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On Saturday 19th September several people from Avening and Cherington were lucky enough to be invited to Gloucester Cathedral, where our new Bishop, Rachel Treweek was officially installed and placed in her official seat (called a cathedra). It was a very moving service and a great honour to be there to see history in the making, Bishop Rachel is, of course, the first female Diocesan Bishop in the church of England. If you are interested to see the service, it is available on 'YouTube'. To find it try www.acrossthecotswolds.org.uk/ and click on the link, then push the slider across the bottom to about 44 minutes. This is where the service starts— (try to see if you recognise anyone in the congregation of about 1000 people).

We welcome Bishop Rachel and wish her well in her ministry among us.

The editors are at present in discussion with someone who has kindly offered to help us and possibly write some of the 'Village People' articles for the Villager. Have you any ideas for items that could be included or would you like to have a go at a regular slot? Let us know. It is your magazine. Contact us at editors@acvillager.co.uk, or telephone any of the Editors' numbers below.

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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 - 8.00pm	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

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Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Earlier in the (rather disappointing) summer, while out for a walk with Alfie, I was kindly invited to join Click and Rev Celia for a glass of wine. While we watched a truly beautiful sunset across the valley, and reflected on how lucky we are to live where we do, the conversation drifted onto gardens, and how it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain them as we get older. We started wondering how we could help people around the village who can no longer keep up with all the chores gardens entail. The Parish Council is unable to help private households or businesses directly, so that wasn't an option. I then reflected on the house we visited for our TV assignment – the owners had a very large garden, and they paid a local charity to maintain it, which employed adults with autism and other mild learning difficulties. What a great idea – is this something we can achieve locally? Celia and Click are looking into the possibility using their contacts, but it would be great to understand what the demand would be. The primary aim would be to help people, who are unable to tend their gardens, and perhaps can't afford professional gardeners. So please contact Click, Rev Celia or me to express an interest, and we will see what can be done. On a related theme, we have recently received enquiries about the availability of allotments in the village. To my knowledge, there are none available, but maybe you have a spare strip in your garden that you would be prepared to loan to a keen grower? Please contact the clerk, and she will put you in touch.

If you have been in to the hall in the last week or two, you may have noticed the recent enhancements. It is now possible to have a conversation without having to shout, and to hear a presenter speak. This is due to the installation of noise attenuation materials in the ceiling and gable end. We will see how this performs over the coming weeks, and get feedback from users to see if we need to make further adjustments. The floor has been repaired, and we will be undertaking a few emergency structural repairs (hopefully) over the half term break. All users now have access to free Wi-Fi, a projector, and high quality sound system. We have also installed a modern lighting bar. So, if you have a party, event, or show to put on, take a look at the hall as a potential venue. I'll be creating a new dedicated page on the avening-pc.gov.uk website soon, but in the meantime see the contacts section there or in the Villager.

Tony Slater, Chairman, Avening Parish Council

Letter From the Parish Priest



As we celebrate harvest this month, let's cultivate thankful hearts!

What do you think of this story? One Christmas a mother decided not to remind her children to write thank-you notes for the gifts they received. As a result, they never sent their grandmother acknowledgements of the generous cheques she had given. The next year, things were different, however. "The children came over in person to thank me," the grandmother told a friend. "How wonderful!" the friend exclaimed. "What do you think caused the change in behaviour?" "Oh, that's easy," the grandmother replied. 'This year I didn't sign the cheques.'

Ouch! But it's not just children, is it? I think adults are perhaps worse. We might say thank you, but so often we are discontented with what we have, and feel life has cheated us in one way or another.

I love these instructions for cultivating a thankful heart. (1) Take the seed of prayer, asking God to make us thankful. (2) Add the soil of faith, believing in God's goodness. Then (3) water it with hope and let it grow in the warmth and light of God's love. You could try growing one in a pot!

So as the harvest is gathered in, let's be thankful for all the wonderful things we enjoy in life. And perhaps the best way to do that is joining us for our special Harvest Festival services this month. At The Church of the Holy Cross in Avening the service is on Sunday 4th October at 11am followed by a bring and share lunch. Then Harvest Festival is celebrated at St Nicholas in Cherington on Saturday 10th October with a service at 6pm followed by a Bring & Share Supper in the Village Hall. (There will be no morning service in Cherington on Sunday 11th October).

If you've read this far then ... thank you!

With love and prayers, Poppy

***The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
The Benefice of Avening with Cherington***

Avening W.I.

Despite not having a meeting in August, other events have taken place over the last 6 weeks. Our summer outing to Hampton Court Palace and Gardens had a very unpromising start with heavy rain forecast all day. However we were very lucky and it remained dry and everyone enjoyed the day.

We catered for 2 sets of visitors providing them with our usual tasty lunches. We had about 50 members of the Stroud Macular Society who were celebrating their 25th anniversary and a smaller group of 24 from the Eastleach Friendship Circle who were making a return visit. We are always happy to provide lunch or teas to visiting groups. We charge a modest amount and the groups have always been very pleased with our efforts.

Having lost in the first round of the County Skittles tournament we are now taking part in the competition for the County Plate and recently we beat Tetbury W.I. and are now in the semi-finals an excellent turnaround in our fortunes.

