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# *Services in Avening & Cherington*

## *June*

Jubilee	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday	09.30	Cherington	NO SERVICE but see below
3rd June	11.00	Avening	COMBINED OUTDOOR SERVICE IN FRONT OF CHURCH (weather permitting) Followed by Jubilee Toast to HM the Queen
Sunday	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
10th June	09.30	Cherington	Matins
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
17th June	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
24th June	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sunday	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
1st July	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	NO SERVICE.

AVENING FETE STARTING AT 2.00 PM  
FINISHING WITH SONGS OF PRAISE

## **Avening Memorial Hall AGM**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMORIAL HALL  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HALL ON

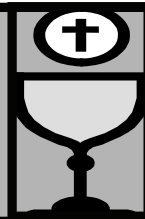
**18th June, 7-30 pm.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

**For all bookings & enquiries regarding the Memorial Hall:**

**07583 073 604**

# Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
June 3rd	Stephanie/Jeanie	Paul	Marion
June 10th	George/Cas	Stephen	Ann
June 17th	Margaret/ Piers	Paul	Elizabeth
June 24th	Frances/ Stephanie	Stephen	Marion
July 1st	Avening Church Fete	No Services	

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## TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

### Longfords Mill, Minchinhampton

This road will be closed on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2012 to allow for tree cutting to free overhead power cables by contractors working on behalf of Western Power Distribution.

If you require any further information regarding this closure please contact the office on 08000 514514.

# The Parish Letter

In a rapidly changing world, there are few things that remain constant. Life is continually evolving and moving forward with changing lifestyles and attitudes. In this Country, and throughout the Commonwealth, one of the few constants, is the presence of the Queen. Only those who are over 90 years old can possibly remember a time before she was born, so for most of us, she has been Head of State for as long as we can remember, and what a fine example she has been.

Her whole life has been one of service to our Country. At sixteen years old she joined the ATS to be actively involved in the War effort, and then, from the time of her Accession to the Throne, her sense of duty and commitment has come before all else. The thing I admire about Her Majesty, most of all, is her witness to the Christian Faith. She is never afraid to speak out in defence of all which she believes, and clearly proclaims the Gospel of love and acceptance to every person she meets. The Queen is a fine example of being able to adapt her role, in tune with the changes in society, while holding on to all that is good.

I hope that you will be able to join in our celebrations of her Diamond Jubilee on Sunday and Monday..... the 3rd and 4th of June!

Rev Celia

*Rev.Celia*



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**3rd June**

**7:30 pm**

**Church of the Holy Cross, Avening**

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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
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Scottish Country Dancing	Back in the Autumn	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

## Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Jane Archer** 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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# **A Service of Celebration for the Diamond Jubilee**

**Sunday 3rd June 2012**

**11.00 am**

**Holy Cross Church Avening**

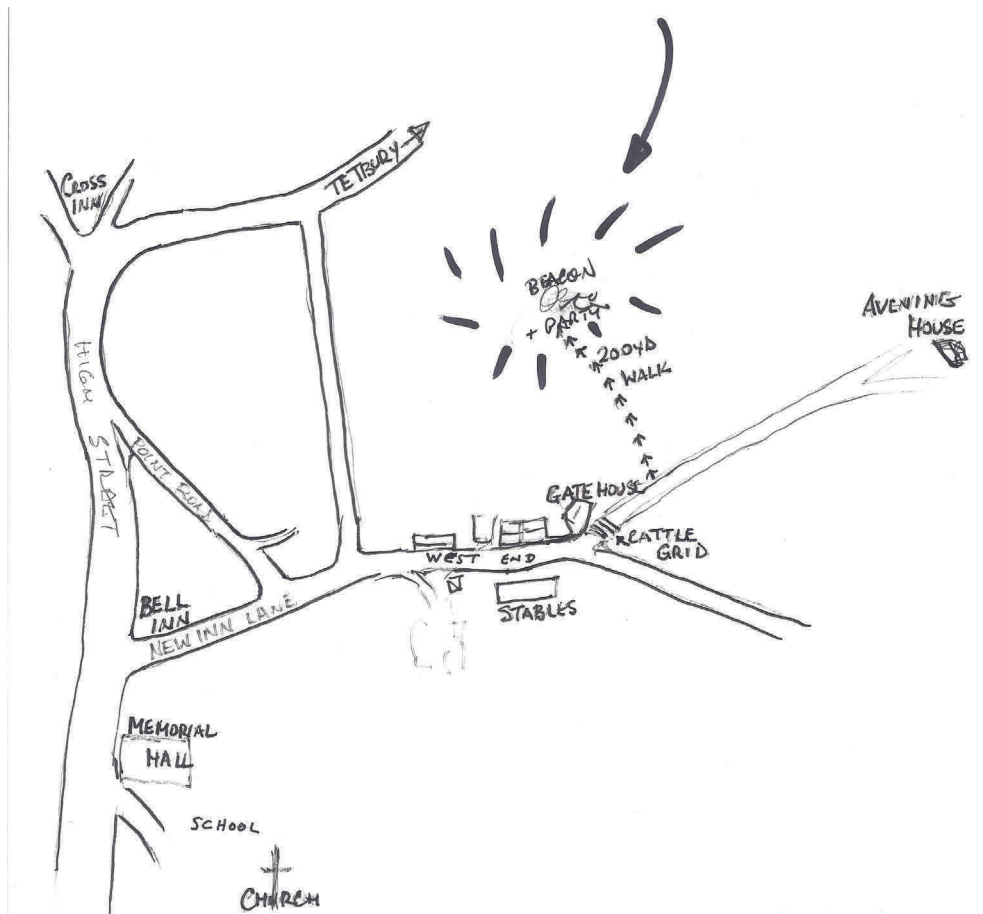
An inclusive Communion Service where ALL are welcome to the celebration table

Be part of the first ever “Mexican Wave” from the Altar to the School -you cannot possibly miss it!

