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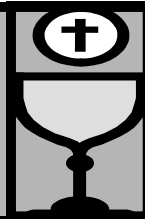
# Services in Avening & Cherington

## May

Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
6th May	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
	12.15	Avening	Two Baptisms
Rogation	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
Sunday	09.30	Cherington	Matins
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Ascension Day Thursday 17th May	07.00	Avening	HEALING SERVICE WITH LAYING OF HANDS & PRAYERS FOR HEALING
Sunday 20th May	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Pentecost Sunday 27th May	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Jubilee Sunday 3rd June	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	OUTDOOR SERVICE IN FRONT OF CHURCH (weather permitting) Followed by Jubilee Toast to HM the Queen

**There will be coffee in Avening after the service on  
6th May. All welcome!**

# Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
May 6th	Frances/George	Paul	Elizabeth
May 13th	Stephanie/Jeanie	Stephen	Marion
May 20th	Cas/Margaret	Paul	Ann
May 27th	George/Frances	Stephen	Elizabeth
June 3rd	Stephanie/Jeanie	Paul	Marion

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# The Parish Letter

April is such a crazy month of contrasts. One minute glorious sunshine and then ferocious hailstorms followed by more sun and then an icy blast of wind and rain. I sometimes wonder how it is that the blossom and spring flowers can stand up to it all, but they do - flooding the landscape with colour and bringing the promise of summer sunshine not too far away.

It is the start of the Wedding season, and of Baptisms, when the Churches are full of people celebrating their marriage vows of faithfulness and commitment and giving thanks for the gift of children. All so great a contrast to the long grey winter and to the drip, drip, drip, of gloom and horror fed to us daily through the media.

We celebrated a glorious Easter with the Churches in these Parishes full of sunshine and flowers and packed with people all singing their hearts out, while picking out the hiding places of dozens of tiny chocolate Easter eggs hidden in crevices all over the Church, for the children to find after the service. Not only is Easter the greatest of the Christian Festivals, celebrating as it does the rising to New Life of Jesus from the tomb, but it reminds us that however deep or traumatic the suffering of the World, we can move on. Jesus overcame the darkness and cruelty of Good Friday and rose again on Easter Morning to bring us hope.

We should not dwell on all that is wrong in the World but look with confidence on all that is good. With God's help, evil can be overcome, darkness defeated by the light. Night will always turn to day and Winter will be followed by Spring.

If you are feeling downhearted, look out at the Spring flowers and the sunshine and claim the Easter Promise that "All will be well". Life is stronger than death and love conquers all.

*Rev. Celia*

## **The Queen at War**

On the 25th of April 1942, Princess Elizabeth registered for war service four days after her 16th birthday.

Our future Queen was one of 200,000 16-year old girls across the UK who signed up with the Ministry of Labour under the youth registration scheme.

Were there any Avening girls was amongst them?

# 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
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Adult Ballet	Wednesday	7.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Sophie 07887 671956
Scottish Country Dancing	Alternate Wednesdays	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Derrick 01453 835090
WI	2nd Thursday each month		Memorial Hall	Maisie 01453 834679
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	
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

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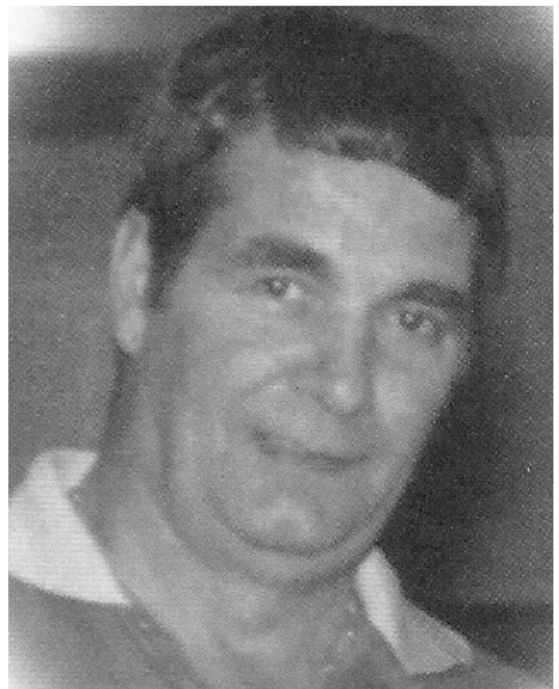
If you have a photo of Avening or Cherington which you would like to share with us, please feel free to send it to us. You never know, it might turn up on the front cover...!

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# A Tribute to Ian Trinder,

Ian was born in the family home in Cherington, on 15th June 1948. When his father was made redundant from the farm, the family moved to Avening. As a child with 5 brothers and 3 sisters, they got up to all sorts of mischief. They would often play cherry knocking and were caught apple scrogging up the vicar's tree. He was playing leap frog and was just about to jump over David, when David decided to get up, resulting in Ian breaking his arm. When Mr Soaper, the mobile grocer came to deliver the orders, Ian, Margaret and David would go and help themselves to the cream cakes and sweets from the van, and go up to the sheds and feast on the goodies that they had acquired. Mr Soaper never understood why or how his stock levels were so low!

