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What an extraordinary summer we are having. It seems churlish to complain about wall to wall sunshine, but it is very hard on our farmers, seeing so much of their work destroyed by drought and worrying about how to feed their animals. For most of us the main disappointment is that our efforts in the garden are doomed to failure.

On a lighter note, over the last few weeks we have enjoyed the sight of multitudes of swifts and house martins circling over the valley. In the past the home of one of the editors has been used by many pairs of house martins to build their nests, and huge enjoyment has been derived from watching them raise their families. Sadly, in recent years they have gone elsewhere. We wonder where their chosen destination now is. Perhaps you are the lucky ones! Do let us know.

Finally, both Avening Fete and the Cherington Show have been held on glorious days and we should be very glad to receive any photos from readers, which can be included in next month's edition.

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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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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 |
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| Line Dancing | Monday | 7.30 - 9.30pm | Social Club | Social Club 01453 833760 |
| Mobile Post Office | Monday and Thursday | 2.00 to 3.00pm | opposite 65, Sunground | J. Clutterbuck 01453 542754 |
| Churchyard tidy up | Tuesday fortnightly | 6.00 - 7.00pm | Holy Cross churchyard | Rev. Gerald 01453 834884 |
| Cherington PC | Tuesday | 6.00pm | Village Hall | Beverley 01453 832100 |
| Bell Ringing | Tuesday | 7.30 - 9.00pm | Church Bell Tower | Andrew 01453 835783 |
| Line Dancing | Tuesday | 8.00 - 10.00pm | Social Club | Social Club 01453 833760 |
| Avening Youth Club | Every Tuesday in term time | 6.00—7.30pm | Memorial Hall | Rev. Gerald 01453 834884 |
| Over 60s Lunch Club | 1st Wednesday each month | 12.30pm | Social Club | Christine 01453 833246 |
| Avening Art Club | Thursday | 2.00 - 4.00pm | Various | Mick 01453 836318 |
| Avening W.I. | 2nd Thursday each month | 7.30pm | Memorial Hall | Maisie 01453 834679 |
| Avening PC | 3rd Thursday each month | 7.30pm | Memorial Hall | Caroline 01285 380041 |
| Summer Skittles | Friday | 8.00pm | Social club | Derrick Ind 01453 835752 |
| Charity Quiz | 1st Saturday each month | 8.00pm | The Bell | |
| Avening Angels Choir | Sunday | 4.00pm | Various | Derrick Pierce 01453 835090 |

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| Avening Social Club | Derrick Ind | 01453 835752 |

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| Over 60s Lunch Club | Christine Howell | 01453 833246 |
| Stroud Hospital | Reception | 0300 421 8080 |
| Tetbury Hospital | | 01666 502336 |
| Women's Institute | Gwyneth Simpson | 01453 836556 |



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Avening Parish Council: www.avening-pc.gov

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



Football may not be coming home (for at least around 1650 days), but the PC moved back into its traditional home after many years of exile in the Chamberlain Room. Following the safety improvements to the school Kitchen we were able to bring the Reading Room back into use. Unfortunately all the old furniture had been disposed of, but the donated second hand desks fit in a treat. We have installed a wall-mounted monitor that connects to the hall Wi-Fi, so it will be easier to review plans and documents without the need to print them – giving us ongoing savings on ink and resources.

The July PC meeting focussed the majority of time on ongoing projects and community activities, so here's a quick round up:

- The initial quotes for fencing of the play equipment in the field have been received from 'specialist' companies – for c70m of a hooped metal barrier they want around £6,000. We are looking elsewhere!
- We have agreed to continue our support of the blossoming youth club, initially paying the hall rental for a further year, with support for an additional leader being considered for 2019.
- The parts for the pumps are almost ready, and should be fitted soon.
- We are withdrawing the planning application for the playing field. This allows a revised scheme to be submitted within 12 months without additional fees. We will have an internal meeting in September to develop a proposal for the new scheme, and a plan for public consultation. It is unlikely that any scheme would commence work before 2020.

We have been advised that in order to fit a new water main, Lawrence Road will be closed to through traffic between 3rd and 9th September. Residents will be advised of the exact details, but please be aware.