Hear the specially commissioned Jubilee Prayer

Join us afterwards for Wine and Soft Drinks in the Grounds of the Church

Information about party etc needed



# Avening Roll of Honour

No. 45

## Percy Charles Hill

Radio Officer: Merchant Navy



Percy was born in Avening in 1922 and was baptised in our Church on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of November of that year. He was the only child of John Wakefield Hill and Henrietta Lavinia (nee Hedges).

Educated in the village, and later at Tetbury Grammar School, on leaving at Easter 1939, he became a junior artificer in the Merchant Navy. Having completed what was originally a three-year course, truncated because of the hostilities, he passed his training as a Radio Officer. Following his earliest voyages he joined the MV British Dominion as a Third Radio Officer. The "British Dominion" was a tanker, built in Swan Hunters shipyard at Wallsend and launched in 1928. In December 1942, the ship set sail from the West Indies, bound for Gibraltar. On board was 9,000 tons of Petroleum Spirit. With a crew of 53, the ship joined a convoy of another eight tankers, all carrying fuel and oil products, probably destined for our Middle East forces.

The only escort to the tankers was one "Q" Class destroyer and three "Flower-Class" Corvettes.

The convoy was spotted by a German submarine on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 1942,

*MV "British Dominion"*



which immediately attacked the ships, damaging one of the tankers and forcing its crew to abandon her. It was later sunk by another submarine.

The German U-Boat High Command realised there was an important convoy crossing the Atlantic and despatched Wolf Pack "Dolphin" to intercept and attack.

"Dolphin" consisted of 10 submarines who made contact with the convoy on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January and that evening attacked and sunk one British vessel and damaged another. The escorts retaliated and the enemy was driven off only to return the following day. Three more tankers were damaged and abandoned, all three being sunk by returning submarines.

By this time, the "British Dominion" had become a straggler from the convoy. The attacks resumed on the night of 11<sup>th</sup> of January and, at just after midnight, she was hit with three torpedoes causing a massive fire. It is understood that Percy had just come off his watch and had returned to his quarters below deck when the torpedoes struck. He was killed instantly. Several of his shipmates escaped although found themselves in burning sea. Percy was one of 37 who died. Despite the damage, the ship remained afloat but at 4am during a visit from another U-Boat, she was finally sunk.

Of the nine tankers which sailed to Gibraltar, only two arrived safely and 243 sailors were saved. However, the number who died, including Percy, was 97. On-line information tells us that, of the ten submarines making up "Dolphin", two later joined the Japanese fleet but the rest were destroyed, with all hands, later in the War.

Percy was unmarried and is remembered on the Tower Hill Memorial, close to the Tower of London. This memorial commemorates the 35,752 men and women of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets who died in both World Wars and who have no known grave. Percy's name appears on Panel 19. He is also remembered with honour on our village memorials. I am grateful to Riley Vincent, his boyhood friend, for his assistance.

***Fred Vening***

## **GEOFFREY TARLTON 1932- 2012**



I was very touched when Ann asked me to make this address as Geoffrey was a very special man and a good friend all my life. He was always full of laughter and jokes, 'his glass always half full, never half empty', but also a very clear thinker, who knew where he wanted to go and gently persuaded others to do what he wanted. A great admirer of Churchill, but unlike his hero never one to shout from the roof-tops. More like Field Marshall Alan Brook, who as C.I.G.S. implemented Churchill's orders, filtered out his wilder ideas and had many of Churchill's best ideas.

Geoffrey was born in Calcutta in December 1932, the younger brother of Malcolm; Helen was the oldest of the three. His mother was a distinguished gynaecologist, his father a partner in Bird and Co the pre-eminent Calcutta company, in fact a 'box wallah'. Shortly after Geoffrey arrived, he took his interest out of Bird and returned to England as an 'Indian nabob'. In 1934 he bought the Cherington estate. Besides the lovely Park it included most of the village, but a modest acreage as farming had been a disaster area since 1800. The land was there to provide privacy, for shooting grey partridge which were plentiful and for chasing foxes.

