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The Parish Letter

During the next week or two we will once again be hearing the Christmas story. The familiar words of the Gospel which for many of us recalls our childhood, and brings back pictures of school Nativity plays, carols and family gatherings. Yet possibly we may be tempted to dismiss it, as a story for children and with little relevance to the real World.

The Gospel writers, St Mark and St John do not record the birth and childhood of Jesus; only St Matthew and St Luke write of:

“The mother who brought forth her first born Son and laid Him in a manger”.

The other Gospels speak only of the grown man; of Jesus the Healer, the Miracle Worker, the Man of Authority, “who spoke as no other man before Him.”. They spoke of the man with incredible power; with a profound knowledge of Humanity; a man recognised by many as the ‘Son of God’.

However, St Luke chose to start his Gospel in another way. He spoke of a young girl, forced by circumstances to give birth in a stable...to use a manger as a makeshift cradle: her newborn child, like any other, totally dependent on his mother for his every need.

The other Gospel writers appeared to be cautious of depicting the Saviour Christ...the Son of God... as helpless and totally dependent. Maybe they considered his birth and early life to be irrelevant. There is also the possibility that they did not understand the profound significance of a ‘helpless’ God...dependent on the loving care of a human being. But the story of the birth of Jesus is deeply significant... for it is a revelation of the nature of God’s Love...for God is Love and Love is vulnerable. God will not force His Love on any one of us, but it is there, ever present, and we are free to love in return... or... we can turn away.

We can come to the stable with the Wise Men and the Shepherds to kneel in reverence and awe... or... we can reject the Christ child, dismiss Him, and laugh along with the cynics.

God’s Love is as vulnerable as ours. Cherish His, this Christmas.

May His Blessings be with you.

Rev Celia

A Psalm of Life

Tell me not in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust thou returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of Life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sand of time;

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Contributed by Humphrey Carter



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DONKEY SERVICE
December 11th at 11am
Gloucester Cathedral

This is the Pageant of the Donkey
through the Gospels
and is especially
put on by Hop Skip and Jump for
Children and Adults with additional
needs

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Tony Slater** for this month's cover photo.

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

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Services in Avening and Cherington

December & January

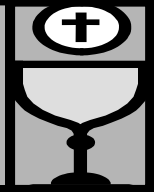
Sunday 2nd December ADVENT SUNDAY	08.00 09.30 11.00 3.00pm	Avening Cherington Avening Cherington	Holy Communion BCP Advent Service Holy Communion BCW and Sunday School Baptism: Constance Coco Calypso
Sunday 9th December CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY	08.00 09.30 11.00 12.15pm 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Avening Cherington Avening Avening Avening	NO SERVICE Matins BCP Holy Communion BCW and Sunday School Baptism: Oliver Thomas Owen Lloyd 8-and-Under Children's Party with entertainer. Bring & share tea & please bring a gift for special needs child .Tel. 832716 for numbers
Sunday 16th December	08.00 5.00pm 7.00pm	Avening Cherington Avening	Holy Communion BCP Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight (drinks in village hall afterwards) Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 23rd December			No services
CHRISTMAS EVE	4.00pm 10.00pm 11.30pm	Avening Cherington Avening	The Crib Service (please bring a toy for a special needs child) MIDNIGHT MASS by Candlelight MIDNIGHT MASS by Candlelight
CHRISTMAS DAY	09.30 11.00	Cherington Avening	Family Service Holy Communion BCW and Sunday School

Services in Avening and Cherington

December & January

Sunday 30th December	08.00 09.30 11.00	Avening Cherington Avening	NO SERVICE Holy Communion BCW Holy Communion and Sunday School
EPIPHANY Sunday 6th January	08.00 09.30 11.00	Avening Cherington Avening	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion BCW Holy Communion BCW and Sunday School
Sunday 13th January	08.00 09.30 11.00	Avening Cherington Avening	NO SERVICE Matins BCP Holy Communion BCW and Sunday School
Sunday 20th January	08.00 09.30 11.00	Avening Cherington Avening	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion BCW and Sunday School
Sunday 27th January	08.00 09.30 11.00	Avening Cherington Avening	NO SERVICE Holy Communion BCW Holy Communion BCW and Sunday School
CANDLEMAS Sunday 3rd February	08.00 09.30 11.00	Avening Cherington Avening	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion BCW Holy Communion BCW and Sunday School

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
Dec 2 nd	George/Jeanie	Stephen	Marion
Dec 9 th	Piers/Cas	Paul	Ann
Dec 16 th	Carols and Lessons (7.00pm) Stephanie/Margaret		Elizabeth
Dec 24 th	Crib Service (4.00pm) Derrick		Marion
	Midnight Mass Service (11.30pm)		
	Frances/George	Stephen	Ann
Dec 25 th	Stephanie/Cas	Derrick	Elizabeth
Dec 30 th	Jeanie/Margaret	Paul	Marion
Jan 6 th	George/Piers	Derrick	Ann
Jan 13 th	Stephanie/Cas	Stephen	Elizabeth
Jan 20 th	Frances/Margaret	Paul	Marion
Jan 27 th	George/Jeanie	Derrick	Ann
Feb 3 rd	Stephanie/Piers	Stephen	Elizabeth

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE IN AVENING ON
Dec 2nd Jan 6th and Feb 3rd**

THE EDITORS OF THE VILLAGER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
CONTRIBUTORS, DISTRIBUTORS, PROOF-READERS
AND EVERYONE INVOLVED FOR THEIR HELP OVER THE PAST
YEAR AND WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!

