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Summer holidays are here again! Many of you will be heading off for a break, either in this 'green and pleasant land', or maybe somewhere with a little more guaranteed sunshine (hopefully!). Whichever it is, we trust you all have a wonderful, relaxing and enriching trip. Don't forget to enter the 'Holidays in Red, White and Blue' photo competition - details in the Avening Parish Council Chairman's letter on page 10.

We also hope you eventually return to your homes in these villages with some degree of pleasure, because we are lucky enough to live in a truly delightful place, which also has an amazing community spirit. This is demonstrated not just through amazing one-off events like the Best4Ben 'Big Build', but also through ongoing charitable efforts like the Mark Townsend Charitable Trust and Friends of Avening School, as well as the annual gatherings of fetes, shows and summer fairs. It is the spirit and energy of these different events which show us what a vibrant and varied community we are all lucky enough to be part of.

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DIY SOS for Ben, Ella and Family



I'm sure by now you all know Bens story, we realise just how lucky they were to have been chosen for a DIY SOS makeover. This is just a flavour of those mad few days in Avening!

First of all lots of DIY SOS trucks start to appear in Sunground, placing all manner of building materials on the green; it's looking like a builders merchants.

Day 1 of the build and over 120 people turn up to help in whatever way they can - whatever your skills, most of us can fill a skip or clean up! Everyone working so hard on what turned out to be some of the hottest days we have known for a long time, all very sweaty, but no one seems to mind. Different trades coming together, so good-natured, volunteers in the tea tent, all doing a great job in giving out much needed drinks - over 200 bottles of water one day! Two lovely ladies from the village going around to supermarkets and coming back with a car full of drinks or very welcome ice lollies. Some poor guys working in the loft at over 40 degrees! Phew! Yet no one moaned, no one complained, everyone worked longer hours than normal, or did their day job and then turned up for another shift. These people are stars.

Ella and Ben are overwhelmed by such kindness; some of the workers took their holidays, I think one guy came from Manchester! Why? Because they wanted to help.

Groups of people painting items on the grass verge on the side of the street, others putting furniture together, all rubbing shoulders with the amazing DIY SOS team who were such a lovely group of people. If you were really lucky you got to rub shoulders with Ella's mum Sharon (aka Shazza) who set up an open house for those 10 days; she sat outside and thanked everyone as they went up and down the road. Her house became full of donated drinks, crisps, biscuits and cakes from our very generous local supermarkets until it was taken to the tea tent. Sharon had Nick Knowles popping in to leave his coconut milk in her fridge or interviewing her about the extraordinary situation the family find themselves in, all very surreal.

The warmth and camaraderie in those 10 days was palpable, if we could bottle



it the world would be a better place!

Oh, and did I mention HRH Princess Anne popped down to see the build and meet Ella, her daughters and the committee. Her Royal Highness had kindly given permission for the lorries and diggers to access Ben and Ella's house across her land. This helped

enormously as tons and tons of soil and Cotswold stone were dug out of the garden; the stone is already built into beautiful boundary walls on the Gatcombe Estate.

You see, the neighbours have been amazing, especially Yvonne and Mike who live in the other half of the house. They never, ever complained, in fact Mike went to tea with Ella and the girls while they were staying in West End as he missed them so much!

Finally the day of the big reveal arrived, and with much anticipation everyone waited by the catering marquee until Ben and Ella had been shown around. What a big moment for them, remember this was the first time Ben had been home since his accident in April 2016. We all waited very patiently and chatting to all the new friends we made along the way.

This was it Ben and Ella's big moment; we got the call and off we went to greet Ben, Ella, Olivia and Iris as they came outside to meet everyone. Understandably there were lots of tears from us all as everyone clapped and cheered as the family came all the way down their new ramp to thank us. The image of Iris curled up on Ben's lap was just beautiful. This is what she had waited so long for and she wasn't going anywhere! We were treated to a special song by the primary school, and Olivia even did a solo! Ella and Ben both spoke so well, they just wanted to be a together as a family and all you lovely people who worked so hard on the build, fundraising, supplying meals, keeping the car on the road, babysitting - well you all made it happen.

