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## August 2015

Well, this year it was Avening's turn to be lucky with the weather, both for the Church and the School Fetes, while poor old Cherington ended up a little bit soggy for the Flower and Produce Show, but lots of people turned up anyway and a good time was had by everyone at all these events. They are such a wonderful example of community spirit, with people of all ages able to enjoy the various stalls and games. Putting on a fete is not an easy task and takes a lot of planning, organisation and last minute running around (especially when it rains on the day and plans have to be changed!), so a very big 'thank you' to everyone involved.

Next month we hope to include some colour photos of all the fetes, so if you took any which you would like to share with us, please send them to us via the email address and we'll try to incorporate them - especially the school fete, we seem to be particularly short of them and don't forget to send us photos of other village happenings or just interesting events in your lives.

We are happy to report that our co-editor Derrick is home from hospital and is feeling much better and making good progress. Lovely to have you back again , Derrick, and we look forward to you re-joining the editorial team when you have made a full recovery.

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Many thanks to **Nigel Bowsher** for our cover photo of Avening Church. 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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Cherington Village www.timeldridge.typepad.com
Cotswold District Council WWW. Cotswold.gov.uk

## 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 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
Cherington PC	4th Tuesday Bi-monthly	6.30pm	Village Hall	Frances 01453767384
Baby and Toddler Group	Tuesday	1.30 - 3.00pm	Avening Playgroup	
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

## **Get ready to Ride & Stride on September 12!**

Would you like to be part of a national event that, last year, raised around £1.5 million? All you have to do is visit some of your favourite churches (or discover some new ones) and ask your family, friends and colleagues to sponsor you. It's that easy!

Ride and Stride, run by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) is a great way to support your own and other churches around the county when they most need help. So if you fancy a fun day out walking, cycling or horseriding church to church, put Saturday 12 September in your diary now.

Last year around 300 people from over 100 churches raised more than £45,000 for the county's churches. Half of the money raised goes to the participant's home church, the other half is used by the Trust to award grants to churches in urgent need of repairs and maintenance.

Adventurer Bear Grylls is supporting the event. He said: "Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining the Ride & Stride adventure, a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation."

You can plan your own route between churches, take a picnic and top up with refreshments at the churches — or incorporate a pub or tea room on your route.

What's in it for you and your church?

- 50% of the money you raise (before Gift Aid) goes to the church of your choice: 50% goes to the Trust to give out in grants when churches need help
- The chance to see inside some historic gems which aren't always open
- Your church can apply for a grant from the Trust, for repairs and maintenance
- If riding or striding isn't your idea of fun, why not get sponsored to welcome visitors to your church, ring the bells, sing hymns or make cakes?

For more information contact the county organiser at rideandstride@ghct.org.uk, or visit the website www.ghct.org.uk

# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Sometimes parish council meetings can be a bit run of the mill; sometimes they can be challenging; the July meeting however, was one of the best I've been involved in. We welcomed a brand new councillor – Eddie Worsdell (although we had to disappoint two excellent candidates), and with the help of Jane Rushden and John Collinson made some great progress on the Memorial Hall. We have agreed to fund a big programme of upgrades, which will start immediately – these include measures to combat the terrible acoustics, while keeping the open plan architectural features; installation of Wi-fi, a projector and sound system (including a hearing loop); a new lighting bar. The flooring will be repaired, and hopefully re-varnished; and later in the year we will be replacing the heating system, once we are sure we have identified the most appropriate system.

The previous hall committee did a great job over a number of years, taking the hall through the previous upgrade, and securing a long lease for the school – sincere thanks to you all. Readers will recall we have struggled to find a replacement team, but I am pleased to announce that a new committee has been formed from PC members, the school, and other key user group representatives. Our first job was to sign off the first batch of works so they can be completed through the summer break.

All of this costs money. We have been a bit frustrated at the lack of projects over the last few years, but this has enabled us to save up our pennies for a worthy cause — and this is it! However, in parallel we will be applying for grants and other sources of funding, to ensure we get the most from the modest funds available. The need for improvements to the hall, and the considerable benefits for the whole community are obvious, and I am so pleased that everything has come together (not without a great deal of effort) to enable this to happen.