Our speaker in September was Will Mansell from the Stroud and District Food Bank. We have been supporting the charity all year but Will explained about many misconceptions the public has about the people who need to use the Food Banks. His talk was interesting and very enlightening. We made a special effort to ensure he would not be leaving empty handed and he went back laden with boxes and bags of donated food.

We had our monthly W.I. walk on the day of the centenary. Another dreadful forecast and luck was on our side again with the sun shining on us and we enjoyed a walk across the fields from Chavenage to Beverstone Castle accompanied by three extremely muddy dogs!

At the end of the month a group of us will be attending the Autumn County Meeting in the Pittville Pump Rooms. The main speaker will be Julie Summers who wrote Jambusters a novel which was dramatized on television recently. It was about a W.I in Cheshire during the 2nd World War. Many of you may have watched it.

On a similar theme to the drama we have recently produced an exhibit for the Flower Festival at Minchinhampton Church. It was representing the W.I's contribution to the Dig for Victory campaign. We had never done anything on this scale before and were very nervous that it might not turn out well but in the end we were very pleased with it. Thank you Gill Adams for providing your flower arranging expertise. We would have been lost without you.

Gwyneth Simpson

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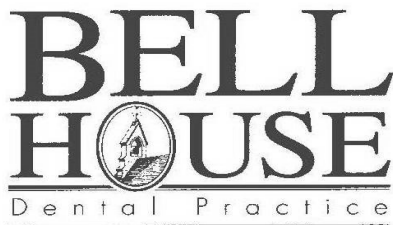
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Avening School



Rugby triumphs, School Elections and Innovative Playtimes!

One month into the new school year and staff and pupils are settling in well to new classes and roles here at Avening School. In September, the whole school voted to elect the new school council for the year and house captains and library monitors were also announced. As always it's been a time of change and adjustment and plenty of new names and faces to get used to. The reception children are enjoying the delights of the Eagles classroom and have been made to feel very welcome by the rest of the school.

One of the biggest changes that we have made this year is to playtimes. After a long re-think and working with a play consultant, we have equipped the playgrounds with 'new' equipment: pots and pans; dressing up clothes; old computers and keyboards; sheets; tyres; planks of wood and guttering; and a rather lovely selection of scarves and handbags! The changes have really inspired the children's imagination. We have den-building, mud pie making, scootering, role play, pond-dipping, football, climbing and a whole variety of other play going on – and 102 very happy, sociable children!

The class topics for this term are already well underway. Pupils in our Kestrels

class (KS1) took a practical approach to their topic of 'Fire and Ice' last month with a visit from Piers Clifford from Fireside Forest School who taught them how to light their own fires. Piers Clifford will be joining us each week this term, running outdoor learning sessions for each class.

'Keeping fit' is the focus for the Hawks Class (Y3/4) who were joined by a member of the St



John's Ambulance team, training them all in First Aid. A group of 'willing' parents then had the good fortune of acting as their patients. Later in the term they will also learning about nutrition and taking part in the 5000 metre run.

In Years 5 and 6, the volunteers from the NSPCC visited to talk to the children about keeping safe from abuse. Through an assembly and workshop, the children deepened their understanding of abuse in all its forms, including bullying, and gained a better knowledge of how to protect themselves as well as an awareness of how to get help, including from ChildLine.

Even though we are only at the very beginning of the School year, our Avening sports stars have already been out making the school proud with their fantastic achievement at a recent Tag Rugby World Cup tournament where they came an incredible third place amongst 36 participating schools! What an amazing start to the year!

After School clubs have begun with all KS2 children being offered an impressive list of clubs to choose from including; football, singing, drawing and netball to name just a few . Every teacher in the school takes a club giving children a wide and diverse range of activities to choose from.

Finally we have a long list of people to thank recent support and donations made to the school. During the summer holidays a group of volunteers from BT Openreach came to help us out with the maintenance of the school. Not only did they paint a classroom, but they also created a wonderful outside learning area for us, with seating donated by Westonbirt Arboretum. They also surprised us with the gift of a wonderful firepit for our outdoor garden. Our thanks go to the hard-working team of volunteers for their excellent work.

We are also incredibly grateful to the Parish Council, who, during the summer, organised for a sound system and projector to be fitted in the Village Hall, as well as much needed improvement to the hall acoustics.

The work is already having a positive impact on our assemblies and hall times. Huge thanks must also go to Avening Football club who recently gave a very generous donation to the school which has enabled us to update our classroom technology, something that we will be of huge benefit to every child in the school.



Continued overleaf

On Friday 9th October, Avening School will be holding an open morning. For more information contact the school office on 01453 833191. Not only is this a fantastic opportunity to see how our school works but it's also a great excuse to sample the delights of our very own 'star baker' Mrs Wilkinson! 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.

FOAS news:

We are planning to organise a 'Village Dinosaur Hunt' as an annual event commencing Spring 2016, Any households/organisations wanting to be involved can contact luciehawkins@hotmail.com for more information on this.

Alex Adcock

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. In particular take a look at the interesting introduction to all our staff – with pictures courtesy of the children!

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PROUD SUPPORTERS OF AVENING PLAYGROUP

Avening Playgroup

Our older children returned refreshed after the summer holiday and have been really helpful supporting the new and younger children who have joined us this term. These children are settling into playgroup really well and enjoying making friends.

