is symbolic of new life.

Easter is celebrating the wonder of New Life.the life of the risen Christ...Life overcoming Death.....Eternal Life.

The young girl crying outside the empty tomb at dawn found it hard to believe, mistaking the figure of Jesus for that of the gardener. How can you blame her ? She had watched Jesus dying on the Cross, seen His body wrapped in a shroud, watched it being carried off and laid in a tomb...even seen the stone in front of the grave entrance rolled across and sealed. How could Mary believe? Or indeed, the disciples, when they first heard that Mary had seen Jesus? How could they believe that the man they had seen die, was now alive?

This is the very core of the Christian Faith. That this man, a Nazarene carpenter, died on the Cross..... and yet..... lives.

This is why we believe that Jesus is the Son of God.....why we believe that Life continues..... and that one day we will be reunited with those we love. It is an awesome thought but it is the Truth..... backed by historical fact.

Jesus lives, and because HE lives, we will live also

Alleluia! Happy Easter!

Rev.Celia

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JOB VACANCY

Playgroup Assistant - 9 hours pw (TEMPORARY POST)

This vacancy is for a Playgroup Assistant at Avening Playgroup, Nr Tetbury, Gloucestershire for the Summer Term 2012. Avening Playgroup is a small friendly playgroup for children from 2 years 9 months to school age. We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring and patient temporary Playgroup Assistant for 9 hours per week from mid April until 18th July initially. The role will involve working alongside playgroup staff to help support all of the children's learning through play and also to provide some 1:1 support within a whole group environment.

The hours are 9.15am to 12.15pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. A qualification and/or experience of working with pre-school children would be an advantage.

Avening Playgroup is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. The successful applicant will be offered the position subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure and will need to provide two referees.

For more information and an application form please contact Debbie Brown between 8am and 1pm during term time on 01453 832695 or Tamzin Cory on 07973 118464. The closing date for submission of application forms is Thursday 12th April.

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	
Entertainment	1st Saturday each month	8.00pm	Social Club	Derek 01453 835752
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. 43

Leslie Joseph Fletcher

Trooper: Royal Gloucestershire Hussars.



Leslie Joseph Fletcher, known as "Joe" to his friends and family, joined the Hussars in 1939. The 2nd Battalion had a strength of 24 officers and 397 other ranks when they were mobilised to Minehead. It must have been an exciting time, moving from being a civilian house painter to being part of a tank crew. In a move to Bristol in December, he became part of the 22nd Armoured Brigade where training began in earnest.

January 1940 found the Brigade in Warsop, Nottinghamshire but short of vehicles, a shortage which continued on a further move to Cranleigh in Surrey. By March 1941, they were still not fully equipped but had moved to Warminster in Wiltshire in June, with an embarkation date of September.

In October 1941, the brigade found itself in Suez and into operations in November.

In January they were in the front line of the British armoured force. They suffered heavy casualties in the initial stages of their meeting with Rommel's desert army and were reduced in strength from 52 tanks, 43 officers and 585 other ranks to 4 tanks, 21 officers and 442 other ranks.

They were withdrawn from the front at the beginning of 1942 but it was the

Germans who were first to re-equip and fierce battles ensued throughout the area.

By May, the Germans and Italians looked to have the upper hand and they made significant advances towards the east, circling south and moving behind the allied "boxes". In June, following the Battle of Knightsbridge, the British were withdrawn towards El Alamein. Joe's unit was removed initially to El Adem to refit and then to Sidi Bishr, near Alexandria. It was about this time that Joe fell ill. Initially, his throat suffered from a quinsy but this developed into periadenitis with complications. He was taken into Alexandria Military Hospital but, despite surgery, he never recovered and died on Monday the third of August 1942. His funeral took place at the Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery. His coffin was borne by his Battalion comrades from Tetbury who had served with him since enlisting.

He was unmarried although he was engaged to a girl from Tetbury.

Joe was born on Tuesday the 12th of February 1907 and was baptised in our Parish Church on the 31st of March of the same year. He was the youngest of eleven children born to George Fletcher ((1865 - 1953) and Lizzie (nee Caudle 1869 -1948). In the 1911 census the family was living in Church Street, Avening in a house that was subsequently demolished to make way for our Memorial Hall, following which and before enlisting, he lived in Leonard's Brook cottages. Joe had worked for the Woodchester piano manufacturers but later was employed as a painter for Holbrow and Sons, a building company of Tetbury. We are grateful to his nephew, Lionel Fletcher for some information and photographs.