We live in a beautiful part of the country and we know we are very lucky, but much, much more than that, we live in a community - and that's priceless!

Sue King

What's On In Avening and Cherington

Please let us know if we have forgotten any regular event or if there is something you would like to have included here.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Flamenco Dancing	Monday (excluding school and bank holidays)	7.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
Cherington PC	Tuesday	6.30pm	Village Hall	Beverley 01453 832100
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Steve 07807 700004
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Baby and Toddler Group	Wednesday (not January)	1.30 - 3.00pm	Avening Playgroup	01453 832695
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
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 Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090

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Tetbury Hospital		01666 502336
Women's Institute	Gwyneth Simpson	01453 836556



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Avening Church: www.aveningchurch.info

Cherington Parish Council: cheringtonpc.org.uk.

Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

Cotswold District Council: www.cotswold.gov.uk

Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



If you have been to the playing field recently, you will have seen that work is well underway to installing the new play equipment. Our trusty old (and often squeaky) swings have gone, along with the old wooden climbing posts, and brand new swings and frames are being installed. You will recall that this is the first phase of a major upgrade of the field, and we have also completed topographical and ground surveys so that we can finalise the plans for the main area (more on that next month). It's always frustrating that these things take so long, but as the field is such an important and prominent facility, we must get it right.

The state of our roads don't usually feature in the summer months, but increased traffic on Old Hill due the recent closure of Hampton Hill has really taken its toll – the issues have been reported, as have the deteriorating state of the wall and kerbstones along High Street, and other prominent potholes. The full list of active issues can be seen on the website, but if you see something dangerous, do report it directly to Highways.

As we are all looking forward to (or have had) our summer holidays, I thought it would be fun to have a photo show. On the theme of Holidays and Red, White and Blue, upload up to three of your best pics to the Avening Facebook page before the 4th September, or email them to me at tony.slater@avening-pc.gov.uk. I've started with three of mine to get things going and some of the best could be featured in a future edition of the Villager.

Tony Slater, Chairman

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Following recent interviews, the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Revd Rachel Treweek, is delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Dr Gerald South as Priest in Charge (House for Duty) for the Parishes of Avening and Cherington. Gerald and his wife Jennie expect to move to Avening from their current home in Kent later in the summer with licensing ceremony on October 9th. Please do pray for them as they prepare to move to the Gloucester Diocese and begin a new phase of their ministry amongst us.

More details of the licensing in next months issue.

Avening and Cherington Churches

Hallelujah, Halleluuujah!

We are always surprised by how easily some actors and actresses manage to metamorphose into their roles. The best of them really seem to become the character - think of Alec Guinness for example (if you are over 60) or maybe Sean Bean (if you are not).

Guinness's film roles became legendary, while Bean was a real TV heart-renderer as the gallant fictional soldier Sharpe of the Peninsular Napoleonic War. He has just eclipsed that success as Fr. Michael Kerrigan in the little-box series *'Broken'*. Similar roles in a way, but as Fr. Michael, Bean looked right, sounded right, and 'felt' right. And to an ancient, moth-eaten and rather grumpy old parson he was actually pretty good at and around the altar.

So good that I expect he may be thought of as a real priest by some people who can lose themselves in a make-believe world which seems closer than, or to, their real one. *'Broken'* was very good. It made us cry a lot, and laugh a little - and Fr Michael's experiences hit home because Sean Bean got it right. He may even have been asked to hear a confession or two. Bet he also got some lurid fan-mail.

A neat point was the use of the song *'Hallelujah'*, not just for its haunting tune but for the words. "We may be broken, but we are not beaten". Not just appropriate for a television story about one fictional and heroic illustration of the Christian Church at work but for the Church as a whole, and many, all if we are honest, Christians here and everywhere.

