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Services in Avening & Cherington

September

Day / Date	Time	Church	Event
Sun October 7th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00 12.15	Avening Avening	Holy Communion and Sunday School Baptism: Tegan Hill
Sat October 13th	15.00	Avening	Marriage of Cheryl Vickery and James Bartlett and Baptism of Sofie and Elsie Bartlett
Sun October 14th	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00 12.15	Avening Avening	ANIMAL SERVICE Adults and children with their pets specially invited + horses at 11.45 Baptism: Coco Rayner
Sun October 21st	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion and Sunday School.
Sun 28 th October	8am	Avening	No Service
	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
Sun October 28 th	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
Friday Nov 2nd	19.00	Avening	ALL SOULS SERVICE
Sun Nov3rd	08.00 09.30 11.00	Avening Cherington Avening	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion BCW Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
Oct. 7 th	Frances/Stephanie	Paul	Elizabeth
Oct. 14 th	Piers/Margaret	Stephen	Ann
Oct. 21 st	Cas/Jeanie	Derrick	Marion
Oct. 28 th	George/Frances	Paul	Ann
Nov. 4 th	Stephanie/Piers	Stephen	Elizabeth

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE IN AVENING ON
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The Parish Letter

The summer seems to have slipped past while we have been busily celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and then the Olympic Games. Even if I should look back over the years through rose-tinted glasses, I would not remember a time when, as a Nation, we were so drawn together in rejoicing. We seemed to have forgotten those things which drive us apart and have looked instead, to all that draws us together.

The occasions earlier in the Summer, when the nations of the Commonwealth gathered to express their thanks and loyalty to our Sovereign Lady, were enhanced a few months after by the sheer enthusiasm, tolerance and friendship of the Games, both the Olympic and Paralympics, when every Nation of the world gave us a vision to which to aspire.

We CAN do it.....we have shown the world we can do it.....so let us pray for the strength to continue to do it.

Whether standing in the Mall, or outside St Paul's Cathedral, or in the Stadiums of the Olympic Village, the worldwide family of nations have given us a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven.....an atmosphere of Love and Acceptance.....made all the more memorable by the fun and excitement of it all.

We may not have seen much of the sun this summer, but the warmth generated by this remarkable year should carry us through the coming Winter and let us pray for much more than that!

Rev Celia

Gas Leak Reporting

There have been reports of gas leaks particularly from the Tetbury Hill area. Should you detect the smell of gas at any time anywhere in the village please contact this emergency telephone number:

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giving the location of the suspected leak.

Avening Parish Council

THANKS

Many, many thanks for your kind messages, cards and visits during the last six weeks.....they all made a great difference and I appreciated them all very much.

**Thank you again,
Rev Celia**

ANIMAL SERVICE

Sunday 14th October 11 am

A special service for blessing our animals!

Please bring along your pets:- cats, dogs, guinea pigs and anything else - suitably caged and basketed - to Holy Cross Church at 11 am .

Ponies and horses are welcome to come to the Church Gates at 11.45 am for their Blessing.

ALL SOUL'S SERVICE

Friday 2nd November at 7pm

This service to remember those who have died.

You are invited to light a candle to celebrate the life of a loved one during a service of music and prayer.

Should you wish particular names to be read out with others who are to be remembered, please add them to the lists at the back of the Church or in the Shop.

This Autumn:

CONFIRMATION by the BISHOP

Come and make your vows of commitment to the Christian Faith in a Confirmation service taken by the Bishop. Any age welcome from 8-80.

Please contact Celia on **01453 852716**

If you have not been baptised this will be included in the service or privately by Celia in the weeks before.

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	Wed. 26th Sept.	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Derrick 01453 835090
Yoga	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Memorial Hall	Elles 0781 555 2952
WI	2nd Thursday each month	7-30pm	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	Starting back Sept 2nd	12.15pm	Holy Cross Church	Derrick 01453 835090

CHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for Parish Clerk

Cherington Parish Council is seeking to recruit a new Parish Clerk to start Autumn 2012. We are looking for an enthusiastic committed individual to take responsibility for all aspects of the administrative and financial operations of the Council.

