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A magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head

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The Parish Letter

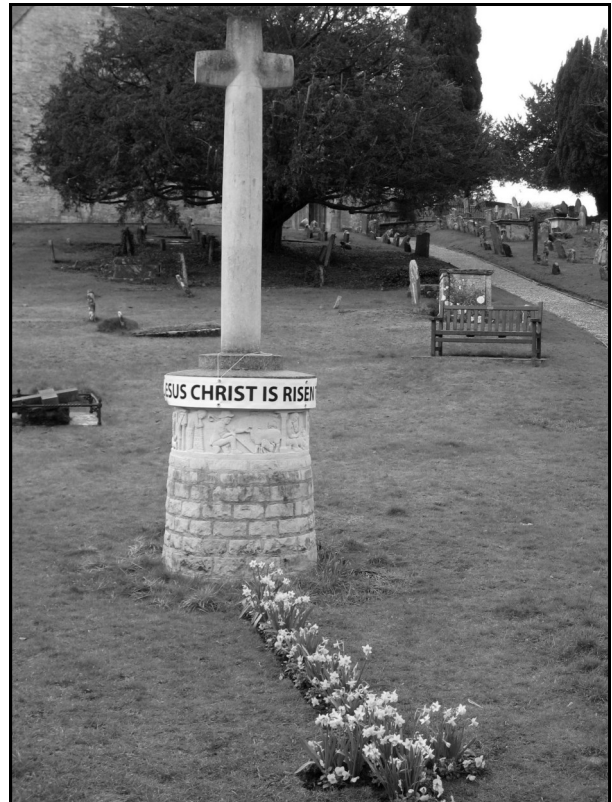
One of the most lovely stories of Saint Francis of Assisi is when he was seen standing under a tree, its bare stark branches silhouetted against the sky, he was heard to say:

” Tree.... speak to me of God”
And instantly the tree blossomed!

For God is life and to speak of God is to speak of life, vibrant glorious beautiful, and to be lived in celebration.

The younger children of Avening School experienced their own version of this story in Holy Week when they brought to life a patch of ground in the churchyard by planting a glorious, brilliant cross of bright yellow spring flowers. The planted cross provides a living shadow to the stone millennium cross, the stone cross that stands as a memorial; to the historical Jesus who lived and died 2000 years ago. The children’s Cross speaks of the Risen Christ.....of life overcoming death..... of self giving love, conquering hatred and violence.

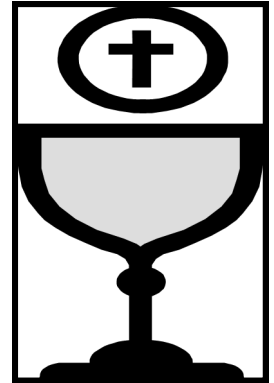
It is a symbol of Hope which will spring to life every Easter reminding our community that Death is not the end but the beginning of something new. The planted Cross is a gift of Faith and Love from the children of our community, bringing us all the Eternal Blessing of Easter Day.



Rev Celia

Church Duties:

AVENING



Date	Sidespersons	Chalice Assistant	Sacristan
Mar 30th	G Buchanan/ J Pargetter	R Coates	M Cox
April 6th	H Graham-Munro/M Barton	P Brown	
April 13th	S Hamilton/D Martin	D Pierce	
April 20th	P Hansen/C Boddam Whetham	S Uzzell	
April 27th	K Lindesay/G Buchanan	P Lindesay	
May 4th	J Pargetter/H Graham-Munro	R Coates	

Avening Church Floodlighting

14th April In loving memory Jack Harvey on this his birthday from Peggy and all the family.