Broken. At times broken-hearted, broken-spirited, broken in body or mind, broken dreams or ambitions - or just plain broke. Nobody is immune, but as Christians we have an immense advantage when picking up the pieces. We are never alone. Fr. Michael may not really be here for anybody who needs him, but there are others who are. Christians have faith, hope and love - three qualities which abide and can never be beaten. And the greatest of these is love.

Contact the Churchwardens if you would like someone to talk to.

Richard and Margaret Maslen

Puzzle Corner (Answers on page 28)

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contains all of the digits 1 to 9.

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- 1 Dock (5)
- 4 Sore (7)
- 8 Rubbish (7)
- 9 Sacred song (5)
- 10 Boulders (5)
- 11 Sincere (7)
- 12 Real (6)
- 14 Blemished (6)
- 17 Ancient Japanese warrior (7)
- 19 Concur (5)
- 21 Ashen (5)
- 22 Before (7)
- 23 Least difficult (7)
- 24 Viper (5)

Down

- 1 Bet (5)
- 2 Fruit (7)
- 3 Emblems (5)
- 4 Fragments (6)
- 5 Endanger (7)
- 6 Fire (5)
- 7 Restricted (7)
- 12 Relieve of blame (7)
- 13 Abbreviate (7)
- 15 Concerned (7)
- 16 Straightforward (6)
- 18 Relocates (5)
- 19 Main artery (5)
- 20 Mistake (5)

Avening Playgroup

At the time of writing this we are sadly about to say goodbye to another group of lovely children who will be starting school in September. They have all enjoyed their visits to school and are looking forward to the next step in their learning journey.

Our younger children are already talking about being one of the older ones next year, and helping the new children who will be joining us to settle in and follow our routine.

The children have enjoyed lots of playing and learning outside this month, enjoying the lovely weather we have had. They enjoyed walking down to the park to watch some of the sports day at Avening School and proudly wore the stickers they received for taking part in the pre-school race.

On behalf of everyone at Avening Playgroup I would like to thank you all for your support at our fundraising events this year, and hope that you all have a good summer.

Debbie Brown

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Avening W.I.

Avening W.I. has had a very successful month. Our group of Tetbury, Kemble and Avening W.I. had a very entertaining evening hosted by Kemble and at that meeting we won back the cup as we came 2nd and 3rd in the individual competition which was for the best floral table decoration. We also have two teams through to the final of the County Quiz having come 1st and 3rd in the 2nd round. Our skittlers are through to the next round of the County Plate competition having beaten Randwick W.I. Our next opponents will be Bishops Cleeve and the match will be held at Painswick.

We are continuing to have our monthly walks and the last walk around the Chavenage estate was on a stiffling hot day. We enjoyed all the wild flowers and the sight of three hares playing in the fields and at the end had a bring and share picnic on the green under the beautiful big shady trees. The next walk is over the Besbury and Minchinhampton Commons.

As usual we provided teas at the village fete. We made lots of cakes and scones which were very popular. We had a good number of members volunteering which helped us through a very busy and successful afternoon.

The W.I. usually takes a break during August, but this year we are going to have a village treasure hunt followed by supper at Eileen's house. We are hoping that our members will arrive with contributions of clothing and toiletries for the Vine Project as Pat Chase, the project's coordinator, is coming to this event and she will be hoping to fill a crate with donations to dispatch to South Africa during September. The Vine Project supports the youngsters in one village where most of their parents have died from HIV/AIDS. Pat went out to the village during May to attend the University Graduation ceremonies of three of the young people she has supported. There are four others studying at University. This would have been impossible without the project's support. Avening W.I. is proud to have supported her work over the last few years.

Gwyneth Simpson



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The Mark Townsend Charitable Trust Sponsored Walk



The sponsored walk on July 9th went really well.

Arron and Sam, two of our committee members ran the 8 mile route in two and a half hours!! The rest of the walkers (about 60) set off and went on different routes, all reporting back that it was a beautiful walk, especially enjoying Avening Court and Chavenage House - but all

agreed that we live in a beautiful place.