What's On In Avening and 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	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Yoga	Wednesday	7.30pm - 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	Caroline 01285 380041
Folk Club	Thursday	8.15pm	Cross Inn	Chris 01453 450 010
Mobile Library	Every other Friday	12.30pm - 12.50pm	Cherington Green	Sue Killoran 01452 425 048
Quiz Nights	1st /3rd Saturday each month	7.30pm	Cross Inn	Claire 08444 123 100
Almost Angels Choir	Sunday	12.15pm	Holy Cross Church	Derrick 01453 835090

Welcome to this All-Village bumper edition! We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we have in putting it together!

(...and don't forget that, if you don't already, you can subscribe for just £5 per year. Do spread the word....)

Avening Roll of Honour

No.49

Arthur Robins

Private: 6th Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment

Germany's Afrikacorps, which had seemed almost invincible in 1941 and 1942, were, after a series of battles with Montgomery's 8th Army (which included Arthur Robins and his battalion of West Kents) was driven back into Tunisia where they finally capitulated on the 8th of May 1943. Up to March of that year, the Afrikacorps had been led by Field Marshall Erwin Rommel but ill health had forced his return to Germany.

Prior to the German surrender in Tunisia, there was much discussion on what to do with the 8th Army once the victory was theirs. The American High Command were all for withdrawing most of the troops back to the UK in preparation for an attack across the Channel but Churchill was anxious to meet the Russian request for a second front. The invasion of France was a long way off and the options were Greece or Sicily.

At the Casablanca meeting in January 1943, it was eventually agreed for an invasion of Sicily and Operation Husky was put into action - a joint Airborne and amphibious attack. On the 9th of July, the American 7th Army was landed in the Gulf of Gela and the British troops came ashore in the South East from the Gulf of Noto. The British airborne troops were aimed for Syracuse. As a whole, British troops met light Italian resistance on the first day and both Syracuse and Pancino were taken. By the 12th, a bridgehead had been formed. Montgomery decided to push ahead, moving northwards towards Catania and Mount Etna in an effort to take Messina.

They met stiff resistance from German paratroopers and the mountainous countryside proved difficult to negotiate. However by the 6th of August, the British force had arrived at the foothills of Mount Etna with troops moving both sides of the mountain. It was now that Arthur's luck ran out. Records are not available to say how or where he died so we are unable to say whether or not he was injured earlier and died of his wounds but the Commonwealth War Graves Commission gives his date of death as Wednesday the 11th of August 1943. He is buried in the Catania War Cemetery, with a West Kent

Arthur Robins
School Photograph c1927



colleague on either side. (Arthur Nicholson and Joseph Navesey aged 20, both of whom died on the 9th of August).

Arthur's parents were Thomas Robins (1869-1942) and Harriett nee Rogers (1878-1951) who had married in 1895. They had at least seven children of which Arthur was one of the youngest, being born in 1917. There is no record of the younger children being baptised which may mean they were brought up as Baptists.

He married Phyllis Osborne in the summer of 1939 but there were no children of the marriage.

Phyllis had moved to Frampton Mansell at the time of Arthur's death and remarried in 1952 to Jack Bedwell.

We have been unable to find any close relatives to consult.

Fred Vening



Church Floodlighting

26th November

In memory of Arthur Whiting
on what would have been his 90th birthday.
From Phyllis and the family.

22nd December

In memory of Eric Roberts on his birthday
from Ivy, Lynne, Tom and Manthie

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Jack (Edgar John) Rymer

16th February 1919 - 31st October 2012.

I feel very honoured to have been invited to speak at such a large gathering of friends, family and relatives at this special service to remember and celebrate Jack's life. For many of us here today it is the people with whom we grew up and shared our early childhood experiences that have had the greatest influence in shaping our lives. We can all think of a person or family who has played that role in guiding and inspiring us along life's journey and for me, Jack Rymer and his family were a central part of my early life growing up here at Cherington.

Jack was born on 16th February 1919 at Westrip Farm, the home of his parents Ted and Gladys, who had farmed in the area since the turn of the century and had lived at Westrip since 1917. He was the eldest of three children and grew up with his two sisters Joan and Ruth. His early schooling was at home under the supervision of a Governess followed by Tetbury Grammar School. Cars were comparatively rare on the lanes around Cherington and Jack travelled to school by pony and trap accompanied his two sisters Joan and Ruth; that is, until the three of them managed to overturn the trap at Summerwell, after which Jack was demoted to a pushbike. When it came to Philip and John's education at Wycliffe College Jack's own memories of cycling to school flooded back and Philip and John were duly issued with bicycles to make the daily journey to Minchinhampton to catch the bus on to Wycliffe College.

It was assumed from the very start that Jack would follow in his father's footsteps and help to run the farm. He received no formal agricultural training, but instead learnt all there was to know about farming under the guidance and watchful eye of his father Ted. Westrip was a mixed farm with dairy cattle producing milk, butter and cheese, corn, cattle, sheep, poultry and later pigs. Farming in those days was very labour intensive with few machines. When Jack asked for a pay rise, his father was not very forthcoming and instead, suggested that Jack should rear some pigs for himself. This was one of Jack's first solo farming enterprises, and it must have been successful as Jack continued to rear pigs for most of his farming life. On another occasion when Jack was looking at ways to boost his income it was agreed by his father that he could contract out the Westrip Combine Harvester. Westrip had one of the first Combines in the area and Jack and his combine was much in demand.