If you would like to have the church floodlit to commemorate a loved one or to celebrate a special event, please contact :

Paul Brown 01453 835983

The cost is £5 for 2 hours

**There will be a Healing Service at Holy Cross Church,
Avening on Friday 17th April at 7 pm
Healing from anxiety, doubts, fear and physical pain**

SERVICES IN AVENING & CHERINGTON

Day/Date	Church	Time	Service
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* No 8 am service in Avening on March 30th *

SUNDAY April 6th	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
<i>2nd after Easter</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCW
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
SUNDAY April 13th	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
<i>3rd after Easter</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Matins BCP
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School.
Friday April 17th	Avening	7 pm	Healing Service
SUNDAY April 20th	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
<i>4th after Easter</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion BCW
SUNDAY April 27th	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
<i>5th Sunday after Easter</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCW
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion BCW & Animal Service
SUNDAY May 4th	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>Whit Sunday</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCW)
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion (BCW) & Sunday School

<p>BAPTISM IN APRIL Frankie Stevenson</p>
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A Very Special Birthday

As already reported in the March Villager, Sunday 24th February 2008 was the day when both Cherington and Avening helped the Rev Celia to celebrate her special birthday, which was, in fact, February 25th.

Rev Celia admitted that when she walked into St Nicholas church and saw that the congregation was unusually large for a normal Sunday morning, she wondered whether she had made a mistake and it was actually Mothering Sunday!

We persuaded her to omit one hymn so that there would be time for everyone to toast her with champagne before she had to rush off to Avening. However, before the champagne was passed around, she was presented with the surprise gift of a cream and gold cope and a large card signed by everyone who had contributed towards the gift. We knew that the

cope would fit as it was purchased from Watts & Co., the tailor who had supplied her robes when she was ordained and still had her measurements.

Beryl Milsom



Thanks to Henry Arden & Peter Workman for these photos

GLORIOUS EASTER DAY !

March 23rd was the earliest Easter Day in living memory and the predictions for the holiday weather were not encouraging. Snow in many parts of the country, freezing winds and gales nearly everywhere. Despite this, both our churches were magnificently arrayed with spring flowers and Easter lilies and, of course, the Easter eggs were 'hidden' everywhere! After the joyous service we emerged to find that, miraculously, the sun was shining, even if only for a few minutes.

Kathleen Lindesay



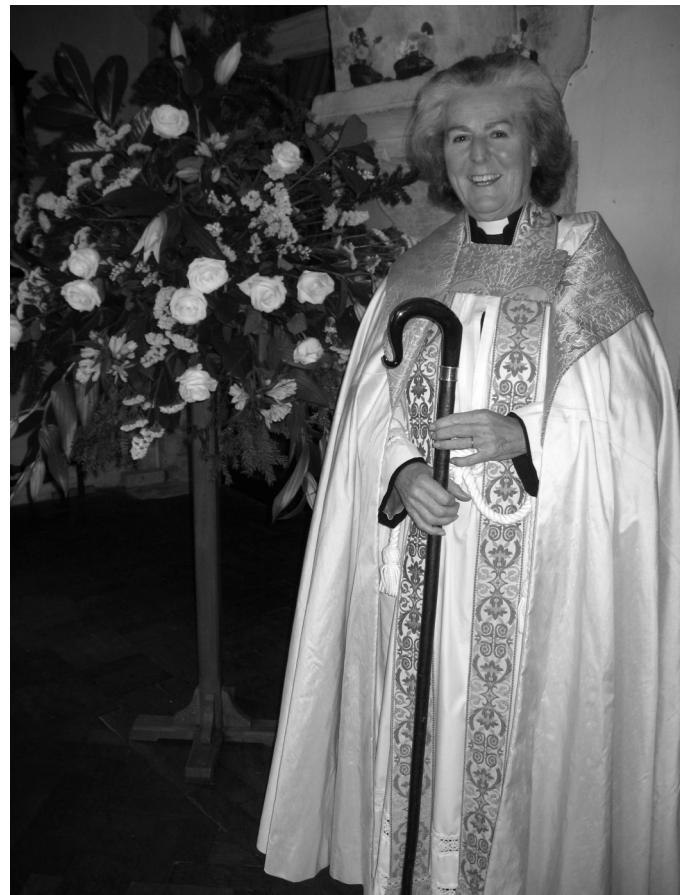
*Sunday School children with their Easter Banner:
Hunting for Easter eggs after the service:
Joseph lights the Easter candle in Avening*



