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With the summer holidays rapidly approaching a lot of our readers will be travelling to various interesting places. Why not share your enjoyment with others villagers just as Gail Dawson has done (you can see a report of her trip to Gallipoli on Pages 20 and 21) Photographs always make a story more interesting. Of course your holiday may even be a staycation; if you do something in the villages then we would love to hear about it.

The editors are always looking for items to make your Village magazine more interesting - perhaps you are a budding J. K. Rowling or fancy yourself as the next poet laureate or even a promising Picasso? Whilst we cannot always guarantee to include items we will do our best.

This edition of the new look Villager comes to you at almost half way through the year. What do you think of it? Good or bad comments and suggestions are all accepted.!

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Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Jodie Bolland** for our cover photo of a goldcrest, England's smallest bird, seen in her garden. It was lovely to have a photo sent in by one of the younger villagers. 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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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 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
Flamenco Dancing	Monday (excluding school and bank holidays)	7.00 - 8.00 pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
Cherington PC	4th Tuesday Bi-monthly	6.30pm	Village Hall	Frances 01453767384
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.15 - 7.45pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Steve 07807 744444
Line Dancing	Tuesday	7.45 - 10.30pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
Yoga	Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Memorial Hall	Elles 0781 555 2952
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
Dial-a-Ride	Thursday	9.30am		Liz Truman 01666 502514
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
Avening Art and craft Group	Thursday	10.00am	Longmans Barn	Mick 01453 836318
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090



Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman

Two of the British folk scene's most accomplished performers, Kathryn and Sean have graced stages the world over - a rare treat for any listener.

Thursday 11th June at 7.30 pm

Holy Cross Church, Avening

Tickets £15 on the door, £12 in advance from:

Ann Brick (p.brick.54@btinternet.com) 01453 834311

Peter Best (peter@avening.eclipse.co.uk) 01453 835287

Kathryn and Sean will also be doing a workshop for the School on the afternoon of the concert which is being part funded by the Avening Church of England Education Fund.

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING SATURDAY, 6 JUNE 2015 AT 10.30 AM AVENING MEMORIAL HALL

**Come and hear about our Projects for the coming year
and how the
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Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Now that the election is out of the way and we know the electorate's view, we must now work together at all levels of government to ensure promises are fulfilled. During the canvassing period, I was lucky enough to have an impromptu meeting with our district and county councillors, and our MP. All of them promised to help with some specific issues that are developing, and to ensure Avening remains a viable and attractive place to live. I am confident that we can build on these existing relationships, and continue to *preserve, conserve, and enhance* during our next period of office.

As a quick reminder, we still have a vacancy for a co-opted councillor, so contact our clerk, or come along to the **annual village meeting on Saturday 6th June** to find out more.

You may recall that we have been unable to recruit a new hall management committee, but because the hall is so important to the community, I have been progressing ideas for the much needed investments it needs. Items high on the shopping list are: a new heating system; installation of sound dampening materials; an upgraded stage lighting bar; installation of a projector and sound system; installation of Wi-Fi; improved ambient and accent lighting; better storage; the re-opening of the parish council room upstairs. We will probably form a sub-committee of the PC, working alongside key users to prioritise the work, but installation of new the blinds has already been completed. The transition of bookings to John Collinson has now been completed, and I will soon be upgrading the hall page on the website to include an availability calendar. The proposed improvements will make things better for existing users, but will also hopefully encourage more usage, and generate much needed income. Let me know if there are any facilities that you would like to see.

The playgroup has been running successfully for many years, and has been in its current site for almost 25 years – I remember crawling around on the roof doing some last minute guttering adjustments just before the grand opening! But society is changing, and the playgroup in its current form may not meet these changing needs. Following a recent request for financial help with an A/C unit, the PC has been working with the playgroup to help identify what the future looks like. We have helped to pull all of the interested parties together, and following an EGM, there look to be some exciting developments in the pipeline.

Finally, I haven't mentioned the popularity of the avening-pc.gov.uk website recently, as there has been a glitch with the stats since January. However they are now back on line, and I can report that we broke through 5,000 hits for the →

Letter From the Parish Priest



The English painter and poet, William Blake, wrote: “Imagination is evidence of the Divine.” Or put it another way, we can get a glimpse of God in all the wonderful and beautiful things we create. And we hope you’ll find plenty to inspire you in Avening this month – with lots happening at The Church of The Holy Cross.

With the open gardens at the end of May, we’ve been sharing in the beauty of creation, lovingly tended and shaped by people across the village. Then our Fete includes the Art and Craft Exhibition in the church – followed by a feast of music with the concert by two of the British folk scene’s most accomplished performers, Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman.