At the outbreak of war, aged 21, Jack joined the Royal Gloucester Hussars and trained to be a tank operator. Tank training took place at Aston Down, Cheltenham Racecourse and Warminster. While The Royal Gloucester Hussars, including Jack, were half way across the channel in May 1940 to reinforce the allies in northern France, they were ordered to return to

England, because the decision had been taken for the evacuation at Dunkirk. Jack came out of the army late 1941 or early 1942 due to an injured toe.. Jack's army training gave him the qualities and authority to be a Special Constable. There was little crime to fight on the roads around Cherington but Jack was given a special commendation award for his efforts in breaking up a brawl one night in Tetbury. Jack often recalled his time as a Special Constable doing his rounds on turkey patrol on the lead up to Christmas.

Back home on the farm at Westrip, D-day celebrations were taking place and it was at one of these celebration dances around 1944 that Jack met Jane. Jane was the daughter of a successful Company director whose home was in Oxfordshire. Jane had a passion for farming and had recently taken a diploma in agriculture at Reading University. At the time she was lodging at Tudor house in Cherington and working for the Ministry of Agriculture inspecting dairy farms in Gloucestershire. Through Young Farmers social events and dances their courtship blossomed and following their engagement they were married at Ibstone church near Nettlebed Oxfordshire on 3rd October, 1946.

Newlyweds Jack and Jane first lived at Little Larkhill near Tetbury, followed by Culkerton and then Colly Farm near Cherington. John was born at Culkerton, followed by Philip at Kingsley House, Tetbury and Charles at Colly Farm. Jack gradually took on more of the arable responsibilities at Westrip from his father and then around 1955 it was agreed by the Tarltons that they should have their own home on the farm. The story goes that Jack and Jane were given the option by Edward and Malcolm Tarlton of having the house built anywhere on the farm, either at Westrip next to Jack's parents or in Cherington near the school. Jack and Jane chose a plot of land called 'Green Gastons' halfway between the two which offered both peace and privacy. Family life at the Gastons continued pretty much the same for the next twenty years as the three boys grew up. Besides the rest of his farming commitments Jack continued to rear his pigs, while Jane tended her flock of poultry, which provided eggs and meat. Besides the farm Jack found time to pursue his hobbies, attending to the garden, playing skittles and dinghy sailing at South Cerney, all in addition to caring for his growing family. Jack was a member of the Tetbury skittle league and local police team. He was much in demand for his consistently high scores and good company.

*Written by **John Sproule of Slad**;
son of a previous rector of Cherington*

*(We will continue with the rest of John Sproule's address in the next edition
of the Villager. Eds.)*

Holy Cross Timeline

Here are just a few events on a timeline during the period of our Village and Church.

Many thanks to Stuart Walkley for this excellent idea!

1170	Death of Thomas a Beckett	Just 100 years after the founding of Holy Cross. I wonder if the people here heard of the scandal of the death of Thomas a Beckett, killed on the orders of Henry II?
1190	Crusades	Who from Avening might have joined Richard on the Crusades or waited to hear stories of their success. Did people leave our village to fight?
1215	Magna Carta	Was any nobleman from Avening at this event?
1348	Black Death	A third of the population of England were wiped out in the epidemic. What deaths were there here in our village?
1415	Agincourt	Did we hold a feast here to celebrate that famous victory against the French?
1534 →	Church of England	Henry breaks with the Church of Rome and requires all noblemen to swear the “Act of Supremacy” to him as the head of the Church of England
1536	Tyndale’s burning	How did we take the news of the burning of Tyndale, born so near to here, for translating the bible into English?
1605	Gunpowder plot	Was it the talk of the village?
1611	King James’ Bible	First reading of the Bible in English – who stood here and heard it in English for the very first reading?
1649	Charles II executed	How did we hear? With Cromwell’s men so close how did we react?
1775	American War of Independence	How did we react to the loss of the colonies? Were any of our village involved in the fighting or the emigration?
1805	Trafalgar	Did we celebrate in Avening yet another victory against the French?
1840	Penny Post	Who posted the first letter in Avening? Where from?
1880	Primary Education	Compulsory education in the village for all children under 10 years of age. Whose great and great great grandparents were the first to attend ?
1901	Death of Victoria	How did we mark the death of Queen Victoria in the village?
1914 →	Great War	Boys and men from the Village left to fight in Flanders and Gallipoli – some never to return. But never forgotten
1928	Votes for Women	All women over 21 eligible to vote for the first time. Who was the first women in Avening to vote?
1939	WW II	Who left the village to fight in Germany, North Africa, Burma?
1952	Coronation	Did we throw a party here for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth?
1989	WWW	Tim Berners Lee invented the World Wide Web. Who was the first to use it in Avening?
1994	Women Priests	The C of E admits Women Priests. Avening has one of the first!

HIGH CULTURE IN EVENING

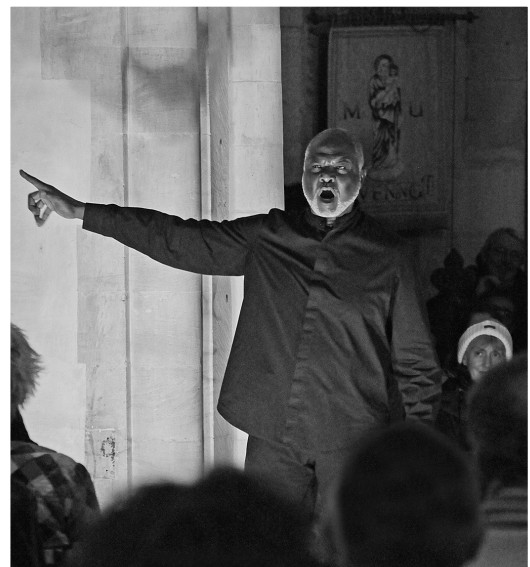


The choice of the words in the November issue of *The Villager*, P.38, "Superb Treat" (with capitals) could not have been bettered and on the big evening, 15th November. their promise was fulfilled in the most spectacular way with the SUPERB performance of Sir Willard White, Bass, at Avening Parish Church. A sell-out audience awaited his appearance and was assured of a great vocal experience even before he had sung a note, for his beautiful speaking voice is most impressive.