Easter Day at St Nicholas Church, Cherington



Not even the cold and rain could dampen the spirits of all who attended our service on Easter morning. The church looked vibrant with colour and baskets and vases of spring flowers. The bells were ringing and welcomed the arrival of Rev Celia, resplendent with her very special crook and wearing, for the first time, her new cope, Cherington's birthday gift to her. Hopefully after the service she managed to dodge successfully the sticky fingers of the little ones who had straight away tucked into their Easter eggs! What better way to start Easter Day? **Wendy Eldridge**



*Photos by Peter Workman
& Kathleen Lindesay*

Quack, quack, quack ...

Snip, snip, snip ?

The Evening Church Fete.

1st June. Sunday. 2.00pm.

There we were, just washing our hands of the last fete, all of us trying to resign at once without the others noticing... It's just no good. Here we are again, doing the same old stuff again.

Yes! The same old stuff again, thank goodness for that!

Emma's race vs. the sheep shearers are back again, not to mention:

- The top raffle prize of **£500.00 cash**,
- the Twilight Spa Experience at Calcot Manor, a case of fine wine, etc.
- The essential, unbeatable, unmissable and mightily famous Duck Races
- The ever expanding Art & Photo Exhibition in the Church
....not to mention the bargain tombola, stall, fabulous childrens' entertainment, yummy cakes, etc., etc.

Naturally, we will throw in a few new bits'n'bobs like the paper aeroplane competition, 'Matildas' posh teas, etc. to keep you on top form for the afternoon.

Get it in the diary.

You know you love our Church Fete....

P.S. Please start saving anything that may be useful for the fete – particularly unwanted presents, books, jewellery, plants, toys, etc. You know the scene. Your donations will be gratefully received either the evening before in the Village Hall or on the morning of the fete.

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A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND ~ 2008

On February 17th 2008 Doreen and I joined 20 other people, mainly from our old church in Somerset, at the start of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. After nearly 5 hours flying from Heathrow to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport, once we had cleared immigration and gathered our suitcases from the dreaded carousel we were met by our Guide (Aviv).

To set the tone for the whole of our Pilgrimage we stopped at a view-point over-looking the outskirts of Jerusalem where we read Psalm 122, in which the Psalmist asks us all to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

We then proceeded to our hotel for the first four nights of our journey

Our first full day was perhaps a little unusual as our visits included both the very beginning, in Bethlehem and at the Shepherds fields, and almost the end of Jesus life with a walk from the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane down the route that Jesus took on that first Palm Sunday.



The next day, Tuesday, we awoke to be given a whole

new meaning to the carol "In the bleak mid winter", for Jerusalem was covered with a blanket of SNOW. This did not stop us from our planned visit to the Dead Sea for a "float", Qumran where the Dead Sea scrolls were found, and the cable car to the top of Masada.

By Wednesday all signs of the snow had left Jerusalem so that we were able to travel mainly on foot around the old city including what to most of us were the most moving experiences of our lives These included praying at the Western (Wailing) Wall, entering what is thought to be the room where the Last Supper took place, and walking **up** the Via Dolorosa Here we stopped at several of the stations of the cross, both reading relevant passages from the Bible and singing various hymns suitable for the place in which we were. It is very humbling to be near to the place where Jesus was crucified and buried, also to walk on some

of the stones that were there at that time and wondering whether our Lord's feet had touched the same stones.

The last three nights of our Pilgrimage were spent in a Hotel at Tiberias on the shores of Lake Galilee. On our way there we stopped in Nazareth visiting a Kibbutz that is being run as nearly as possible in the same way as it would have been 2000 years ago.



From

Tiberias shown *A timeless scene—a Nazarene and his donkey* we were many of the sites that are believed to be those of Jesus' ministry including the Mount of the Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount took place, the site of the feeding of the 5000, Capernaum and also Mount Tabor, where the Transfiguration is thought to have taken place. As we entered the church at the summit, I was reminded of Peter's words to Jesus "It is good to be here with you Lord", and I for one really felt that it was.