The children have been having fun playing outside, especially with the new balls and stilts that we have recently received from the Sainsbury's voucher scheme. Thank you to everyone who donated their vouchers to us. We are very grateful.

Having enjoyed sampling the beetroot and carrots they had grown during the summer term, the children were very interested in the different sized onions that we harvested from our vegetable patch. They are the most successful crop of vegetables we have ever had.

By the time you read this our first fund raising event, The Nearly New Sale should have taken place. Thank you everyone who supported this event in any way.

We are very grateful to the volunteers who joined our committee in July. As a charity the playgroup has to have a committee to be able to operate and it is very kind of these people to give up some of their free time to take on these roles. We are also grateful to those parents who are able to come back early to wash up the plates and cups that the children use at snack time as it frees up the staff to do other things.

Our main fundraising event during the year is The Christmas Bazaar which is held in the Village Hall. This year the bazaar will be on Saturday 5th December. If you would be able to help, by donating an hour or two to help get raffle prizes or can help on the day itself, please could you let Cassie know by giving her a ring on 01453 834182. Your help would be much appreciated.

Toddlers is open from 1.30 until 3.00 every Tuesday and playgroup is open each morning from 9.15 until 12.15, and from 9 until 3 on a Thursday. We are running a lunch club on a Wednesday and Thursday until 1.15 and will open for lunch clubs on other mornings later on in the year once enough parents want to use the facility to cover the staff costs involved.

Please ring during these hours for more information on 01453 832695.

Debbie Brown

Elsie's FGR Experience



On the last day of August Forest Green Rovers played Bromley for their 7th game of the season. This match was a very special one because it was the first game where a few of the ambassadors got to walk out onto the pitch with the FGR players. In the first minute Forest Green were straight on the attack with a close shot but was saved and then 4mins later Aarron Racine was back again and scored to make it 1-0. Almost straight after, Bromley then scored with a header; now it was 1-1. After the opening 10 minutes, there were a couple great saves up our end then Bromley were given a free kick basically set out like a penalty, but luckily our amazing defence cleared it. Although, 36mins in our defence had to make a change: Dale Bennet came off for Charlie Clough. With defence strong our attack went forward again and scored another great goal in the 41st minute. It was Delano Sam-York's first goal of the season.

Second Half now and there were a couple of injuries for FGR: one for Marcus Kelly but he managed to get back up again and another one where James Jennings had to be taken off so Darren Jones came on in his place. There was a lot of tension on the pitch and it looked like the ref was favouring Bromley because for a gentle push the free kick goes to Bromley and for a massive push from them, nothing was given. Then in a huge tackle from Bromley, when everyone was on the floor, it was like a mass bundle. After that, there were a few shots on goal by both teams, but all were either cleared or saved. Then there was a substitution for FGR and Bromley, but not long after the final whistle blew, with 'man of the match' going to Forest Green Rovers Goalkeeper Johnny Maxted. Another great win for FGR and a massive 3 more points to strengthen their position at the top of the league.

As of today, writing this report, FGR have continued their fantastic start to the season with yet another win away at Chester, meaning they have now set a new league record for winning their first 8 games of the season. They are now 7 points clear at the top of the table. If you would like to come along to support the boys during October, here are the home fixtures: Sat 10th Oct - Guiseley, Sat 17th Oct - Tranmere Rovers and Sat 31st Oct against Chester, when it will be my turn to parade with the players. Hope to see you there!

Elsie

100 Years Ago

World War 1: Avening's War

July 1915

Richard Ayres (Dick) was born in Frampton Mansell in July 1864 and by 1870 the family had moved to Avening. He went to the Village School sometime prior to the 1871 census, when his father and mother were both agricultural labourers, as was his 12 year old brother.

The 1881 census shows the family were still living on the High Street, by which time Dick was a farm labourer. He married Mary Ann Jones (born Nova Scotia, Canada) in September 1889, their first child, Amelia Maud, being born some months later. Dick and Mary had moved into a cottage on Tetbury Hill by 1891. Dick had now become a carter, whilst Mary was a worker at a stick factory.

Around 1893, Dick joined the Gloucestershire Militia, probably to add to his income, but was still with the Militia in 1914. It is likely that Amelia was being brought up by her grandparents while both parents were working,

They had moved again by 1901, this time to Old Hill., by which time they had three children, all at our village school. Mary Ann having left work, now earned extra money by taking in a three year old lodger. Dick continued being a carter.

The 1911 census tells a different story. They now lived on Star Lane, he now being a tree feller, whilst his two sons were "assistant carter on farm".

When war broke out, Dick was immediately called to the Colours, when it was decided that he was too old for active service and became what was known as a Private in the Home Defence Battalion.

He was employed at Winchester on security measures for the Railway. He was there when he died on the 30th of July 1915, one day after his 51st birthday, having been struck by a passing railway engine. The verdict of the inquest was Accidental Death. (*A transcript of the inquest can be seen in the Roll of Honour Albums in the Church*). His body was taken by rail in a special coach to Tetbury Station and he received a full military funeral at Avening Church on Thursday the 5th of August.

His grave can be seen with a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone at the top right-hand side of our churchyard.