I'm also excited about the new PC team — Tom Beardsell was a big loss recently, and I wish him well, but we have some new skills joining us, plus a lot of new ideas and energy.

Tony Slater Chairman, Avening Parish Council AVENING SOCIAL CLUB

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## Avening W.I.

We are just about to have our summer break but we continue to have a full programme throughout most of the summer.

At the end of June we hosted the Tetbury Group meeting which had the theme of 'Our Changing World'. Nearly 70 people attended. We had an excellent speaker, Bill Francis, a volunteer from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge. We had 4 competitions and the group competition was to make a miniature garden. Tetbury's entry was the winner highly detailed and made entirely of knitting. Brilliant! The buffet supper was much appreciated by all. This event is great fun but a lot of work for the members. It is Tetbury's turn next year so good luck to them.

4 members from Avening W.I attended the County Federation picnic at Highnam Court. It was a glorious day and such a beautiful garden. I have never seen so many roses in one garden. Part of the day was spent in the magnificently decorated Highnam Church which was founded by Hubert Parry's father who owned Highnam Court. Hubert wrote the music for Jerusalem and the W.I. members were happy to sing it in Parry's church.

At the July meeting we had a speaker from Cotswold Perfumery, Pam Slater, who gave a very interesting account of how perfumes are made. We all came away from the meeting smelling quite delightful.

In the next couple of weeks we have skittles, another 'bite to eat' where we provide lunch for a visiting group, another walk and of course our coach outing to Hampton Court Castle and Gardens in Herefordshire. The outing is on 13<sup>th</sup> August leaving near Avening School at 9 am. We still have a number of seats available on this outing. Everyone from the village and friends are welcome to join us on this outing. £20 per head or £18 concessions to include coach and entrance to the Castle. Please ring me on 836556 if you would like to come.

Gwyneth Simpson

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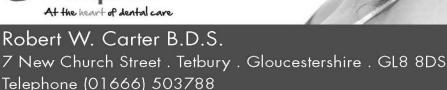
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## **Avening School**

## A Fabulous Final Week......

Our final week got off to a fabulous start with our annual School Summer Fete organised and run by FOAS, staff and pupils. Unlike last year, we had unbroken sunshine for this year's extravaganza, allowing performances to take place in the school garden throughout the afternoon. The fete was opened by a performance from a local cheerleading group. Next an amazing display of maypole dancing from our KS2 children was followed by singing from our KS2 choir. The entertainment was rounded off with a showstopping performance by our KS1 dancers who performed their animal dance that they had previously performed a few months earlier at the SWR cluster dance festival. A perfect compliment to this wonderful array of enthusiasm and talent was a fabulous performance by the Avening Angels who really added to the uplifting atmosphere of the day. Other highlights from the day included the legendary Avening boat race which was a gripping battle of the boats this year and some truly magnificent boats handcrafted by the children.

On the last Monday of term, the Year 6 children played hosts and hostesses to their parents, teachers and anyone who has supported them during their time at Avening School, baking delicious treats, with the expert help of our legendary baker Mrs Wilkinson and serving them after school to their guests, who sat at tables in the village hall/temporary café for the afternoon.

The next day, it was the School's turn to treat the Y6 pupils by giving them a day at Cattle Country which they all thoroughly enjoyed. On Thursday, it was back into the kitchen for the Y6s to prepare their lunch, which they had chosen from a menu given to them by Mrs Wilkinson a few weeks earlier. Pasta with meatballs had won the vote, followed by delicious chocolate brownie with toffee sauce and ice cream for dessert. The children then sat separately from the rest of the school at tables adorned with tablecloths and flowers (and parmesan cheese!) and enjoyed their leavers' lunch.

While the Y6 were kept busy all week, the rest of the school were clearing out their trays, helping tidy their classrooms and preparing to move up to the next academic year after the summer holidays.

Friday was a whirlwind of thank yous, goodbyes, present giving and accepting, last minute gathering of stray pieces of PE-kits and belongings, all culminating in the 'leavers' assembly'. As always this was an emotional

event, particularly when the Y6 pupils themselves read out their own personal memories and sang songs to the rest of the school and parents who had gathered to watch. The school also said farewell to the Owls' class teacher Ms Geller, who will be joining Nailsworth Primary School as deputy head teacher in September.