He started his programme with a couple of rollicking Vaughan Williams songs, "The Vagabond" and "Bright is the Ring of Words" from his *Songs of Travel*, with lyrics taken from a R.L.Stephenson anthology of the same name. There followed two operatic arias, "Ella Giammai M'amo" from Verdi's

"Don Carlo" and then "In Diesem Heiligen Hallen" from Mozart's "The Magic Flute". I personally cannot remember ever hearing a better rendering of the first of these in many years of listening to operas and collecting gramophone records of the genre. A song by Charles Ives, "In the Alley", was introduced and delighted us all. From Aaron Copland's arrangement of the song cycle, "Old American Songs", Sir Willard sang "The Dodger", "The Simple Gift" and "I bought me a Cat", highlighting the humour from them all. Rogers and Hammerstein had their turn next with "If I Loved You" and "Some Enchanted Evening," both beautifully sung.

"Gershwin's "I got plenty o' Nuttin" from "Porgy and Bess" was another star item. The concert was completed with a couple of Spirituals, "Deep River" and "Old Man River," both extremely moving. The evening ended with a fully deserved standing ovation for the artist.



What a TREAT!

B.Kenny

Father Christmas is coming to Avening



**On Sunday 9th December
From 5PM**

**Look out your windows, open your doors Father
Christmas could be outside your house....**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE RUNNING AND UP KEEP OF AVENING PLAYGROUP - CHARITY REG 900618
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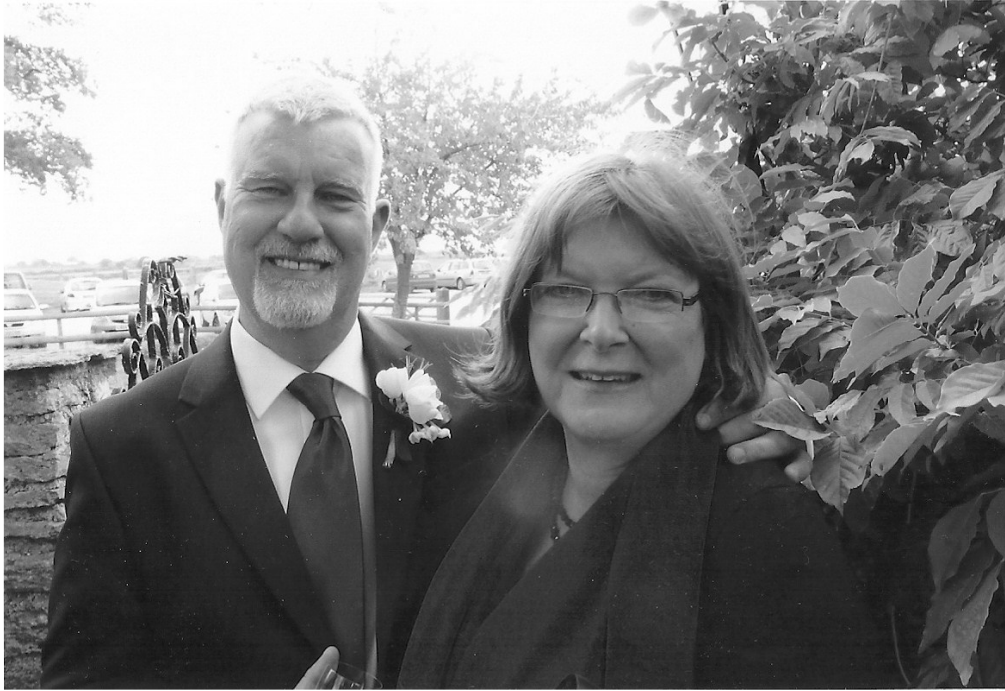
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Village People

GILL REDPATH



It was a standing joke in the Redpath household that, when Gill was talking about her children, they were never quite sure if she was talking about her own children or the children from her class at Avening Primary school! More often than not, now that her own children are all grown, Gill will be thinking and speaking of the children that she knows and teaches in the village school. She told me that the school and everyone involved in it is a source of pleasure and great pride to her. She feels that she is so lucky to be doing a job which she loves and looks forward to each day. Over the years Gill has been involved in the care of so many of our children and has become a well known member of our community. What could be better than to hear about her unusual and full life? Typically, Gill insisted, when I first asked for her help, that her life had been quite 'ordinary'. I beg to differ!

Born in 1954 in Durham, to Scottish parents, Gill was the eldest of the four children in the family. Her father was in the Navy during the War and when demobbed went to university and studied to become an architect. Life drawing was part of his training, (I don't know if architectural students have to do life classes these days!) and the story goes that a young Sean Connery was one of the models! His initial work was in Durham, where Gill and her younger brother were born. When Gill was only 3 years old, he

took up a post as an architect in Kenya. He was out there for 3 months before the family joined him in Nairobi, after an exciting 5 week journey by boat, as planes were not the usual mode of travel at that time!

Gill's memories of her early childhood in Kenya are idyllic. It was a time of freedom, usually running barefoot in glorious weather in a land of wonder. There were trips to Game Parks and Christmases were typically spent on the beach in Mombasa. Gill says that she was unaware of racial prejudice, but she knows that her parents disapproved of many of the attitudes prevalent at the time amongst the white community. During the time they lived out there Kenya gained its independence in 1963. Until that time Gill's school had no black or coloured pupils, but she does remember in her last year that there were two non- white children in her class.