Fred Vening



LITERARY TEA IN CHERINGTON



Sunday 29th April at 3.30pm

As part of the fund raising for Cherington Church, the well-known foodie William Sitwell we be giving us a talk on his new book “A History of Food in 100 Recipes”

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Village People

**“All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small”**



I wonder if, on a glorious, sunny winter's morning in the mid-19th century, Cecil Frances Alexander looked out of her window, took up her pen and wrote the words of the above hymn.

I looked out of our window on a morning that lived up to every single word of the first two lines. The sky was the blue only seen on a winter's day when the temperature the night before has dropped to zero or below and, come daylight, the sun blazes forth in its glory tempting all the creatures - in this case all small and all birds - to visit their favourite, well-stocked larder of peanuts and seeds.

Way back, as autumn slowly became winter, we had very regular visitors to the garden - blue tits, coal tits, long-tailed tits - all milling round amongst the robins, chaffinches, hedge-sparrows and one little wren who was never quite courageous enough to enter into the fray underneath the feeders and pick up the fallen seeds.

But, without doubt, the daily stars of the show were two goldfinches with their jewelled red spots on their heads, their yellow bodies and their black, white and gold tails. The feeders containing their diet of niger seeds were demolished with great alacrity and relish. But came the day when there was no sign of them. Not that day, not the next day, not the next week. We tried to think, philosophically, that they had gone off to warmer climes for the

winter but - somewhere in the back of my mind - I seemed to have read that goldfinches don't migrate to the warmth. Feeling rather sad and depressed I took down the nigerseed feeders, cleaned them and put them away.

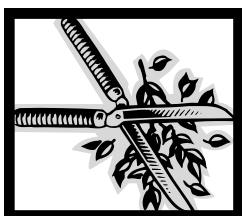
One dank, dreary December morning to my astonishment I saw one little goldfinch battling for its life to get peanuts out of the peanut feeder. Within minutes I had re-stocked the niger seed feeders, hung them up and waited to see who would appear.

What did appear, however, was a nuthatch. A very rare visitor who got stuck in - upside down of course - and had a wonderful time demolishing the peanuts. Happy as I was to see him, I just hoped he wasn't going to be a threat to our little friends.

I need not have worried. The next day six goldfinches flew in and had a wonderful niger feast. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw all six swinging on the feeders and keeping the smaller birds on the ground very happy with the amount of seeds dropping down. Every so often an extremely handsome cock pheasant would saunter along, totally ignoring and being ignored by the small birds. Happily, as far as one can tell, they all seem to have survived the winter and it would be nice to think that in some way their garden larder was a contributory factor.

I don't know where Mrs. Alexander was living when she wrote the words of what must be one of our best-loved hymns but she certainly summed up nature in all its beauty. We don't have purple-headed mountains in Gloucestershire but we do have rivers, amazingly wondrous sunrises and sunsets, cold winds, pleasant summer suns She portrayed each and every aspect on a simply-written, literary canvas. Words that have been sung, over the years, in cathedrals, village churches, school assemblies and at many, many other gatherings. So, thank you Mrs. Alexander.

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Avening Playgroup

The children have been enjoying lots of activities and learning new things. The older children have been building on their knowledge of numbers doing lots of practical activities to help them understand how numbers work and to help them understand concepts, such as, they may be 4, but they are number 7 in the line of children.

On the 15th March we took the children who will be starting school in September 2012 to Avening Primary School to watch the Eagles Class (Reception/Year 1) termly assembly entitled 'The Enormous Turnip'. We were very proud as our children who all behaved impeccably, whilst thoroughly enjoying their visit to the 'big school'.

All of the children have made a beautiful card for Mother's Day and in the run up to Easter will be making chocolate Easter nests, Easter Cards and take part in an Easter Egg Hunt – how exciting!

Please remember that if your child will be three between September 2012 - August 2013 and you would like to put their name down for Avening Playgroup, please call Debbie any weekday morning between the hours of 9.15 – 12.15 on 832695.