Our pilgrimage finished at Caesarea Miritima, on the Mediterranean coast, the remains of the city that was the Roman capital of Palestine for about 500 years.

We had been promised a trip of a life time, and that it certainly was. From scripture reading to prayers, asked and answered, to Hymns sung in various places along the route, even to the WALL that surrounds Bethlehem. It all means so much and the Bible stories that were so familiar will now have a more realistic meaning to them.

In closing I would like to pass on to you the inscription that was written above the door of our hotel in Tiberias, it comes from Matthew 28 verse 10,

“Jesus said to them ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’”

As I have said the pilgrimage that we went on was with a group from our old parish in Somerset but if anyone is interested I am trying to arrange one from this area in February 2009. If you know of anyone who might be interested please contact me as soon as possible tel. 01453835090 or email derrickpierce@tiscali.co.uk

DOREEN & DERRICK PIERCE



The Mount of Olives & Jerusalem



Women's
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Avening WI

March Meeting

The President welcomed members to the March meeting. The business was dealt with first. The first round of the county skittles takes place in April against Larkhay.

We are all looking forward to the Annual Council meeting in Cheltenham this month. Gill Thomas who has been County Chairman for the past three years, and a member of our institute, will be chairing her last meeting, which is a total sell out.

The outing to Worcester is going ahead on June 18th. The cost will be £10 and the coach will leave Avening 8.30 am, picking up in Tetbury if needed.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr Peter Berry. Who is a steam train enthusiast; in fact he told us that he was passionate about his hobby. Peter and a group of 80 enthusiasts, including some wives, set off on a trip to Zimbabwe. It took nine months to plan and they came from different corners of the world. They hired their own steam trains for the two week period and had 12 coaches including restaurant car and kitchen where their very able cook kept them well supplied from dawn to dusk with wonderful food, prepared in just a galley kitchen. The engines varied in size from 90 to 220 tons, most having been made years ago in Glasgow. They travelled for miles through the bush. Sometimes helping with stoking and riding on the footplate of the engine.

A couple of night's break was taken at a small hotel where they went on a 'booze cruise' - champagne and nibbles - up the Zambezi where hippos swam around, crocs kept a watchful eye on them and elephants crossed when the coast was clear. The pictures were wonderful.

They then hired another train to go into Zambia. This took them

over a bridge which had been made in Sunderland in 1905. The train was stopped in the middle of the bridge, over the Victoria, so that they could take photographs. Next came the 'Flight of Angels', a ride in a 6-seater plane over the falls, to take more photos of the Falls with the train parked up in the middle of the bridge. At the end of the trip they were able to go on Safari.

The evening finished with cheese and wine. The only sad thing about the evening was the fact that twice Mr Berry had to stop while he and several others had to go out to deal with some very unruly characters who were causing a disturbance to the meeting. Members were very worried about their cars parked outside the hall. We were quite glad that we had some men visitors at the meeting. A sad state of affairs and hopefully it will not happen again.

The next meeting is 'Cider with Rosie' - literature and song, with Mr & Mrs G Yiend.

Wendy Eldridge

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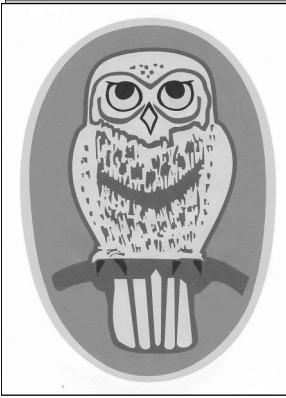


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Avening School

BUSY...BUSY...BUSY

We always seem to be very busy at school but this March, as well as learning more about Easter, we seemed to have an almost record-breaking amount of activities and events, all of which were very enjoyable for the pupils and staff!

World Book Day

For this year's World Book Day the children were asked to dress as a favourite character for school – a variety of outfits trooped into the playground including pirates, fairies, witches and cowboys. Harry Potter seemed to be a favourite theme – not only with the pupils but also the staff who, in a very coordinated fashion, emerged to greet the children – all dressed as specific Hogwarts characters. As with previous years, the children all received a book token.