Fred Vening

Minchinhampton Pony Club

Towards the end of July many of you will have been frustrated, and even annoyed, by the many small horse boxes and trailers which clutter the roads around Avening between 8.00 and 9.00 each morning for about a week.

What on earth is going on? This is the start of six of the best days of a pony clubber's year. It is the annual Pony Club Camp for Minchinhampton Pony Club. Over the last few years, this has taken place at Star Farm, thanks to the kindness and generosity of Chris and Margaret Read, whose daughters are members of the branch.



What is it about the Pony Club which arouses such huge enthusiasm?

Commitment and hard work from young people particularly at a time when they face criticism for spending all their time in front of screens of varying sizes. All Pony Club activities take place outside in rotten

weather, either when it's raining or when it is boiling hot. I can talk about this because, for my son, from the age of eight to sixteen, Camp was indeed the highlight of his year and all its activities of vital importance to him. He is now a professional event rider and without the education Pony Club gave him he would not have been able to pursue this career.

So what does the Pony Club teach? What is its purpose in the twenty first century? First and foremost it trains members to care for horses and ponies properly and encourages them to gain pleasure from riding and all its

associated activities. This training begins from the first time they sit on a tiny, recalcitrant pony right up to national competitions in all the horse related disciplines, from eventing through dressage, show jumping and mounted games to tetrathlon. It can also lead to a professional qualification which teaches others to ride and to care for horses and ponies.

Many parents, appalled at the thought of their offspring's enthusiasm for something about which they know nothing, can also find the activities helpful and instructive. In addition to this educational purpose, the Pony Club places a

great emphasis on sportsmanship; learning to take the rough with the smooth is an inevitable part of an involvement with horses and ponies. They go lame at the crucial moment, your talented child falls off just as they are about to win the show jumping class... I could go on endlessly. All of the bad moments must be accepted with good grace and as part of the learning curve. Success must be accepted with modesty and with all the credit given to others.

Minchinhampton Pony Club is a wonderful example of what a relatively small club can do. They offer training for all ages and abilities throughout the year in the form of 'rallies' which take place at different venues in the area, including, as far afield as Gloucester and Cirencester. They are also able to use Star Farm for 'rallies' as well as Camp. It is during these activities that members make very good friends and learn to get along with other young people of all ages. Minchinhampton mostly caters for young people between the ages of 7 and 18 years old. Whilst the purpose of the Pony Club may be educational, the additional social benefits for young people are very important and a key part of its attraction.

All of these aspects are highlighted during Camp week which the majority of members attend. It takes place over 6 days and means that everyone spends all day with their ponies and their friends. There are lots of different activities and it finishes with a Camp Competition on the last day with The Camp BBQ and prize giving in the evening. This is a very popular social event for members and their parents.

None of this would happen without the leadership of the District

Commissioner, Julie Crew. Julie first joined, as a member, when she was 10 years old and became an instructor at 18, quickly following this by becoming Chief Instructor. She has been Assistant DC followed by DC since 2000. That's more than 15 years of voluntary work for the young people of this area. As is the case with all successful organisations, the branch relies on large numbers of volunteers, usually parents. There is also a committee of volunteers who meet regularly. Without these volunteers this youth organisation would not exist and how much poorer would our area be without it!

So, next time you are sat impatiently behind a trailer or horse box, remember that it may well contain a faintly stressed parent, an over excited young pony clubber and a very grumpy, but very clean, small pony.

Julie Crew can be contacted at julie@jcrew.plus.com or on 07855852710

Alison Sharpe

A VISIT TO IONA

Fifty shades of ...

. . Not only grey but also browns, blues and purples. These were the colours of Iona, an island off Mull on the west coast of Scotland.



I decided some time ago to join a small group from Tetbury church who were going to be guests of the Christian, international, residential community in the Abbey for a week.

Iona has been a place of pilgrimage for 1200 years. St. Columba landed there from Ireland in 600AD and built a church and monastery from where Christianity spread to the UK and Europe.

This was a thriving community till the Reformation. It then went into decline and the monks dispersed or died, but the medieval ruins still attracted tourists and pilgrims. In the 1930`s during the depression, a well connected Glasgow minister, George Macleod, who worked in a very deprived area of the city, and was deeply affected by the suffering he was encountering due to poverty, had a vision of restoring the Abbey on Iona.

He organised unemployed, working class men of various skills to work with men training for the ministry. They lived on the island, for a period of time where they were housed and fed, and rebuilt the Abbey over 30 years.

These men, from very different backgrounds, learnt to live in community. Their legacy continued and the mission of the community is to promote justice, peace and the building of community. This is demonstrating that what happens there, as a microcosm could be possible globally. i.e. living peaceably in community with people of all shapes and sizes, nationalities and cultures.

Personally this was a time to step out of my normal outward life and reflect on deeper issues as well as enjoying a ceilidh, putting on a show and visiting Fingall`s cave on the island of Staffa.

There is a small group going next August from Tetbury. If anyone is interested contact Rev. Poppy Hughes.