In a flurry of au-revoirs, tears, books bags bursting at their seams and free ice lollies being handed out to the children, the school looked on as gradually the throng diminished and once more the playground lay silent; like the children, the school was ready for a six week break during which it would be tidied, cleaned and rested ready for the first day of term in 6 weeks' time!

See you in September!

Alex Adcock

If you are interested in finding out more about our school please take a regular look at our website (<a href="www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk">www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk</a>) which is updated often. In particular take a look at the interesting introduction to all our staff – with pictures courtesy of the children!

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## **Jolly Boating Weather!**



The crew of the Endeavour and friends take to the water and discover the magic of our canals

On a beautiful early summer's evening ten of us boarded the Endeavour for a memorable trip on the canal between Ebley and the Stonehouse Court Hotel, run by the Cotswold Canal Trust. The evening before another group, mainly made up of hard working workers and supporters of Avening Church, had enjoyed a similar trip.

I, like many others, had walked along the towpath at various points along the canal and been fascinated by the hard,

painstaking work of the Trust in opening these waterways, which had, in previous centuries, played a vital role in transporting goods all over our country. However, nothing had prepared me for the delights of our voyage that evening.

How peaceful it was drifting along between the banks. Swans, moorhens and other river birds pursued their lives, undisturbed by our craft, which proceeded at a stately pace. The water banks were covered in plants and the gardens of the houses lining the banks were a mixture of beauty and quirkiness conveying all the fun and magic of Wind



in the Willows. One half expected to see Ratty bob up beside the boat.

We shared the picnics we had brought as we sat around the table in the main cabin, chatting and trying to capture some of the wonders we saw on camera.

The extent of the engineering skills employed in creating these waterways was brought home to us as we passed through a lock. Things cannot be hurried on a canal and the full operation of the lock must have taken twenty minutes. Our journey was not a long one in miles, but it lasted nearly three hours. All I can say is that I emerged from the experience feeling calm, refreshed and full of wonder. The time had flown by.

lan Peters, a member of the previous day's boat trip, summed up the magic so well when he wrote: 'A glorious summer's evening, the warmth of the sun and relaxed friendship, bubbly and delicious food, jocularity and laughter, swans and cygnets, wildfowl and their young, lock opening and closing under expert guidance, gliding peaceful craft along man's creation - and at the end, money



All hands on deck as members of the crew combine to operate a lock

raised for Avening Church. What could be better?'

What indeed!

#### Frances Conway

As a postscript, readers may be interested to know that nearly £300 was raised for Avening Church during the course of these two evenings.

With thanks to members of both crews for the photos in this article.

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## We say 'Farewell and thank you for being amongst us' to Sally Mitchell

Cherington gathered together on a fine July evening in Mike and Fi Mitchell's beautiful garden at Trull Farm House to wish Sally well in her move up to Scotland. Cheringtonians past and present came to toast Sally.

Sally has been so much part of our community for a long time. Sally Sutton came to Cherington in the '60s, recently widowed, with her little daughter Frances and is now returning to Fife, where she came from, to be near Frances in Edinburgh, her brother and many old friends.

Sally participated in all country pursuits round here, riding, hunting and shooting; a great supporter of the Beaufort Hunt, while picking-up at the Mitchell shoots and racing were always chief amongst her pastimes. She has always been pro-active in the community in general — serving on the local Council, the Parish Council and the P.C.C. We shall miss her in all these roles and, as we come to the end of July, particularly at the Cherington Flower Show where she supervised the Flower Arranging Competitions in the church. Sally lived at Long Drive House where she cultivated a glorious garden — flowers from her garden regularly adorned the church. Ian and Sally Mitchell married and first lived at Evergreen Cottage, then moving on to Down Cottage near Trull, and the gardens (flowers and vegetables) flourished.

We are thankful to have had Sally amongst us and glad to hear that she is settling in to her new house in Fife shire – the only person who has found the move difficult is her Labrador ...

Liz Workman

Don't forget to let us know of other people leaving or arriving in the villages and send a photo along as well. Eds.