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The successful applicant will be required to attend evening meetings at least 8 times per year and all other council administrative tasks will be carried out working from home

For further information on this post contact Kate Gegg at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk or on 07976 570754

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Nigel Bowsher** 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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Avening Roll of Honour

No. 48

Frank C Richings

Lance Sergeant: Royal Artillery

The following two extracts are from the Stroud News and Journal, dated Friday the 6th of September 1940.



“We regret we have to record the death which took place as a result of a motor accident on Friday in last week of Lance Sergeant Frank Cecil Richings, RA, of Garden House, High Street, Avening, where his grandmother, Mrs Savage, is in residence today. In Avening, L/Sgt Richings is well known, especially with relation to the church, of which he had been a sidesman for a short time before joining the Army ten years ago. He had recently returned from India, where he had been for six years. L/Sgt Richings was not married, but had a brother, Leslie, now living in Warwick. The funeral, which was conducted with military honours, was attended by officers and men of his regiment (who also sent a beautiful floral wreath) and members of his family, among whom were

Mrs Eva Snell of Leamington (Aunt), Mr and Mrs Leslie Richings (brother and sister-in-law) and Elsie (a friend)”

Also

“Many Avening people will be sorry to hear of the death through a road accident on the 23rd of August of L/Sgt F C Richings, late of Garden House, High Street, Avening. L/Sgt Richings, who was 27 years of age, joined the Army ten years ago and had spent six years in India. He returned to this country recently and it was moving from one depot on the road to another that he lost his life. The funeral was conducted with full military honours last week at his original depot”

This is all we know of his military life. He was born in Avening on the 15th of November 1913, the youngest son of Blanche Richings, and was baptised as Francis Cecil Richings in our church on the 15th of the following March. He

was educated in the village school and must have enlisted soon after leaving.

The road accident happened somewhere in Suffolk and his funeral was held in Colchester.

He is buried in Colchester cemetery with a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. He is remembered, with honour, on our village memorials.

Fred Vening

Temporary Road Closure Pound Hill and Point Road

Gloucestershire County Council have made an order to temporarily close part of Pound Hill and Point Road, to allow safe working while Western Power carries out cable laying and overhead line works.

The roads are expected to be closed from 24th September until 29th October 2012 or until the works have been completed. There will be no parking and no waiting during these times and dates.

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The Avening Family History Day



Following the success of last year's event, we repeated the exercise on Saturday 8th September.

Thanks to Ann Brick's sensible advertising we attracted family historians from throughout the county and we were blessed with about 45 visitors, fortunately not all at once!

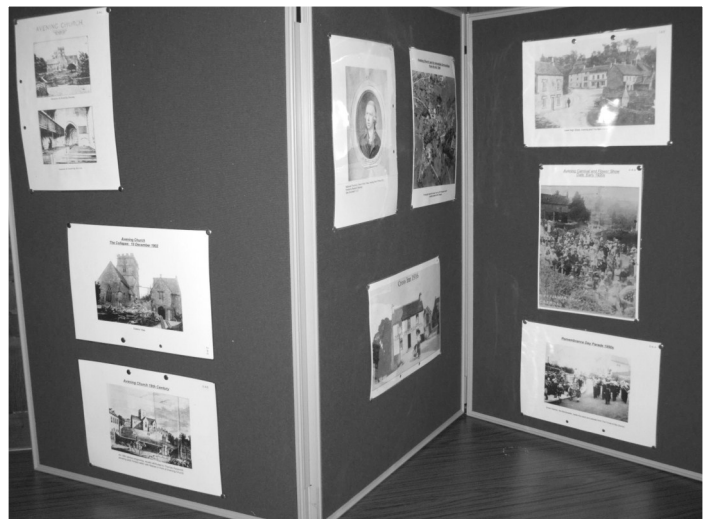
On display were our Census Returns from 1841 and the transcribed Parish Registers from 1700. The Roll of Honour albums were also available, as was the embryonic History of Avening.