Once all the sponsor money has been collected we will have raised a massive £2,300.00. Please can we thank everybody for walking, sponsoring, making cakes and letting us walk over their land and to thank them for helping us to help others.



Well done, Arron and Sam!

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Down to Earth



A Waterperry Vista

We visited Waterperry Gardens on a hot, bright summer's day and saw the legacy and original inspiration of Miss Beatrix Havergal at its most vibrant, dazzling and luxuriant moment, floral displays topped by a shimmer of bees, butterflies and other assorted pollinators. This began as a school for young lady gardeners, founded by the formidable and determined Miss Havergal, assisted by Avice Sanders, in Pusey in 1927, moving to

Waterperry and a house rented from Magdalen College, Oxford, in 1931.

According to the prospectus for the original intake of students, 'the training will consist of a theoretical and thoroughly practical training in the various branches of horticulture, including soils and manures, glasshouse management, pruning and garden construction'. Well, that seems to cover everything, then. The school ran until 1971 when it was bought by the School of Economic Science, which added, to the horticultural education, a leaning towards philosophy and in particular Eastern philosophy and – I quote from the website -: "‘the love of wisdom’ – as a means of gaining deeper insights into the natural laws governing humanity, and the origin of those laws." What summed it up for me, and rendered the philosophy tangible, was the charming statue by Nathan David of the 'Girl holding the lamp of Wisdom'. Do go and visit Waterperry Gardens. (Just to the north-east of Oxford.) There is also a very nice plant centre and a small museum of old gardening implements. You really do feel that this is not just any old commercial set-up, such as 'garden centres' have become, attached to a historic garden. One senses the original motive of horticultural education; there is thought behind this enterprise, a strong ideological ambiance.

The mention of economics in the same context as horticulture is timely as Kew has just launched its



*Girl holding the Lamp
of Wisdom*

second State of the World's Plants report. We gardeners tend only to think of plants that give us aesthetic pleasure in our gardens or those we can nurture and harvest for food. Yet the once genteel pursuit of botanising has now been enlisted in the saving of mankind and the planet. Investigations are ongoing into how plants respond to climate change, how biodiversity can be maintained, how we deal with invasive species and, last but not least, what more can be learnt about the medicinal value of plants. It's all on their website and it's fascinating.

Now, I used to think of dead-heading as an awfully bourgeois pursuit. Like me turning into the horticultural equivalent of the ultra-fastidious modern housewife in that enduringly delightful Jacques Tati film, *Mon Oncle*, snipping off any shoot that dares to protrude above an exact geometrical shape. But there are good reasons for dead-heading: it prolongs the life of the plant. Instead of thinking the job is done (Produce flowers. Attract pollination. Set seeds) the plants go into overdrive ('You won't kill ME as easily as that!') and produce more flowers, resulting in more pollen and nectar for the bees and other flying insects. It is best to leave some foliage when shearing back. I killed a very nice geranium 'Kashmir White' several years ago by going at it with too much gusto, and was reduced to begging a piece of the same from a neighbour. (How on earth does one kill a hardy geranium? Quite.) Pelargoniums (those that go in pots) benefit, too. I am convinced my floral display this year is all down to dedicated dead-heading.

In August, no-one really wants a gardening task that is any more arduous than dead-heading. After all, one must leave time for the Pimms. However, a fair number of shrubs that flower in the spring or early summer really want their hair-cut done after flowering, for next year's flowers will appear on new growth made this summer. Early flowering clematis need this treatment. Some spiraeas, likewise. Three basic principles (for shrubs in general) are: cut out dead or diseased shoots; eliminate overlapping, rubbing or congested shoots; cut out spindly growth to allow concentration on strong new shoots. For further, more plant-specific details (if there is any plant left!) do use the RHS website. It's clear and user-friendly. Now, enjoy your Pimms!



*Early-flowering clematis
'Frances Ravis' after short back
and sides.*

Marilyn Jones



Avening School



Year 6 pupils with their teachers on their last day at Avening School. We all wish them lots of luck and happiness for the future.