Ian left school at the age of 14 and went to work at Tetbury laundry, where he used to wind everyone up singing 'wild thing' by the Troggs - although all he ever sang was, 'wild thing, you make my heart sing', because he didn't know the rest of the song. He lived in Fairford for a while with his sister Evelyn, and got up to all sorts of mischief with Kevin riding about on their scooters, much to Dennis's dismay. Ian met, and married Sue and they moved to Tetbury in 1979 with Karen and Kerry. He had numerous jobs over the years including working in Reigate and McEvoy's, where he did some chauffeuring work. One day he had to drive to Heathrow Airport to collect a managing director of the company, but unfortunately he couldn't



remember where he had parked the car, and made him walk the whole car park, which didn't go down to well. Summer months were spent hay making up in Minchinhampton, working for Norman Crewe. He also worked alongside Jim, fencing for Wheelers Construction Company, until he joined the post office where he worked for the past 23 years until he had his heart attack almost 2 years ago. Ian would come home from his post round and then go and do gardening jobs for many around Tetbury, Avening and Cherington. He invested in a little white van where he was going to get T.I.T painted on the side, Trinder's Independent Trading. Or Trinder and Grandson. Before you saw the white van coming along the road, it was guaranteed you would see the black smoke pouring out the back but it was his pride and joy. Whilst he had his van he also helped out with house clearances and always came home with a new hat.

He thought he was quite good at sports especially cricket but on two occasions this was quite the opposite. When Shirley and Steve lived in Cherington and the

family went over to help decorate, Ian took charge of the girls and took them into the garden, but he insisted on having the first go. And hit the ball straight through the kitchen window. Cricket was also played in his lunch hour whilst working at McEvoy's and that ball went through the window as well but unfortunately it went through an office window and there happened to be a managers meeting happening at the time.....

Ian was a hard working family man and Ian and Sue renewed their wedding vows in May 2007, when Karen married Will in Avening church. Ian thought the world of Sam and Lucy and got up to all sorts of antics with them. As a family they enjoyed days out at Weston Super Mare, playing cricket and rounders on the beach, and they had a family day out in September last year. One day out they will never forget is when the keys got locked in the car, and they had to break the aerial off Jim's van to pick the lock because the tide was getting closer. Ian enjoyed holidays to Dawlish Warren and Cornwall, and even ventured out to Malta, Corfu, The Algarve, Cyprus and Zante. One holiday will never be forgotten, when Ian and Sue went to Austria on a coach excursion and the passports got mixed up and he took Karen's, instead of his own. Although he made it through Customs in Dover, he never got caught.

Ian loved to play skittles and has played for numerous teams over the years including, R G H, All stars, Elliot B and for the past 11 years he has played for the Matadors in Malmesbury. He has also organised many skittle events raising 100's of pounds for various charities including Cystic Fibrosis, CLIC, Help for Heroes, Frenchay hospital in Bristol, and the Special Care Baby Unit In Cheltenham, the latter being a charity close to his heart, especially after losing his first Grandchild William. 3 a side skittles in Fairford was a favourite and on one occasion they were the talk of the Football club, where Ian and Will both hit a 17 spare each and Sue hit a 9, and they scored 43 between them, and they won their game easily, even though they were knocked out in the next game by Karen, Kerry and Martin. He played for West of England and Melksham and also the Wiltshire league traveling all over Wiltshire in a convoy of cars, because he never knew the way. Last year he entered a team into the Beaufort hunt cup and they were victorious winners, and have also got through to the semi-finals this year. The team had to be called Trinder's Tribe, He enjoyed running the skittle competition at the church fete in Avening, and he did this for many years.

Another passion of Ian's was his beloved Queens Park Rangers and only recently he went to Loftus Road to watch them play against Aston Villa with Jim. All we wondered was who would end up walking home in a bad mood. Luckily full time ended up in a draw. But Saturday afternoons was usually sat in front of the TV, watching Soccer Saturday. And he moaned at the telly when his team lost!

He enjoyed going horse racing and often went to Stratford race course - he only went 3 weeks ago. He wasn't too bothered that he never backed any winners,

because he won the jackpot at the bingo in Malmesbury Bowls club on the same day.

He suffered his first heart attack in May 2010 and was diagnosed with prostate cancer a month later, but he remained positive right up until the end. Throughout his illness he suffered another four heart attacks. He was unable to return to work even though he wanted to serve his last two years until he retired. As he was limited to what he could do he was told to find a hobby to keep him occupied, it was then he chose his chickens. And for company when Sue was working along came Paddy. This gave him good companionship. Even when Paddy got caught eating the eggs, he didn't mind. Even though Ian's life was short, it was a colourful one, and he was always happy when helping others.