The centre of Avening is dominated by Avening Mill. Since it was first built in the early 18th century, it has had several jobs – It was originally a cloth mill, later a corn mill, and until 1959 was still driven by water. By 1972 it was redundant, but a new owner created a mix of light engineering units and offices. These were closed in the early 2000's while the owner sought planning permission for it to be converted to residential units. The conversion was completed in 2016, and the final units should be occupied

soon. Once this happens, the developer will hand over the running to a management company comprising all of the individual owners. The reason for my potted history is to highlight that the mill is now a private residential building, whose land includes Mill Lane. Highways have confirmed this. The residents have asked me to point out that where access may previously have been freely available, this is no longer the case, and they would like their privacy to be respected.

Tony Slater, Chairman

Save the Date!

Saturday 10th November

**Avening Armistice Concert
and Party**

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(mandy@talktalk.net)**

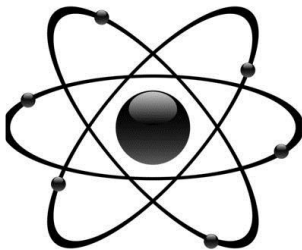
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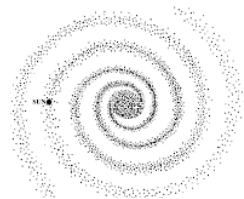
So often I find that when people discover I am both a priest and a physicist they comment that such a combination is very surprising if not impossible. The whole area of the relationship between religious faith and science is a most fascinating one and has exercised the minds of many scientists and theologians – and it still does.

Science – it is often thought – consists of certain knowledge, whereas religious faith – it is often thought – requires belief in umpteen impossible things before breakfast.



The life scientific requires many steps of faith: for example, that the universe really is sensible and amenable to meaningful investigation; that experiments done some time ago would still give much the same results if repeated today. When Einstein came up with the idea of merging time and space it was a step of faith in his imagination rather than an obvious fact.

Modern science has also fed us with some intriguing questions. How is it that in the Big Bang some 14 billion years ago there was the potential for creating you and me, conscious of our own existence and able to make sense of the world around us? Why is it that if the strength of gravity, or other natural forces, were only very slightly different from their actual values then the universe would not exist? Why is it that the work of pure mathematicians creating new ‘games’ in their heads so often turns out to be exactly the language needed to describe the behaviour of the big wide world? Why does the world of very small particles defy our human intuition?



Such questions lead many to appreciate that there is more to things than we see on the surface – life, the universe, existence itself have ‘depth’.

This does not directly lead to the Christian faith: that requires each individual to absorb the message and person of Jesus of Nazareth by reading what we know about him in the gospels and allowing this (some would say allowing him) to impact on our lives. Like riding a bike, that can only be done by trying it out – not to do so would be unscientific.

**Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening and Cherington. 01453 834884
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Here Comes the Sun

With the help of this Beatles song our July All Age Service was centred on the sun, some of the biblical references to it and some of our more recent scientific knowledge about it, providing us with a marvellous example of the nature of creation and its creator.

We will not be holding such a service in August but we will be back again in the autumn at Cherington church. This style of service, lasting about 35 minutes, is attracting a very wide range of people of all ages and it is good to see youngsters and adults coming together as a Christian community should.

Churchyard tidy-ups continue on alternate Tuesdays, 6 pm to 7 pm; volunteers very welcome.

From the Church Registers

- 1st July: Baptism of Archie Eddolls (Avening)
 7th July: Interment of ashes of Edna Powell (Avening)
 18th July: Thanksgiving service for the life of Derek Vickery (Avening)
 22nd July: Baptism of Lucy Clibborn (Avening)

Church Services and Events

| August | Holy Cross Avening | St Nicholas Cherington |
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| 5 th | 11.00 am Eucharist | 9.30 am Eucharist |
| 7 th | 12.30-1.00 Praying the Parishes (Avening Rectory) | |
| 7 th | 6.00 pm Churchyard tidy-up | |
| 12 th | 8.00 am Said Eucharist 5.30 pm Evening Prayer (Said) | - |
| 15 th | 7.00 pm Compline | |
| 18 th | | Wedding |
| 19 th | 11.00 am Eucharist | 9.30 am Eucharist |
| 21 st | 6.00 pm Churchyard tidy-up | |
| 26 th | 11.00 am Eucharist | 9.30 am Morning Prayer |
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| 2 nd | 11.00 am Eucharist | 9.30 am Eucharist |

In Memory of Derek Vickery

Eulogy given by Rev. Celia Carter at the memorial service
of DEREK VICKERY.