Songs everyone should know

Our older children had great fun learning any songs from the past few decades – from Country Roads Take me Home, to All Around My Hat! The school practices with our Owls class teacher Gill Redpath culminated in joining children from other local schools for a very successful concert in Stroud.

Mock Trial

Year six pupils got a flavour of how the law works, taking part in a mock trial. In the case of the 'graffiti' they won against Woodchester Endowed CE School. The school team acted out the parts of the accused, relatives, defence solicitors, magistrates and usher, against the prosecution team. It all took place in the Magistrates Court Room in Stroud so it was a real experience and enabled the children to understand the proceedings involved in a prosecution.

Sport Relief

One of the highlights of the month was our Sport Relief session. For this year's national sporting fundraiser the school held a very lively 'Shake and Wake' session for all the children and staff to kick off the day. The children, all dressed in sports gear, followed a funky routine

led by staff members Kelly Wilkinson and Shan Amos.

Working out to 'Shine' by Take That and 'I don't feel like dancing' by the Scissor Sisters, the whole school – staff and pupils – managed to raise over £100 for Sport Relief.

“It was so much fun. We got to jump about and warm up and afterwards we were awake and ready to work.” Katie Stewart (Year 5)

“I really enjoyed it. Doing it all together was really good, especially as the teachers joined in too. By the time we were back in class we were all wide awake! I think it would be a good idea to do this every week.” Gregory Carter (Year 5)

The event was such a success (as you can see from this picture!) that headteacher Diana Boulton is considering repeating this invigorating start to the day on a weekly basis in the summer term when the weather is more reliable for using the upper playground as an exercise 'studio'!

Learning about Easter

Reverend Celia has been into school to tell the children (Reception/YearOne) about the Last Supper and the Easter story. She brought a



picture and even sliced up a loaf of bread to help the younger children gain some understanding of this event.



On Maundy Thursday Reverend Cella joined the school again for an Easter Celebration which culminated in the blessing of the golden living cross planted by the children in the church grounds. The children hope that the cross will flower each spring and remind everyone of the importance of the Easter Story.

FRIENDS OF AVENING SCHOOL (FOAS)

We are busy on our 2008 fundraising activities and have so far held a children's games afternoon and tea and a cake sale. We are gearing up for our grand summer event which will take place on Sunday 8th June, watch this space for more information, but keep the date free!! Our big aim is to raise enough money this year to help the school to buy some more laptops which the teachers are finding invaluable as a teaching aid, both in groups and for individual learning.

Our Easter cake sale on 14 March raised an incredible £150. Our thanks to all the FOAS members who made Easter-themed cakes for the event, but a special thanks goes to the grandmother of two of our pupils, Elizabeth Bury who made a spectacular Easter Cake for our raffle.

Avening Roll of Honour No. 4

Herbert John Bridgeman

Private: 1st Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment

Herbert John Bridgeman was born in 1895 but was called "John" throughout his short life. He was born in the cottage attached to Avening Mill, where his father was the miller.

John's early life was in family history turmoil and a description of his home on the 1901 census tells all. In the home on Tetbury Hill lived his mother, aged 33, and his 54 year old step father (to whom she had been recently married), a stepbrother aged 18, a mentally handicapped half-sister aged 23, a half-brother aged 14 and an elder sister (8) and younger brother (3).

There is no readily available information regarding John's military career but we do know that as a member of the 1st Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment, he found himself at Neuve Chapelle area of France on the 1st of May 1915.

From the War Diaries we learn that that day was spent on a route march and on Sunday the 2nd, a church parade was held. The following day there was a billet inspection followed by yet another move of billets, this time to Les Choquaux which was completed by 5.30pm. The new billets were very dirty hence the 4th of May was spent cleaning up followed by some indoor training. The 5th of May was taken up by training for wood fighting and they rested on the 6th with a Regimental Concert taking place in the evening.

They were on the move again on the 7th, this time moving billets to Lannoy which were finally occupied at midnight.