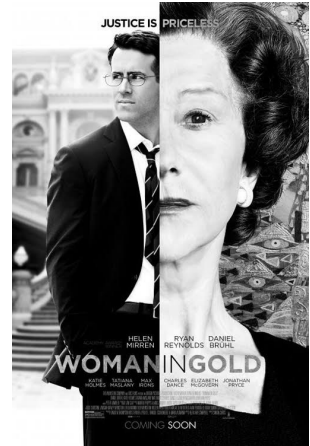
Cas Boddam-Whetham



CINEMA CLUB

The next film is *Woman in Gold*. It will be screened on Tuesday 13th October
Avening Social Club 7.30pm

Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis. Among them is a famous portrait of Maria's beloved ... MoreAunt Adele: Gustave Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I." With the help of young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), Maria embarks upon a lengthy legal battle to recover this painting and several others, but it will not be easy, for Austria considers them national treasures.



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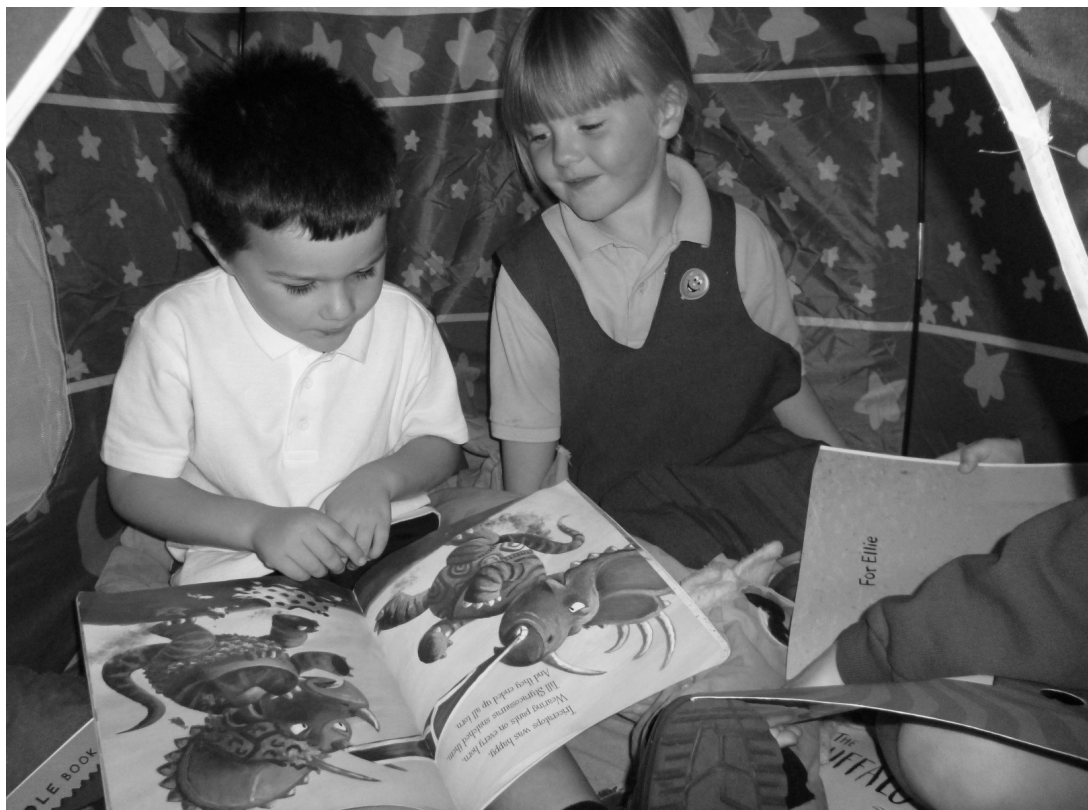
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Down to Earth

Just when the virtuous gardener - yes! I rather like that adjective; let's adopt it for gardeners! - feels that, after all the planting, weeding, mowing, dead-heading, harvesting, preserving, it is finally time for her (or it may even be 'him') to lay aside those tools and tasks and go out and enjoy those glorious autumn days *elsewhere*, along comes some-one like me who says: 'Now, here are the essential jobs for October'!

If there are any shrubs or hardy herbaceous perennials that you fancy, go and buy them and plant them now, so that they can start developing their root system in the ground. If you buy them next April (the busiest time for nurseries and garden centres) you are expecting them to develop root systems and simultaneously put on top growth – AND produce gorgeous floral displays, all in a ridiculously short time. A big ask, as they say. Rarely following my own advice to others, I bought several plants last spring. They sulked. Some never flowered. We had a mini-drought and even the best efforts with the watering can rarely compensate for natural rainfall.

Do be vigilant when choosing shrubs; if they are ericaceous (detesting lime conditions, preferring acidic soil) they will probably not thrive in your garden unless you make a special effort to dig a very large hole, pack it with home-made and ericaceous compost, and water it with sequestered iron or a seaweed and iron tonic. Not all plants are obviously ericaceous. A good, conscientious nurseryman or plant salesperson should advise you. You can get a soil-testing kit. pH value 7.0 is neutral. Values below 7 are increasingly acidic; values above are alkaline. Home-made compost will lower your pH value. It is all to do with the plants' ability to take up nutrients such as iron. The hydrangea is the classic indicator: pink hydrangeas in alkaline soil; blue in acidic soil!