There were four of us on duty – my wife, Judith as “meet and greet”, Stephanie Hamilton in charge of refreshments and Ann Brick and myself patrolling the visitors and offering assistance where required.

It was pleasant to see complete strangers discovering they were researching the same family name and were, all be it distantly, related!

No entry fee was levied, it being made clear that everything was done by donation. At the end of the day, it was felt that this was a successful event and that it should be made an annual occasion. £75 was raised for church funds.

Should you wish to see our records, please contact any of us on the team but meanwhile, look out for notification of next year's Family History Day



Fred Vening



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There is a programme but this is optional. Walking and other outdoor and indoor activities are many and varied. It's a fabulous place for children and teenagers who have their own programme of fun things to do.

These `Renew, Refresh and Resource` weekends are designed to help groups, Individuals and churches to strengthen their relationships with each other, to deepen their relationship with God and to learn how to be salt and

light more effectively in their local communities and places of work.



The cost (full board for 2 nights) is £136. If you would like to come but feel it is beyond your budget please let me know as we may be able to help with funding. This will be done in strictest confidence.

If you want to book a place please contact me for a booking form:

Cas Boddam-Whetham. E-mail:casbw@btinternet.com

Telephone no:01453 834834

Cotswold Care Hospice

The Hospice and my family would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Hospice in memory of Roy. The total raised thanks to your generosity was £825, a wonderful tribute to Roy and a great help to the hospice.

Wendy Eldridge, Tim and Sally

Village People

Liz Bate-Williams Cherington



I first met Liz Bate-Williams some years ago when she designed and made a beautiful dress for me to wear at my wedding to my husband, Dominic. It was therefore a real pleasure to meet her again when we moved to Avening six years ago and to discover that she and John had made their home in Cherington.

I thought that it would be fun to hear about the interesting, happy lives they have lived as members of our community over the last fifteen years. I also thought that it would be exciting to glimpse a little of the glamorous world of fashion, which has been Liz's world for many years. Over a cup of tea she told me about her life.

Born in 1957, Liz grew up in Kington St Michael, in an ancient 'haunted' farmhouse, formerly a Benedictine nunnery, where her father farmed. She went to school locally and then in 1971 moved with her family to a farm in the Severn Vale. From 1975-1979 she attended Cheltenham College of Art and Design, from where she graduated with a degree in Fashion. This involved designing and making paper patterns, fitting, cutting and creating the finished garment.

Liz's first love has always been silk screen printing fabrics and once she had left college, she set up her own business doing just that, under the

name of Liz Lippiatt, the name which she continues to use professionally to this day. Her first workshop was based in one of the outbuildings at the farm. Over the years she has had great success in selling to several well known names, including Bruce Oldfield, and working with Vogue. She supplied John Lewis for over ten years. Initially she worked in London following her marriage to John in 1984. She had a studio at the Brewery Crafts Centre in Cirencester for twenty five years, which she shared with other textile artists. She is now based in Stroud Valleys Artspace, in John Street, Stroud. Liz works on occasional large projects with a group of textile artists, Studio Seven. These events take textiles 'in performance' to new and unusual venues.

Liz was one of the first to develop the printing of beautiful devore scarves, which have now become so popular. This involved a completely new technique of screen printing, etching the design into the cloth by removing part of the silk velvet pile. In recent years, competition from China, where similar techniques can be produced for a fraction of the price, has made it uneconomic for Liz to work for the wider market. She now concentrates on work for the higher value world of couture.