What a Year!

It happens every year, but saying goodbye to pupils never gets any easier. This year, in addition to saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, all who have achieved so much during their time at Avening School, there were three more poignant goodbyes to be made. Two of our Catalonian families have left to move back to Spain and Mrs Clifford, who has been with the school for more than 16 years as a teaching assistant, has retired. During the leaver's assembly on the last day of term, there were songs, memories shared, gifts presented and a tear or two shed amongst the congregation of staff, parents and pupils. On behalf of Avening School we sincerely wish all of our y6 leaver's an exciting and smooth transition over to secondary school and the best of luck to our Spanish families as they embark on new adventures - and to Mrs Clifford we wish a joyful and enriching retirement; you will all be greatly missed.

What a year it has been! There have been so many wonderful moments at school over this past academic year. Here are a few highlights; school outings

to the Black Country Museum; Copsegrove Farm; Young Voices in Birmingham NEC; the RSC in Stratford-upon-Avon; Caerleon Roman heritage site; Cirencester Corinium museum; Bristol Old Vic; @Bristol; Nailsworth Mills; and Avebury. Countless sports fixtures and tournaments including making the finals of Area Sports and several of our children winning medals; football, tag rugby and netball tournaments; school awards for Outdoor play and learning (platinum award) and Sport (silver mark); one of our best ever World Book Days with a Harry Potter theme; fantastic Christmas productions from both Ks1 and 2 and not forgetting our fabulous showcase of musical talent – the musical soiree; finally and most recently, improvements made to our lower playground complete with stage, playhouse, sandpit and storytelling area! Phew! It's definitely time for a break!

Looking ahead to September, we will have newly refurbished infants toilets thanks to a successful bid made earlier on in the year. We will be welcoming our brand new reception class into the Eagles and all classes will move on to a new school year. We will be offering a new array of after school clubs, including a new arts club run by 'The Artsparks' team. There will be new term topics and school trips announced and Mrs Rushton will be forming a new Young Voices choir ready for the next performance in January at the NEC.

From everyone at Avening School, we wish you all a happy and sunny summer. See you in September!

For further information about our happy, busy place of learning, please see our school website; www.avening.gloucs.sc

Alex Adcock

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Fledglings at Avening Primary School



We have been holding our hugely successful Fledglings sessions at Avening Primary School for well over a year. Run by the Eagles Class Teaching Assistant, Mrs Carter, the sessions are held in the school garden and have a focus on outdoor learning.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of outdoor activities such as den building, pond dipping and playing in the mud kitchen, as well as enjoying toasting marshmallows over the fire.

Fledglings also offers the children the chance to take part in outdoor craft activities - in recent weeks children have hidden clay faces on the trees, made dream catchers and wands and designed their own flower crowns.

The sessions are held on Friday afternoons in the school garden from 2pm- 3pm. The sessions are held weekly during the summer term, and fortnightly during the Autumn and Spring terms. Please contact the school office on 01453 833191 or email admin@avening.gloucs.sch.uk for more details.



Katherine Turner, Eagles (Reception) teacher

New Phototherapy Department at Tetbury Hospital

Sunlight has been used for thousands of years in the treatment of skin disease. Since February 2017 Tetbury Hospital has been able to offer phototherapy to patients with a range of skin conditions who have been referred via consultant dermatologists. The new phototherapy booth was funded thanks to the Friends of Tetbury Hospital who raised the £54,000 needed through various events and activities.