It feels very right that all this comes as we celebrate the feast of Pentecost as it is God’s gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to find creative, joyful and fruitful ways of living.

I hope you are able to join us for the various events – and for our 11am service every Sunday. Share some inspiration! As Albert Einstein said: “Creativity is contagious. Pass it on.”

With love and prayers,
Poppy

The Revd Poppy Hughes
Parish Priest
The Benefice of Avening with Cherington

I can be contacted by email poppy_hughes@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01666 502333 or at The Rectory, Church Lane, Tetbury.

(cont’d from page 8) month of April – quite amazing! Not surprisingly, the latest Villager magazine was the most popular page, but there is a good spread of activity across all pages. So if you have an event, organisation, or advert that you would like included, let me or the clerk know – all contact details are on the website.

Tony Slater
Chairman, Avening Parish Council

CHERINGTON SHOW

HAVING FUN MAKING THINGS : A WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

Date :- 27th June 2015

Time:- 10.30 to 12.30



Children love making things and also have a wonderful sense of achievement when they see what they have made. Even more so if their work is exhibited , and maybe even get a prize for doing it. Cherington Show has for over 70 years had a section in its flower vegetable and

craft show for children's work – in fact over 20 competitions are for children only.

We know how busy life is at school and also at home so we thought we would run a craft workshop on **27th June in Cherington Village Hall** for children to come along and make some of these items which will then be entered into the Cherington Show on the 26th July 2015 Age Group :- 5 - 11 yrs (but definitely yes to under 5's if accompanied by an adult). All materials will be provided. There will be a very small cost to cover refreshments and materials of £3.00.

We know how creative and imaginative our children are , and we want them to show off all their talents, so do come. For further information and to book place as places limited, call **Christine Williams** on **01285 841337** or mail **Kate** at **kategegg@hotmail.co.uk**

Thanks for your help !



Thank you to everyone who helped in the Avening Spring clean.

We collected 4 large black bags of litter and the village looks better for it.

We plan to have the next clean up in the Autumn.

Tom Beardsell

Avening Parish Council



Congratulations!

To **Team Flame ... Florence Glover, Gracie Maidment and Jamie Wilson** from Avening School, members of LCS Cheerleaders, who performed in front of several thousand people at Forest Green Rovers in April! Their coach is Louise Sweetland and they practice on Fridays at Brimscombe indoor football club. All 3 girls will be attending lots of events, including Stratford Park's 40th Birthday party .



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Avening W.I.

Avening W.I has been busily planning its June event which is a group meeting with 3 other Institutes. The meeting will have a theme of 'Our Changing World' and we have a speaker from WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre. We are hoping to have a good number of entries to our various competitions.

This month's speaker was Alan Wells from May Hill. His subject was 'Gardening for Bees'. Alan has a number of hives in his large garden where he grows flowering plants, annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees all of which provide nectar and pollen for his bees. Despite this he said that his bees often ignore his offerings to seek out the powerfully scented rape seed fields. Rape seed pollen apparently sets like concrete in his hives and is difficult to extract and process.

We are now having a planned monthly walk during the spring and summer months. The last walk was from Minchinhampton around Besbury Common. It was a beautifully sunny day and there was a profusion of wild flowers everywhere and no mud! We followed the walk with lunch at the Halfway Café. Next month we are walking along and around the canal at The Daneway.

Unfortunately we failed to get past the first round of the County skittles tournament but had a very pleasant evening with our competitors from Stone W.I. at the Tudor Arms at Slimbridge. We now compete for The Plate for all teams that did not get through the first round.

In June, at the Village Fete, we will be serving teas and delicious cakes and scones throughout the afternoon.

We are continuing to support the Vine Project which provides help to families in one village in South Africa where most of the children have lost their parents to AIDS and are being cared for by their grandparents. We are collecting items of clothing, particularly white shirts for school uniform and underwear for the children. Also they appreciate soap, toothbrushes and paste, pencils and ballpoint pens. If you have any spare items (used clothes are fine) please give them to a W.I. member as we are funding a crate to be shipped in July.

We had another successful fun quiz for the village in April and £100 has been donated to Avening School to provide more books for their new library.

At our June meeting our speaker will be Diane Gaskins talking about summer entertaining. Visitors are always welcome.

We will be having a summer coach outing in August (date to be confirmed) to Hampton Court Castle and Gardens, between Hereford and Leominster. Villagers and friends welcome - more details in next month's Villager magazine.

Gwyneth Simpson



Down Memory Lane (1)

NO PRIZES, but can you identify this bonny baby waiting outside the Cross Inn (now Queen Matilda's)? It probably would not be a good idea to leave a pram there today!