Sadly, on Christmas Day in 1965, Gill's father died very suddenly, following a major heart attack aged only 40. Her mother was left a widow at the age of 37, with four young children. Gill was 11, with her siblings 9, 7, and 5. Her aunt came out from Edinburgh to help her mother pack up the family home and organise their return to this country. Her mother bought a house in Edinburgh and the family settled there for the next few years. Fortunately for the young family, Gill's mother was a woman of resource and determination. Before marrying she had trained as a drama teacher. To support herself and the children she opened a nursery school in one of the front rooms of the house.

As a girl, Gill's mother and her family enjoyed happy holidays on the Isle of Iona, off the south coast of Mull. They spent the whole summer there, living in the croft house, while their hosts moved into the "but and ben" (a simple two roomed cottage) next door! She had always felt a special connection with the Western Isles and was determined that her own children should have the chance to experience the same magic. So she in her turn took Gill and her brothers and sister back to Iona each summer. Not only was Iona a "dry" island in those days, there was also no shop so everything needed for the holiday had to be taken up or sent ahead by carrier! To get to the island they went by sea, hauling the luggage on and off the boat. They were met at the jetty by Mr. Beaton, driving his Massey Ferguson tractor and all their stores were loaded onto his trailer. They joined in with the work of the croft and loved roaming the island and revisiting favourite haunts. Years later, when her family had grown up, Gill's mother decided to leave Edinburgh and in 1980 she moved to Frachadil Farm on the Isle of Mull. The pattern of the past continued and Gill and her family, as well as her siblings and their families, continued the annual summer holidays on Mull. It is only very recently that her mother finally decided to leave Mull and return to the mainland to live near Gill's sister and her family in Aberfoyle.

Gill went to University in Aberdeen and there met Chris. They have been married for 34 years and have four children, Nicola, Hannah, and twins Rebecca and Tom. Although Gill graduated and obtained her teaching qualification to teach sciences at secondary school in 1977, she initially worked at Napier College in Edinburgh, where she was involved in developing plant keys to be used for identifying the plants and seaweeds at a local authority outdoor education centre.

Meanwhile, Chris, having graduated with a degree in Agriculture, got a job in what would have been the old county of Rutland, so they left Edinburgh and moved south. Gill found a job in a new comprehensive school in Peterborough, where she remained from 1979 – 1983. She remembers it as an exciting and challenging school, with some inspirational teachers.

Their first child, Nicola was born in 1983 and when Nicola was only eight weeks old, Chris's job changed which meant another move: first to Coldstream and to then Kelso, where they made their home between 1983 and 1990. During their time in Kelso, their other three children were born. In 1990, again with Chris's job, the family moved firstly to Cirencester into temporary accommodation and then finally in July 1990 to Sandford Leaze here in Avening. When I asked Gill "why Avening?" she replied that once she had visited the school here she knew that she had found the ideal place to raise the children. As she put it "It just felt right"!

Once the twins were at playgroup, Gill was able to start her gradual return to teaching, initially as a supply teacher. She began to hear readers in the school and help out with the science teaching and about twelve years ago she was appointed as a member of the permanent staff. She has taught most of the age groups in the school and particularly enjoys teaching the older children, as they prepare for the next stage of their education at secondary level. Chris, at the ripe old age of 44 decided on a career change and trained as a primary school teacher. He retired earlier this year, after fifteen years at St Marks School in Cheltenham. Gill says that he is revelling in retirement!

Last year Nicola, Chris and Gill's eldest daughter, got married. The picture at the head of this piece was taken of them on that happy occasion.

Gill continues to enjoy being part of the school and local community here in Avening and she and Chris look forward to the future with their family and friends.

Frances Conway

Your Village Shop Needs YOU!

**This village is very lucky to have its own
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unusual birthday cards**

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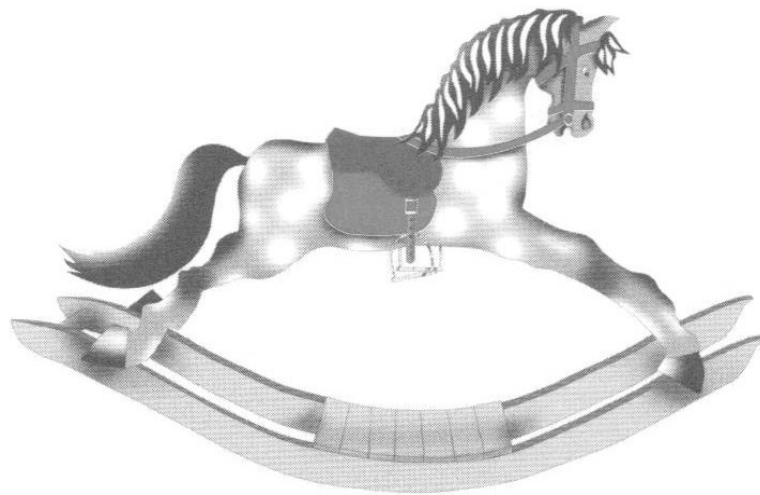
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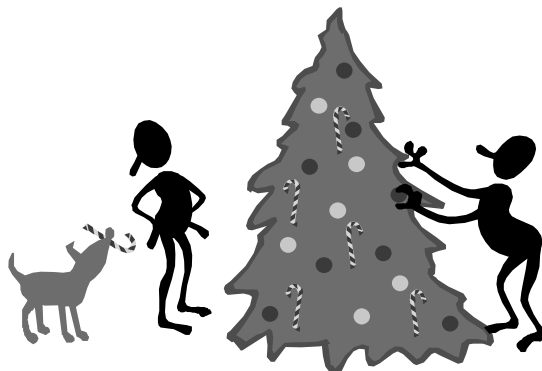


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2012 in Avening



January: Ringing in the New Year



February: Brrrrr!