Liz and John were married in 1984 and initially lived in London, where John's barrister's practice was located. However, once the children, Rory and Rose, were born, the family moved first to Cirencester and then to a house just outside Crudwell. It was during the time that the children started attending Beaudesert Park School that Cherington became known to the family. On Saturday mornings, John would set off on the school-run with the children and sometimes some of their friends, in what Liz describes as his vulgar American Cadillac. They regularly stopped on Cherington green and enjoyed chocolate croissants, warmed on the exhaust manifold. It must have been the ultimate cool moment for the children to turn up in this dramatic equipage at school, with faces smeared in chocolate! Little did the family dream that they would eventually find their perfect home in Cherington, when they moved here in 1997 to Lockstone Bottom Barn. Liz told me that here, in this beautiful and friendly village, they have enjoyed fifteen of their happiest years.

Many in these villages will also have become familiar with another Bate-Williams enterprise, Top Up Tents, which started in their previous home. If the family wanted to give a party for themselves or Rory and Rose, there was really no space to do so. To build an extension was very pricey and John suddenly hit upon the happy notion of buying a marquee, designed like a circus Big Top and attaching this to their home, as a sort of summer dining room. They had first found such a tent during one of their many summer holidays in Cornwall. Friends were impressed with this arrangement and

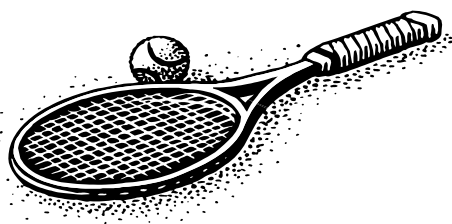
slowly their collection of tents grew and they started to lease them out to friends and others and so this business was born. To this day the venture continues, largely now organised and run by Rory and Rose.

Liz's career continues to flourish and in August this year she was filmed for a new series promoting Arts and Crafts, called 'Paul Martin's Handmade Revolution'. This is scheduled to be shown on BBC2 in the Autumn – so watch out for it. Liz is also planning to run one day courses in her workshop in Stroud, where participants can design and create their own things – such as scarves and bags. More information on this can be found on Liz's website textile@liz-lippiatt.com.

Readers will probably remember the very successful Christmas Craft Sale that she hosted last year at home in conjunction with Cherington designers and makers and Studio Seven. She would like to do so again in November, so look at the next issue of the Villager for details.

Liz and John's life together seems to me to have been both interesting and fun. John is planning to retire from the Bar next year, but when I enquired whether he might find this rather a wrench, Liz just laughed and said that there would never be a difficulty in him finding things to do – always busy and interested in people and like Liz herself, keen to contribute to village life!

Frances Conway



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Avening Primary School

INTRODUCING OUR NEW HEADTEACHER

At the beginning of this new term, pupils, parents, staff and governors welcomed Avening School's new headteacher, Jane Rushton. The Villager magazine seems a perfect way to also introduce 'Mrs Rushton' to the community as well. So thanks to new school council members, Ellie, Daisy, Jasmine and Hugh and their interesting variety of questions, here is a brief introduction:

What is your favourite part about being at Avening?

I love being with all the children and staff because they have made me feel so welcome, so when I come to school I feel like I am coming to see friends.

What was your favourite subject at school and what was your least favourite subject?

I love all the subjects!

What is similar to your old school and what is different?

Lovely children and staff is the same, but there are 4 classes here and there were 11 at my old school.

Is your view better from your window here or at your old school?

It is better here because I have a view over the churchyard.

Did you enjoy school as a child?

I loved school so much and I loved university even more.

Are there more or less staff at Avening?

Less staff.

When you were growing up, did you have any pets?

Lots – hamsters, dogs, cats, fish, a tortoise called Herbert and a pony.

What was your hair like when you were younger?

It was long hair with a fringe but when I was younger it was red.

Is the school here a lot calmer than at your old school because there are less children?

Even though we had more children at my old school they were very calm, they had to be because there were more of them.

What is your favourite colour?

Gold because I really like shiny things.

What is your favourite period in history?

I love the Georgian period because I love books written by Jane Austen and I love the clothes.

What is your favourite music?

I love the Stone Roses. I also like baroque music.

How many folders do you have?

Lots and lots of them – too many to count – because I like to be organised.