This rural idyll was shattered by Hitler in 1939 and in 1941 Geoffrey was sent to boarding school at far away Beaudesert in Minchinhampton. And with no petrol ration it was far away and Geoffrey and Malcolm used to bike back for Sunday lunch once a term – no mean feat. In 1946 on to Eton, where I joined him in 1947. We were in next door houses so I met Geoffrey quite soon. Boarding houses at Eton were originally run by women ‘Dames’, but around 1850 masters were brought in to discipline the rowdy boys. Geoffrey’s house, Evans’s was the last to be run by a Dame, Miss Evans, who retired well before 1900. His House Master ‘Mange Martineau’ was a strange man. He was a scholar at Eton studying Latin and Greek, a scholar at Oxford in Latin and Greek, who immediately returned to Eton to teach Latin and Greek, never played games and his main worry was why the Athenians made such a mess of the second Peloponnesian war. He would have been disqualified by any OFSTED type organisation, but had a brilliant House, not just academically, but at games and in later life in commerce. If you look at the House Football photograph in the downstairs loo, of the 11 boys, 3 became tycoons in Lloyds insurance, there was the first chairman of English Heritage, the finance director of Unilever, an accountant who looked after the Beatles, the venture capitalist who helped Steve Jobs form Apple Computer, two who left the radar and the two successful Tarltons.

Then it was two years National Service in the Navy, including a tour on H.M.S. Vanguard, before going on to Trinity Cambridge where we met again. There Geoffrey joined up with David Nickerson, who had been a contemporary of Geoffrey’s at Eton, but got TB and was invalided out. I had met him in my gap year at the Sorbonne in Paris. Both mothers thought the other’s son would be a good influence on her son, and they went to live out of the centre of Cambridge on the Chesterton Road, No doubt they were to have early nights and sleep soundly away from the noise of traffic! But that was not the idea. It was to be away from the proctors, then you could come in as late as you liked, go away for hunt balls and shooting weekends and best of all keep a motor car. Geoffrey had a great time. He loved jazz too and never missed a Jazz Band Ball at the Rex. The son of an Eton master was a great trumpeter and Geoffrey was a great fan of his – this was Dr Littleton, the great academic’s son Humphrey.

Alas in his second year disaster struck. His father died leaving a very ill mother, Malcolm wanted to go and work in the City and there was no one to run the farm. Geoffrey had to leave Cambridge, do a crash course at Cirencester and run the farm at the same time. Geoffrey could see that there was a great future in farming which was far from obvious at the time. 80% of British farmers gave up their tenancies or freeholds, very happy to get £30 - 40 an acre compared to the £20 before the war, but Geoffrey persuaded his brother and sister not to sell and to add instead. He worked terribly hard, both physically on the farm and in planning for the future besides working with the N.F.U.

In fact we thought he was getting a bit too serious, when to the delight of all in 1968 Ann appeared. I can clearly remember going to their wedding reception and meeting Geoffrey's stunningly beautiful bride and what light and happiness she brought to the Park. What lovely days we had living in Cherington with Ann taking our children to see newly arrived calves and her giving our daughter Fiona piano lessons.

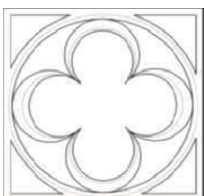
Geoffrey had only one break from his professional career, when he briefly became a photographic model. For in the mid 70's, none other than the Sun newspaper decided to do a series of photographs of good looking farmers and took some wonderful pictures of Geoffrey in his best tweed suit with his gun. But Geoffrey never made page 3.

His later years were blighted by ill health. Geoffrey was very brave and as can be attested by Tony Walsh, was an exceptional patient, doing what he was told to do. Carolyn and I had lunch with Geoffrey and Anne in March and Geoffrey was in great form, laughing and joking and reminiscing. On our way back we both remarked on how well he looked, but we were wrong. What a great man he was.

There is a beautiful prayer that starts - You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he lived. Geoffrey was a great man and would want us to say the latter. I want to do both.

***Bobby Nicolle***

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Refreshments, Brass Band**

**Fun Dog Show at 3 pm**

**Special Children's  
Jubilee Competitions**



**Schedules available from Cherington Church, Tetbury Library,  
Avening Shop, and Tetbury Tourist Information Office  
or contact Christine Williams 01285 841337**

**More details in next month's Villager**

## **Welcome Back #1....**

**...to Clare Steele, Debbie Frowen and Alison Winkfield** who returned at the end of May from Mongolia, where they spent three weeks helping at the Lotus Child orphanage near Ulaan Baator. They have promised to tell us all about it in the next edition of the Villager Magazine!





# CALLING ALL CHILDREN

**DO YOU HAVE FUN MAKING THINGS?**

**Then why not join us at this Workshop**

Cherington Show is running a workshop on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 - 12.30 in Cherington Village Hall where children can have loads of fun making things that can be entered into the show on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012. We have over 20 competitions for children including pictures made from pasta, buttons, vegetable cuts and this year there are competitions with Jubilee and Olympic themes. At the workshop we will make some of the pictures and paintings.

All children under 11 years welcome (under 5's with an adult) and all materials will be provided. There will be a very small charge of £2.50 to cover refreshments and materials of £2.50.

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## Church of England Educational Fund

Money from The Church of England Educational Fund is available to young people who are under 25 years old and live in the parishes of Avening and Cherington, to help with their education.

If you (or your children) need help from this fund, please apply in writing to the 'Educational Fund,' c/o George Buchanan, 14 High Street, Avening, Glos. GL8 8LU.

Applications should be in during July 2012 and August 2012.

We look forward to hearing from you,  
George Buchanan (for the trustees)



### CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS

During recent stays in both Gloucester and Cheltenham Hospitals talking with other patients the conversation usually started with "Where are you from?" The name Avening regularly met with the response "Where is that?" but on one occasion from someone who lived near Gloucester the response was "Oh that's the village that produces that super magazine." So congratulations to Jane, Nick, Kathleen and co. They have managed to get the village on the map.