May: Summer on the way?



June: Queen's Jubilee



September: Back to school



October
Cherington Lake



November:
Remembrance
Sunday

and Cherington....



March: School trip



April: Easter



July: Avening Fete...



...and Cherington Show



August: Lots of rain!



December:
A white Christmas??



STOP PRESS! Check out Avening's new village sign! (yes, that is real gold folks...)



Avening Primary School

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!

We have been very busy this term, not just getting ready for Christmas, but also with a whole host of other exciting activities:

PUDSEY WAS IN TOWN...

Pudsey was the reason you may have seen children wandering down the High Street in nightwear! All the children were invited to come in to school in PJs and dressing gowns, with their favourite teddy, to raise money for Children in Need. Even some of the staff joined in and we managed to raise over £100 for this annual record-breaking fundraiser.



WORLD FAMOUS SINGER PAYS US A VISIT...

Through various contacts Avening seems to be very lucky in getting more than its fair share of famous visitors. Earlier this year we were treated to a visit from former Poet Laureate Andrew Motion. This term we met Sir Willard White – world renowned singer – who went on to give a performance and talk in the Church. Sir

Willard told the children about his background growing up in Jamaica and impressed them with his very deep voice!



THE WONDERWALL OF WORK...

Earlier this term, we held a special assembly to celebrate some of the excellent writing that has been going on in school during the past few weeks. Budding authors from every class were nominated by their teachers to receive special certificates for their splendid efforts. The children's writing is now displayed on our 'Writing Wonderwalls', so that the whole school

community can admire it and be inspired to do our very best too! Here are two examples of the children's wonderful work:

FEELINGS

When I'm feeling frolicksome,
I'm dumpy, bumpy and smiley,
I think i could glide up to the clouds
Feeling safe in the candyfloss fluff.

When i'm feeling upset,
My face is streamed with see-through tears
Like the Nile river flooding Egypt
My horse breathing as lightening strikes.

When i'm feeling crazy,
I sound like a naughty monkey
Reciting a poem through mouthful of banana
My face tomato red with laughter.

When i'm feeling angry
I am far too cross to scream of shout
I envy the entire world
And try to control my hot temper.



Ellie Harwood

ANIMAL RIDDLE

Mischevious little creature
Playing all arOund the place
Nuts is his favourite food
A cheeKey little thing!
Enough is enough
WhY can't you behave?
You are so annoying?

Hannah Brown

AND AS FOR CHRISTMAS ...

Traditions continue at Avening School in readiness for the festive season. FOAS organised a very popular Christmas Market in the Village Hall which gave people an early shopping opportunity at the same time as raising extra funds for school. All the children have been invited to enjoy a lovely Christmas lunch, courtesy of our cook Tessa McPherson who does a sterling job all year round, cooking up tasty meals for the children.

The Christmas Calendar is now on sale showing the children's own self portraits and their creative and colourful pictures of all of the staff. If you would like to purchase a calendar or one of our special jute bags which shows an 'acrostic' A.V.E.N.I.N.G phrase, please contact the school office on 833191.

Finally, as every year we are preparing for our Christmas productions – a more traditional nativity for the younger children and a more ambitious and unique production of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' by the older children.

All that remains is for us to wish all readers a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR – from all the children, staff and governors of Avening School.

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

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

On Saturday 24th November the water level in the stream rose to a critical level. Luckily Nick Winkfield and some of his neighbours, Tony and Ian, were on the scene, and filled some recycling bags with chippings to block the overflow. So far the bags have prevented the school lane and school from flooding, even though the water level is above the permanent barrier. The quick action of Nick and his team has saved the school from untold expense and disruption, and on behalf of the Parish Council and village, I would like to thank them for their great efforts.

This event has highlighted an issue with the kerbstone design of the stream, where the ducks are released, and I have asked Highways to work with the Parish Council to improve the design of the defence, without compromising the open access to the stream.

I will keep you up to date with developments.

Tony Slater, Acting Chairman, Avening Parish Council

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Avening Playgroup



The autumn term is always a busy one with lots of autumn festivals to learn about. The children have enjoyed making Halloween masks, dancing and doing their daily exercises to spooky music such as 'Ghostbusters'. The children also made some fantastic flick paintings and chalk drawings of fireworks, as well as making paper curling rockets.

We are so lucky to be in such a beautiful location. The natural environment around playgroup helps enhance the children's sense of well-being, and provides ample opportunity for them to be at one with nature. This month the children enjoyed an autumn walk through the woods near to playgroup, where they collected leaves to then make a collage.

Christmas is looming and all the children are very excited. Please make sure you are at home to see the Playgroup Father Christmas Float which will be moving slowly but incredibly festively around the village on Sunday 9th December from 5pm.

If you would like to put your child's name down on our waiting list please phone Debbie any weekday morning from 9.15am-12.15pm:

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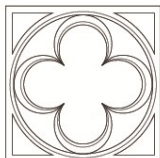
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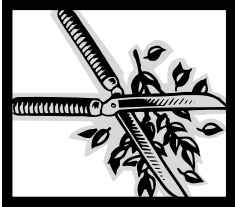
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Avening W.I. currently has 31 members and has a varied programme with a wide range of activities. We have speakers from all walks of life giving the most interesting talks. This month's speaker was Tony Conder who recounted the history of the Gloucester Docks together with the construction of the Sharpness Canal. He had an amazing array of old photos showing the docks working during the heyday of the sailing ship. When Cadbury's had a mill at Frampton on Severn making chocolate crumb (raw chocolate mixed with sugar) the product was sent by barge through Gloucester on its way to Bournville for further processing, the local children used to jump on to the barges to stuff themselves with chocolate, a product their parents could probably not afford to buy!