Left to right: Pupils Joe, Callum, Ellie, Jasmine, Daisy, Florence and Alice, with new headteacher Jane Rushton in the school garden

Take a look at our website - www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk.
In term time please contact 01453 833191.

Michele Wheatley

Avening Playgroup

The beginning of the academic year has arrived and new children have recently started playgroup. We are glad to let you know that they have all settled in wonderfully. Our existing children have welcomed them with open arms and are enjoying making new friends. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic purpose built village playgroup with all of its fabulous facilities and organised activities that the staff arrange for our pre-school children on a daily basis. We also welcome our new chair, Rachel Weinberger and her new and enthusiastic committee.

The annual Avening Nearly New Sale, arranged by the playgroup committee, took place on Saturday 15th September. I am pleased to inform you that it was a great success once again and raised around £300 for the playgroup! It seems each year we raise more funds for such a worthwhile cause. This was the 6th year running for this sale, and the amount of sellers and buyers reflected just how much this has become an annual event to look forward to. It is a great way to recycle children's clothes, toys, books, equipment etc. The playgroup staff and committee would like to send a big thank you to everyone who brought along their clothes and equipment for the sale and everyone who helped spread the word about the sale. Also, a big thanks to all of you who attended on the day.

Look out in forthcoming publications of The Villager for more information about our "Christmas Bazaar" which will take place on Saturday 1st December, so please save the date on your calendar. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year – lots of stalls, some of the old favourites and some new ones.



If you would like your child to join our lovely playgroup please contact Debbie on 01453 832695.

Emma Silvey-Ratcliffe

Gateways into Avening.



After a morning working on my hats and fashion accessories, I often enjoy a stroll around the village with my camera, as a relaxing artistic treat, weather permitting!! It has rained such a lot this summer, that I really appreciate a sunny day!

I have noticed many doorways and gateways into hidden gardens and courtyards. I find this so intriguing, it brings to mind "The Secret Garden". I decided to take a few photos of favourite gateways. I'm sure those of you who are residents of Avening will recognise some of these gateways!

Sue Mochrie



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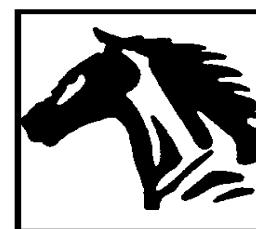
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My name is David Martin. I live in Nailsworth and I'm the local consultant for *Steele Rose & Co* - one of the UK's Premier Professional Home Visit Will Writers. After 22 years serving my country in the RAF, I have spent the last 28 years of my life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

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Royal Visit to Golf Club



On 7th September, taking a break from her Olympic duties, Minchinhampton Golf Course (which is, of course, in Avening!) had a visit from the Princess Royal and her husband Tim Laurence. The Princess was welcomed to the club by the Chairman Simon Whitwam who in turn introduced the Captain Stuart Bernau. Stuart then took the Princess over to a presentation by Paul and Matt Worster. With

the help of a very well produced display Paul showed our royal visitors how we maintain the three golf courses and our "best in show" environmental awards that the team have accumulated over the past seven years.

After 15 minutes of conversation the Royal party moved on to be introduced to the Club Professional Chris Steele, John Humphrey (Junior Organiser) and Imogen Brown (Junior Captain). After giving an insight as to how the Junior Section works, we moved on to the putting green where two groups of Juniors were practicing with the Teaching Professional, Rob Ralph. Chris and Rob showed the Princess practice drills that the younger members of the Academy and older members of the Junior Section were trying out. Lots of questions were asked of the instructors and the pupils with the Princess certainly having a good understanding of what skills the game required. The princess was very keen to know the secret of backspin as all the golfers she knew seemed to be trying relentlessly to fwork it out!

After another 15 minutes Stuart Bernau then took the party to meet the officers of the club both past and present and then on to plant a Lime tree in honour of the Queens Golden Jubilee. With a very skillfull display of the shovel some of the green staffs finest home made compost was placed into the hole for the tree. The Captain officially welcomed the Royal Visitors and gave Tim Laurence and the Princess an identical Lime to plant over the road on the Gatcombe Estate.