*We will very much miss Ian's cheery postal deliveries in Avening for over twenty years. He was a great character and we send our condolences to his family. Eds.*

## **The Gardener's Hymn**

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.  
But what we never mention, though gard'ners know it's true,  
Is when He made the goodies, He made the baddies too.



All things spray- and swattable, disasters great and small,  
All things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.  
The greenfly on the roses, the maggots in the peas  
Manure that fills our noses, He also gave us these.

The fungus on the goosegogs, the clubroot on the greens,  
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines;  
The draught that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds,  
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that kills the spuds;

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles in the weeds,  
The pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows on the seeds;  
The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums,  
How black the gard'ner's outlook, however green his thumbs!  
But still we gard'ners labour, mid veggies and mid flowers,  
And pray what hits our neighbour's will somehow pass by ours!

***Kindly submitted by Mrs Hodges of Cherington***

# A Creative Workshop for Children



Children love making things and also have a wonderful sense of achievement when they see the end result. It's even better if their work is exhibited and SO exciting should their efforts win a prize.

Cherington Show has recognised and encouraged this creativity since 1947 when the first show was staged. There are over 20 different sections in the show dedicated to children's creativity in horticulture, flowers and crafts. There are competitions for decorated cupcakes, a miniature flower garden, and pictures made from pasta, buttons, and vegetable cuts, just to name a few. This year there are extra competitions reflecting the Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

We are keen to encourage and celebrate our youngsters talents and to keep up the tradition of village shows. Knowing how very busy life both at home and at school can be, we have decided to run a creative workshop on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9.30-12.30 in our Village Hall. We plan to concentrate on 5 or 6 of the classes, and help the youngsters to produce some really good work which will be kept and entered into the Cherington Show on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 .

All children between 5 years and 11 years are welcome and all materials will be provided. There will be a very small cost of £2.50

All children will leave with a schedule of all of the competitions and hopefully with inspiration to enter even further classes. Maybe they will even inspire their parents to enter the adult competitions too.

For further information call Kate Gegg on 01453 834805 or Christine Williams on 01285 841337 or e-mail to [cheringtonflowershow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cheringtonflowershow@yahoo.co.uk)

## Good Luck #1.....

One of the editors recently bumped into Ricky, who, in conversation, said that she was off to Australia with her partner, Lucy, to compete in the WORLD cycling champs : womens mountain bike 24 hour endurance event with Lucy as support. AND that she was hoping to be in the TOP FIVE. We know she can do it! Very, very best of luck to Ricky & Lucy, probably competing as you read this.

# **Avening Roll of Honour**

## **No. 44**

### **James Patrick Arthur Gore Graham**

#### **Major: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry**

Jimmy Graham was a professional soldier, probably joining the Army in the early 1920s.

His battalion was not immediately mobilised to the British Expeditionary Force until later in 1939, embarking for northern Belgium in January 1940. The battalion became part of the 145<sup>th</sup> Brigade, which was again part of the 48<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Division.

The Germans launched their invasion of the Low Countries on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, shattering a period of the conflict that was known as the Phoney War. The German invasion of Northern Belgium – where the BEF was located – was a diversion with the main attack being through the poorly-defended Ardennes Forest.

The BEF withdrew towards the Dendre river after the Dutch Army had surrendered and then withdrew further towards the Scheldt river by the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. The British Force, having given a good account of themselves in the defence of Scheldt, eventually withdrew into France, moving towards the Dunkirk area, where, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, the evacuation of the British force back to Britain, began.

Several battalions, the 4<sup>th</sup> Ox and Bucks being one of them, took part in the defence of Mount Cassel until the 29<sup>th</sup> of May where they eventually attempted a breakout, though James Graham's group were encircled by the German forces near Watou and were finally overwhelmed.

Confusion ran riot over the battle area and it was not until the 28<sup>th</sup> of June that the Stroud News and Journal reported that he was officially reported as "Missing". Since then, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission have been able to be more explicit and state that he died on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 1940. He has no known grave but is remembered with honour on the Dunkirk Memorial and on our own church memorial.

He was the son of William Perceval Gore Graham, an eminent medical man and his wife, Isabella (nee Longmore) who had married in 1893. William

served in the First War as a Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps, but he had died before 1940. It is not known when the family moved to Sandford House but Isabella lived there until her death in November 1960. She was well into her 90s when she died, her ashes being interred in our churchyard on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.

James was unmarried but had a younger brother Peter. We have been unable to locate any living relatives.

*Fred Vening*

## Churchyard Flagpole Whip Around

Some bright spark thought that it would be a great idea to have a flagpole in the churchyard at Holy Cross Church, mainly as this would be lovely to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, but otherwise a Generally Good Idea.

Somehow I got lumbered with organising it. This idea was put to the PCC and thoroughly approved. It was costed at **£650** including supply of an 8m pole, gold finial (top bit), delivery, two flags, halyards, fitting, dreaded VAT, etc.

After a lot of thought and research, we think that it should replace the now dead and removed tree by the blue notice board. It proved to be prohibitively tricky to install it on the church tower, our initial choice.