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Avening School

Out in the Open!



We're putting on our gardening gloves and picking up our trowels at Avening School as we gear up for our participation in this year's **Avening Open Gardens** event on Sunday 24th May. We will be proudly showing off all the hard work and joint efforts from our gardening club and parent and teacher volunteers as

everything begins to bud and bloom and hopefully the weather will be on our side too. Our gardening club (made up of KS2 children and Mrs Rushton) have planted lettuce, radishes, beetroot and carrots in our raised beds, stocks and sunflowers in the wildlife area and are cultivating lemon balm for a bed in our new outdoor classroom. At the end of May, Tamsin Bent from Stroud Valley Project visited our eager young gardeners and helped them to plant wheat which will be harvested later on in the year. Tamsin will visit us then with the flour from our wheat which children will use to bake bread in our KS2 classes.

Back inside to the classroom, our Kestrels class (Y1/2) have been growing beans and subsequently produced a wonderful music composition about the growth of a seed which they proudly performed in front of parents.

The school has been out and about on various trips throughout the first half of the summer term. At the end of April, the Hawks class (Y3/4) spent a day at Forest Green Rovers football club where they combined professional football training with learning about how FGR help to protect the planet by being a 'Green' football club. After meeting members of the team for a Q&A session, the children went on an eco-trail around the stadium where they learned how the club keep the pitch watered and healthy using rainwater and a solar powered automatic lawn mower.

The Owls class visited Skillszone in Gloucester to support this terms class project – 'We are the future' and learned about how to ensure they have a safe and happy future.

At the end of May, the whole school paid separate visits to Copsegrove Farm in Bisley where they experienced real outdoor fun and acquired skills such as den building, exploring the natural habitat of wildlife and toasting marshmallows over a bonfire. A well-earned educational treat after a busy first half to the summer term!

Thank you to everyone who helped support the School at our FOAS Promises Auction in May, either by attending and bidding on the night or donating to our auction. The evening was an overwhelming success; look out for the amount raised in next month's issue!

If you are interested in finding out more about our school please take a regular look at our website (www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk) which is updated often.

Alex Adcock

Internationally renowned Folk duo to visit Avening School

Thursday 11th June will be a big day in Avening as we welcome the folk duo of Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman. This famous husband and wife folk duo who are currently in the middle of a nationwide tour promoting their most recent album, *Tomorrow will follow today*, are already booked to perform in Avening Church at 7.30 that night.

Now through the support of Avening Church of England Education Fund, Kathryn and Sean will be doing a workshop for the two junior classes at Avening School during the afternoon. Kathryn Roberts, who was a school teacher prior to becoming a full time musician, has much experience in presenting folk music to a young audience and to explain to a new generation the importance of folk music as a means of communicating social and local history in days before television and the internet and when literacy was a rare talent.

Avening School head teacher Jane Rushton, herself a folk fan, is looking forward to the workshop which will centre on this year's theme of the world and the environment. The junior classes will sing the beautiful song, "I am the World", which highlights the plight of the plant and focuses on important environmental issues. In turn, Kathryn has agreed to prepare several songs also themed on the environment as well as why folk music was and still is such a vital community message board for all generations.

Tickets for the evening gig are still available and can be bought by contacting Peter Best on 01453 835287 or e-mailing peter@avening.eclipse.co.uk. They cost £ 12 in advance and £ 15 on the door.

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Avening Film Club

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Cast & Crew

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Director: Ava DuVernay



SELMA is the story of a movement. The film chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery culminated in President Johnson (Tom Wilkinson) signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. Director Ava DuVernay's SELMA tells the real story of how the revered leader and visionary Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (David Oyelowo) and his brothers and sisters in the movement prompted change that forever altered history.

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Friends in Avening and Cherington

Jean joins me in thanking you for the numerous messages of good will, which we have received during the past couple of months, since the public announcement that we would be moving to pastures new. On Wednesday 6th May I was licensed by the Bishop of Tewkesbury as a Team Vicar in the Stroud Ministry Team. I will be responsible for the Church and congregation at St Matthew's Cainscross. My role, as at Avening & Cherington, is a part-time post, which suits us well in our semi-retirement.



It was very special that many of the faithful members of the congregations of Avening and Cherington were able to be with us for the licensing service.

With our prayers and good wishes

Peter and Jean Quinnell

From Jeanie Pargeter, Longmans Barn Farm

Thank you to the thoughtful walker who, in my absence, finding a field gate on the ground put out an alert thus preventing 13 horses getting on to the main road!

And thanks also to the users of the footpaths and bridleways for observing the "Public Right of Way" code for themselves, their dogs and horses.