After over an hour on a beautiful afternoon the couple thanked the club for the hospitality and left (with the Princess driving!)

Down Memory Lane

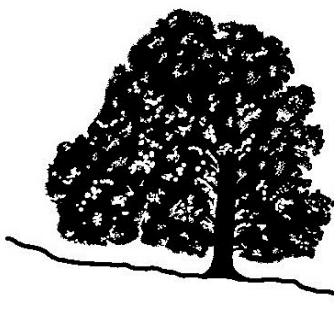


Avening School 1958 (we think)

Not many memories stirred here, surprisingly enough.

Hazel Redding, now living in Tetbury, wrote to say that she thinks that the girl in the middle row in a dark dress is Audrey Anderton from Woodstock Lane, and the boy in back row 6th from left, is possibly Audrey's brother Alan (they were a large family)

Thanks Hazel-any other suggestions?



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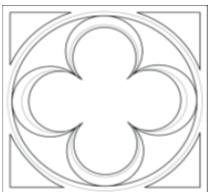
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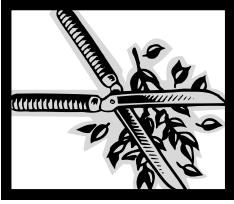
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Usually at our September meeting we have a produce show but this is not now as popular as it used to be and it was agreed to leave it out this year.

Instead we had a very interesting talk by Kath Lowrie who has been a midwife since the early 70s. She started her career in some very deprived areas of London but also worked at Stroud Maternity Hospital. Many of the younger readers may have known her and indeed had their babies delivered by her.

She recounted how, in the early days, young mothers were often forced to give up their newborns for adoption and how upsetting this was, not only for the mothers but also for the midwives. Kath explained how there are fashions in childbirth and a number of years ago mothers were routinely induced so the babies arrived at a convenient time. There have, of course been huge advances in medicine and technology but Kath said there was still much to be recommended in a simple home birth.

Some members got together for lunch at Hunters Hall which is always an enjoyable occasion.

Shirley Hand is organising another fun quiz to be held in the Social Club on Friday 9th November at 7.30 p.m. The quizzes are open to anyone who is interested so get a team of 4 together and have a great evening. There will be a small charge and a ploughman's supper will be included. Any profit made will go towards the postage costs of mailing Christmas boxes to deprived children abroad through the Operation Christmas Child Charity. We are hoping to fill and mail 30 boxes this year.

We still have places on the coach for our Christmas shopping trip to Winchester on 22nd November. The cost this year is £12 and the coach will be leaving the Avening Memorial Hall at 9.15 a.m. I am going to arrange a tour of the beautiful cathedral for those who would like a diversion from shopping. Please ring me on 01453 836556 if you would like to come.

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Evening Book Club

***The Little Stranger* - Sarah Waters**

Our book group warmly welcomed the game participation and contribution of two new members - Lynne and Claire - to discuss this haunting and absorbing novel. *The Little Stranger* is a wonderful book for discussion because it leaves ends untied, unclear and open to interpretation.

The majority of the members really enjoyed this gothic, historical tale. The (debatable) supernatural element in this novel was secondary to some of our readers. While they vary from dislikeable to vile, they were all, at times, capable of extracting varying levels of sympathy. We all agreed they were three dimensional characters and deftly drawn. Sarah Waters does the unreliable author very well and as readers we are left rudderless and undirected, and this was a device, we felt, that made the reader work. Waters sets the novel in a very atmospheric, upper-class house that is absolutely central to the story and has the same imposing power of *Satis House* (Charles Dickens) and *Manderley* (Daphne du Maurier), much more so in fact. We all had our images of this shambling, crumbling, decaying home-turned-malevolent force. The imagery of the house was very powerful. I honestly could have talked about the book all night. In addition, there were other well researched areas of historical interest contained within the story. Waters talks about the rise of the N.H.S. and the nouveau riche, the crumbling of the privileged, chattering classes and the disintegration of the mores of that elite minority: a changing England. On the other hand, this novel is dark and has little joy in it, which one of our members found it a bit too gloomy and felt the middle part of the novel could have been condensed.