I don't think any of us here this morning like to think of Evening without Derek.

He and Julie and their family have been an intrinsic part of the Community for over 50 years...woven into the very fabric of the village.

Derek has left a wonderful legacy . Not only of himself - the remarkable man that he was and all that he did for others - but also his extensive family: five children, 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. His most recent great-grandson, Amy's little boy, was born only 10 weeks ago, so Derek was there to welcome him into the world.

Derek was so very special - kind, generous, hospitable and wonderfully funny. He could find a joke in almost anything and was well known for his one-liners.

Julie was the centre of his life - Julie and the family. They must have had one of the most romantic starts to a life together. A friend had asked Julie to join her and two others for an evening of greyhound racing. One of the two others.....was Derek. He and Julie were instantly attracted to one another and fell in love. By the end of the evening they knew they wanted to be together forever. "When is your birthday?" Derek asked. Julie answered and he said: "Right...we will announce our

engagement on July 3rd!" That truly was love at first sight! They stayed devoted to one other for their 53 years of marriage and loved being together day by day.

When Derek first became ill and was kept in hospital Julie fought like a tiger to bring him home and nursed him herself in the months that followed. A few weeks ago when he had to go back into hospital Julie once again persuaded the doctors to let him leave.....so that he could die in his own home with her caring for him. Surely there is no greater gift to give to anyone than that.

For most of his working life Derek was a lorry driver with Pargeters, until he was diagnosed with diabetes and temporarily lost his licence. He found things to do, like gardening and generally helping people around the village. He especially enjoying the village activities....skittles...bowls and was always there to help out with village and Church fetes.

When he had his licence returned Derek became the milkman for Busssge. From there he went on to work at the Tetbury Steel Factory. He was also a volunteer driver for those needing to go to the surgery or the hospital.

Julie and Derek had to bear the greatest tragedy for any parent - the loss of their eldest daughter, Nicky. She died when she was just 18 years old. Together they took in her little daughter Cheryl and brought her up as their own, in the very heart of the family.

Derek's family have of course got their special memories of their Dad and Gramp. Full of love and laughter and memories of rides in the milk carts and lorries. I believe that they can be summed up by what Cassie wrote:

So today, Dad, I promise you this:

I will always remember you.

I will smile when I think of you.

I will laugh when I remember your jokes.

And I will tell anyone who will listen what an amazing, strong, loving and hard working man you were.

You will forever be my inspiration and forever in my heart.

Fly high Dad! I love you!

Both Derek and Julie are people of Faith. This has supported and guided them through the good and bad times of their lives. It is knowing and believing in what Jesus said that sustains us through Life: I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS AND I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU AND WHERE I AM YOU WILL BE ALSO.

We claim this assurance for Derek that he is indeed flying high in the place prepared for him alongside Nicky, his beloved daughter.

Now we are held in God's all enveloping Love that reaches us here on Earth and stretches out into Eternity.

Puzzle Corner

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(Answers on page 28)

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. Goddess of love (5)
3. Revoke (7)
7. Floor show (7)
9. Oversight (5)
10. Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
11. Rising warm air current (7)
13. Symbol of disgrace or infamy (6)
14. Sour (6)
18. Inscrutable (7)
20. Type of snake (5)
21. Photo book (5)
23. Luxurious (7)
24. Commotion (7)
25. Restorative (5)

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| 1. Asinine (7) | 12. Gruesome (7) |
| 2. Satire (7) | 15. Explanation (7) |
| 3. Turn on an axis (6) | 16. Forceful and extreme (7) |
| 4. Unguent (5) | 17. Educational institution (6) |
| 5. Mischievous fairy (3) | 18. Intone (5) |
| 6. Live (5) | 19. Musical speed (5) |
| 8. Transience (7) | 22. Saloon (3) |

Avening Playgroup

At the time of writing this, our older children are really looking forward to starting school in September. They have all really enjoyed their visits to school, and have returned to playgroup really excited. We are delighted with this, as we feel that we have done a good job in preparing them for school life. We are all looking forward to joining Avening Primary School for the first part of their sports morning on Wednesday 18th July. We shall be cheering on the children as they take part in their running races and playgroup children will be running too, in a pre-school race. I know from past experience that the children will be organising their own races once they return back to playgroup!