Your consideration is very much appreciated. ENJOY !

Jeanie

The Editors are always happy to receive and print letters of concern or interest to the people of Avening and Cherington, but reserve the right not to publish if we consider they are inappropriate or offensive. We stress that letters represent the opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the Editors or the Villager Magazine.



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70 Years Ago: Avening's War

June 1945

The War Continues

Despite the end of the War in Europe on the 8th of May 1945, the illusions were shattered when, on the 22nd of the month, it was announced that the ration of bacon, cooking fats and soap were all to be cut. The weekly ration of cooking fat was halved from two ounces (50g) per person to one ounce (25g). The bacon weekly ration was reduced from four ounces (115g) to three ounces (80g) per person and soap rations were cut by an eighth. (Now I know why my mother used to tell my sister and I to wash our hands at the same time)

The following day, Prime Minister, Winston Churchill and the coalition government resigned. The date of the resulting general election, the first for ten years, was set for the 5th of July, whilst the battles against the Japanese in the Far East raged on until their surrender on the 15th of August 1945.

Rationing continued in the UK until the early 50's.

Fred Vening

Gallipoli Remembered

Some eighteen months ago we saw a 'Gallipoli Remembered' cruise advertised and decided that it offered the chance to combine my husband's interest in naval and military history with the opportunity to visit destinations, especially in Greece and Turkey, which were new to us.

The focus of the cruise was the centenary of the Gallipoli campaign, which Britain embarked on in 1915, with the help of French, Australian and New Zealand troops, hoping to reach Istanbul, defeat Turkey and, thus, deprive Germany of her ally on the eastern front. The campaign was a disaster, with a devastating loss of life on all sides. I had a vague memory that one of Fred Vening's series of interesting accounts of the war casualties whose names appear on the Avening war memorial mentioned someone who died on the Gallipoli peninsula and I thought this could provide a focus for our visit. I contacted Fred and he very kindly provided me with information about Hubert Ind, who died at Gallipoli and his name appears on the Helles Memorial, which records the names of British servicemen who have no known grave. (At Fred's request I shall write a tribute to Hubert Ind, to commemorate his death, for the

August issue of the Villager.) We also discovered that the grandfather of one of our neighbours died at Gallipoli and when we visited the Helles Memorial we were able to photograph both names.



Anzac Bay on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

We spent a day touring the Gallipoli peninsula, visiting the main sites of the campaign and the war memorials, where wreaths were laid on behalf of the crew and passengers of the ship. Having seen the rough and hilly terrain at close quarters, it became obvious why the troops were in difficulties once they had landed, even without being fired on by the Turkish forces. As this visit was a few days before Anzac Day, all the stands

were being erected and preparations made for the centenary services.

On 25 April, Anzac Day, our ship was allowed to anchor off the Gallipoli peninsula. At 5am the service from Anzac Cove was broadcast on a big screen in the ship's lounge and later a service was held on board. During the cruise we had a series of talks about various aspects of the Gallipoli campaign and a highlight was a concert given by the New Zealand soprano, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa. She was accompanied by a student from the Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation, which sponsors Maori students wishing to pursue a musical career.

Of course, there were other ports of call on this month long cruise. Many brought to life the ancient civilisations I learnt about at school. We studied the Minoans at Knossos, the Trojan War at Troy, the Greeks in Athens and the Ottoman Turks in Istanbul. We also followed in the footsteps of St Paul in ancient Corinth and Malta. The excursions we chose included a vintage train journey in Majorca and a boat trip on the Bosphorus, which separates Europe from Asia.



Ancient Corinth which we visited following in the footsteps of St. Paul

After a stimulating and exhausting month we returned home in time to vote in the General Election and to battle with the overgrown garden.

Gail Dawson



Cherington Show

Make a date in your diary

Sunday July 26th 2015 from 2.00pm

All the usual attractions and competitions, including:

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SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

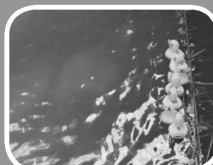
This year the Art and Craft Exhibition in Holy Cross Church will be open from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday June 7th

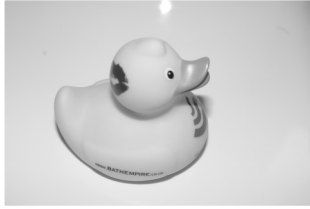
Table space will be available for entrants to exhibit and sell their own paintings, crafts, cards, sewing and jewellery.

The ducks will be back along with the usual fun of the fete

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Sunday 7th June 2015 is not far away.

Fun Dog Show

at the Avening Fete on Sunday 7th June.