**Next month's meeting will be at the Bell at 7.30 on the 1st October:
Lisa Jewell - *Before I Met You***

Nov - (Date TBA)

Jeanette Winterson - *Why Be Happy When You Can Be Normal*

Dec - (Date TBA)

Muriel Barbery - *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*



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Avening Parish Council

From 21st September the Parish Council address and phone number will be 28, Partridge Way, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 1BQ, 01453 836318

PLANNING

Planning applications can be found on Cotswold District Council's website at www.cotswold.gov.uk. Go to weekly planning list. You are also able to sign up for Planning Alerts so that the emails can come straight to your in box.

12/03481/FUL

Ward: Avening
Date: 15 August 2012
Location: Brandhouse Farm, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE
Proposal: Replacement dwelling

12/01553/FUL

Ward: Avening
Date: 16 August 2012
Location: Vale Farm, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE
Proposal: Conversion of barns to residential use (revised scheme) and reinstatement of horse engine house

12/01553/FUL

Ward: Avening
Date decided: 16 August 2012
Decision: Application Permit
Location: Vale Farm, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE
Proposal: Conversion of barns to residential use (revised scheme) and reinstatement of horse engine house

12/01655/COMPLY

Ward: Avening
Date decided: 16 August 2012
Decision: Application Withdrawn
Location: Vale Farm, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE
Proposal: Conversion of barns to residential use - compliance with conditions 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 14 & 15

PHONE BOXES

Inspired by phone box book depositories, two people have come forward from Avening and Nag's Head with ideas to transform our phone boxes into book depositories. Please watch out for developments.

GAS SMELL ON THE B4104 BETWEEN AVENING AND TETBURY UPTON

Many people are still noticing the gas smell in this area. If you are at all concerned about this, Wales and West Utilities emergency gas number is 0800 111999 or for general enquiries please call 0870 165 0597. It is useful to locate the part of the road where the gas smell is strongest, or if it is near a property, the postcode. This enables the engineers to locate the exact spot where the smell is worst or where it is causing concern. If you have a SAT NAV, a grid reference would be useful.

DOG MESS AT THE RECREATION GROUND

This item is still very much on the agenda at the Parish Council. Specific information about who is responsible will help Cotswold District Council to tackle this issue in a legal way, and impose a fine on the culprits. If you have information about who is responsible, please contact CDC through their website, or if you wish to remain anonymous, please give the Parish Clerk the information and we will pass it on for you.

The next meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18th October 2012, at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall.

Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month. All Welcome.

Please note the PO Box has closed. The Parish Council address is below.

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Cherington Parish Council

PLANNING

The following valid planning applications have been lodged or new details have been received in the Parish of Cherington on 13 September 2012.

12/03533/FUL

Ward: Avening
Date: 13 September 2012
Location: Weststrip Farmhouse, Westrip Farm Lane, Cherington, Tetbury, Glos, GL8 8SL
Proposal: Erection of stable building and yard (revised scheme)

The following valid planning applications have been lodged or new details have been received in the Parish of Cherington on 14 September 2012.

12/03555/FUL

Ward: Avening
Date: 14 September 2012
Location: Cherington House, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SN,
Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, construction of new garage/workshop

12/03558/CON

Ward: Avening
Date: 14 September 2012
Location: Cherington House, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SN,
Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, construction of new garage/workshop

12/03802/FUL

Ward: Avening
Date: 14 September 2012
Location: The Gastons, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SL,
Proposal: Proposed alterations to previously approved scheme under 11/02925/FUL

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CAR PARK SPACES

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th October 2012, 6.30pm at the Village Hall, Cherington. Residents welcome to attend.