I was hoping to tell you about our OFSTED inspection in this issue of The Villager. As it has not yet been published, I am unable to do so - but I am able to tell you who will be replacing me in September. The new Playleader/Manager will be Angie Heslop. She has worked at playgroup for the past 12 years, and was a parent before that, so she has lots of experience of both teaching the children and knowing how playgroup is run and its history. I know that she will do a fantastic job and be a great help to the present and future committees. The committee are currently going through the recruitment process for a third member of staff (see the advert on page 30), which I am sure Angie will let you know the outcome of in a future Villager issue.

As this will be my final Villager article for Playgroup, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all past and present committee members, parents and everyone else who has supported playgroup during the 13 years that I have been Playleader. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I hope that you all have a lovely summer.

If you have a child who will be three during the coming school year and you would like them to join playgroup, please contact us on 01453 8323695 or email us at aveningplaygroup@gmail.com.

Debbie Brown

The Editors would like to take this opportunity to thank Debbie on behalf of the whole village for all her work with the Playgroup and the children in her care.

Avening W.I.



This amazing weather we have been experiencing in the last month has been great for all the many events taking place in the area and I'm sure we will all remember the summer of 2018. Our own gardens have been suffering a bit, but our summer outing to the Savill Garden in Windsor was excellent. The Rose Garden and the Summer Herbaceous Borders were particularly beautiful and there

were lots of woodland areas and shady places to sit. The impressive Visitor Centre with its undulating wooden roof included a good café where we enjoyed a very tasty lunch.

It was our turn to host the annual Group Meeting with Kemble and Ewen and Tetbury WIs at the Social Club, where our catering reputation was upheld. We provided a wonderful spread of food for over sixty appreciative members, followed by an inspiring talk by Pat Chase of the VINE Project. Avening WI support Pat in her wonderful work enabling orphaned children in a very poor area of



South Africa to receive a good education. The many dresses, jumpers and hats produced by members for the group competitions are now on their way to Africa. If anyone has any unwanted pairs of glasses please give them to a WI member before our September meeting. These are used by the children's grandmothers who do very fine beadwork to sell.

Our recent speaker, Sue Davies, gave a very poignant account of the life of her daughter Annie who suffered from a lack of growth hormone. Sadly, she was born before the risks of treatment with Human Growth Hormone Replacement

were discovered and she died just before her 30th birthday. However, she did achieve an impressive bucket list of activities, including a trip to see the Northern Lights. She also raised a son, who has since been adopted by Sue. Since 1980s a Synthetic Growth Hormone Replacement has been used successfully to treat the condition.

In place of a meeting in August, we are planning a social evening with a Bring and Share Supper on Thursday 9th August at 6.30pm in the Social Club. During the evening there will be a talk by local author Ross Frowen who, together with Claire Steele, wrote the book for children entitled 'Ten Thousand Bowls of Soup'. The book was produced by a team of Avening residents and has been listed as one of Summer's Hottest Reads by the Mail on Sunday.

Helen Haiselden

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It has a collection point at Tesco in Tetbury. The local distribution point is at St Mary's Community Centre in Tetbury and is open 9.30-11.00am on Tuesdays for those who have been given a voucher from one of the referral agencies.

There are several ways in which others can help including donating items at Tetbury Tesco. At present the following items are particularly urgently needed: tinned meat, long-life milk, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, instant mash, rice pudding, sponge pudding, long-life juice. The following are currently not needed: beans, pasta.

Financial support may be given in several ways including the website: mydonate.bt.com/charities/cirencesterfoodbank. Also the foodbank could not exist without offers of voluntary help.