The following day they recuperated from the previous day's move but paraded at 6.30pm and marched to an area called "Windy Corner" which they reached at 11.30pm. They occupied trenches at Rue Du Bois and spent the night drawing bombs, respirators and rations.

At 7am on Sunday the 9th of May, following an intense bombardment by our artillery the battalion went over the parapet. The War Diaries state: "C and B Companies were not in good line

as they had to be extricated from the men of other Corps who were crowded in the trenches. The line went on till it was held up by very severe machine gun fire which started immediately our bombardment ceased. The remainder came out and gradually formed a line about 40 yards in front of our line whence no advance was possible. Here the line remained till ordered to retire. C Company lost about 60 men." The Battalion then withdrew to the lines behind the Rue Du Bois and the CO received orders to attack again at 2.40pm. This was the delayed until 4pm. The War Diaries: "Directly our bombardment ceased, hostile machine guns fired heavily. D Company suffered severely while crossing the parapet, A Company not severely. All the officers and nearly all the NCOs and men of D Company were killed or wounded. The Company advanced until they had gone about 120 yards forward. Here they were held up. A Company did not get so far before being stopped." During this period, enemy artillery fire was also brought to bear on "no man's land" causing further misery to the Battalion. The retirement was ordered by Divisional HQ and the Battalion withdrew to its trenches.

The losses were 263 men of which John Bridgeman was one. He has no known grave but is remembered on Le Touret Memorial. He was just 19 years of age and was unmarried. We have not yet been able to contact any descendant relatives.

Fred Venning

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Avening Village Hall

Following the Village Hall AGM in February, the first two meetings of the new Village Hall Committee have taken place. These were attended by approximately 20 people who are all keen to help manage and improve the Hall for use by the community.

The New Committee of Trustees is as follows:

Chair	Simon Wheatley
Treasurer	Shan Lyte
Secretary	Jane Stimpson
Members	Ian Lyte, Anthea Beszant, Gill Parsons & Jo Skillen

Representative members:

Women's Institute	Pat Taylor
Avening PCC Rep.	Rev. Celia Carter
Parish Council Rep.	Elizabeth Oliver
Co-opted members:	Julie Sharp and Rosie Jones

Issues of Health & Safety, Security and Funding are being targeted, and a new management committee will be set up.

The committee intend to progress improvements to the Hall as rapidly as possible and will keep you updated via the following:

The Villager, School Newsletter, Local Notice boards ie. at the Shop & the Hall

Action has already taken place on the following:

- Clearout of surplus materials at the Hall
- Repairs to windows and security lights
- Improvements to security in the form of window locks, new door locks, bolts & bars and installation of an alarm system
- Repairs to porch
- Research into possible sources of funding for improvements
- The setting up of a website to promote the Hall and enhance communications

If you would like to support this work you can join the 100 Club.

For an annual payment of £52, just £1 per week, you could win the monthly draw of £100 or the Christmas draw of £1000 !!

The odds of winning are better than the Lottery and all monies raised go towards refurbishing the Village Hall.

Please contact Anthea Beszant if you would like to join.

Tel: 01453 835287 or anthea@avening.eclipse.co.uk.

Jane Stimpson

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A letter from Sue Watkins

I would like to thank everyone who came to the coffee morning in Cherington village hall on March 8th in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support—Peru Hiking Challenge, and the people who gave me donations. Thanks to all the helpers and everyone who gave us things to sell.

We managed to raise a fantastic £620. Brilliant!

Thank you everyone. Sue

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Avening Playgroup

During the last month the children at Avening Playgroup and Toddler and Baby Group have been very busy. They have learnt about the Chinese New Year, Valentines Day, Mother's Day and Easter and have been very creative making lots of lovely items to take home.

The children have also taken part in World Book Day when they dressed up as their favourite book character and brought in their favourite books from home which they then enjoyed reading all together.

The Road Safety Officer came to speak to the children about the importance of wearing a seat belt.

March 14th was Sports Relief Day and we did lots of exercises, dancing and playing with balls. Great fun had by all.

