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Parish Letter

Dear Friends

In many respects Cornwall is a unique county. Apart from its geographical location, it has had a long tradition associated with other Celtic regions in Great Britain and Northern France. Several of its famous sons and daughters have put particular Cornish places 'on the map.' When we think of Padstow the name Rick Stein comes to mind; St Ives – Barbara Hepworth; Launceston – Charles Causley; St Enodoc – John Betjeman, and so on. But Morwenstow doesn't immediately trigger the name of a famous Cornish poet and vicar until the established tradition of Harvest Festival is mentioned. It was in 1853 that the Reverend Robert Hawker, then vicar of this North Cornish village, invited the local people into the church at the end of the harvest for a thanksgiving service. And so began the tradition of Harvest Festival in schools and churches throughout this country and beyond.

Although there are no recorded details of the service, it is probable that several well known Victorian hymns were sung. Among them might have been some of those which have become much loved hymns such as. '*Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home*'; and, '*We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.*' As we sing the lines of these hymns we are reminded of God's generosity and love for all of us, and that we ought to give thanks to God. '*Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*' Some of the more modern harvest songs remind us that the earth's resources are for all people across the world: '*God's wisdom guiding, teaches us to share one with another.*'

How can we share our abundant harvest? Perhaps in three ways. Firstly, the fruits and vegetables that are offered at the Harvest Festival services in these communities can be given to those on tight budgets. Secondly, the tins, packets and all non perishable foods will be added to those donated at Avening Primary School's Service, and several of the children, Mrs Rushton and I will take them to the Food Bank in Stroud. (We will report in the November edition) And lastly, how should we respond when a natural disaster strikes. or in war torn countries where people die through lack of water, food and medicines? We can give a share of our money, and even better if we can give a few pounds regularly to a humanitarian charity.

We shall be having our Harvest Festival Service at Holy Cross Church on Sunday 12th October at 11:00am followed by Harvest Home in church. Come and celebrate the rich harvest with us!

At the end of October we shall be having the annual All Souls Service when we remember our loved ones who have died and again commend them to

God's saving care. If you would wish the name of a loved one to be remembered at this service please send the details to me or a churchwarden.

With my love and prayers.....

Peter

(The parish priest for Avening and Cherington)



Home Fellowship Groups

Monday 27th October: 70 Sandford Leaze
Monday 24th November: At Avening Rectory

All requests for additional services (Weddings, Baptisms etc.) should be made to Rev. Peter Quinnell or, if he is not available, the Church Wardens. Their contact details are on page 3

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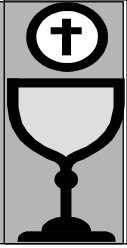
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Services in Avening & Cherington

October

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	DETAILS OF SERVICE
Sunday 5th October	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Trinity 16</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion CW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion CW
Sunday 12th October	08.00	Avening	Morning Prayer (said)
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
Avening Harvest Festival	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion CW Followed by bring & share lunch
<i>Sunday 19th October</i>	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
St. Luke	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion CW
Sunday 26th October	08.00	Avening	Morning Prayer (Said)
Last after Trinity	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion CW
	11.00	Avening	Family Holy Communion CW
Friday October 31st	7.00pm	Avening	ALL SOULS SERVICE
Sunday 2nd November	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>ALL SAINTS</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion CW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion CW
NOTE every Monday and Wednesday there will be a said service of morning prayer in Holy Cross Church at 8-00 am. (except week commencing 5th October)			

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
Oct. 5th	Cas/George	Derrick	Ann
Oct. 12th	Irene/Piers	Stephen/Paul	Elizabeth
Oct. 19th	Jeanie/Margaret	Derrick	Ann
Oct. 26th	Stephanie/Cas	Hamish	Elizabeth
Oct.31st	Stephanie		Ann
Nov. 2nd	George/Piers	Derrick	Ann

Coffee will be served in Evening church after the morning services on October 5th and November 2nd



Church Floodlighting

On 30th September The Church was floodlit - In loving memory of Michael Powell from Thelma, Kevin and Columba.

And on 18th October - the lights will be on to celebrate the Feast of St Luke

The Church looks lovely when it is lit up at night.