Further information at: info@cirencester.foodbank.org.uk

We are also excited to announce our latest fundraising initiative "myFoodbankSupper". Will you take on the challenge of hosting a dinner party with a difference? Invite your friends around for dinner and make them a meal using items typically found in a foodbank parcel. We'll supply shopping lists, invitations for your guests, balloons and table flags. All we ask in return is that they make a donation to the Foodbank.

For more information please visit: <https://cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/supper/>

Minchinhampton Am-Dram

The Minchinhampton Players are proposing to put on Alan Bennett's 'Habeas Corpus' in November this year. One of the cast has unexpectedly dropped out and they are now looking urgently for a replacement. The part would suit a man aged 30-65 (he's a salesman): medium-length in terms of lines and appearances on stage. If you fancy having a go at amateur dramatics or already have experience, please contact John Mounsey 01453 883552 email: jch.mounsey@gmail.com as soon as possible.



Avening School

Sayonara from Avening School

What a whirlwind summer term it has been and how much has happened. During the penultimate week, we had enrichment week where our pupils learned about different continents from around the world and their cultures, sampling native cuisine, dances and crafts. We have had parents come into school and teach the children how to weave, cook, paint and drum and through these activities have travelled to Africa, Asia, Australasia and South America. This amazing week culminated in a special performance for the parents where each class performed a dance in the style of their continent.



As well as travelling around the world, the pupils managed to fit in their annual sports day celebrations with a sports morning up at the playing field in front of a huge audience of family and friends followed by a special sports assembly in the afternoon. The children competed in their houses – Mars, Saturn, Jupiter and Neptune, and, this year,

Jupiter were victorious, winning the Derrick Ind shield which now sits on the trophy shelf adorned with a green ribbon. The sports assembly in the afternoon celebrated all the events that children took part in this year and awarded a sports personality of the year award for the girl and boy who have contributed an extraordinary amount to the school sports during the year through participation, determination and outstanding teamwork. Well done Archie and Sophie for winning this award!

As I write, we have three days left until we bid a fond farewell to our amazing year 6 pupils, all of whom will leave us to move on to several different schools next year. During these last days, the children have lots to look forward to with a special treat day at Cattle Country for the y6 leavers, followed by a y5/6 disco in the evening, a leavers' tea party and their final assembly on the last day of

term where each child recalls their favourite memories of their time at Avening School.

With so much to look forward to in the academic year ahead, for now the staff and children look forward to a well-deserved summer break. On behalf of the whole school, we would like to thank everyone who has supported the school over the past year and contributed to an incredible year of development, enrichment and achievement for the pupils of Avening School. Thank you and have a great summer. See you in September!

For further information about this busy place of learning please see our school website: www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk

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Applications should be made in writing, by the claimant,
to:

Mrs Kelly Wilkinson
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GL8 8LZ





Avening Youth Club



Youth club is closed for the summer but will restart **September 4th**

Details in next months Villager

Want more information? Contact Rev Gerald South on 834884 or Becky at The Door on 01453 756745.

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We're asking anyone who values our region's historic churches to take part in GHCT's sponsored Ride + Stride event on September 8th. It's a great way to explore the local area with the fascinating history of local churches as a focal point. The money raised is split between the Trust and a participant's chosen church.

"Whether you're planning a full day cycling between a hundred churches, or a short driving tour to two or three, anyone can participate in Ride+Stride", said Glenn Duff, Regional Organiser. "All the region's churches are marked on the map at ghct.org.uk to help people plan a route."

Ride + Stride welcomes cyclists of all abilities, as well as walkers, horse-riders and drivers. Just as important are those who take part welcoming others to their church – perhaps getting sponsored to play music, clean the church or mow the churchyard. If your church doesn't have a Local organiser, perhaps you could co-ordinate the activity?

Contact Glenn if you'd like to know more about taking part, to order a banner advertising the event or to update the information for your church: rideandstride@ghct.org.uk or call 01452 538271.