Debbie Brown



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Villagers turned out suitably attired in fluorescent gilets (definitely could be a new fashion item if we follow this year's catwalks where block colours were the thing!) with gloves and “picker ups” and set off with the objective to see who found the most interesting item !

2 Hours and 20 black bags later it was decided that the winner of the most disgusting item was a bag of used nappies, the most interesting was a tie between a toilet seat and two car mudguards complete with number plates still attached. Much of the litter was discarded drink packaging, most popular being a famous cider tying first place with a high energy drink.

As you drive and see the odd bit of rubbish in the hedgerows it never looks very much but as we piled up the bags at the end of our litter pick it just showed the amount thrown out of car windows.

Thank you to all who turned out on the day, and every year, we and the hedgerows are very grateful.

Driving into Tetbury an hour later what did I see? A lonely cup with lid from a famous coffee shop - I had to get out and remove it !

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Artists and events across the week:

- Julie Felix headlines with a brand new show for 2012 (Saturday 19th May)
- London Bulgarian Choir with enchanting & haunting singing (Sunday 20th May)
- What happened when the Romans left? Professor Mark Horton (Monday 21st May)
- Folk legend Martin Carthy at Ruskin Mill (Tuesday 22nd May)
- The Festival film 'A Good Year' (Wednesday 23rd May)
- Brodsky Quartet- The Wheel of 4Tunes (Thursday 24th May)
- Bristol Old Vic Theatre School's production of 'Cold Comfort Farm' (Friday 25th May)
- A literary lunch with Jamila Gavin at Horsley Church (Saturday 26th May lunchtime)
- The 3rd Nailsworth Poetry Slam (Saturday 26th May evening)
- Cream Tea Promenade (Sunday 27th May)

During Festival week there will be walks, exhibitions, workshops and other activities taking place across Nailsworth. Further details and tickets are available through the website at www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk or from the Town Information Centre, Fountain Street, Nailsworth or by post, using the form on the back of the brochure which will be widely available around Nailsworth.

Tim Hughes
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AVENING CHURCH VILLAGE FETE

SUNDAY JULY 1ST



Make sure you have this date in your diary!

Nathaniel Parker will be officially opening the fete at 2.00pm; tell your friends a family.

As well as the stalls, refreshments, duck races and Art Show, you can have a go at Sumo Wrestling!

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Avening Primary School

FROM SOURCE TO SEVERN



Until March this year, children in the Hawks class may have been familiar with the River Severn only as the expanse of water you cross to get to Wales. But since a classroom study and river 'field trip', the children now are much more aware of the river's connection with the village in which they go to school.

The trip started in Cherington where they viewed the source of the Severn, the Aven (from which Avening gets its name), near Cherington Lake. The class then went on to a stop at Longfords Mill on the way to Nailsworth. Here the children learned about, and saw the man-made waterfall and lake, as well as the continued flow of the Aven. Next stop was Woodchester where they could clearly see the river growing in size. At Eastington they were told about the River Frome joining with the Aven as it carries on flowing north west. At Upper Framilode the class were able to see the River Severn (as it was by now) close up and then they were off to Arlingham where they were told about the treacherous 'sinking sand'. Finally the pupils stopped at Stinchcombe Golf Club from where they could get a spectacular view of the two Severn Bridges over the river at its widest part and over in to Wales.

Brief extracts from some of their recounts give some idea of what they discovered:

Elsie – *"We went to Cherington to find our source. Then we saw it coming under the road in a pipe and we saw our stream's first meander. Then out of the wall was more water and it looked very much like a waterfall because it was very deep. That is called a plunge pool....Then we went to see our stream get a lot faster and wider. As we weren't far from Stroud we stopped at Sainsbury's to see our stream but*



now as the River Frome as our stream and other tributaries join together to make the River Frome.”

Nathan – “We went to Eastington and went in a field and saw two streams, one on each side. We followed one and then saw another. They were making swirly patterns fighting and they went each way. Upper Framilode was where we had lunch and walked some more. Then we saw the Severn! It was much bigger than I thought it would be. There was sinking mud and sand and the tide comes in quickly.... I really enjoyed the trip. I could not have a better trip ever!”