Remember to bring your canine friends along to join in the fun.

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So if you have the empathy and commitment to be a volunteer please do get in touch. We provide training, ongoing support and also an opportunity to forge new friendships. Remember – it only takes an hour a week to transform someone's life.

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Please contact Sue Black (project co-ordinator) on 07810 630167 / 01452 528491 or email sue.peopleforyou@grcc.org.uk



Avening Playgroup

AVENING PLAYGROUP NEEDS YOU!

This is your chance to get involved in an exciting time of change and development for the playgroup, shaping the direction that the playgroup will take in the next couple of years, becoming more closely linked with the school.

The current committee have already started this journey, but we need a new committee made up of interested committed villagers and parents to continue this exciting journey.

If you think you have some valuable skills and you would like to help, please come along to an informal meeting to find out more about the roles, our plan for the future, and how you can get involved.

Where: Playgroup, The Sunground, Lawrence Road.
When Monday 8th June
Time 7.30pm

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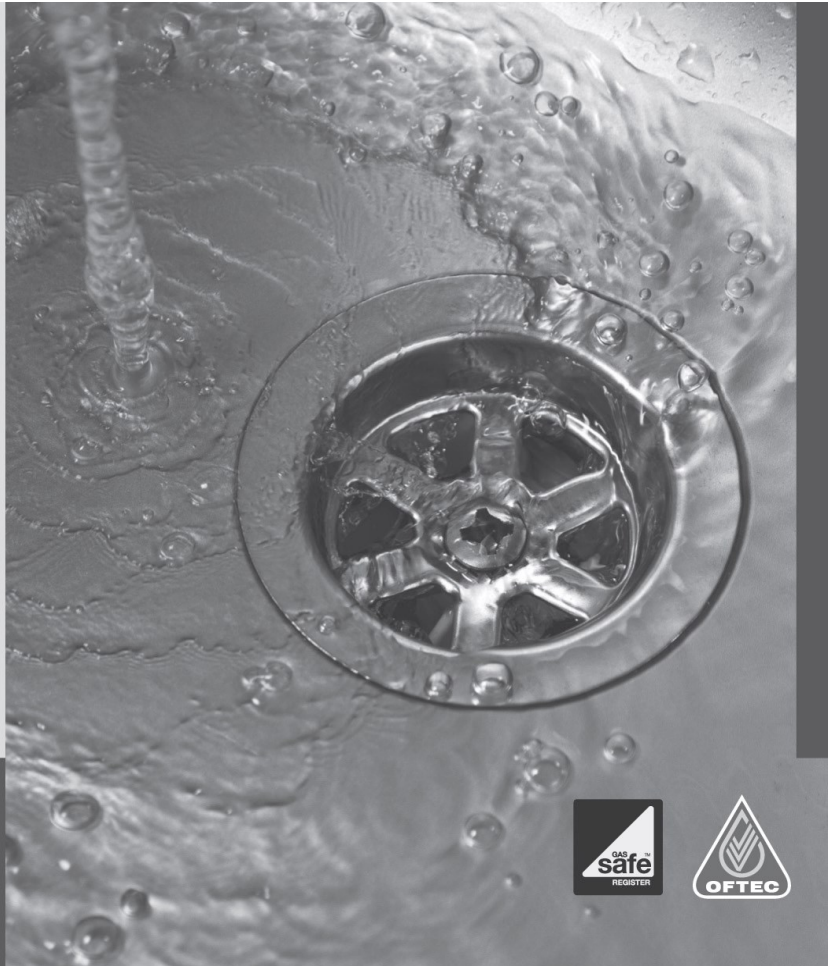




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My name is David Martin. I live in Nailsworth and I'm the local consultant for *Steele Rose & Co* - one of the UK's Premier Professional Home Visit Will Writers. After 22 years serving my country in the RAF, I have spent the last 28 years of my life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

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Diary of a Self-Build

Part 6

Frame at last?

Just a quick update this month, as we have completed the foundations and are awaiting the frame arrival next month(?). Shaun has been busy at the bottom of the site, connecting up the soil pipes, and building the retaining wall. Other than that, and a bit of tinkering, not much has happened on site.

The good news is that the frame should be finished by 22nd May, and we are having a trip to the factory to see how it all happens. Delivery to site should be in early June, and then it all kicks off again! The pictures show what has been made so far.



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Avening Art Group

For a number of years now, our group has held regular meetings at a member's home on the edge of the village on Thursday mornings, 10.00-12.30. This year, we're wondering whether we might be able to widen our membership by meeting in the early evening too - especially over the next 6 months or so, when we have longer daylight hours.