The event takes place on Saturday 8 September and full details can be found at www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride

Media enquiries: Alex Jenner-Fust 07939 024675 alexandrajif@gmail.com

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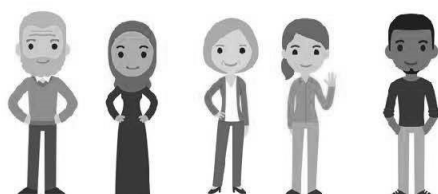


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Please let us know if any information is incorrect and also if you know of any other charities which should be included - we know there are plenty for this list.

| Charity | Purpose | Further Information |
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| Friends of Avening School (FOAS) | FOAS raises money to help with various projects and activities at the school. | 01453 833191 |
| Horsfall House | Provides nursing care for residents, a Day Centre 6 days a week Home Care and meals on Wheels in the local area. | 01453 731227 |
| Hop, Skip & Jump Foundation | Provide high quality respite care for children and young adults with disabilities and SEN | hoskipandjump.org.uk 01453 836390 marcoms@hopskipandjump.org.uk |
| Mark Townsend Charitable Trust | Providing help for young people with mental health issues | themarktownsend-charitabletrust.com 01453 832799 |
| Friends of Little Stars | Fundraising and support for Little Stars School for underprivileged children in Varanasi, India | Kieran Archer 01453 832992 littlestarsschool.org |
| Avening Church of England Educational Fund | To support and promote the education of those under the age of 25 resident in the parish of Avening. | Stephanie Hamilton, 07796 981308 |
| Longfields | Supporting any adult affected by life-limiting illness to live well; to die well; and to care well. | 01453886868 day.services@longfield.org.uk |

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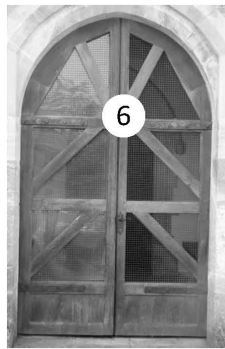
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Puzzle Answers



Door Locations Puzzle from last month's Villager

- 1 The Bell
- 2 Avening Village Hall
- 3 Cherington Village Hall
- 4 Avening Village Club
- 5 Queen Matilda
- 6 Cherington Church
- 7 Avening Church
- 8 Avening High Street (near end of Point Road) (The Shoe box)
- 9 Nags Head Library.

Our thanks to Revd. Gerald for this competition.

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Closing date: 31 August 2018

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Diamond Couple!



This last weekend our lovely village hall was the venue to celebrate the Diamond Wedding of Marlene and Eddie Ash with a wonderful tea party for family and friends. Marlene and Ed were married in Cherington Church on July 19th, 1958 and the reception was in the village hall catered for by our lovely mother.

This time the tea party was catered for by our fantastic W.I. ladies, who did an amazing job and the hall looked lovely with its brand new floor and had been beautifully decorated by the family.

A very happy occasion to have in Cherington as Marlene, Chris and I were all born here as well.

Wendy Eldridge



A Church for the Villages

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Gerald South

The Hog Roast Champion of Avening

Sid Morley, now living in Nailsworth, was born 93 years ago in 1, High Street (the house on the major corner opposite the Queen Matilda Pub). This used to be the shop, started by his Granny, Mrs Fletcher, who used to sell ciggy's out of her living room window. She and Sid's grandfather built a counter and shelves so that their daughter could take it over. Sid's mother was Pretoria (born in the year of the Boer War battle of 1900) May Morley, who tragically died of TB when he was just 11 months old. George and Lizzie Fletcher, his grandparents, brought him up in Leonard's Brook Cottage, where the stream came through the garden. He learnt as a boy how to 'tickle' trout and built up such a reputation for this skill that it was known as far away as Sherston. Sid left Avening School when he was 14 and his extraordinary career in WW2 and further is for another time.



Pretoria May Morley

Fascinatingly, 30 years ago, he expressed an interest in the Hog Roast, which was being put on in Glastonbury by the boss of his son, Vere. It is Vere, who will be doing the Hog Roast at the QUEEN MATILDA FEAST on SEPTEMBER 15th. While watching it, he was horrified to see it cooking on black iron from Australia, which was altered by the heat. He returned home and together with the steel firm T.R. King, made the first ever hog roast frame in stainless steel. Later he organised the manufacture by Bensons of the longest frame, which meant that there was



Sid and Pam Morley

no need to have two machines to cook two lambs. He says that it is of extreme importance where you put the heat, as too far out blackens the machine and too far in burns the pig.