To pay for this, we thought that we would have a quick **whip around** - a traditional way of paying for community things for centuries (remember the story about the church clock?)

If you would like to contribute towards this, we would be very grateful. Pop an envelope through our door: Mullions, next to the Church gates. If 65 people donate £10 each, we are there, but ANY amount gratefully received and accounted for.



Testing the flagpole site.....

Thank you.

*Nicholas Winkfield*

PS the bright spark was Fred Vening....

# Cherington to Cirencester Walk in Support of Veterans Aid

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, I set off from Cherington, across the Gloucestershire countryside with my Dad and our dog, Lola, to walk 14kms to the centre of Cirencester. We completed our journey in about 4 hours walking time (we did stop for a couple of snack breaks and a quick lunch at the Tunnel Inn on the way)!

We walked along the Macmillan Way and Monarch's Way which take you across fields and along a disused canal and it was very interesting to see different views on some well known places like the Royal Agricultural College. On the way we ran into a few difficulties like running out of Kendal mint cake; getting blown off course by missing a turn and ending up being directed back to our route by a farmer; and me rescuing Dad who, at one stage, was leading us in the wrong direction towards the source of the river Thames!! Good thing I had my compass with me!

When we arrived in Cirencester we were met by Dr Hugh Milroy, CEO of Veterans Aid, who told me more about the work that the charity does in helping Veterans with difficulties such as homelessness and drug or alcohol addiction and he gave me a video that I will be presenting to my whole school next term in our morning assembly.

As we finished our cake, the heavens opened and the rain started to fall so we went home and sat by the fire. The walk turned out to be a great success and we ended up raising over £2,400 including Gift Aid. None of this would have been possible without the help of our sponsors so many thanks to them from us and from Veterans Aid.

**Toby Cable**

*Comments from Veterans Aid website*  
[www.veteransaid.org.uk](http://www.veteransaid.org.uk)

*An 11-year-old boy from the Gloucestershire village of Cherington has walked 14 kilometres to raise funds for Veterans Aid.*

*Toby Cable, accompanied by dad Paul and family dog Lola, was met at the end of his trek by CEO of Veterans Aid, Dr Hugh Milroy, who said afterwards, "This is a wonderful gesture by Toby and a great morale booster for all of us at VA. It's heart-warming to see someone so young taking an interest in a charity that helps people ranging in age from teenage to old-age."*



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## Congratulations!

- to Rosie Mack, a Cherington artist, who won the Ian Black Prize for the best small painting at The Bath Society of Artists 107th annual Summer Exhibition. Here is a picture of the painting!



  
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# *Nailsworth Festival 2012*

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Starting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May and running through to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May. On Festival Saturday (19<sup>th</sup> May) events commence at 10:00am in Mortimer Gardens. The programme includes music, comedy and dance for all the family. There is also a market and many other activities happening across the town, including our children's art activity in the Sub Rooms and icnailsworth- a display from our young people's photographic competition in the Mortimer Room

Artists and events across the week:

- Julie Felix headlines with a brand new show for 2012 (Sat 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](http://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**  
**01453 836993**

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## **Teas at Avening Social Club!**

**Sunday May 13th**

**From 2-6 pm**

**In aid of Holy Cross Church, Avening**

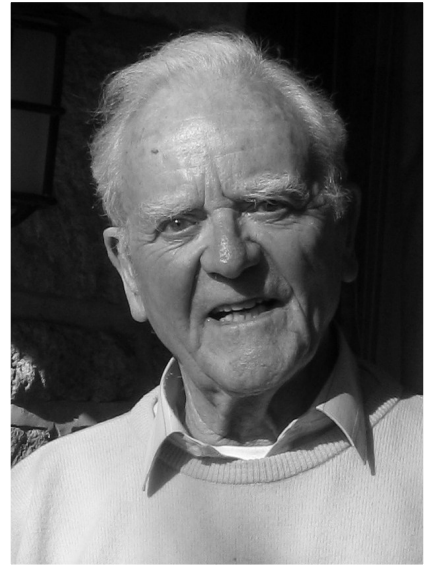
**All welcome!!!!**

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# Village People

## Jim Sayers

On 11<sup>th</sup> May Jim will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. I'm sure everyone would like to offer him congratulations on this and we all hope that he will have a happy day. As part of the celebrations Jim has been persuaded to tell his story and here it is, in his own words.....



.....  
I was born in London in May 1922, the youngest of three brothers. My first school in Fulham was built on the site of the studio of William Holman Hunt, the Victorian Pre-Raphaelite artist, whose most famous picture 'The Light of the World' hangs in the chapel of Keble College Oxford. The lantern, which Christ is carrying in that picture, was adopted as the emblem on our school caps. The years up to and including the early years of the Second World War were at Sir Walter St John's School, which no longer exists, but which was founded in 1700 by that member of the illustrious family, whose ancestral home at Lydiard Park is but a few miles from Avening. These formative years were marked by membership of the choir of the beautiful City church of St Stephen's Walbrook, completed by Sir Christopher Wren in 1676 before he started work on St Pauls Cathedral. My friendship with the organist and his wife brought many memorable occasions, including seeing Henry Wood conduct one of the earlier Promenade concerts in the Queens Hall, before it was destroyed in the London bombings.