On another occasion I was listening to the Avening Tenebrae service on You Tube not realizing that anyone else was listening. When I had finished another patient's mother asked "who was that choir? Aren't they good?" So well done to Stuart and Almost Angels.

Whilst writing this I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and prayers whilst I was in hospital and during my recovery.

*Derrick Pierce*

# Village People

## Jim Sayers Part 2 of his story (told to Frances Conway)

After home leave, the next twist in the story was an instruction to report to Lyneham for a flight to Colombo and the HQ of Force 136 in South East Asia Command. From here I went into Burma to join a guerrilla force of the Karen people. At this stage the Japanese forces were in disarray, retreating eastwards and isolated groups had to be dealt with, including members of the Indian National Army, which was formed of Indian soldiers, who changed sides after the fall of Singapore. News of the subsequent dropping of the atom bombs was first given to me by a native some time before I received confirmation over our radio network.

No account of life in the jungle could fail to mention leeches and the universal use of bamboo for the indigenous people. The former found their way to the tenderest parts of our bodies, whilst the latter provided everything from food to construction materials. Every article of our clothing was green in colour and our boots designed to expel any water which got into them.

My last task provided a good send off, by blowing up all the ammunition dumps, whose areas of jungle no doubt re-grew fairly soon afterwards.



"... and the narrator was James Sayers."  
Broadcasting in Singapore

My next posting was to Singapore where I joined the headquarters staff of Admiral Mountbatten, then Supreme Commander in S.E. Asia. This contained a radio station, where, as a result of an unusually high rate of sickness amongst the radio staff, I was pressed into service as an evening news reader. I also continued to take part in other broadcasts, such as radio plays. It was during this time that I was promoted to Major.

After returning to England I was OC of H Q Squadron of a Training Regiment in Catterick, after which I decided to resign my Commission and return to Hertford College, Oxford. Here I spent three years completing a degree in Engineering and among other things rowed for my college. This was an extremely happy time, when I

made a number of close friends with whom I remained in touch throughout the following years.

On leaving university, two main options presented themselves; teaching or industry. I decided that my future would be more varied and interesting in industry and initially I joined the Metal Box Company, the headquarters of which was, at that time, in the Langham Hotel. I subsequently managed plants in South Wales, Carlisle and London. When in Carlisle, I married Pat Wheeler, whom many in Avening will remember with affection.

However, eventually I felt that after twelve years with Metal Box and the advent of the Common Market, a change was called for and I looked for a company, which would give me opportunities to work overseas. The Reed Paper Group was just such a group and I spent happy years working in Spain, Germany and Italy.

Finally, I was appointed to a Board Position as Technical Director in the Lipton Group. This was an exceptional company with high standards, especially in human relationships, which, unusually in today's industrial world, permeated its worldwide activities. Against this background and with worldwide travel the final years in my working life drew to a close. I was ultimately responsible for operations in seventeen different plants based all over the world and Pat and I found ourselves being feted and garlanded on many occasions! In the last year before I retired, I wrote manuals on operations in the plants, to assist the more distant and less developed units.

Once retired, Pat and I wanted to find a home close to Thornbury and Cheltenham where relatives, who needed our help, lived. One day in the Sunday Times I spotted an advertisement for a barn undergoing development in Avening and having come to see it, Pat and I knew that this would be an ideal home for us. We left Weybridge, where we had been living and came here over 20 years ago. Sadly Pat died twelve years ago, but I continue to live in Church Farm Barn.

Jim has enormously enjoyed life in the village and until recently was an enthusiastic member of the PCC. Sadly his sight has suddenly deteriorated, but, undaunted, he continues his daily walks and weekly swim.

What a life it has been so far, Jim. Thank you for sharing your memories with us.



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

HAPPY SECOND BIRTHDAY TO....

## .....**AVENING'S VILLAGE SHOP!**

How lucky we are in Avening! Not only do we have a school, a church, two pubs, a social club and countless societies and activities, but we also have our own village shop and post office. How many small communities in the Cotswolds are as lucky as us? Very few - and even this number is dwindling, as village stores drop by the wayside in these recessionary times.



Our Village Shop, which for anyone who doesn't know, is located behind the Cross Inn, and is run by the publicans, Glyn and Claire Crossthwaite, has a great range of stock. Everything from everyday groceries like tea, coffee and biscuits, to wine, beer and cider - very handy if you want sit in the garden in the sun enjoying a cold beer. The freezer has standard frozen fare like fish fingers frozen chicken and peas, but also ready meals and pizzas, and in the chilled cabinet you can find fresh meat, including sausages, bacon and cold ham and turkey, all supplied by the excellent independent butcher, Quality Meats of Nailsworth.

You can also get important items like batteries - very useful to remember when your torch battery gives out on a cold winter's evening - stationary, paper clips, hot sausage rolls, ice lollies, sweets, and a beautiful range of greetings cards...need I continue?

However, it is important to remember that we will only have the 'luxury' of a Village Shop - actually a more of a lifeline to older members of the community and to young parents without a car - if it is well used by all members of the community. It needs to be profitable if we want to keep it!