Sid and his family have done many Hog roasts in Avening and especially at the PIG FACE DAY, which has been celebrated since 1080. Up until the late 1970's pork sandwiches were served, and then the Hog Roast came along with Sid!

Avening is the only village in the United Kingdom to have a church built by a Queen of England and the consecration is celebrated on the weekend nearest to September 14th, Holy Cross Day. It is for this reason that our Church is named 'The Church of the Holy Cross' and all because our Anglo Saxon Lord, Britric shunned the proposal of 14 year old Matilda of Flanders, when he was our Ambassador to France. She never forgot the rejection and when the man that she did marry conquered England at the Battle of Hastings, she had Britric's 'lands of Avening' (from Winchester to Tewkesbury) confiscated and had him imprisoned. He died very quickly in his underground cell and she then felt horribly guilty. So she came to Avening and took down the ailing wooden Anglo Saxon church and built the Church as we know it today in an act of repentance. She celebrated with the village by letting them eat of the pig face with hogs from Gatcombe woods.

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Avening Parish Council



Some of the issues raised at the meeting are listed below:

Autumn Events

- Queen Matilda Day Saturday 15 September 2018, look out for more details coming through your door soon.
- World War 1 Centenary Event Saturday 10 November 2018

Emergency Contacts

Following the alarm going off at the Memorial Hall recently, it was agreed that a list of contacts will be displayed on the notice board should this happen again.

Water Pumps

The renovation of the pumps is well underway and new, very smart, name plates have arrived and will be added to the pumps shortly.

Planning Applications

Ref. No: 18/02077/FUL: Erection of carport building (part retrospective) - 25 High Street Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NF

Councillors felt that the carport should be left as it is as they felt it would appear more intrusive if it was clad.

Ref: 18/02404/AGFO: Agricultural or Forestry Notification for Equipment and fodder storage (replacing pole barn) at Court Farm Star Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NT .

No objections raised

Ref: 18/01969/FUL: Full Application for Installation of foul sewer at Minchinhampton Golf Club Avening Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 9AQ

No objections raised.

Ref. No: 18/02103/NONMAT: Non-material Amendment to 17/01415/FUL for amended fenestration to sun room and kitchen window - Land At Wingfield, Hampton Hill, Avening Gloucestershire

Application Permitted

Ref. No: 18/02393: Compliance with Condition 3 of 17/04888/FUL (sample panel) - Erection of first floor side extension - The Maltings. 2 Woodstock Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NG.

Application Permitted

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 16 August** 2018 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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Status: Decided: Application Permit.

18 April 2018 18/01388/FUL: Erection of single storey side extension and insertion of rooflight. St Nicholas House, Cherington.

Status: Decided: Application Permit.

2 May 2018 18/01639/COMPLY: Erection of single storey rear extension Westside House, Cherington. Status: Decided: Application Permit.

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

Infrastructure

Cllrs discussed work to trees to the rear of the car park.

Governance

The Council approved the annual internal audit and governance statements. Privacy Notices are now available on the website Documents page, in compliance with GDPR.

WW1 Centenary Commemoration

The Council is planning a bonfire to mark this on the evening of 11th November. Cherington volunteers are being sought to form a human poppy at an event in Cirencester that day (see notice).

Parish Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 6pm** in the Village Hall. The public are encouraged to attend; public participation, An agenda will be placed on the notice board and cheringtonpc.org.uk. The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 01453 832100 or via email at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk.



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| Tuesday 4th September | Start of new school year | Avening school | |
| Saturday 8th September | Ride and Stride for Gloucestershire Historic Churches | | Contact No 01452 538271 for details |
| Tuesday 11th September | Cherington Parish Council Meeting | Cherington Village Hall | 6.00pm |
| Saturday 15th September | Pig Face Day | Holy Cross Church | 5.00pm |
| Saturday 10th November | End of WWI Centenary Celebration | Avening Memorial Hall and around the Church | tbc |
| Sunday 11th November | End of WWI Centenary Celebration | Cherington Bonfire | tbc |



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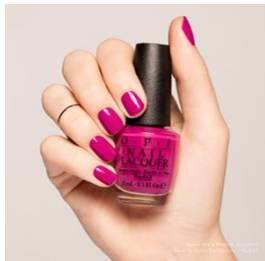
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