If you would like to have this in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event, contact

Paul Brown

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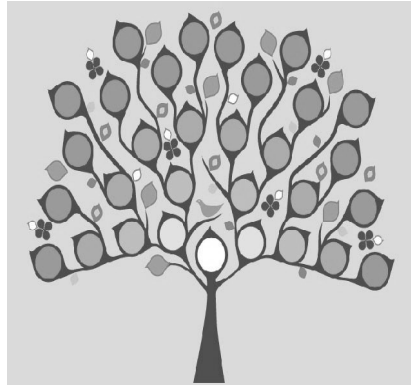
What's On In Avening and Cherington

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
Cherington PC	4th Tuesday Bi-monthly	6.30pm	Village Hall	Frances 01453767384
Book Club	1st Monday each month	7.30pm	The Bell	Kristiane 01453 836515
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	David 01453 882914
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
Tony's Music Quiz	1st Saturday each month	7.30pm	Social Club	In aid of the Cobalt unit
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090

Looking for your Avening Ancestors?

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Saturday 4th October 10am – 4pm

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Avening Roll of Honour research (WW1 & WW2)

Churchyard map

Avening History – photos & documents

Website: www.aveningchurch.info

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Frances Conway** for our cover photo. 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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SOME OF THE GUESTS AT AVENING PIG FACE
(HOLY CROSS) DAY)



Visit to Avening from America on the 14th of June 2014

By Melissa Madden of Texas together with her mother, her daughter and her two sisters: who were descendants of Giles Driver who emigrated to the USA from Avening in 1650.

“Upon our arrival in Avening, we were greeted by Fred Vening and Ann Brick at the church where our ancestors were once members. We spent some time looking at the church and its memorials to “The Drivers” and enjoyed Colin's organ music which embellished the wonderful atmosphere of one of the oldest churches in England. Our thanks to Ann, Colin and Fred for a delightful experience.

We were then accompanied by Fred to The Bell for some good food in a delightful pub and were lucky enough to find some delicious Avening honey for sale at a cottage across the street, which made it all the way back to Texas.

We were privileged to meet Mrs Richards at Avening Court, who offered us some real English tea and biscuits, before having a leisurely stroll around such an elegant English garden.

Our thanks also go to Captain Mark Phillips for allowing us to visit Aston Farm where our ancestors once lived.

Further thanks go to Mrs Clarke of Lowesmore Farm (another Driver location) where we allowed to take a few photographs of the house and its beautiful surroundings.

Thank you to you all for making it such a special day for my family.

Melissa Madden, Texas

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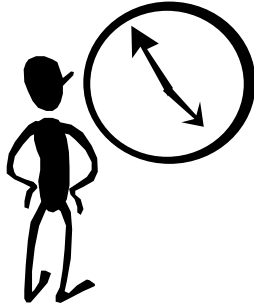


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Avening Primary School

Leading by Example

There has been excitement all round as the children of Avening School learn new topics and take on a number of exciting roles which give them the opportunity to develop their independence, while also teaching them to be responsible, considerate and helpful to others. Some of the year two children have been made 'play leaders' during playtimes to help and encourage the younger children, particularly the new reception pupils, to join in with activities and learn to interact with one another. Training has also been completed for the Year 5 pupils who are now 'Young Sports Leaders': a role which will involve the children running sports activities for the year 2 pupils during lunchtimes. In addition to all of this playtime activity, year 6 pupils have been given the responsibility of 'Playground Patrollers' helping to mediate any problems in the playground using peaceful conflict resolution skills and encouraging children to be considerate of one another. House Captains have also been chosen to represent the four houses within the school.

There was election fever throughout the school last month as pupils voted to elect members of their own school council. The school council enables pupils to have their say on important school matters and be involved in decision making. Council members will also lead fund raising activities and deliver the Harvest produce collected by the school, which will this year be donated to Stroud food bank.

The new school year brings with it a completely new curriculum and new topics which the children and staff have embraced with great enthusiasm.



Pupils in years 1 & 2 are learning about the history of Avening and plan to use 'news reporting' as a way of presenting their findings. Last month the children took part in a historical walk through the village where they had to find specific landmarks and objects of interest and tick them off as they found them. They also paid a visit to Ruskin and

Giggs Mills at the end of September and look forward to learning felt-making later on in the term.

The children in years 3 & 4 are travelling further back in time to explore and discover what it was like to live in the Stone Age. Last month they visited Avebury Stone Circle to see for themselves surviving evidence of the era and view all sorts of artefacts from the period. There was particular excitement when the children got to handle genuine pieces of flint which would have been used as tools and arrow heads dating back four thousand years.