So before you pop into the car to buy those essential few items you have run out of, remember to check out the Village Shop first. After all, it costs at least 60 pence to drive to Tesco in Tetbury, and it's not really worth the additional time or money when you have a shop right here on your doorstep within

easy walking distance. And if you find there is an item you regularly want that isn't in stock, then just let Claire or Glyn know and they will try to provide it.

Did you know that the shop is open from 7 in the morning until 9 o'clock at night every day of the week except Monday, when it closes at 5.30, and from 8 am until 7 pm at the weekends. These hours are the ones people said they wanted when the Crossthwaites were considering opening the shop, ensuring that when someone comes home from work hungry, the shop in the village will still be open for them.

And not just the shop; the Avening Post Office is open the same hours, so you can post parcels, buy stamps, get money, pay your bills, or order foreign currency at times when virtually every other similar outlet is closed.

Of course, I haven't mentioned the range of papers you can buy or order in advance. Many people do use the shop for that - but if that's all you buy in the shop, then next time you do, take time to look around and see what else is there.

The Cross Inn Village store is a valuable amenity in Avening, which we are very fortunate to have. Let's make sure we use it - and keep it!

*Jane Archer*



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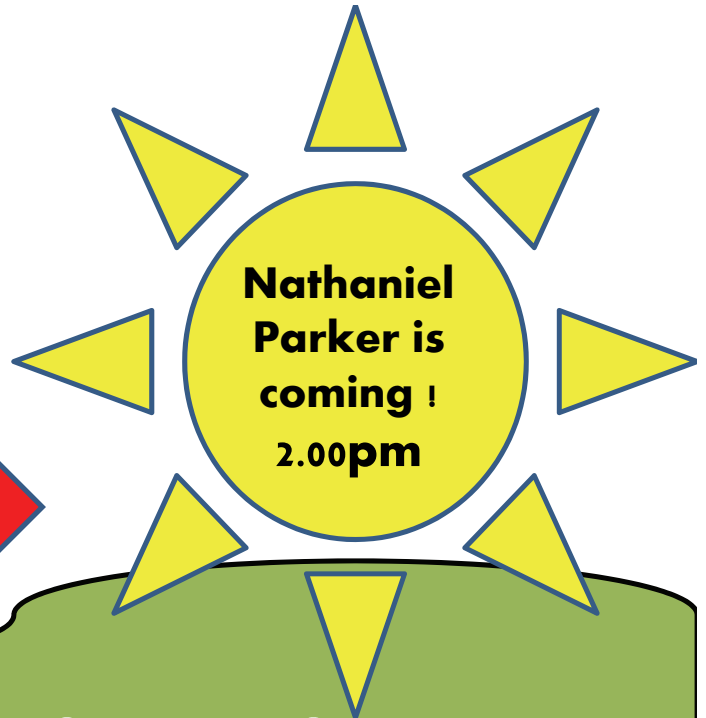
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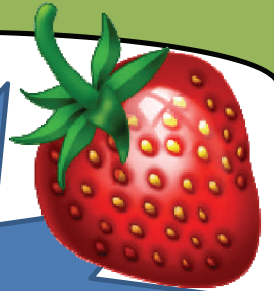


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# Avening Church Fete

## Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>



Tombola

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Face Painting

Bouncy Castle

Games and Competitions

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Tea and Coffee

Sunday 1st July

Avening Village Hall

09.00 – 11.00hrs

£7.50 per head  
(children £3.00)

**OLYMPIC BREAKFAST**

*Relax with a Huge Olympic Buffet breakfast, Newspapers, toys for the children*

Orange Juice Apple Juices Spring Water

Porridge with Cream, Nuts, Dried/ Fresh Fruits

Cornflakes Weetabix Shredded Wheat

Bircher Muesli Fresh Fruit Salad

Warm Croissants Sweet Almond Cakes

Sultana Danish Pastries

Taylor's of Minchinhampton Bacon Roll

Tea and coffee



**Pre-Booking essential:**

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# Avening Primary School

## BOB HAS ARRIVED!

Pupils at Avening School have been delighted with the arrival of 'Bob', a garden owl sculpture, created for them by pupils at Cotswold Chine School. Over several months, pupils from the two schools have visited each other's schools and shared ideas particularly about the gardens.



Avening pupils were particularly impressed by the stone amphitheatre at Chine School and the beautiful terrace gardens. The Chine students felt they could help the younger pupils by contributing to the new outdoor learning garden that Avening School has been developing. After discussing various ideas, the young people from Cotswold Chine created a fabulous creature based on a barn owl that combines the use of wood, clay and metal. It also

incorporates bird feeders and insect homes and has now become a much admired focus in the garden.

Gavin Pond, craft teacher at Cotswold Chine School, said: "It has been a fantastic opportunity for the young people at Cotswold Chine School to use their woodworking, pottery and craft skills for the benefit and enjoyment of other young people."

The designing and making of 'Bob' had presented the young people with a considerable challenge and they had attended the Craft Workshop once a week over a period of several months in order to complete the project.

Avening pupil Isaac (aged 10) says enthusiastically: "I like the way the owl has been designed so it can move a little bit in the wind and so it looks like the owl is looking all around!"

Jake (also 10) said: "After we went to their school and they came to us, I didn't expect them to make something for us. My favourite bit is the head with his eyes set back and his beak looks really realistic."