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (CHURCH SERVICE)**

As wreaths have to be ordered by the end of August, anyone who would like one is asked to ring Bob Pittam as soon as possible



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This is particularly important in the case of regimental wreaths

## **Avening Book Club**

The **Avening Book Club**, after a brief break, is ready to start up again. We will be starting and running on the first Monday of the month, with the first meeting in September at The Bell at 7.30 pm.

Our first book will be the much anticipated Harper Lee's'Go Set a Watchman' All are very welcome to join us. A summer read in advance of this might be 'To Kill A Mocking Bird'; or maybe not, you might want to come to this without it.

Please do come with suggestions or favourites for future reading.

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So, first meeting Monday the 7th of Sept at The Bell: Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee

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## **Avening Youth Club**

The Youth Club finished a fantastic and exciting year on Tuesday 14th July, when a record 27 youngster's gathered for their end of term prizes and celebrations of a brilliant year.

Towards the end of the sessions, parent and friends joined in the fun and various yummy foods and drinks were dispensed to the excited throng.

What a contrast to the rather downbeat ending to the previous school year when the Trustees had to cancel the last 6 weeks due to escalating costs and poor implementation from the previous providers. Turn back the clock to a nervous start of the Autumn term, when Cassie and Jessica Vickery oversaw the first Youth Club of the new year, with just 8 youngsters. On that night, Simon Sveder-Cain was introduced to the kids and immediately forged a strong and enthusiast bond with the children. Cassie, Jessica and Simon quickly gained the confidence of the youngsters, and the word spread. By the end of the first term, the Youth Club was up to about 15 per week, rising to 20 by the end of the second term before closing the year on the record high of 27.

Huge thanks to Cassie and her team, now aided by Jamie Dyer, who have transformed the Youth Club into a vibrant and popular venue. We hope to attract even more of the 8 to 14 year olds next term which will start in early September.

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## **Avening Playgroup**

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The children have been making the most of our outdoor area during the last few weeks of term. They have been attending to the vegetable patch and enjoyed some of the veg in a drink as Angie brought in her juicer. Other popular activities have been building obstacle courses and painting with water.

Whilst the majority of the children were enjoying a morning at school the children still at playgroup made themselves a picnic which we took with us on a lovely walk through the woods and fields near by.

During the last week the children enjoyed a music and movement session with Andrea, which is always good fun. On the last day the children enjoyed playing party games and those leaving us for school were presented with their Learning Journals and medals.

Playgroup starts back on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September each morning from 9.15 to 12.15, but on a Thursday we will be open from 9 until 3. We may be running a lunch club on other days until 1.15 depending on the demand for this.

We will also be re-opening the toddler group from 1.30 until 3 on a Tuesday afternoon starting on September 15th. All pre-school children and their carers are welcome to join us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the playgroup this year, including Chris McAdam who designed our website and all of the committee and parents. We have had volunteers come forward to make up our new committee whom we are very grateful to and welcome anyone else who would like to join us.

Wishing you all a very happy summer.

Debbie Brown

P.S. Our Nearly New Sale this year will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September in the village hall.

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It's a sad fact that with an ageing population, families scattered or no family at all, a lot of older people do not receive regular companionship and People For You tackles this very issue head on.

As we all celebrate VE Day, never let us forget that the older generation have some wonderful memories to share, such a rich vein of history to tap into - what a sacrilege if these memories were never shared, and consequently lost.

Needless to say, our volunteers are the lifeblood of the service, they bring joy, they bring pleasure, they bring a bit of gossip but, most importantly, they bring themselves. We simply couldn't exist without their support. And we have a lovely group of volunteers that visit in the community doing a wonderful, wonderful job. It is heart-warming for me, as project co-ordinator, to hear how both parties' lives are enriched.

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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## Diary of a Self-Build

Wow, what a month! In the space of two weeks, we went from a concrete base to a fully formed structure. Two weeks later we have a beautiful, black zinc roof, and will be water tight in a few days (this will be a great relief, as it will release a bit more cash!).