GETTING TO KNOW GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

This month the Owls class have also been out and about and enjoyed a trip to Gloucester Cathedral where they took part in a Science Day. The visit included climbing up a narrow spiral stone staircase to the top of the bell tower; a closer look at stained glass windows and how they are made and repaired and an insight



into units of measure used during the buildings construction a thousand years ago! The pupils also had a unique opportunity to find out how the organ works with its thousands of pipes, several keyboards and pedals. Then they were

able to make their way up to the organ itself for a demonstration and several of the children who have piano lessons even had the chance to play their own piano pieces on a rather more challenging instrument!



The day had been organised by the cathedral education staff as their contribution to National Science Week - and it certainly gave Avening pupils a most unusual insight into a very special building!

Michele Wheatley

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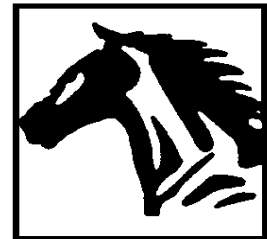
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This June, 60 intrepid cyclists will attempt to travel 500 miles from Bristol to its twin town of Bordeaux, France. The challenge, now in its fourth year, will take 4 days and requires a huge amount of commitment and determination from the participants. Riders may choose from 2 distances: a 'classic' 300 or an 'extreme' 500 mile journey.

One of the cyclists is Tom Redpath, ex-Avening School pupil and until recently a resident of the village. He and his colleague from Westonbirt Leisure Centre, Luke Bedwell, have started their training and look forward to their first cycling challenge. The pair are actively fundraising in order to secure their place on the trip. *"We are extremely apprehensive but enormously excited about the challenge"* say the cyclists. £600 is required with all sponsorship going towards PROPS, a centre devoted to providing opportunities and support to young people with learning difficulties. The Westonbirt Leisure employees were approached by an Ambassador of the charity who is also a member at the sports centre, although we're told the pair, who are already keen cyclists, did not need much persuading!

Tom and Luke have created an account with JustGiving, and welcome any support and donations. If you wish to sponsor the cyclists, please log on to www.justgiving.com/TomRedpath or <http://www.justgiving.com/Luke-Bedwell>.

Meanwhile, we wish the pair plenty of luck with the gruelling training that lies ahead, not forgetting the 500 mile journey that awaits!

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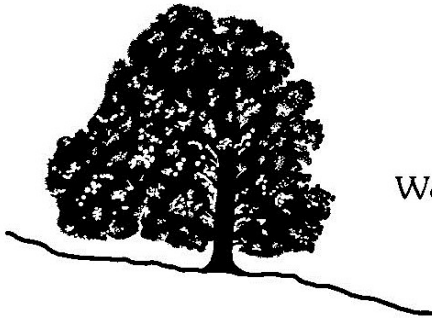
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At our regular meeting this month our speaker was Emma Jones who is the new Minister of the Salvation Army for Stroud. Stroud is Emma's first position in the Army and she is very enthusiastic about the work. A young mother with six children, Emma gave a fascinating account of combining bringing up her large family and dedicating herself to the work of the Salvation Army.

In the short time she has been in post she has set up a soup kitchen for the homeless and has established several self help groups for the more vulnerable members of our society. Emma explained how difficult it can be sometimes working with alcoholics and drug users however well meaning she and her helpers are. She has been subjected to verbal abuse and naturally she is concerned for the safety of her children as they all live next to the Citadel in Acre Street but she is determined to ensure that these people get the help they need when there is very little other help available for them.

On Friday 20th April at 7.30 p.m. the W.I. is holding another quiz at the Sports and Social Club. These are always popular events and very good value at £4 for each participant. Everyone is welcome and so if you can bring along a team of four you will be sure to have a fun evening. A ploughman's supper is included in the price.