Avening School headteacher Diana Boulton agreed: "The Chine School students have been so skilful in the way they have created Bob! He is a fantastic feature in our garden and enjoyed by all the children."

## MORE OWLS ON SHOW!

In May, pupils in the Owls class presented a jam-packed assembly for family and pupils. The event showcased many of the subjects the children have learned about this year, including stars and planets, Shakespeare, the human ear, mountains and rivers and the romans.

Written entirely by the pupils (aged 9-11) the topics were presented in a range of ways from powerpoint presentations through to Masterchef Roman style and the 'brainy blondes'. Romeo and Juliet was presented in traditional and modern style with the latter including a Romeo resplendent in bling necklace and bomber jacket! The assembly finished with a rousing repeat of 'Power in me' – a song they had enjoyed singing at the Nailsworth Christingle service at the end of last year.



Romeo and Juliet was presented in traditional and modern style



The 'brainy blondes' explain the workings of the human ear to their class mates

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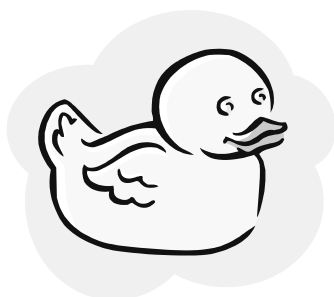
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## .....Welcome Back #2

And congratulations to **Paul Archer**, who after 15 months on the road, has finally, completed circumnavigating the world in his 20 year old battered Black Cab, Hannah - collecting two Guinness World Records in the process. Back home in Avening, he told us about his travels.



### **When did you set off?**

On 17th February 2011. Fifteen months later, on 11th May 2012, I arrived back in London with two World Records having done a full previously unplanned circumnavigation.

### **What are you currently doing with your life?**

Nothing! I'm taking a few weeks to relax and recover back at my parents in Avening after such a hectic year. Then

I'll have to grow up and start earning some money!

### **How did you plan for it?**

Two buddies from Uni and I had always been planning this adventure whilst we studied; looking at routes, countries, plans, things to see etc., but without funds, it seemed impossible. Although I was saving every penny I had, the key thing was getting sponsorship. We were fortunate enough to win a competition called the Non-Standard Awards, which gives money towards crazy-vehicle based endeavours, and they gave us enough funds to pay for our fuel to OZ, so off we went. We then got approached by the Taxi ordering app, Get Taxi, who challenged us and sponsored us to go the whole way back to London.

### **What have been the worst and best bits about this ?**

The worst bits would have to be a toss up between every time we broke down, inevitably somewhere in a desert at about midday; getting deported from Iran under suspicion of spying; being away from friends and family for such a long time; or sitting in the back of the taxi with dysentery!

Best bit was either driving through Tibet or the Artic Circle (where we went snowmobiling and met the real Santa!), driving to Mount Everest basecamp and when we broke the World Record for the Longest Ever Taxi Journey.

### **What is the best advice you have received?**

On one of the first nights of the trip, a couchsurfing host told me that you never get any good stories if everything goes according to plan. It wasn't exactly advice, but it's a great maxim to hold onto when it all goes wrong. In fact, I was in Moscow and being shoved into a Russian police van and heading to a prison cell and it came into my head and instead of feeling scared I kept thinking; "this is going to be an AWESOME story!" In retrospect it was pretty terrible advice if you're worried about your safety... but I did get some cracking stories!

### **Where did you sleep?**

We used the couchsurfing website a lot. It meant that we could meet cool, interesting people everywhere we went who would always show us the best things to do in a city. That and a sofa to crash on of course, which comes in handy as we did this trip on an exceptionally tight budget! Other than that we camped a lot and in the Far East we used hostels - and when pushed, we slept in Hannah, which wasn't very comfy.

### **How does it feel to be home?**

Amazing! Although I would never have quit the expedition, 15 months is a long time away and 43,000 miles is a very, very long time in a broken down old taxi.. I was really looking forward to coming home over the past few months.



### **Were you on the news?**

Yeh! We had a great reception when we came back and did interviews with a load of TV stations and radios.

### **Did you raise money for charity?**

Yes, in total we raised over £16,300 for the British Red Cross and Get Taxi have promised to make this up to our target of £20,000

### **How did people in Avening help?**

People in the village have all been really supportive. There was a collection tin down at the Bell which raised over £60 for the Red Cross. Thanks to everyone who donated. Quite a few people have also enquired about my whereabouts and well-being to my parents, often met with a response of "gallivanting somewhere and not getting a real job!"

# AVENING FETE ART SHOW



We are pleased to announce that this year's Art Show Preview will be opened by Peter Phillips. By invitation only, Holy Cross Church, Friday 29th June, 6.00 - 8.00pm.

Main Show days: Saturday 29th June, 11.30-5.00pm, and Fete day, Sunday 1st July, 11.00-4.30pm. Holy Cross Church, Avening.

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## **From the Archivist:**

"In May 1942, Stockings became headline news in the UK following a statement from the Board of Trade requesting that women should go without in the summer so that there were enough stockings for the winter. Parents were told not to be concerned about their daughters going bare-legged!!"