For pupils in years 5 & 6, local industry is their focus for this term. They were visited by an expert from Stroud Museum at the beginning of September who talked to them about this topic. The class also participated in the village Pig Face Day proceedings last month, taking on some of the key roles and donning medieval attire.

Building work continues in the school and is currently on schedule with an expected completion date of the beginning of November. Watch this space for more information.

.....and one last thing.....if there is anyone who has lived in Avening for a considerable amount of time who may be willing to share information, anecdotes, photographs of Avening throughout history please contact the school office. We would be delighted to hear from you.

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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100 Years Ago

World War 1: Avening's War

October 1914.

War was declared with Germany on the 4th of August 1914. On that day, telegrams were sent to all serving personnel on leave and those on the Reserve to "Return to Unit forthwith". Two Avening men were in these groups. Fred Pollock of Avening Court and Fred Fletcher of Nags Head.

Fred Pollock (born Frederick Robert Pollock on the 24th of October 1885) was with his unit (the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards) at Aldershot. He was a fully professional soldier and had been since leaving Eton College in 1903. He had recently completed several detachments to Nigeria with his regiment but had returned to the UK for regular service in July 1914.

Fred Fletcher (born Frederick James Fletcher during 1888) was on the Reserve of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards with whom he had joined in 1907 for ten years; three years service and seven years on the reserve. In the 1911 census he was home with his family in Bell Inn Cottage, employed as a General Labourer. Some time after that census the family moved to Nags Head but we are unable to identify the cottage they had moved to. He would have received his recall telegram on the 4th of August and he was officially reinstated in London on the 5th.

Fred Pollock and his battalion sailed for France on the 13th of August and were immediately sent to Belgium, taking part in the retreat from Mons. They then became heavily involved in the 1st battle of Ypres at Langemarke. He died there on the 23rd of October 1914, the day before his 29th Birthday. He is buried at the St Julian Dressing Station Cemetery, which implies that he died of wounds there.

Fred Fletcher took longer to embark for Belgium as training had to be renewed to bring their skills up to the mark. This was done at Lyndhurst in Hampshire. The 1st Battalion Grenadiers left England on the 6th of October and almost immediately were involved in the same battle of Ypres, albeit in a different sector. His battalion was facing huge numbers of enemy fighters on the 29th at Gheluvelt and although the battalion fought hard, (the enemy thought they were much stronger in numbers because they constantly counter-attacked) they were actually much reduced in number, losing three-quarters on their strength in that one day. Fred Fletcher was one of those casualties and, unfortunately, has no known grave. His name is inscribed on the Menin Gate.

Avening Playgroup



The Nearly New Sale with coffee shop was a great success this year and a big thank you to all who helped out and came along. We are now starting to think about Christmas and are looking forward to our very special guest Santa coming to our Christmas bazaar in his magical grotto. We are hoping to do a raffle again for the Christmas Bazaar and we will be looking for raffle prizes so if any local businesses wish to generously donate please contact aveningplaygroup@gmail.com.

Playgroup now has a clothing recycling bin so if you have any old clothing please bring it to playgroup for recycling.

The children at the playgroup have settled in well and have spent the last couple of weeks learning about themselves. This has involved painting pictures, making face collages, using our ears to listen to all the sounds in our environment, measuring ourselves to see how much we grow and learning and singing songs about our bodies ie 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.'

Jo Rayner

Both men were well liked in the village. Fred Pollock had a large party to celebrate his coming of age, in which the whole village took part. Both men were unmarried.

We have a blue plaque for Fred Pollock on the House at Avening Court with thanks to Mr and Mrs Richards, and now that we are sure of the property in Avening where Fred Fletcher lived, hope to do the same for him. The house is no longer a residential property and a suitable site has to be found for a plaque. We will keep you informed.

Raise a glass to both Freds during October. It is 100 years ago but now we know more of them, it doesn't seem that long.

Lest we forget.

Fred Vening

HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

September 13th. was the day for the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride. As I was on holiday with my brother Chris, and sister - in-law Jenny we visited the churches there during the week. The first one



was All Saints Church in Brixham. We received a very warm welcome and the church was a joy to behold. The hassocks were lovely and colourful, all hand sewn and the church had been decorated for the festival of the sea.

The trawler men had donated fishing nets, the children had made fishes out of paper to hang in them, they were all

hanging from the roof in big swathes. The font had been decorated as the sea shore and there was a display made from confectionery items. The organist knew Tetbury and a relative of his was a great friend of Jenny, its a small world.