Like seeds, bulbs are planted in hope. Tulips should be left until November or



Tulipa Tarda

December, to avoid risk of rot in wet ground. Otherwise, get planting, now! An increasing variety is easily available. Try the pretty *fritillaria meleagris*, or snake's head fritillary. It will naturalise in grass. I have had no success here, yet, with the crown imperial fritillary. Experts advise laying the bulb on its side, with grit below; the area should also be slug-proofed – perhaps with egg shells and coffee grounds. Look out for species tulips. These are the natural (and naturalising) forms, smaller and more delicate than the big, blousy, bred ones. *Tulipa linifolia*, *clusiana*, *tarda*

and *turkistanica* are ones I am growing. *Anemone blanda*, with its blue, daisy-

like flowers, is another bulb for naturalising. And don't forget to plant for drifts of *narcissus obvallaris* or *narcissus pseudonarcissus*, aka the 'daffodil', to lift the spirits after the gloom of winter.



Laskett House

When Sir Roy Strong (former director of the National Portrait Gallery and the V&A) and his new wife, Julia, bought a house on Laskett Lane, between Hereford and Ross-on-Wye, in 1973, they had little thought of creating a garden. But the idea took shape, inspired by the Renaissance gardens of Italy and the Tudor gardens of this country. What developed over thirty years became the narrative of a marriage and a memorial to two people's active

involvement in the arts (Julia was a distinguished theatre and ballet designer). In the past decade the garden has been 're-created', to eliminate the darkness of over-planted conifers and congested areas and to open up views. This overhaul has been recorded and illustrated in a second book, 'Remaking a Garden: The Laskett transformed', (published in 2014). Sir Roy, who has bequeathed the gardens to the charity, Perennial, recently celebrated his 80th birthday. A party of Evening Gardeners and Friends booked a visit to see it for themselves on a golden, late September afternoon. We were enchanted by all we saw: the views outward to the Herefordshire countryside, the vistas terminated by a monument, the subtle balance of formality and informality, the memorials to cats gone by and the real cats – and lastly, but not least, by Sir Roy himself, who had us welcome and whom we thanked for the provision of favourable weather – and, of course, for the privilege of wandering amidst a very personal creation.



The Jubilee Gardens

Marilyn Jones

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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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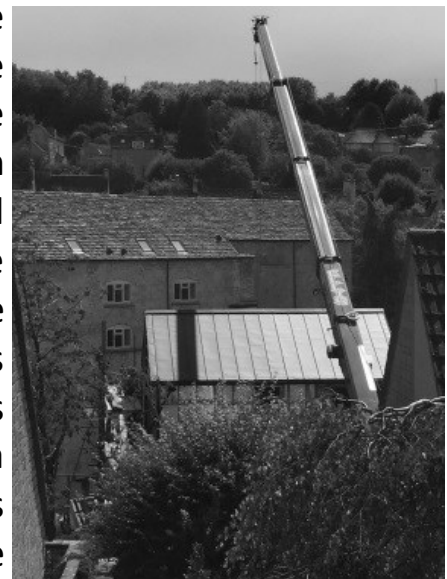
Diary of a Self-Build Part 10



We were really concerned that the windows wouldn't fit. There was a lot of last minute correspondence between the architect and the Danish Manufacturers, to get the detail finalised; add in the timber frame difficulties, and a third party fitting team, we just assumed there would be issues. On the day, there were heavy showers, but luckily the forecast wind didn't materialise. The crane arrived at 8.30 prompt, the fitters at 9.00, and the windows at 10.30. The first job was to offload the pallets of windows from the delivery lorry, which cleared some space in front of the house for the crane. Then, in driving rain, they were craned over the house into the back garden, and finally lifted into position – at up to 1 ½ tons for the largest units. It was a nerve wracking time. After 3 days, all were in their final positions, and other than the need to remove a bit of packing wood, they all fitted perfectly with no breakages!

In the last few weeks, we have had the trades in to complete the first fix – the place has been literally buzzing with electricians, plumbers, and plasterers. We also still have our building team finishing the cladding, rendering, and Cotswold stone frontage. The inside is now fully insulated, and feels very snug. With the screed being put in today, we are ready for our first air tightness test, which will see how close we are to achieving our target.

Our neighbours have been brilliant through the process, but we have heard comments elsewhere about the looks, and materials we have used. We wanted to reflect the colours and materials from other buildings in Sandford Leaze and Avening Mill (although they changed the black slate roof on the cart shed!), but do this in a 21st century way. The house is not a standard mass market build, and is designed to use as little energy and resources as possible. We could have produced a pastiche of a Cotswold cottage, or whatever the 1970's/80's equivalent is (and at a greatly lower cost!), but the design is a statement that it is different. At night the top half almost disappears, while the render and stonework blends smoothly into the mill beyond. We know it won't be to everyone's liking, but it will hopefully soon settle in.



Tony and Mandy Slater

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

May I, through your magazine, say how grateful I have been for your prayers, phone calls, cards and letters sent during my recent illness.

I am pleased to report that I am now well on the way to recovery. I look forward to seeing you soon.