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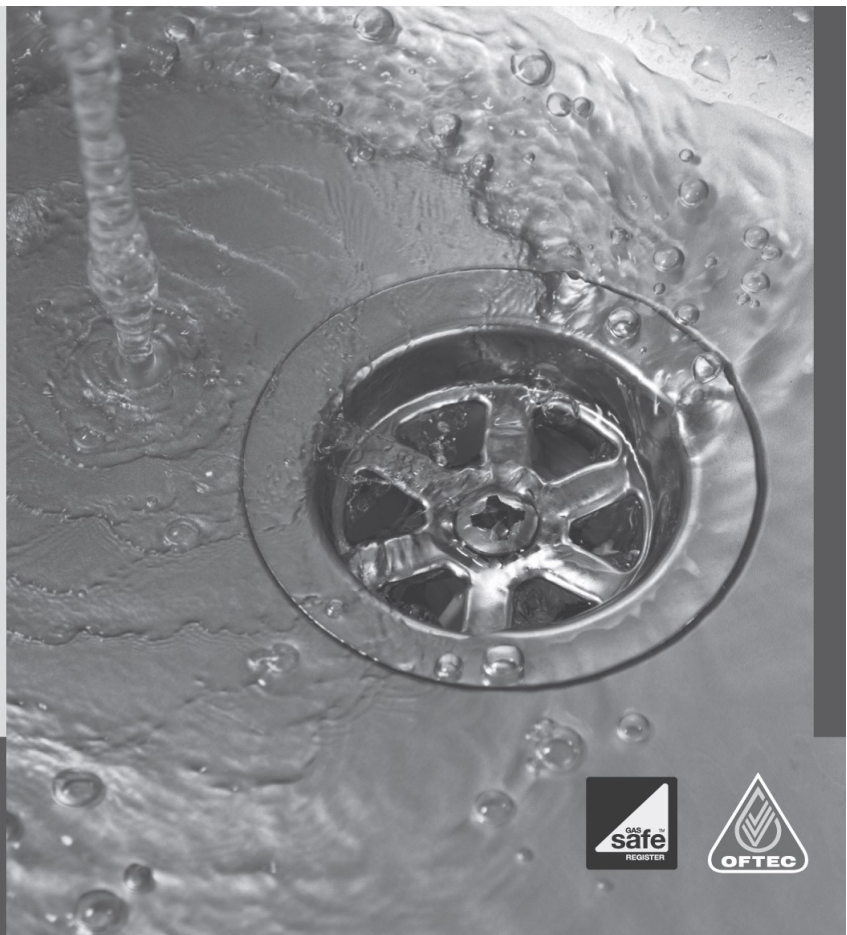
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Down Memory Lane



Photographs from my great uncle George White's photograph album of Mr and Mrs Fred George Milsom in Cherington circa 1930's.

One shows Mr Milsom, who was born in Tetbury in 1863, in Matt's Garden, which was next to the Old Rectory, towards the green. Behind him, across the lane, is the row of cottages next to Coxes Farm. Matt's Garden is now known as "The Walled Garden" after it was sold for housing development in the late 1980's. Before that, it was used by the employees of Coxes Farm to grow their own vegetables. Fred died in 1936.

The other photograph is of Fred's wife, Emily Kate standing by the wooden porch of their cottage (no 37) opposite Matt's garden.

Their son Jim lived at the shop (no 25, in Pear Tree Row) with his wife Winnie during the 1930s. His sister Amy later ran the shop, until 1945, and she was followed by another brother, Sam and his wife Esther, who ran the shop and post office till 1970.

Charles Rymer

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Elsie's FGR Experience

After a great season last year, FGR have managed to get promoted into League 2 football. This is a huge thing for such a small club to achieve and I don't know about you but I can't wait for this season to start! It will be nice to see us play different teams who are used to playing at a different standard but I believe that we can match their standards this season especially with our new players: Bradley Collins, Scott Laird, Lee Collins, Reece Brown, Callum Evans, Jordan Morris, Tom Anderson, Jon Moran and Luke James.

With these new players in addition to our existing squad we are looking even stronger and it has been great to see them play in some of the pre-season friendlies already this summer! Here are some of the upcoming fixtures to look forward to. Hope to see you there supporting FGR on their League 2 journey!