On Thursday 3rd April the children at Playgroup will be taking a trip down to Avening School to watch the Eagles class assembly (Reception Year and Year 1). This will give the children an opportunity to see their friends from last year and have experience of sitting in the Village Hall with the rest of the school.

We are lucky enough to have a fantastic outside play area at Playgroup but are keen to broaden the range of outside activities. If anyone has access to any spare decking off cuts they would be gratefully received so we can set up some beam walking and other activities. (Please phone Debbie at Playgroup on 01453 832695).



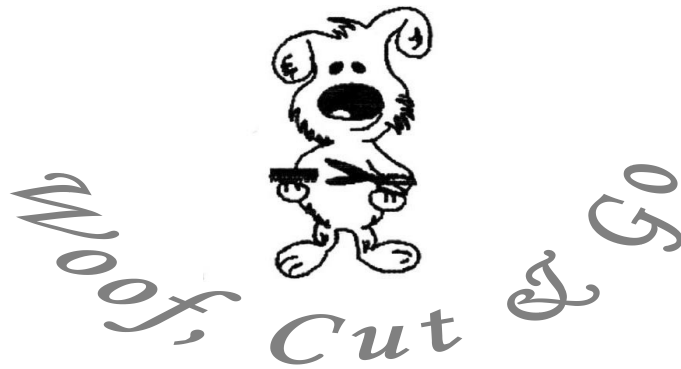
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Cherington Litter Pick

Saturday 12th April at 10 am, equipment provided.

The Parish Council would appreciate help from anyone, young or old or in between.

Please let one of the councillors or myself know, by Monday 7th April, whether you would be available to help as we need to know numbers in advance.

Waste & Recycling Roadshows

Thursday 17th April 1 pm - 7 pm

& Saturday 10th May 9 am - 1 pm

at Tesco in Tetbury

Any old metal or plastic dustbins which you wish to dispose of can be taken to the Roadshow. They will be recycled by Council staff.



The next Parish council meeting is on

Tuesday 14th April 2008 at the Old Rectory at 6.30 pm.

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Avening Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Progress Report

We achieved a great deal at the inaugural meeting of the Avening Crime Group on 19th March.

The meeting, convened by Councillor Mick Williamson, was attended by Andy Fogden (Gloucestershire Police Neighbourhood Watch), Sue Fellows (PCSO, Gloucestershire Police), Sally Jennings (Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinator, CDC), Abby Cook (Fosseway Housing), Reverend Celia Carter and Councillor Click Mitchell.

The Community Safety questionnaire has been finalised and 500 copies will be printed in time for distribution - primarily via our local shop/Post Office - from Saturday 12th April.

We have also arranged a 'Drop-in' Coffee Morning at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 19th April, from 10.00am - 1.00pm. Representatives from the Police Community Support Team, Neighbourhood Watch, CDC Anti-social Behaviour Unit, Youth Support Service, Fosseway Housing, Church and Avening Parish Council will be on-hand to discuss Safety and Care issues in our Community. A second shorter session, especially for mums collecting their children from our school, will also be arranged.

In parallel with this, the Crime Team will also be consulting with representatives from our Community in a SARA exercise (Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment) with the aim of identifying the roots of the problems we are experiencing, as well as possible and, where appropriate, *enforceable* solutions.

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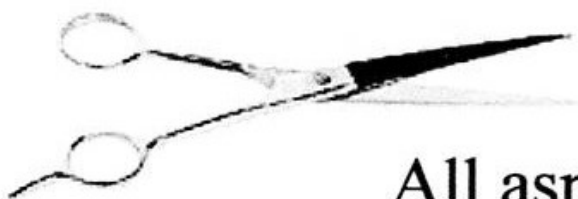
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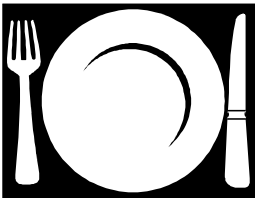
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New Planning Applications – February

- 07/03624/
FUL **75 Sunground** – erection of two storey side extension and detached garage. Members had no objection.
- 07/03438/
FUL **Playing Field, Rectory Lane, Avening**
Erection of flying fox and climbing frame
Members noted the application was in hand but were not able to comment as the application was in the name of the council as landowners.
- 07/03595/
FUL **Avendale, High Street** – erection of garden shed/summerhouse. Members had no objection subject to the appropriate screening of the structure from the public eye.
- 08/00037/
FUL **Littlefields Cherington Lane, Avening GL8 8SE -**
Remove tin shed and erect replacement wooden tractor and animal shelter. Members had no objection.