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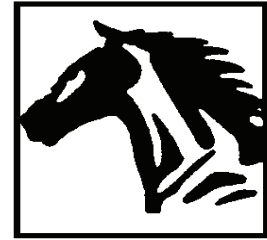
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Our May speaker was Glenda Ford, a well known WI lady, who gave us a cookery demonstration on Italian food. She arrived with armfuls of wonderful produce after having been at the Malvern Spring Show all day. We were treated to the smells of many herbs and spices while she created some lovely dishes which we were able to sample. We all went home with a garlicky scent following us.

We have one or two seats left for our coach trip to Oxford on the 13<sup>th</sup> June so it is not too late to book a place. The cost is £10 per person. Please phone Sue Osborne on 01453 839327 if you are interested.

Our next meeting is The Hat Lady in June and if you would like to join us please come along. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month in the village hall.

*Wendy Jennings*

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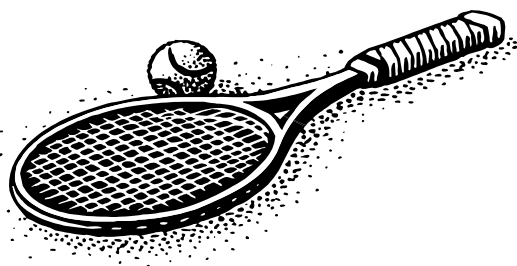
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# Down Memory Lane



The staff of Avening Primary School in 1988.  
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# *Evening Playgroup*

We have welcomed several new children this term so far and a new member of staff. At present we have 25 children, which is the same number as last year. As 14 of our children will be starting school in September places will become available. However there is an ever-growing list for next year already.

The children have been very busy so far this term. They have all thoroughly enjoyed learning about the life cycle of frogs. There is a large tank in the playgroup building and the children have been avidly watching the tadpoles' progress through their stages of development - it's proving to be extremely exciting! All of the children actively dug and helped with the weeding of our vegetable patch in readiness for our planting frenzy which everybody took part in, now its just a case of .... watch this space!

The smaller children have focused on hand and finger control doing all sorts of activities, which aid this all through play. Also hygiene, eg hand washing has been a topic. The bigger children are steadily learning letters and numbers and even practicing sounds, writing and storytelling, everybody is doing so well and all excited about moving onto school in September. All of the work done with the children is carried out through play.

We have a busy term ahead; the older children will be going on a "Leavers Trip" to Slimbridge on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. This trip is a farewell and good luck trip, funded by Playgroup, to all the children who will be starting school in September.

All children and families of the Playgroup and Toddlers are invited to a trip to Cattle Country, which has been arranged for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We also have a Dressing up day for the Jubilee on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – a busy time ahead!

*Debbie Carter*

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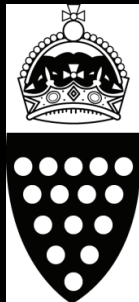
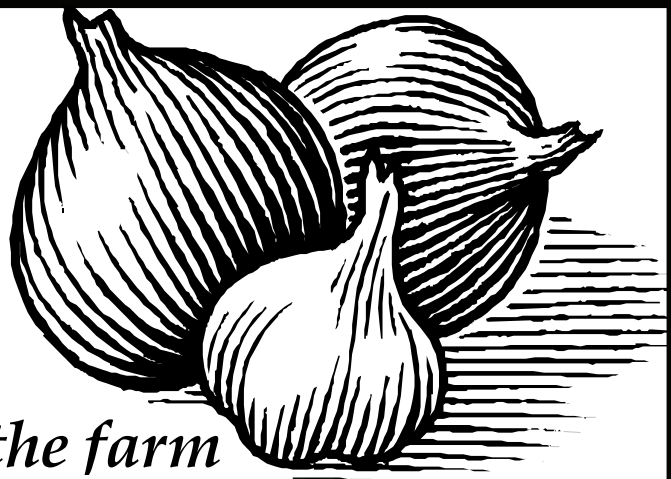
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## Scottish Country Dancing

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## **Planning Applications**

### **12/01832/FUL**

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Comments by 7th June to Cotswold District Council

## **Car Park spaces available**

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

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Wendy Eldridge has resigned as Neighbourhood Watch representative for Cherington. Our thanks must go to Wendy for all the work she has put into this position, would anyone like to take on the role? Please contact the Clerk or Wendy if you are interested.

**Reminder to residents from the Police** - please take all valuable items out of your parked cars, do not leave anything visible and don't forget to lock your car.

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## **Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 6.30pm in Cherington Village Hall. All residents welcome.

***Sue Russell, Clerk to Cherington Parish Council***



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# Avening Parish Council

## **New Planning Applications – May 2012**

### **12/01461/TCONR Withdrawn**

**Date:** 4 May 2012

**Location:** Holy Cross Church, Church Street, Avening, Gloucestershire, GL8 8ND, ,

**Proposal:** Tree as numbered on plan. 1 Sycamore - fell. 2 Yew - fell. 3 and 4 Ash - remove lower 3 limbs. 5 Ash - fell. 6 Sycamore - fell. 7 and 8 Ash - fell. 9 and 10 Western Red Cedar - fell. 11,12,13 Sycamore - fell. 14 Ash - fell. 15 Western Red Cedar - fell.