In the first instance, we are considering meeting twice a week, Thursday's as before and Tuesday evenings, 6.30 - 9.00pm.

We only ask £1 to cover costs of tea/coffee and, often, quite delicious cake, provided by Jeannie Pargeter, who also opens her home and lovely garden to us. Currently, numbers vary between 5-12 and we'd really like to welcome some younger members, absolute beginners and others, who perhaps through work commitments, can't make our morning sessions. Our focus is on painting and drawing but many members also enjoy craft activities.

To find out more, please contact Mick Williamson on 01453 836318 or send an email to mick@mickwilliamson.co.uk



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Down to Earth



Le Bois des Moutiers

Hugh Johnson called it, 'a Sussex garden on vacation on the French coast.' Le Bois des Moutiers, just 5 miles along the coast west of Dieppe, was the very first collaboration between the young Edwin Lutyens, who designed the house and much of the interior furniture and fittings, and Gertrude Jekyll, who planned the garden layout and plantings. The project was commissioned in 1898 by Guillaume Mallet and his wife,

great grand-parents of the present owner, and it has been cherished and preserved. The ethos and atmosphere remains, in the spirit of the Mallets, who were Theosophists, gentle, artistic, welcoming and uncommercialised. We visited it on a sunny afternoon in the middle of May, when the rhododendrons and azaleas in the parkland that falls away to the north towards the sea, were at their peak. The garden rooms on the south side, divided by buttresses of yew, were sensitively in harmony with the English vernacular style of architecture. Our visit, long anticipated and planned, did not disappoint.



Thatched roof garden in Normandy

I realized, during our brief tour of half a dozen very varied gardens in Normandy, that even in this era of lavishly photographed brochures and fulsome internet sites, there is no substitute for *being inside the garden*. I had expected the very formal, French, restored seventeenth century gardens on four rising terraces at the Chateau of Brécy, north west of Caen, to be something of a dry, intellectual exercise. Instead, the sense of intimacy, together with the 'moments' of contained chaos around the edges, made it a most exquisite place to be in. It was, unexpectedly, my favourite of the tour. Conversely, there was one disappointment, at the Prieuré St Michel, Crouttes, where, amidst beautiful, ancient priory buildings, there was something indefinably wrong and insensitive in the presentation of the gardens created around them.

Driving through Normandy, we observed, on recently re-thatched cottages, how the French had given a new meaning to the idea of a roof garden: planted along the ridge were tall, blue irises and, crouching below, a row of house leeks. Standing out against the sky, they were an unexpectedly joyful sight, though I did wonder how they could be assured of a water supply in a hot summer.

Back in England, confronted with a garden that appeared to have grown a month in a week, we are moved to reassess what a garden is for. Dame Sylvia Crowe, in the opening to her book, *Garden Design* (1958) wrote that, 'Gardens are the link between men and the world in which they live.'



Chateau de Brécly

This is why I believe seating is so important, for it allows for repose and a momentary state of suspension. A garden should give pleasure, peace – and pause for reflection. Thereafter, one emerges to reconnect with the world outside.

The rain brings on the weeds. Treat weeding as therapeutic. I know it is fashionable to treat wild flowers (er ... weeds) with the same respect one accords to precious plants, but, allowed to flourish to excess, weeds will take the moisture and goodness from your roses, fruit bushes, hedging etc.

Tomato plants will be ready for their final positions now. If you plant them lower in the ground than they were in the pot, this should encourage new lateral roots from the section of buried stem, thus giving the plant greater stability for carrying all those fruit-laden trusses! Sow pots or trays of basil now so that the leaves are synchronised with the ripe tomatoes. (Sown too early, as I have done in the past, means that the basil is in flower, with the leaves less succulent, by the time the majority of the tomatoes are ripe.)

As I write (it is Chelsea week) I am listening to Monty Don who is the guest on Radio 3's *Essential Classics*. He has just said that, 'the most interesting thing about any two plants is the space between them.' When you see that two plants are getting too close and personal, or fighting each other for a limited space, sometimes to the point of the demise of the weaker, then you make a note to yourself that next year you will allow each plant the space in which to flourish gracefully and graciously.