With best regards

Fred Vening

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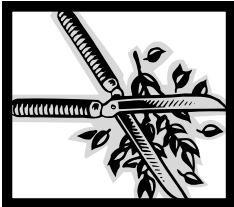


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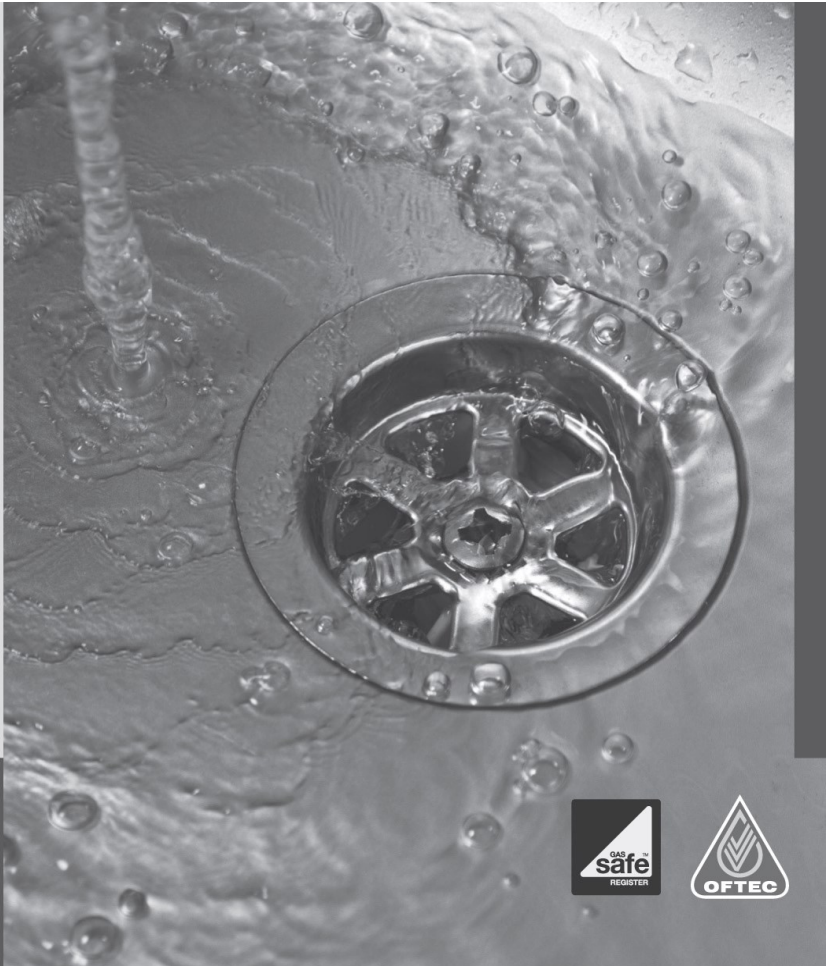




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My name is David Martin. I live in Nailsworth and I'm the local consultant for *Steele Rose & Co* - one of the UK's Premier Professional Home Visit Will Writers. After 22 years serving my country in the RAF, I have spent the last 28 years of my life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

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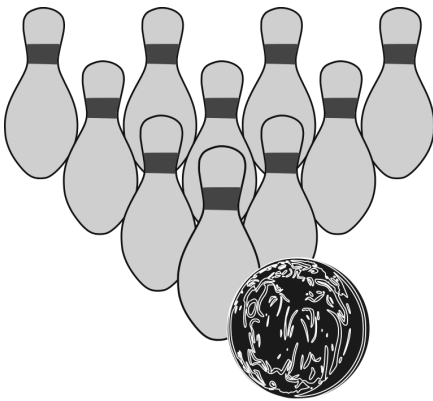
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Project Manager at Citizens Advice Pension Wise said: *“Pension scams threaten people’s financial security. Scammers are finding new ways to go after people’s pension pots including offering free pension reviews and promising to invest funds that don’t necessarily exist. “If you’ve had an offer or signed up to a pension scheme you’re unsure about, I urge you to contact your local Citizens Advice where our staff can offer free help and support.”* **Citizens Advice offers Pension Wise guidance where people aged over 50 can access free face to face guidance sessions. To book an appointment call 01722 580052 or go to pensionwise.gov.uk**

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Parish Council Meetings

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday November 3rd at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Dates of meetings for 2016 will be confirmed at November's PC meeting.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend parish meetings. There's 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

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Congratulations to Becky Putnam who won the ladies singles championship and to Becky Putnam and Alison Winkfield who won the doubles at the club finals day on 20th September

Roger Lindley (Club Chairman)

AVENING BOOK CLUB



THE NEXT GATHERING OF THE BOOK CLUB

Monday 12th October in The Bell Inn

The book is Cloud Street by Tim Winton

The November book will be The Interestings by Meg Wolitzer

On a date to be advised

Harvest Festival

Avening Church Harvest Festival

4th October 11.00 am followed by a bring and share lunch.

Cherington Harvest festival

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Avening Parish Council



New Planning Applications:

15/03326/COMPLY Land Adjacent 9 Pound Hill Avening Gloucestershire GL8 8LZ

Erection of a new single dwelling together with new detached garden room and other associated ancillary development - compliance with conditions 5 (materials), 6 (panel), 9 (design), 10 (woodwork) and 11 (landscape)

Applications Responded to:

15/01878/FUL 25 Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT

Erection of a dwelling

15/02091/FUL 25 Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT

Replacement of existing side extension with two storey extension to north-west elevation, erection of porch to south-east elevation, installation of dormer windows and landscaping works

The Parish Council Objects to this application on the following grounds:

- Extremely difficult for emergency services to access the site;
- The size of the building is out of place compared to neighbouring properties and the size of the site
- The proposed development does not conserve or enhance the Conservation Area.