### **12/01748/FUL**

**Date:** 4 May 2012

**Location:** Rushaven, High Street, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8LU

**Proposal:** Raising the roof ridge level, rear dormers and single storey rear extension

### **12/01553/FUL**

**Location:** Vale Farm, West End, Avening, TETBURY, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE

**Proposal:** Conversion of barns to residential use (revised scheme)

### **12/01568/FUL**

**Date:** 25 April 2012

**Location:** 41 Nags Head Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NZ

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey side extension

*Plans can be seen on [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk). Go to weekly planning list.*

## **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Cllr Mick Williamson was appointed as the Chairman for 2012/13 and Cllr Tony Slater was appointed as the Vice Chairman.

Cllr Jim Parsons was appointed as the Parish Council representative on the Memorial Hall Committee.

## **Great News**

Following a tip off from a public spirited person, the Police managed to locate the lorry that damaged the bus shelter on Hampton Hill and they have agreed to

pay for the damage.

### **Vandalism**

Sadly, on the same day, the bus shelter in May's Lane was reported vandalised.



Anyone witnessing vandalism should telephone the police on 101 (if it is an emergency then telephone 999). **You can remain anonymous if you choose**. The Police need to know what is happening and when, in order to address the problems.

**The next meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012 at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome.**

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## *Dates for your Diary*

Friday 1st June - Monday 11th June	Half term	Avening Primary School	
Sunday 3rd June	Jubilee Service	In & Outside Holy Cross Church Avening	11.00 am
Sunday 3rd June	Concert : Music for a Summer's Evening	Holy Cross Church	7.30pm
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
Monday 18th June	Memorial Hall A.G.M	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday June 30th & Sunday July 1st	Avening Art show	Avening Church	11.30am to 5.00pm
Saturday 30th June	Teas and Art (Booking essential see ad on page 23)	Avening Church	3.30-5.30pm
Sunday July 1st	Olympic Breakfast (Booking essential see ad on page 23)	Avening Village Hall	9.00-11.00am
Sunday 1st July	Avening Church Fete	Church Street area & The Old Rectory	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
Sunday July 22nd	Cherington Village show	Various locations in Cherington	2.00pm-6.00pm

### **Life's like that**

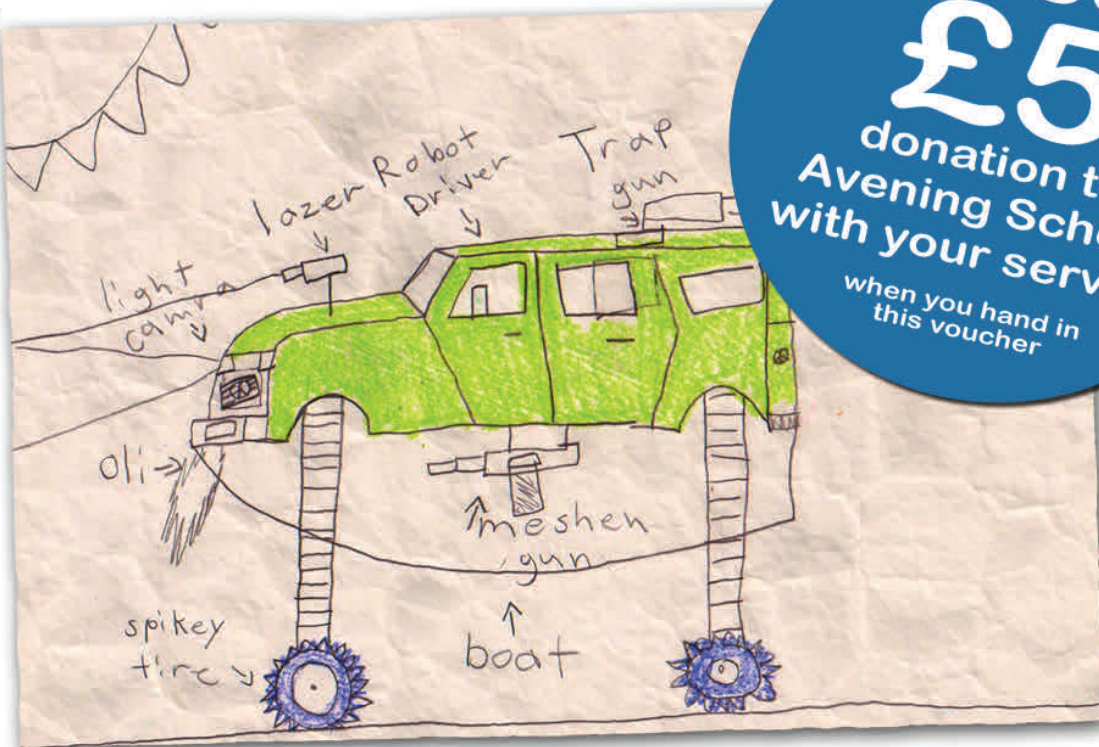
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Mon & Tues: 5.30pm - 11pm

Wed - Sat: 12 noon - 2pm & 5.30pm - 11pm

Sun: 12 noon - 10.30pm

Food served from Tuesday evening to Sunday lunchtime

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# CROSS INN

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**4th June : BBQ, Disco and Karaoke to celebrate the Jubilee**

**8th June : Euro2012 starts - All matches shown**

**16th June : Music Quiz**

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