Our build team have been going at full speed — Shaun on exterior blockwork, aided by young James; while 'old' James and Pav have focused on the air tight membrane,



'Topping out' ceremony

internal insulation, and batons. Once they had filled the flat roof/upper deck with 2 layers of 100mm solid insulation and associated membranes and seals, it enabled us to have a topping out ceremony – a branch from our Beech tree was nailed to the apex, and a bottle of bubbly was shared by all.

Once Pav has finished the internal preparation, we will be starting on the first fix in mid-August, hotly pursued by rendering, plastering and cladding. There are a lot of detailed decisions every week, but as all of the key elements were decided



months ago, it makes them much easier. Completion of the plastering will release the final slug of cash, and the big push to the finish – I'm still hanging on for the house warming party at the end of October!

On the TV front, we have had two catch up visits, and are being taken to an 'inspirational' house to get our juices flowing, before Charlie Luxton comes again on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

After the stresses of the frame erection, the last two weeks have been terrific fun, and I can't wait to come home on Thursday evening from working away.

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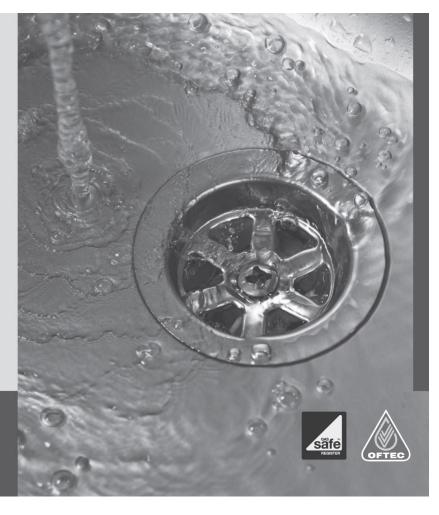
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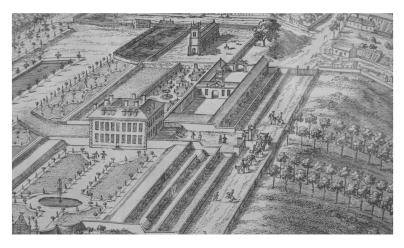
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## **Down to Earth**



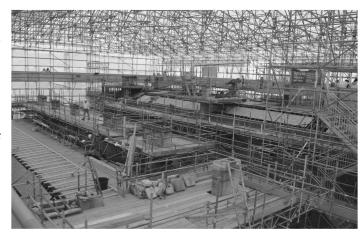
Detail of Kip engraving of Rencomb

Long before Google maps, Google satellite view and Kindersley-style Dorling diagrammatic drawings, there were two Dutchmen, Leonard Knyff and Johannes Kip (both c. 1650 - 1722), who produced of engravings the gardens surrounding early eighteenth century country houses. Their engravings, collected together

in a volume entitled Britannia Illustrata (1707), offered a bird's eye perspective of the entire estate, complete with people strolling at leisure or riding up in carriages or on horseback. The detail is charming and fascinating. These works are the more important because they recorded parks and gardens before the landscape movement initiated by 'Capability' Brown swept them away. According to Tim Mowl, meticulous excavations prior to the restoration of the Hampton Court Privy Garden revealed the astonishing accuracy of the Knyff drawing; however, there remain questions over scale. To flatter the owner, the drawing and engraving sometimes showed an estate to be considerably larger and more splendid than the reality. I purchased an original print, of Rendcomb, a short while ago and we paced across the site, identifying such features as the stream, the church and the hillside.

If you go to the National Trust's Dyrham Park today – and I do recommend a visit, it's just the other side of the M4 – you can climb, or take the lift, to a viewing platform within the scaffolding which surrounds the house for essential roof repairs. Not only can you survey the roof with the rotten timbers, the stone-

masons as they carve replacement capping stones and the safety checks carried out on the massively heavy urns, but you can also gaze outwards over the gardens to the east and west. On information boards are images of the Kip and Knyff engraving showing the Dutch influenced gardens (in a very steepsided, un-Dutch landscape!) of 1710. Only the statue of Neptune remains



Dyrham de-roofed

where the engraving indicates. Once, the natural springs would have been channelled into a cascade, now dried up, which flowed from Neptune down to the house, under the stables and into the canal, in the original garden, on the west side.