COME ON YOU ROVERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Elsie Heslop

Who it's against!	What match is it?	What day it's on!	What time it is!	Home or Away!
Worthing	Pre-season	Tuesday- 1/8/17	7:30 pm	A
Barnet	League 2	Saturday – 5/8/17	3:00 pm	H
Mansfield	League 2	Saturday – 12/8/17	3:00 pm	A
Yeovil	League 2	Saturday – 19/8/17	3:00 pm	H
Colechester	League 2	Saturday – 26/8/17	3:00 pm	A

Puzzle Answers

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Avening Cinema Club

Avening Cinema Club will be relocating from the Social Club to the Memorial Hall in September. Derrick Ind has been a great host and supporter of the club for the last three years and we really appreciate the home he has given us. Our move is so that we can be equipment-free. Picking up and having the kit collected was becoming increasingly burdensome.

Our remaining dates for 2017 are: Sept 7th; October 27th; November 24th.

Kristiane Maseyk

Church Visiting

The Church is here to support people in good times and in bad - we are always happy to provide someone to talk to.

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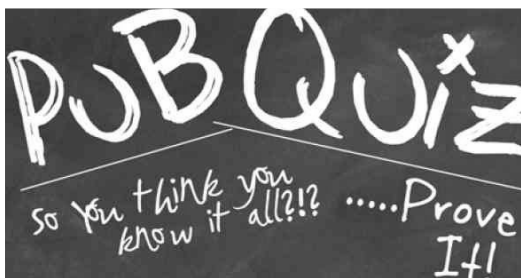
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Broadband

County Cllr Stephen Hirst attended for the first time and, at his request, was informed about the difficulties with broadband and mobile coverage in the parish. A recent update on Fastershire plans can be found at: <http://www.grcc.org.uk/news/news/post/338-grcc-fastershire-broadband-event-a-next-steps>

To find out if your home or business is included in Phase 3, use the line checker on Fastershire's website: <http://www.fastershire.com/>

You can also sign up for email updates on the Fastershire site.

Planning

30 May 2017, 17/02236/CLEUD:

Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under S191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the use of existing building as a separate dwelling. Westrip Barns, Westrip Farm Lane, Cherington.

Status: Awaiting Decision

25 May 2017, 17/02197/COMPLY

Compliance with 5 & 6 of applications 16/02422/FUL & 16/02423/LBC. Coach House, Cherington Park, Cherington.

Status: Awaiting Decision

The Council had no further information to add to assist the CDC decision.

For further information please visit www.cotswold.gov.uk and search on the Planning pages.

Car park

The Council has now carried out weed spraying. The gravel laying will take place after the Show. Car parking provision will be discussed at the September meeting.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday September 12th 2017 at 6pm** in the Village Hall. An agenda will be placed on the village notice board and on our website, cheringtonpc.org.uk.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend meetings; the agenda includes public participation time to enable you to raise any issues. The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01453 832100 or via email at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk.

Avening Parish Council



The minutes of the meetings will be published shortly but some of the issues raised at the meeting are listed below:

Cllr Stephen Hirst attended his first Avening Parish Council meeting and advised that some funds would be available for parishes to hold celebrations next year to mark the end of World War 1.

He also reported that additional funds would be available for youth activities.

Map Boards

We are currently in the process of ordering 2 map boards for the village which will indicate walks in the area and particular points of interest for visitors.

Road Closure

We've had notification that Steps Lane will be closed during the Gatcombe Horse Trials 4-6 August 2017.

Poppy Appeal Organiser Needed

The British legion are looking for volunteers in Avening to help with the poppy appeal from Saturday 28 October – Sunday 12 November 2017. If you are interested please e-mail Gloucestershire's Community Fundraiser nmayall@britishlegion.org.uk or call 07884 869597

Planning Applications

Ref. No: 17/01968/FUL

Replacement windows, fencing & entrance gates, Insertion of a new rooflight, Replacement guttering & downpipes, re-pointing & lime-wash finish to dwelling - White Rose Cottage 1 Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT

There were no objections other than concerns regarding the new rooflight on the front elevation.