My father fought in the Dardanelles and Palestine during the First World War and, along with four others, was killed whilst carrying out rescue work during the heavy 1940 air raids on London. A short time later our family home was rendered uninhabitable during a bombing raid, with the loss of most of the family's valued possessions and so ended our long association with London. A short spell at university led to inevitable service in one of the armed forces, in my case the army and the Royal Corps of Signals, based at Catterick. From here I went to 151 OCTU (Officer Cadet Training Unit) in Aldershot and then when 151 was disbanded I returned to Catterick to join 152 OCTU. Following completion of my training and having achieved the top slot in the wireless exam, I was commissioned into the 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division.

Units in the UK were constantly required to provide reinforcements for other theatres of war (Middle East, Burma etc) and the next posting was to report to Liverpool and take a draft of 100 men to GHQ Cairo. This was the first heavily

armoured convoy to travel through the Straits of Gibraltar instead of round the south coast of Africa and up the Red Sea. Due to intense enemy submarine activity around the Cap Bon Peninsula, a rail journey from Algiers to Sfax in Tunisia enabled the reinforcements to join other troopships for onward passage to Alexandria.

Whilst waiting for my next appointment at GHQ Cairo, I was ordered to the Mohammed Ali Mosque to act as companion to the officer of an Irish Regiment, who was awaiting court martial on a most serious charge, which could have resulted in the death penalty.

On returning to GHQ for my next appointment, the two opportunities available were for the Sudan Defence Force and SOE. I chose the latter. Next came exercises in the Red Sea for an operation in the Dodecanese Islands. A period in Syria, Lebanon and Palestine included parachute training at an airfield near Haifa. Parachuting was then in its infancy and less than ideal aircraft, like Wellington bombers, were used for our training jumps. Italy became my next area of activity when I straightaway had to take over a secretly located set-up for the training of agents in the use of their radio equipment. Later, I needed to be in Rome, so I took the opportunity to go into St Peter's for a general audience of the Pope, who was later criticised for the stance he took towards the Nazis during the war.



Operations behind the lines were of many kinds, one of which was the landing of light aircraft on improvised grass strips, which was part of my training to set up. On one occasion we managed to bring in a DC3 (Dakota) and were able to take out some wounded partisans as well as one or two airmen who had baled out of stricken aircraft. Transmissions from the BBC in London were sometimes part of operations of this kind. My survival on one occasion rested on my ability to make myself invisible, which I achieved with the help of a farmer, whose barn fortuitously had one or two loose floor boards. A night under these proved effective, but had the disadvantage of disturbing a colony of rats, who were not entirely uninterested in their new companion.

At the end of the war in Europe, I was in Turin, many miles ahead of the Allies front line. Appearance in the city, as a symbol of the liberating forces, was an incredible experience and it is not an exaggeration to say that I could have had anything I asked for. One of my last tasks was to drive to one of the leading battalions and bring it into Turin. So ended my time in this theatre of war.

*To be continued.....*

***Thank you to Frances Conway for arranging this interview.***



# Avening Primary School

## 'Create and Investigate' at Avening School

*This month's article has been written by three Year 5 pupils – Daisy, Tom and Ellie.*



During the first week of term at Avening School all classes enjoyed a Science workshop organised by Shell Education. A lady called Laurel brought bits and bobs in big boxes to make several scientific experiments and investigations.

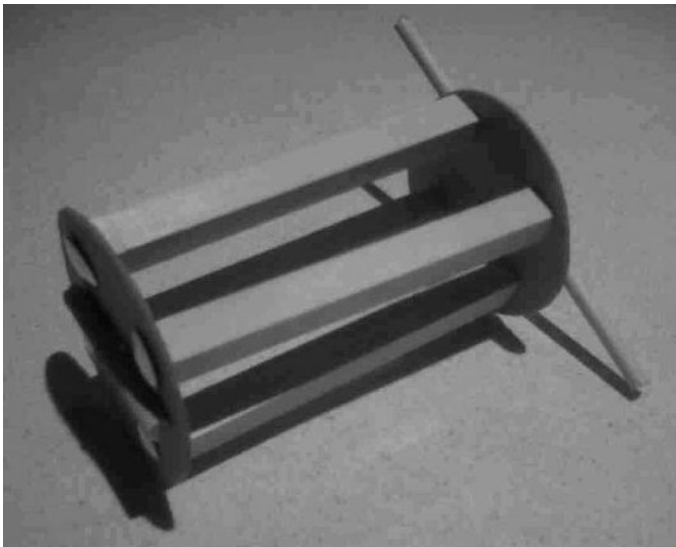
The younger children investigated circus science all about balancing, magnetism, pushing and pulling and twisting with lots

of hands on activities. The older children were learning about energy and they made band rollers in order to carry out a fair test. First the children had to saw 4 pieces of wood to the same size between 6-12 cms. Next was to take a circle of card and draw lines to divide it into quarters and repeat this with another circle of the same size. After that, 8 drawing pins - 4 at each end - were used to attach the pieces of wood to the circles of card to make a barrel shape. Next the rubber band mechanism had to be fixed in the middle of the barrel shape and attached to each end with a small stick. Now the rubber band could be twisted at one end so as to create energy when it was needed.