We had a very successful fun quiz on 9th November raising enough money to dispatch 30 shoe boxes full of Christmas gifts for underprivileged children abroad.

In October the County Federation of W.I.s organised a visit to Bletchley Park and some of our members enjoyed a very interesting day there learning of its role during the 2nd World War

and in particular the development of the Enigma machine which was vital in cracking Nazi codes.

We are hoping for a fine day for our Christmas shopping trip to Winchester. After the trip we have a number of activities leading up to Christmas including our dinner, party and Carol Concert.

Gwyneth Simpson

Avening Book Club

Book Club review – *Why Be Happy When You Can Be Normal* Jeanette Winterson

This title is an autobiography (a first for our group) that tells some of the facts behind *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit* (semi-autobiographical novel).

With this title Winterson revisits her time with her adoptive parents, the formidable Mrs Winterson and the mild and timid Mr Winterson. Although J.W.'s childhood was largely grim and miserable she does convey some of it with wry humour. Mrs Winterson is a damaged and disturbed individual who is larger than life, and the reader is brought right up to speed in the second paragraph, "She was a flamboyant depressive; a woman who kept a revolver in the duster drawer, and the bullets in a tin of Pledge. A woman who stayed up all night baking cakes to avoid sleeping in the same bed as my father. A woman with a prolapse, a thyroid condition, an enlarged heart, an ulcerated leg that never healed and two sets of false teeth." A woman who is waiting for the apocalypse. What is clear is that Winterson has never really recovered from her childhood of cruelty. She was punished sadistically, tyrannised, exorcised and shown little love.

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This was not hugely popular with the bookclub. I think I was the only reader who enjoyed it. I'm not a fan of Winterson's novels; I find them too contrived and her style of writing too ungraspable. I'm also not a fan of autobiography, finding it by its very nature too self-referential (which I know, is the point of them). I found this autobiography informative and interesting and found that her style of writing lent itself very well to autobiography. Some of the members found her pedalling of victimhood tiresome and repetitive. They also found Jeanette Winterson herself, quite hard to like. She does come over as a fierce and spikey character with bucketfuls of intellectual intelligence but with all the soul searching and self-reflection she seems to remain defined by her upbringing and little developed in terms of emotional intelligence.

Some of the group found her musing and deviations uninteresting and this was what I found most interesting about the book. As well as a book about an extraordinary life, this book is an elegy to the north of England and a world of small shops, small communities, and simple habits that no longer exist. It is also a tribute to the working class who knew resilience, pluckiness and making a life out of what you are given. Surprisingly (considering her introduction to religion), it's a vindication of the values of faith, which keep people under the direst of circumstances out of despair. Most importantly for me, this writing is an ode to literature. Books and words undoubtedly saved Winterson. Her love for and gratitude to literature could not be bigger.

The second part of the book which seems much more contained and less chaotic, moves to the near-present and talks about a breakdown she suffered when she was in her late 40s. In passing and without self-pity she also tells us that she had two more breakdowns and one psychotic episode. She also talks about finding her birth mother. For me, this was the most moving but disturbing part of the book. She decides after a couple of meetings to forgo her birth family "Ann and Linda want to include me in their family; that is their generosity. I don't want to be included." It is understandable that rediscovering a family isn't an immediate fix but her reasons for rejecting her family seem scant. I was left feeling that she was denying herself something that she would later regret. The self-destructive element in her character seems to remain intact.

Kristiane Maseyk

Mon 3rd Dec The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery 7.30 @
The Bell
Mon 7th Jan The Casual Vacancy J.K. Rowling 7.30 @ The Bell



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Tree Disease

Recent years have seen apparently increasing numbers of reports of pests and diseases hereto unrecorded in Britain. Details of these organisms are posted on the Forestry Commission website www.forestry.gov.uk.

Although imported pests and diseases pose a real threat to trees growing in Britain, probably the greatest threat since Dutch elm disease arises from Ash dieback caused by the fungus *Chalara fraxinea*. Details of this disease, including a picture guide to the symptoms are available at www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara

You can also help to prevent the spread of this disease. Computer programmers have teamed up with tree experts to develop a clever piece of software called AshTag which allows people send in photos and locations of ash trees they think may have ash dieback. The photos are checked by a team of experts and then action is taken to try to stop the spread of the disease. Once trees lose their leaves, it's much harder to spot the signs of ash dieback. If you're going for a walk in the woods this weekend, can you help identify ash trees in danger?

If you have a smartphone or a digital camera, it's simple. If you spot an ash tree with signs of the disease, take a photo and send it in using the website or the AshTag app on your mobile phone.

If you have an iPhone you can download the AshTag app by searching the App Store on your phone for "AshTag" **If you have an Android phone** search for "AshTag" in the Google Play store from your phone.

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Response by 29 November 2012

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Gloucestershire, GL8 8NZ
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Response by: 29 November 2012

12/04565/FUL
Land Parcel Ruggers Green Wood And Oldfield Wood, West End, Avening,
Gloucestershire.
Retention of existing residential mobile home and touring caravan and
associated four car parking spaces. Erection of five timber sheds for storage
and animal housing
Response by: 16 December 2012

Decision Notices Received:

12/04080/FUL
Application Permitted 24 October 2012
21 Nags Head Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NZ
Erection of single storey side extension

12/04733/COMPLY
Application Permitted 02 November 2012
Vale Farm, West End, Avening, TETBURY, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE
Conversion of barns to residential use (revised scheme) and reinstatement of
horse engine house - compliance with conditions 8 and 10

The next meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday 17
January 2012, at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. There will be no meeting in
December. Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of
the month. All are welcome.