And now, back down to earth! It is easy to forget about successional sowings once summer is under way, but if you wish to have lettuces from the garden all through the season, and who doesn't, then sow seeds thinly in a gutter and leave in a cool place to germinate. (Lettuces don't readily germinate in the baking confines of a greenhouse.) Watch them everyday; before now, I have forgotten all about them and have suddenly discovered a row of tall, anaemic,

floppy shoots — and have to start again. This year I ordered a packet of mixed seed; one could have fun, as a friend pointed out, artfully arranging in a pattern the pea-green butterhead types with the aubergine-coloured lollo rosso.

In the border, all is not lost once the charms of June are over. Most geraniums (and I do mean geraniums — not pelargoniums!) may be cut down almost to the base, sparing the young leaves which will start off the second flush of growth and flowers. Likewise, trim centaurea, stachys byzantina (the flowering variety), delphiniums and alchemilla. The acid-green flower sprays of alchemilla make an interesting partnership with almost any flower in a vase.

I love the salvia microphylla. The flowers are not big and blowsy but small, delicate and intensely



Cucamelon plants

coloured. Salvia is sage, and microphylla refers to the fact that this species has small leaves. The first one I ever bought had the name ticket: blackcurrant sage, which tells you everything about the scent from its leaves. It is not reliably hardy so I am taking cuttings now which I shall overwinter in the greenhouse. Heel cuttings root very easily.

I am watching my cucamelon plants for the ripening fruit with some bemused anticipation. Yes, it's one of those blame-it-all-on-James-Wong exotic introductions. (Our son grew some from seed and proudly offered me a few plants.) Apparently, the trick is to harvest the fruit (a gooseberry-sized melon, tasting of cucumber with a dash of lemon) before they grow too large — and bitter. I'm all for horticultural/culinary experimentation! I'll report back...



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# 100 Years Ago: Avening's War August 1915

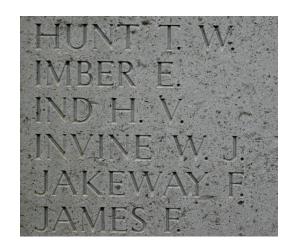
In August 2015 we remember Hubert Vivian Ind, a Private in the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment, who was reported missing on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1915, while serving in the Gallipoli campaign, the aim of which was to defeat Turkey, thus depriving the Germans of an ally and opening up a supply route to Russia.

Little is known of Hubert Ind's early life. He was born on High Street, Avening on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1893 and was baptised in Holy Cross church on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. He was the eldest of nine children born to Arthur Ind and his wife Ada, nee Edmunds.

On the outbreak of war Hubert volunteered for Army Service and joined the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment (known as the Glosters). In June 1915 his battalion was deployed to the Balkan theatre of war and spent some time training in Egypt, before moving to the Greek island of Lemnos, 50 km from the Gallipoli peninsula.

The War Diaries of the Gloucestershire Regiment record that the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion was at Lemnos on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August and they embarked for Gallipoli on 3<sup>rd</sup>, landing north of Anzac Cove on 4<sup>th</sup> August to provide reinforcements for the troops who had been there since April. On 6<sup>th</sup> August they moved to Agyl Dere, in preparation for the Battle of Sari Bair. At 3am on 8<sup>th</sup> August the battalion received orders to support the New Zealand Wellington Battalion in an assault on Chunuk Bair, an important area of high ground, essential for further advances against the Turkish forces. The advance was very slow as the soldiers had to file along a mule track in the dark with dugouts on both sides and, a short while after, they came under machine gun fire from the Turks, who had the advantage of being on the higher ground. Progress was difficult as the terrain consisted of steep, scrub-covered spurs, sheer cliffs and narrow, winding ravines. Although the Wellington Battalion, with the Glosters on their left, managed to take Chunuk Bair, it was difficult to hold in the face of Turkish attacks. The Glosters were then asked to move to the right of the Wellington Battalion to support it against counterattack. However, the Turks continually attacked, first with shell fire and then with their infantry. This meant there was no time for the forces to entrench more than a few inches. They would also have been suffering from scorching hot, dry conditions, with very little food or water to sustain them. Despite the Turkish attacks and heavy losses of men, the line was held until the battalion was relieved. Every Officer and Senior NCO





Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, on which Hubert Vivian Ind's name is inscribed

had been either killed or wounded and, by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> August, the battalion consisted of groups of men commanded by Junior NCOs or Privates.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion was relieved at dusk and the men ordered to make their way back to Battalion HQ independently. The losses were 45 killed, 115 wounded and 190 missing. Hubert Ind was one of the latter and was declared missing on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1915. As he has no known grave, his name is inscribed, along with other members of the Gloucestershire Regiment, on a section of the Helles Memorial, on the southern tip of the Gallipoli peninsula. He received, posthumously, the Victory Medal, the British War Medal and the 1915 Star with a Balkans clasp. He was unmarried and in his Pay Book Will he left the whole of his estate to his father, if alive, and, if not, to his mother.

On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015, we shall remember him.

Gail Dawson

(With many thanks to Fred Vening for giving me access to his research.)

**Editors' Note:** We are so sorry to hear that Fred is unwell and wish him a very speedy recovery.

## **Avening Film Club**

There will be no film showing in August - the Rural Cinema Scheme doesn't run at all during this month so enjoy the break, don't forget to tell your friends about us and 'like' our Facebook page entitled 'Avening Film Club'. We'll look forward to seeing you in September.

## **Avening Parish Council**



#### **PLANNING**

**New Planning Applications** 

#### 15/02522/FUL

#### Land At North-West End Of Winters Lane, Avening Gloucestershire GL8 8NE

Erection of an agricultural building for the purposes of food and implement storage

Response: 30 July 2015

#### 15/02170/FUL

#### Overdale, Tetbury Hill, Avening ,Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT

Erection of extensions and minor alterations

Response 24 July 2015

#### 15/02544/FUL

#### Avening Mill, Mill Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8PD

Insertion of UPVC double-glazed window to replace defective existing windows (retrospective)

Plus Additional details issued on 15 July 2015

Response 6 August 2015

#### 15/02546/FUL

#### Avening Mill, Mill Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8PD

Replacement of natural stone tiles with artificial slates. Installation of rooflights (retrospective)

Response 6 August 2015

#### 15/02657/FUL

## Former Cart Shed, Avening Mill, Mill Lane, Avening, Tetbury, Glos. GL8 8PD

Conversion of former cart shed to one dwelling - amended scheme to include changes to fenestration and rooflights in north elevation (retrospective)

Response 6 August 2015

#### **DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED**

15/00828/FUL

## Westfield Barn, West End, Avening, Gloucestershire

Conversion of barn to accommodation to be used in connection with Brandhouse Farm with internal and external alterations, extension and outdoor swimming pool

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15/00829/LBC

#### **Westfield Barn West End Avening Gloucestershire**

Conversion of barn to accommodation to be used in connection with Brandhouse Farm with internal and external alterations, extension and outdoor swimming pool

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#### **NEW COUNCILLOR FOR AVENING**

At the July Council meeting, Eddie Worsdell was co-opted to fill the vacancy left at the Election in May.

We have another vacancy left by the resignation of Tom Beardsell and it is hoped that this will be filled by co-option at the next meeting.

#### **AVENING MEMORIAL HALL**

We are making great progress with the Hall upgrade but keen to involve anyone in the Village who would like to play a part in the refurbishment. A new Committee is being formed with a core group to drive the work forward. If you or you organisation would like to be involved please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Next Parish Council Meeting – To be advised.** Please check the website or the noticeboards. **All Are Welcome.** 

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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



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	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
16th August	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
23rd August	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
Services conducted by Archdeacon of Cheltenham	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
30th August	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
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6th September	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)

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Saturday 29th August	Live Music	Avening Social Club	8.00pm
Tuesday 1st September	Cherington Parish Council	Village Hall	6.30pm
Thursday 3rd September	Back to school	Avening School	
Thursday 3rd September	Playgroup's New Term begins	Avening Playgroup	9.15am- 12.15 pm
Monday 7th September	1st meeting of new Avening Book Club	The Bell	7.30pm
Saturday 12th September	Glos Historic Churches Ride and Stride	Glos Churches	All day
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