Decision Notices:

15/02544/FUL Avening Mill, Mill Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8PD

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

Additional Details Issued 15 July 2015 - Refused 3 September 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) - **Permitted 3 September 2015**

15/02657/FUL Former Cart Shed Avening Mill, Mill Lane Avening TETBURY Gloucestershire GL8 8PD Conversion of former cart shed to one dwelling - amended scheme to include changes to fenestration and rooflights in north elevation (retrospective) - **Permitted 7 September 2015**

Another New Parish Councillor For Avening

At the August meeting, David Bendall was co-opted to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Tom Beardsell.

Your New Parish Council:

Tony Slater – Chairman, Mick Williamson – Vice Chairman, David Bendall, John Catterall, Dominic Conway, Click Mitchell, Gill Parsons, Jim Parsons (also Ward Councillor at Cotswold District Council) and Eddie Worsdell

Please see the noticeboards for contact details or contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish Clerk – Caroline Braidwood 01285 380041 / 07870 170823

parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk

Projects Manager – John Collinson 01453 882532 / 07941 210284

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Avening Memorial Hall

The refurbishment work continues !!! Sound attenuation panels have now been installed together with a sound system and projector. Broadband and wifi will be available any day now ! We would love to hear what you think about the improvements !

John Collinson manages the bookings and the improvements and can be contacted on: 07583 073604.

The Next Parish Council Meeting

Will be held on Thursday, 15 October 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Chamberlain Room at the Memorial Hall.

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3rd October	Noon	Avening	Wedding
4th October	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Harvest Festival followed by Bring & Share lunch in church
Saturday 10th October	6.00pm	Cherington	Harvest Festival in Church Followed by Bring and Share supper in Village Hall
11th October	9.30am	Cherington	NO SERVICE
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
18th October	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
25th October	9.30am	Cherington	Matins (BCP)
	11.00am	Avening	FAMILY PRAISE
1st November	9.30 am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)

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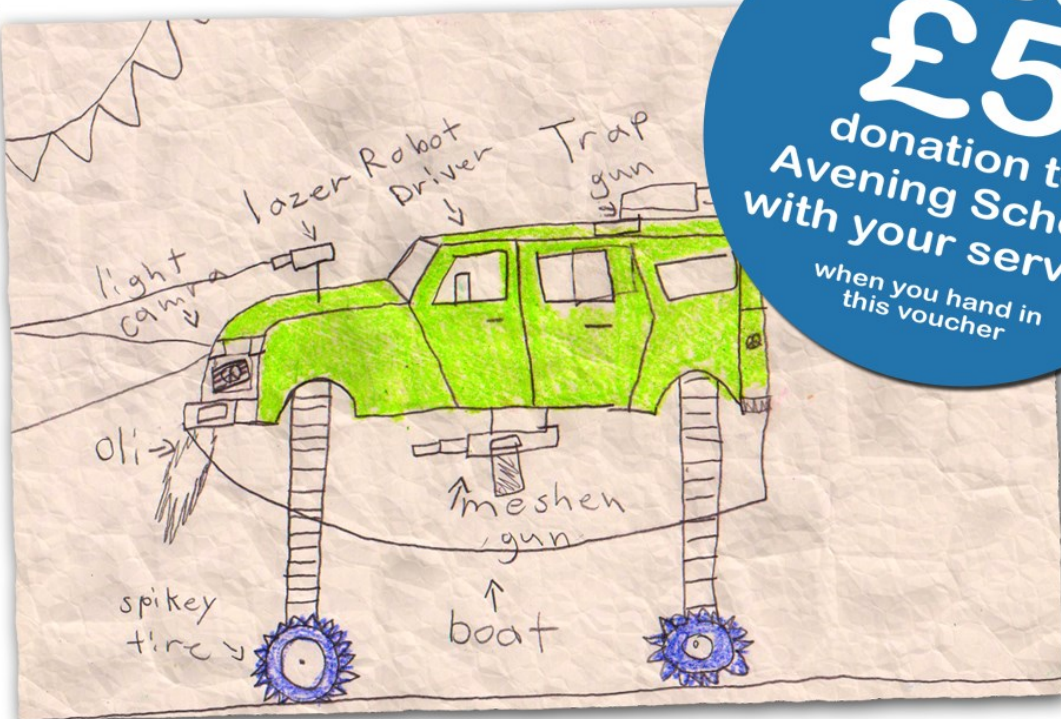
Sunday 4th October	Avening Harvest Festival, followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Holy Cross Avening	11.00 am
Friday 9th October	Open Morning	Avening Primary School	9.15-12 Noon
Saturday 10th October	Cherington Harvest Festival, followed by Bring and Share Supper	Church & Village Hall	6.00 pm
Monday 12th October	Avening Book Club Cloud Street by Tim Winton	The Bell	7.30 pm
Tuesday 13th October	Avening Film Club Showing Woman in Gold	Avening Social Club	7.30 pm
Thursday 15th October	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 31st October	Quiz night	Avening Social Club	8.00 pm
Tuesday 3rd November	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	6.30 pm
Friday 13th November	Avening Ceilidh	Memorial Hall	7.30- 11.30pm

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