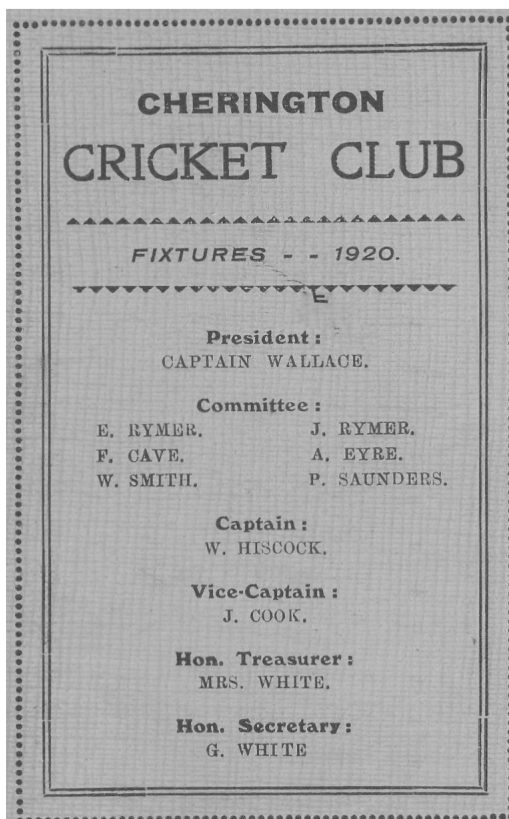
Marilyn Jones

Down Memory Lane (2)

Cherington Cricket Club



These photographs of cricket at Cherington are circa 1912. My grandfather, Edgar C. Rymer, born in January 1890, was one of the 2 umpires and is standing on the left of the photo of the team, with a cap and his arms folded. At that time he was still living with his parents', Edgar and Kate Rymer, (my great-grandparents) at Grove Farm, Cherington, The other umpire was Joe Milsom. In the back row 2nd from left is John Cook, agent for the Cherington estate. 5th from the left is Alan Hiscock, farm pupil to the Saunders at Aston Farm. I assume that the pictures were taken in Cherington Cricket field.



In the second photograph, the boy, second from right wearing a cap next to ladies having tea is probably George White, aged about 12 or 13, who was born in December 1899.

The other photograph is of 'Cherington Cricket Fixtures, 1920''. My grandfather, Edgar.C. Rymer, his younger brother, Jack Rymer, and Percy Saunders from Aston Farm were 3 of the 6 committee members. The Hon Treasurer, Mrs White, was my great-grandmother, (her daughter, Gladys, married Edgar. C. Rymer in April 1918,) and farmed Westrip Farm, Cherington. Her son, George White, my great-uncle, was Hon. Secretary.



The White family farmed Coxes Farm for about 130 years until 1971. All the family members here are buried in Cherington churchyard.

My grandfather owned a Model T Ford from about 1917 and used it to transport players to away matches. He had a reputation for driving very fast, alarming his passengers.

It would be interesting if anyone has any knowledge of the other persons listed in the Cricket Fixtures, and mentioned here.

Charles Rymer

Avening Youth Club

The Youth Club meets every Tuesday evening

Avening Memorial Hall

6.15 to 7.45 pm

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July 7th Simon

July 14th Simon

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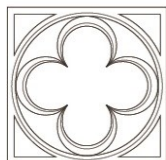
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Erection of single storey rear extension

Applications Responded to Since Last Meeting - None

Decision Notices

15/00247/OUT

The Homestead 2 Lawrence Road Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8

8NP Erection of attached dwelling

Application Permitted 6 May 2015

All Planning Applications are available of CDC's website: www.cotswold.gov.uk

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR

The Parish Council has installed and commissioned a Defibrillator for community use in the old telephone kiosk at the junction of High Street and Point Road. If you would like to know how to use it or more information, please contact John Collinson on 07941201284

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING - SATURDAY, 6 JUNE 2015 FROM 10.30 am

Come and join us for a coffee in the Memorial Hall to find out what your Parish Council is doing and what is happening in your Village.

This is an opportunity for residents to ask questions and air views.

VILLAGER OF THE YEAR

Who is your favourite for the nomination ? Contact the Parish Clerk before 6 June to let us know your choice and come along to the Annual Village meeting to find out who has won !

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday, 18 JUNE 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month. All are welcome.

The Parish Council address is: Caroline Braidwood, Parish Clerk, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1BQ

Tel: 01285 380041 Email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

www.avening-pc.gov.uk

Cherington Parish Council

HIGHWAYS

Problems with verges and potholes: County Councillor Tony Hicks is currently following up a number of road and verge issues which are on-going in the village. Cllr Kate Gegg recently prepared a video of many of these issues, including signage, which will be forwarded to the Highways department and the County Councillor, which should hopefully go towards resolving some of the current problems.

PARKING

There are still on-going concerns about parking outside the village hall. Safety issues continue with traffic coming up the hill, cars parking on the junction and vehicles blocking access into the village hall. This makes access difficult for anyone with a disability or loading/unloading into the hall. The Parish Council will be sending a letter to all residents outlining concerns and asking for support in observing some of these problems.