When the band rollers had been made, there were lots of races to see which one was fastest and which went the furthest. It was very important to make sure it was a fair test each time so it was agreed that the rubber band would be turned 45 times exactly! The children found that the band rollers with the bigger wheels went slower than those with smaller wheels. The little ones went faster but wasted all their energy and in fact did not go as far as those with the bigger wheels. At the end the children were all given pencils out of recycled CD cases!



*Abbie & Kieron from the Hawks class try out their sawing skills*



*We managed to get a photo of one of these rather intriguing little machines. This particular one belongs to Bella Winkfield . It goes like a steam train! - Eds.*

Everyone agreed it was a very interesting day because everyone was busy making things with saws and pins, card and wood as well as the rubber bands.

They enjoyed investigating how the energy works rather than just making it. On behalf of all the classes we would like to thank Laurel for such an enjoyable day.

***Michele Wheatley***

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My name is David Martin. I live in Nailsworth and I'm the local consultant for *Steele Rose & Co* - one of the UK's Premier Professional Home Visit Will Writers. After 22 years serving my country in the RAF, I have spent the last 28 years of my life professionally advising my clients on all personal financial matters and specialising in Wills.

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# **The Old Rectory Garden**

## **Open!!**

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2.00-6.00pm**

When Anthea Beszant first saw the Old Rectory and its garden, she could hardly contain her excitement. Gardening had long been her passion and this beautiful, but, in places, overgrown and neglected garden was just waiting for someone to realise its potential. Fortunately, Peter agreed with her and seven years ago they moved into the house and set about restoration of the garden.

This year the garden will be open during the afternoon of 13<sup>th</sup> May and it is hoped that many will come to see it and support the National Gardens Scheme. Anthea has achieved her long held ambition to be in the NGS Yellow Book and was staggered and delighted to be accepted at her first attempt. The assessor liked the way the formal and informal areas blend together and loved the beautiful location, with water, sloping woodland and formal gardens.

Anthea and Peter hope that their visitors will, of course, enjoy what has already been achieved, but it is their hope too that amongst their guests will be those who can tell them something of the history of the garden. Perhaps someone has old pictures, or anecdotes to share.

Some of the most notable features are the extraordinary Megaliths, which may have been moved from a local Stone Age Long Barrow. Perhaps they were originally where the Long Stone stands today – left standing alone too heavy and big to be moved. The gardens are terraced and edged with more of these mighty boulders, and are echoed in the ‘new megalith’ reinforcement used in the restoration of the river’s banks. This essential work was undertaken following the bad floods of three years ago, when the river overflowed its banks to a width of forty feet and was within inches of flowing over the cattle grid and down into the house.

Amongst the old terraces found in the woodland area are a few very ancient apple trees, one of which is still fruiting. Does anyone remember what the rest of this ‘orchard’ area consisted of? All that is left now are the native trees, largely self sown, with new paths winding up to the boundary with The Quarries. When Anthea and Peter arrived the woodland was virtually impenetrable. Weeks were spent hacking and sawing up the remains of some mighty fallen trees and clearing brambles and undergrowth. This gave the young beech trees light and room to grow.

One of the most picturesque additions made to the garden has been the red Japanese bridge. This stands on the foundations of the ruined silk mill, whose

origins are 18th century. When the mill was in operation the leat, a separate diverted waterway, was used to drive the mill wheel. This extraordinary feat of engineering can still be seen and admired, running through a tunnel around the garden and under the road. It is believed that young lads in days of yore used to challenge each other to run through this. When not working the sluices were opened and the water returned to its usual tranquil passage in the main river. Nowadays it only flows as an overflow when the river level rises considerably.

There is so much to see, including the creation of the Italian garden and terrace on the slopes to the south of the house. Please come and visit the Old Rectory Garden on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May and if you have any memories or photographs of it in years gone by to share Anthea and Peter would love to know about them. Perhaps somewhere there is a photo of the Church Fete when it was held in the garden.



Most importantly you will be helping the NGS. It is incredible to think that during the last ten years, this wonderful organisation has donated £22m to charity. **Your visit helps make a difference.**

Afterwards, you may like to cross the road to the Avening Social Club where you can enjoy a well earned cup of tea and a delicious cake. The money raised from sale of the teas will go to Avening Parish Church.