Sue Russell

Clerk to Cherington Parish Council

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Avening Tower Captain	David Govier	01453 882914
Avening Primary School	Diana Boulton	01453 833191
Avening Playgroup	Debbie Brown	01453 832695 Home 835983
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Avening Youth Club	Cassie Chesterman	01453 834182
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Cherington Village Hall	Beryl Milsom	01285 841248
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Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336
Avening History Project	Fred Vening fred@fvening.fsnet.co.uk	01285 850624
Stroud Hospital		01453 562200
Women's Institute	Maisie Stanton	01453 834679
The Cross Village Shop	Claire and Glyn	01453 833240

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st October	Avening Book Club	The Bell	7.30 pm
Saturday 6th October	FOAS Bingo Night	Social Club	8 pm
Tuesday 9 th October	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.30 pm
Sunday 14th October	Animal Service	Avening Church	11 am
Thursday 18 th October	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Monday 22nd October - Monday 29th October (incl)	Half Term	Avening Primary School	
Friday 2nd November	All Soul's Service	Avening Church	7 pm
Friday 9th November	WI Quiz	Social Club	7.30 pm
Thursday 22nd November	WI Christmas Shopping trip to Winchester	Memorial Hall	9.15 am
Saturday 1st December	Play Group Christmas Bazaar	Memorial Hall	

**Don't forget to let us know if you have something you
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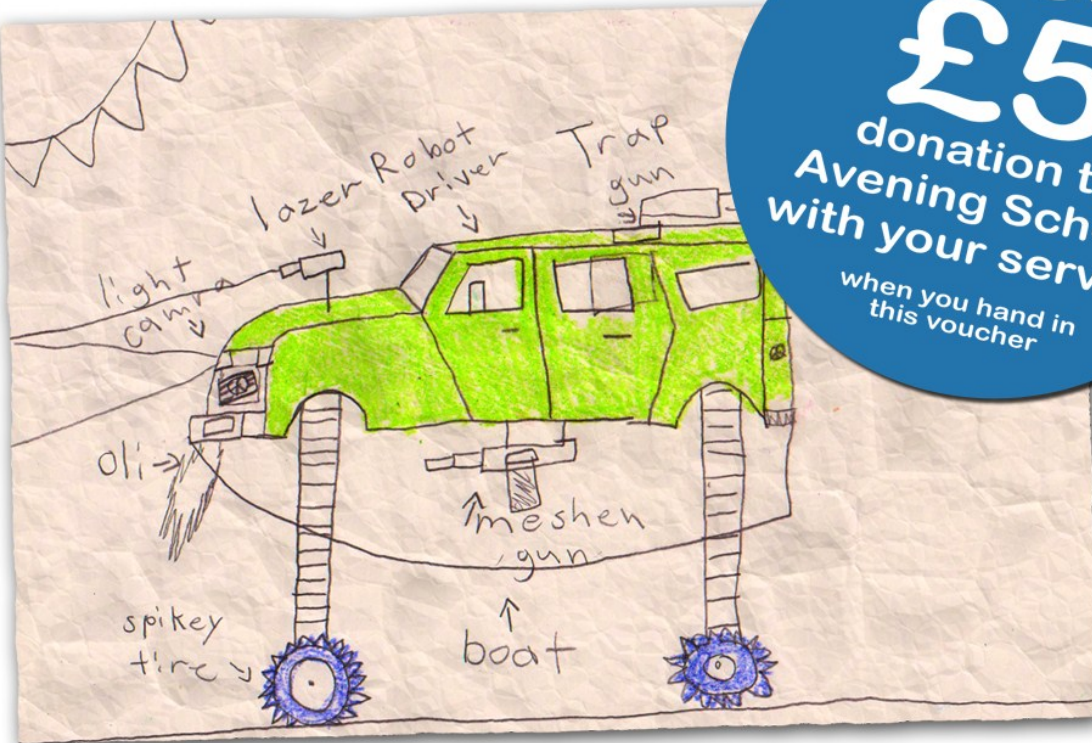
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