PLEASE NOTE!

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PERMIT 12/04311/FUL

Ward: Avening

Date: 16th November, 2012

Location: Barrow Tump, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SL,

Proposal: Retention of alterations

Case officer: Ben Bendall

Application: 12/03555/FUL / 12/03558/CON

Ward: Avening

Date decided: 01 November 2012

Decision: Application Permit

Location: Cherington House, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SN,

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, construction of new garage/workshop

This application type was for information purposes only and was not open to consultation. No initial alert would have been sent.

Application: 12/04183/TCONR

Ward: Avening

Date decided: 25 October 2012

Decision: No objection (County)

Location: Cherington Park, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SN,

Proposal: T.1 - Oak - 1) crown lift to 1m above road sign and all round to match; 2) prune canopy back from wall to give 1m clearance between canopy edge and wall of walls,

Application: 12/04442/TCONR

Ward: Avening

Date decided: 05 November 2012

Decision: No objection (County)

Location: Cherington House, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SN,

Proposal: Belt of roadside trees comprising of Yew, Walnut, Ash, Holly and Horse Chestnut. Side up tree belt (mainly small diameter branches less than 25mm plus approx 3 branches max diameter approx 250mm on an ash). Pruning will take place to approx 10 metres above the road surface.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th January, 2013 6.30pm at Carters Barn, Cherington. Residents welcome to attend.

This will be my last copy as Clerk to Cherington Parish Council. It has been interesting sometimes frustrating but above all a pleasure to have been a small part of this delightful Parish. I would like to thank Councillors and residents past and present for the opportunity and help you have given me over the *seven and a half years I have been Clerk. All my good wishes for Christmas and in the future.*

Sam Penney will be taking over from me in the New Year.

*Sue Russell
Clerk to Cherington Parish Council*

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Dates for your Diary

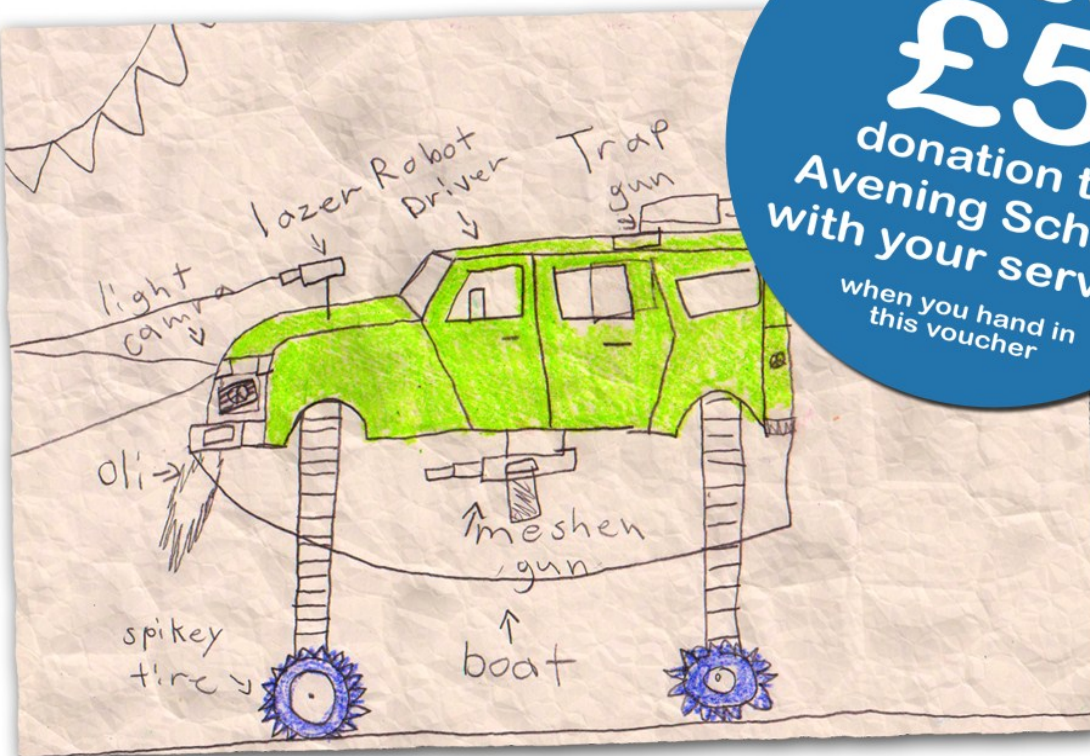
Saturday 1st December	Play Group Christmas Bazaar	Memorial Hall	2 - 4 pm
3rd December	Book Club	The Bell	7.30 pm
Saturday 8th December	Christmas Tree Lights and Entertainment	Cherington Green	5.30pm
Saturday and Sunday 8th & 9th December	Cherington Designers Christmas Fair	Lockstone Bottom Barn Cherington	10am-5pm
Sunday 9th December	Children's Party (Please bring plate of food)	Holy Cross Church	3-5pm
Sunday 9th December	Appearance of Father Christmas	ALL AROUND THE VILLAGE	From 5.0pm
Tuesday 11th December	Donkey Service	Gloucester Cathedral	11-00 am.
Sunday 16 th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	Cherington Holy Cross Church	5.00pm 7.0pm
Friday 21 st December	Christmas carols and songs	The Bell	7.30pm.
CHRISTMAS EVE	Crib Service 'Midnight' Mass Midnight Mass	Holy Cross Church Cherington Avening	4.00pm 10pm 11.30pm
7th January	Book Club	The Bell	7.30 pm
8th January	Cherington Parish Council	Carters Barn	6.30pm
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