*Frances Conway*

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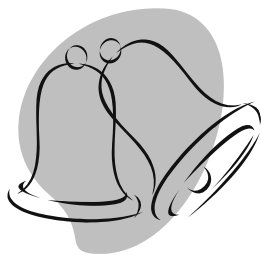
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## Avening Bell Ringing — Tower Activity



Five bands of ringers visited Avening Tower during 2011, each band of ringers used all six bells. One band consisted of three people from Lincolnshire two people from Somerset and one person from Bristol. This group rang on the 11<sup>th</sup> June and completed a ¼ peal of 1260 changes, their aim being to ring in as many “Holy Cross” churches as possible in aid of charity.

Several away ringers have commented on the high volume noise generated by the bells within the tower; meaning there is great difficulty in hearing the call changes. We at Avening acknowledge this is a known fact, subsequently George Buchanan and myself are researching a sound proofing exercise to deaden the sound of the bells within the belfry, to alleviate this problem and avoid using ear muffs!!

In 2011 only three marriages took place at Avening Holy Cross Church, this would appear to be due to the changes allowing marriages to take place in various other venues, as per the national trend.

I would finally like to appeal to anyone who would like to try ringing, with a view of joining the team in Avening. Should you be interested, please contact the undersigned, as we only have six ringers at present, and ideally we wish to recruit to level of 10/12. It is a great hobby and social event!

*David Govier -- Avening Tower.*

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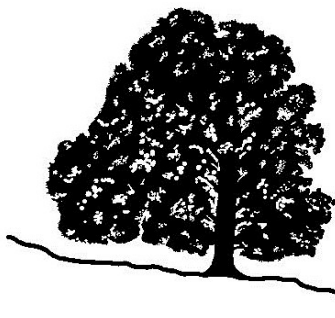
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Preparations are well under way for the Tetbury Group meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May which Avening is hosting this year. We are very pleased to have secured Katie Fforde as our speaker. There will be competitions, live music and feasting so it should be a really great evening.

At the April meeting the speaker was Di Alexander whose name many people will recognise. The title of her talk was 'Pen and Polisher' which kept members guessing. Di was for many years features writer for the Wilts and Glos. Standard, Cotswold Life as well as other publications. She told us many interesting stories of how she met and interviewed local celebrities for her articles. She said there were 3 important pointers to good journalism: to tell the truth, to get it right, and not to use a long word when a short one would do.

On to the 'polisher'. Many years ago, Di offered to help a local woman sort out her house after major renovations and stayed on for a number of years as her cleaner and also became a close friend. The woman concerned was Pamela Jackson. It turned out that Pamela was the lesser known of the famous Mitford sisters and told Di many stories of her eccentric life. Di has written a book entitled 'The Other Mitford' which is currently being published and will be available in September.

Avening W.I skittlers won their first round match against Lechlade W.I in the County Championships. Well done to the team.

A reminder to all our readers that there are still places on the coach for our trip to Oxford on 13<sup>th</sup> June. The cost is £10 and everyone is welcome. Please ring Sue Osborne on 01453 839327 to secure a place.

*Gwyneth Simpson*

## .....and Good Luck #2

**Clare Steele, Debbie Frowen & Alison Winkfield** are off to Mongolia in early May to help at the Lotus Child orphanage for a few weeks. We await their return (and report for the Villager) with baited breath. They asked us to say thank you to all who attended their rather inspired fund raising evening Don't Shop: Swap! - they raised nearly £300.



## *Down Memory Lane*



Here's an easier one - the staff of Avening Primary School in 1988.  
Anyone want to furnish us with the names and job titles?

# **AVENING ARTS GROUP SPRING SHOW**

Midday-5pm Saturday 26th May  
10am-4pm Sunday 27th May

**AVENING MEMORIAL HALL**

All work produced by members of  
the Group, including our current theme:  
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## **Cobalt Scanner Appeal**

On a nice frosty Sunday morning a group from Avening walked the 7 miles from Nailsworth to Stroud and back and between them raised £1,000.

The group included Ant Seal, Karen Vickery & Sam, Terry & Jenny Francis with daughters Tracey & Kelly, Delia Robins & her dog Oscar, Mark & Zac Robins, Debbie Marriot & family, Ian and Sarah Smith & Maureen Stone.

With the Nailsworth walkers, the overall sum raised a staggering £4,200!

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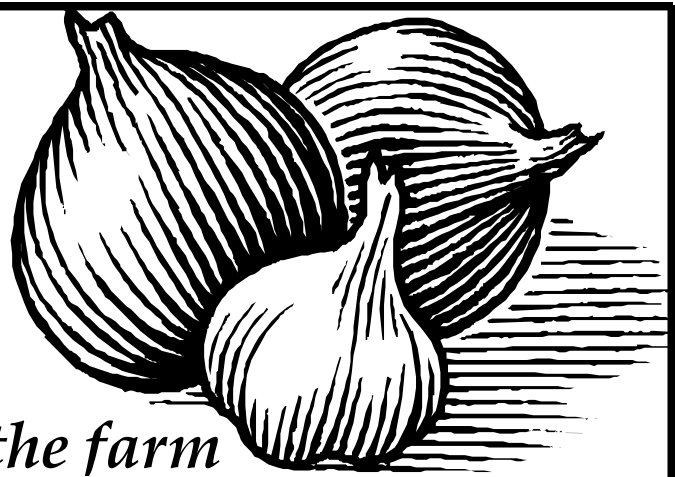
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**12/01485/OHL** Ward: Avening