Decision Notices Received - February

- 08/00044/
MINAM **Yew Tree Cottage, 11 Old Hill** – revision to window in staircase, revision to timber shed area – CDC Minor Amendment Approval 21st January 2008
- 07/03215/
FUL **61 High Street** – retrospective application for retention of dormer windows to front elevation. CDC Decision Notice dated 4th February 2008 permits
- 07/02446/
FUL **66 Sandford Leaze** – extension of existing timber verandah, conversion of window to double doors giving access to verandah. CDC Decision Notice dated 14th February 2008 permits.
- 07/03595/
FUL **Avendale, High Street** – erection of garden shed/summerhouse. CDC Decision Notice dated 15th February 2008 permits

Vacancy for a Councillor

The Council wish to thank Christopher Redpath for his commitment to the council over the last few years.

Following Christopher Redpath's resignation there is a vacancy for a councillor on the parish council. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk for a confidential discussion and advice on how to proceed.

Rectory Lane/Playing Fields

Following incidents of antisocial behaviour at the playing fields recently, the parish council and APFA have agreed with Gloucestershire Highways that they will install wooden bollards along the sides of the road by the entrance to the playing fields in an attempt to stop cars parking there.

We have also agreed with the streetlighting section to turn off the 3 streetlights adjacent to the playing fields entrance in an attempt to discourage people hanging around there. This is a trial at this stage. We would ask residents to let us know if the antisocial behaviour problem improves or not. Please either speak to a Councillor or email the Clerk. If residents experience any difficulties with the lights being turned off please phone the County Council on 08000 514 514.

Village Spring Clean

The Council wishes to thank all of those who took part in the Spring Clean on the 29th March.

**The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on
Thursday, 17th April 2008
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

*Deborah Cook, Parish Clerk, 28 Partridge Way, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1BQ Tel: 01285 656139
Email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
March 28th	WI Quiz	Social Club	7.30 pm
March 29th	Avening Spring Clean		10 am
April 9th	Macmillan Challenge Coffee Morning	28 Rectory Lane	10 am
April 19th	Neighbourhood Watch Drop-In coffee Morning	Memorial Hall	10am - 1.00 pm
May 31st- June 1st	Art Exhibition	Avening Memorial Hall	
June 1st	Avening	Village Fete	
June 8th	FOAS grand summer event	Watch this space!!	

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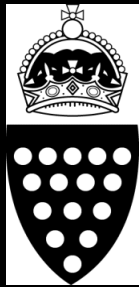
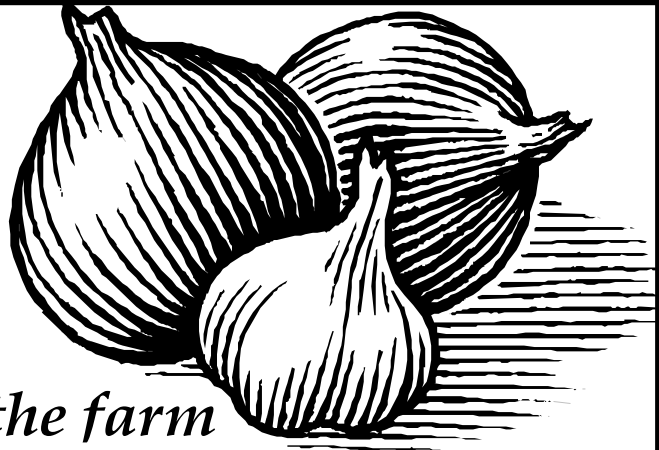


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