THE VILLAGE GREEN

Various options are still be considered to try and prevent lorries and other large vehicles going onto the Green and damaging kerb stones and grass.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the recent Annual Council Meeting in May, all Councillors were re-elected, unopposed, for the next four years and completed their Declaration of Acceptance papers. Mike Mitchell was re-elected as Chairman. District Councillor Jim Parsons was also re-elected to serve as a Member of Cotswold District Council for the next 4 years.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday July 7th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Dates of future meetings:

Tuesday 1st September at 6.30pm

Tuesday 3rd November at 6.30pm

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend parish meetings. There are 15 minutes of public time at the start of each meeting where you can bring up any issues.

If you have any concerns, issues, queries or comments you would like to make relating to the Parish then please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk – Frances Ashfield on 01453 767384 or via email at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Church Services in Avening & Cherington in June

Date	Time	Church	Service Details
7th June	09.30	Cherington	Family Communion (CW)
		Avening	NO SERVICE AVENING FETE
14th June	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
21st June	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
28th June	9.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	* Family Praise *
5th July	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)

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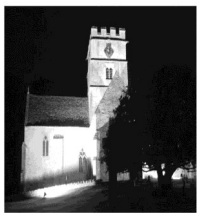
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Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 6th June	Avening Annual Village Meeting	Memorial Hall	10.30am
Sunday 7th June	Avening Fete with Art & Craft Show	Around village	Afternoon
Thursday 11th June	Kathryn Robert & Sean Lakeman Concert	Holy Cross Avening	7.30pm
Sunday 14th June	Ceilidh Night	Memorial Hall	6.30pm
Wednesday 17th June	Film Club: Selma	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Saturday 27th June	Children's Workshop	Cherington Village Hall	10.30am – 12.30pm
Sunday 12th July	Music and Picnic	Longmans Barn	12 noon
Sunday 26th July	Cherington Show	Around village	From 2.00pm



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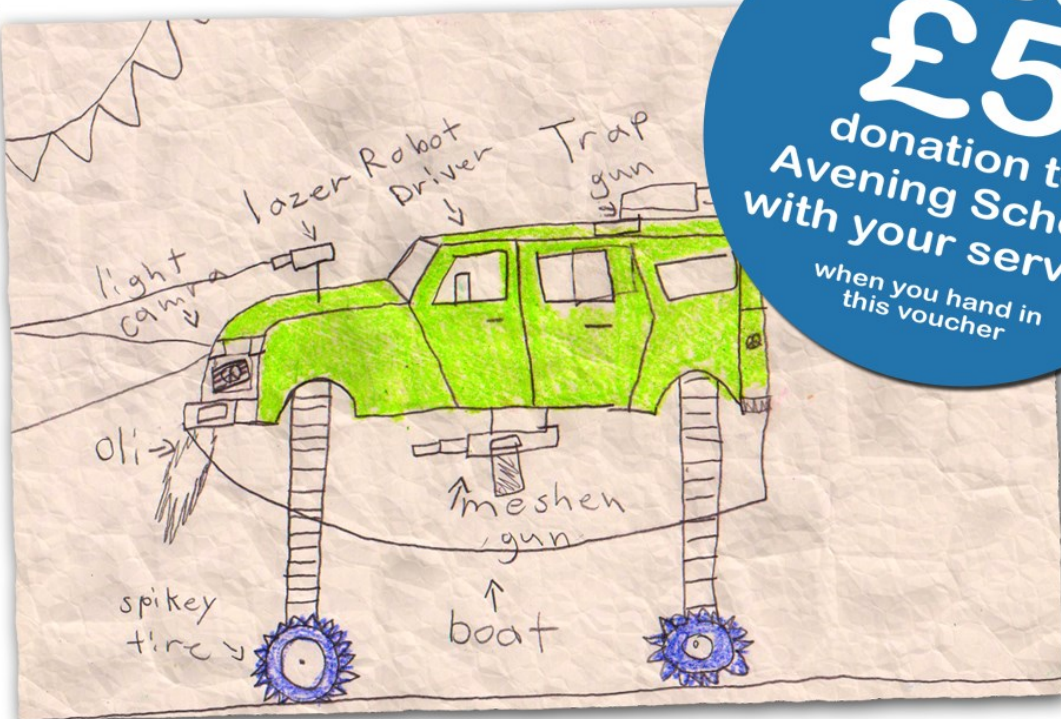
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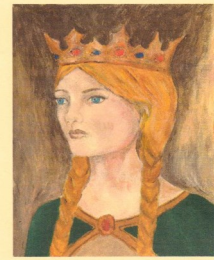
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