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**Proposal:** Upgrade 9 existing overhead spans of open 2 wire High Voltage line to 3 wire 50 AAC from pole 7 located on land owned by Grove Farm to pole 9 on land owned by Trull Farm

## Planning Applications

**12/01395/FUL** Ward: Avening

**Date:** 11 April 2012

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

**Proposal:** Change of use of land to form all weather gallop. Comments by 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012

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## Car Park spaces available

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

## Jubilee celebrations

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## Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Open (AGM) Parish Meeting which will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012, 7.30pm in Cherington Village Hall.** The Parish Council meeting will take place one hour before the Open meeting at 6.30pm. All residents welcome.

*Sue Russell, Clerk to Cherington Parish Council*



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## *Dates for your Diary*

Wednesday 9th May	First Yoga Session	Avening Memorial Hall	7.00 - 8.30pm
Sunday 13th May	Open Garden & Teas	The Old Rectory & Avening Social Club	2.00-6.00pm.
Monday 14th May	Cherington Open Parish Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 19th - Sunday 27th May	Nailsworth Festival	Various locations Nailsworth	
Saturday 26th- Sunday 27th May	Avening Arts Group Spring Show	Avening Memorial Hall	Noon -5pm & 10am-4pm
Thursday 31st May	Avening Annual Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Friday 1st June - Monday 11th June	Half term	Avening Primary School	
Sunday 3rd June	Jubilee Service	Outside Holy Cross Church Avening	11.00 am
Monday 4th June	Queens Diamond Jubilee Party	Avening Park fields	6.30pm
Saturday 16th June	Children's creative workshop	Cherington Village Hall	9.30am - 12.30pm
Sunday 1st July	Avening Church Fete		2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

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If you know of any free pallets, we really would like them, and if you can, deliver them to Bob Pittham at the gate house to Avening Park. We will then take them up to the beacon site in due course. We need about 100 of them!

**Contact Bob 01453-839 004 or Nicholas 07885-139 275**

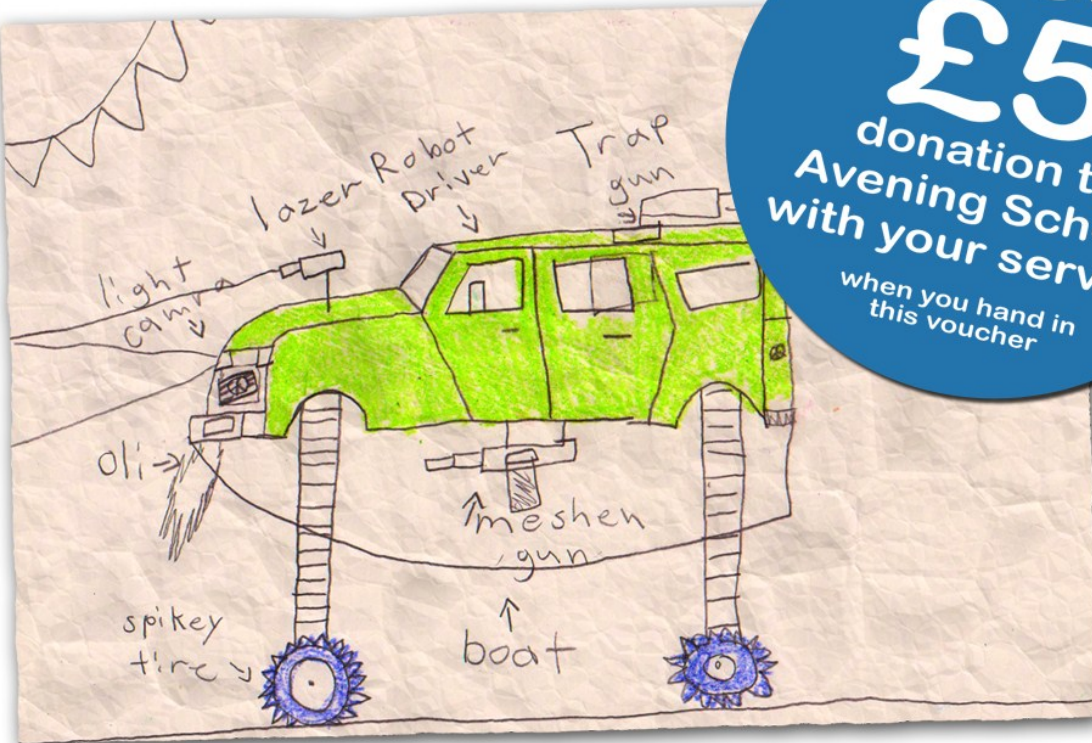
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