Ref. No: 17/02665/FUL

Lower cills of five first floor windows - Winterfold 23 West End Avening TETBURY Gloucestershire GL8 8NE

No objections raised.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 17 August 2017 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall. Agendas will be displayed on the village notice boards. Minutes of our meetings are available to view at www.avening-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk or by phone: 01452 770792 07866 297098 (mobile).

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Avening Church Fete

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the fete such a wonderful, happy village event. We really appreciate the time and energy given either on the day or in the build up beforehand. Special thanks to Avening Playgroup and Avening WI and all who donated raffle prizes.

THANK YOU to you all!

Stephanie Hamilton, CW and Chair of Fete Committee

Look out for photos and reports of the fetes in the next edition of the Villager

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Sunday August 13th		Cherington	NO SERVICE
	5.00pm	Avening	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday August 20th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday August 27th	9.30 am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
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Sunday Sept 3rd	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
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4th – 6th August	Gatcombe Hose Trials. Step Lane closed		
Thursday 17th August	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 19th August	Mark Townsend Charitable Trust's Hoedown	Sir William Romney's School	8.00pm
Monday 4th September	Deadline for Avening photo competition		
Wednesday 6th September	Autumn term begins	Avening School	
Thursday 7th September	Avening Film Club (film tba)	Avening Memorial Hall	
Saturday 9th September	Ride & Stride for Glos. Historic Churches	Contact no: Glen 01452 538271	
Tuesday 12th September	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	6.00pm
Monday 9th October	Licencing of new Parish priest ALL WELCOME	Avening Church	7.00 pm

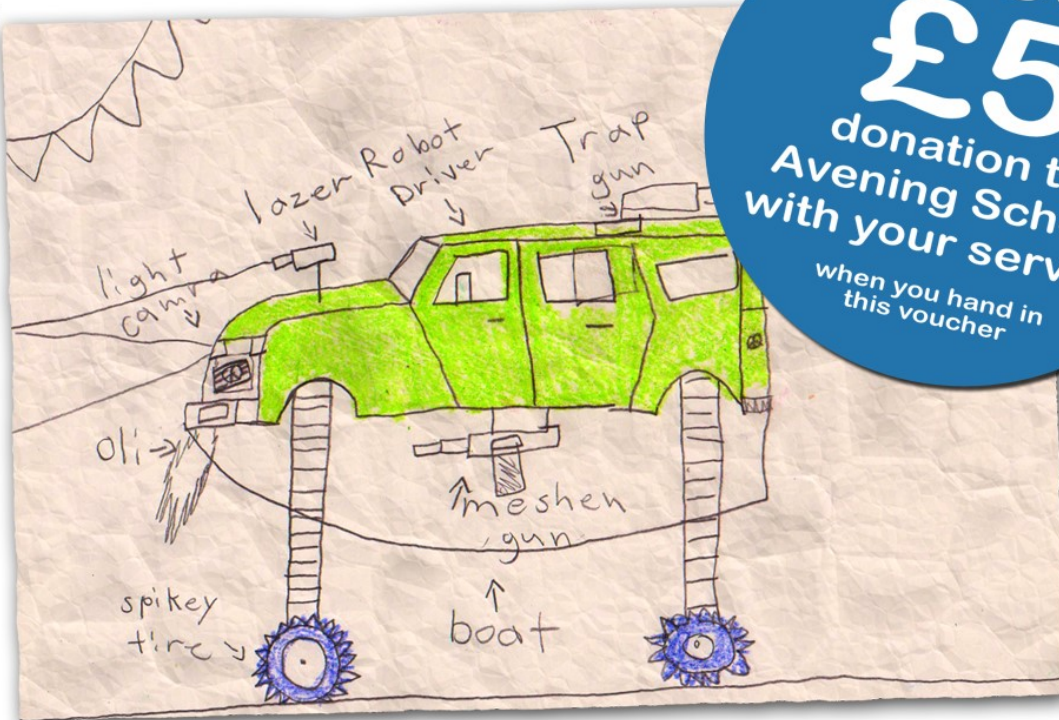
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