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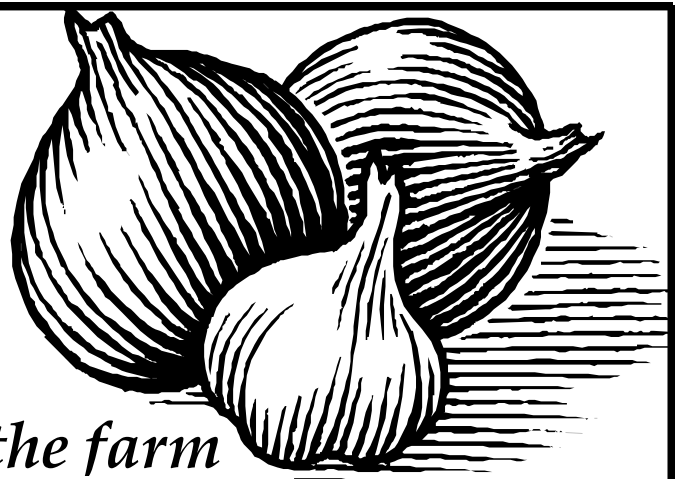
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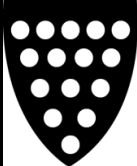


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NEW COUNCILLOR

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LITTER PICK

Many thanks to all who helped in the litter pick. The weather was once again kind and as usual a lot of rubbish was found in the hedgerows.

CAR PARK SPACES

Two car park spaces are still available; please contact the Clerk if you wish to take any of these spaces.



JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

In the process of being organised will let you know more next month.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 2nd April 2012, 6.30pm in the Village Hall, all residents welcome to attend.

Advance notice of the **Open Parish Meeting** which will take place on Monday 14th May 2012, 7.30pm in Cherington Village Hall. The Parish Council meeting will take place one hour before the Open meeting at 6.30pm

Sue Russell, Clerk to Cherington Parish Council

Avening Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING and VILLAGE SHOWCASE – KEEP THE DATE

The Council will be holding their Annual Parish Meeting on **Thursday 31st May at 7.30pm** and not earlier as previously advertised so please keep this date. We would like to celebrate all the excellent things that are happening in and around the village, the services that are available and the groups that work on behalf of villagers. All groups are welcome to book a table, recruit new members and get your message out there. We would like a big turnout for this event and will be serving light refreshments. If you are a member of a group or you provide a service to the people of Avening please contact the Clerk and book a table.

We will be revisiting the Parish Plan which is an important document in village life. It informs the Council of what the priorities are in the village and where our funds should be targeted. It also helps considerably if we apply for funds to other bodies. We do hope you will be able to attend.

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. Council will decide who has won the title at our April meeting and the award will be made at our Parish Meeting. Please either contact a Councillor, or the Clerk, to make your nomination by 13th April 2012.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GRANTS 2012

Local groups who usually apply for their annual grant from the Parish Council will be sent a letter and form in April. If your contact details have changed please let us know. The letter will contain all instructions that applicants will need to apply for their annual grant. Annual grants will be decided at the 21st June 2012 Parish Council meeting. If you have any questions please email or telephone the Clerk (details below).

COTSWOLD STONE WALLS IN NEED OF REPAIR?

The Parish Council would like to hear from you if you have stone walls in need of repair. It may be that Avening Parish can benefit from holding a stone wall training course where the land owner buys the stone and the labour is supplied free of charge. If you have stone walls in need of repair, please send us an email with your name and address and some (small sized) pictures of the walls, or post us the same to the Parish Council address.

The next meeting of the Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19th April 2012 at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome.

*Julie Wickham, Parish Clerk,
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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5th April	Agape Supper	Holy Cross Church	7.00 pm
Friday 30th March - Monday 16th April	Easter Holidays	Avening Primary School	
Saturday 7th April	Boogie Bop Boys	Social Club	9.00 pm
Friday 20th April	WI Fun Quiz	Social Club	7.30 pm
Friday 20th April	Swap Shop	Avening Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Sunday 22nd April	Annual PCC Meeting	Holy Cross Church	12.00 (after service)
Saturday 28th April	Fun Charity Quiz	Westrip Farm, Cherington	7.30 pm
Sunday 29th April	Literary Tea with William Sitwell	Westrip Farm, Cherington	3.30 pm tea 4.30 pm talk
Monday 14th May	Cherington Open Parish Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thursday 24th May	Avening Annual Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	
Friday 1st June - Monday 11th June	Half term	Avening Primary School	
Monday 4th June	Queens Diamond Jubilee Party	Avening Park fields	6.30pm
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