Another very interesting church was St.Saviours in Dartmouth. The church door was so beautifully carved and was made in the thirteen hundreds. The pulpit was very big and very decorated. With similar decoration leading to the altar.

Some of the other churches were locked but the ones that were open all had their own special interests.

We came back on the Saturday evening and so of course I visited our own dear church. We visited 14 in all and I would like to thank everyone who so kindly sponsored me. I will be collecting all the money in and will give a total as soon as I have it.



Alison (Wendy) Eldridge.

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Down To Earth

'Season of mist and mellow fruitfulness' it may be - and what a succession of seasons we have had! - but the flowers just keep on coming. Many roses are giving an extraordinary final flourish. Dead-heading pays dividends. Watering has been necessary, too, especially in the dry first half of September. I only belatedly understood why my *Danse du feu* and *Tess of the d'Urbevilles* roses, planted close to the house wall, were looking skeletal and emaciated: they were gasping for a drink. H₂O. Nothing stronger, but a good full can. Now leaves have reappeared and *Tess* is in full flower again, though I fear the fire-dance has been extinguished.

We must look forwards now. Planting bulbs for the spring can be done in the next couple of months, though it's as well to do any weeding, new planting, rearranging and dividing of perennials first, otherwise you risk inadvertently spearing the poor bulbs through the heart. They should be planted at three or four times their depth. A little grit mixed into the bed of soil they lie on will prevent them from rotting in cold, wet conditions .



Nectaroscordum bulgaricum

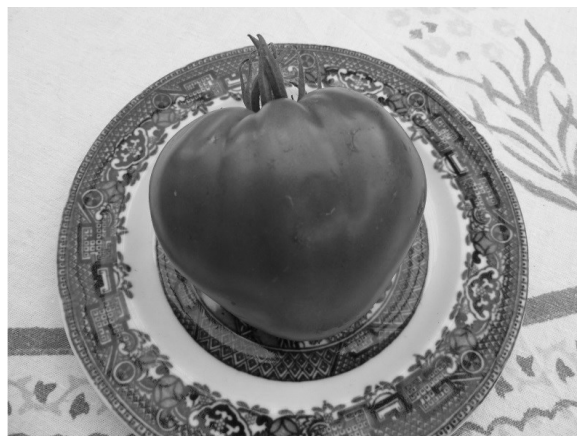
Crocus bulbs provide a tasty treat for mice and voles; a surface layer of grit is said to be a deterrent; alternatively, chicken wire or mesh can be placed just beneath the surface. Garden centres, in their unseemly rush to fill the shelves with Christmas paraphernalia, tend to reduce their bulbs early, while there's still time to plant. There are bargains to be had, too, online. Take the opportunity to splash out on something different, but do not accept bulbs that are mouldy and squishy; they should be fat, firm and plump. I have ordered some *nectaroscordum bulgaricum* (bulgarian honey garlic) for early summer flowering, some

fritillaria meleagris (snakeshead fritillary) for a damp area, *narcissus poeticus* (Pheasant's Eye narcissus) and *crocus tommasinianus* 'Ruby Giant'. And lily flowered tulips are nice: there is so much choice ...

This evening I made a curry with my first harvesting of hot chilli peppers. Well, in this age of silliness, I am surprised they are not accompanied with a government health warning. We didn't quite have to call the fire brigade but my goodness, they were hot. I started them from seed in the spring. They

can be grown on a kitchen window sill; they do need plenty of warm sunshine. Remember that chilli peppers should be treated with respect. Scrape out and discard the seeds and the pith, using only the finely shredded skin - and never, ever rub your eyes with fingers that have handled the peppers.

In the spirit of experimentation, I grew several tomato plants of the type known as Coeur de Boeuf or Cuor di Bue (ox heart) - a traditional Italian variety from Franchi Seeds. Not only is its shape and colour rather distinctive, the flavour is superb, too.



Coeur de Boeuf (Ox heart) tomato

On a hazy, golden autumn day we made a trip to the Sir Harold Hillier Garden, now run by Hampshire County Council. When almost everything bears a label, this is an education for any aspiring plants person. I



Centenary border in the Sir Harold Hillier Garden

particularly wanted to see the recently revamped and much admired Centenary Borders, first laid out in 1964 to mark the centenary of Sir Harold Hillier's family's involvement in the nursery business. If you are interested in developing a herbaceous border, it is instructive to see how

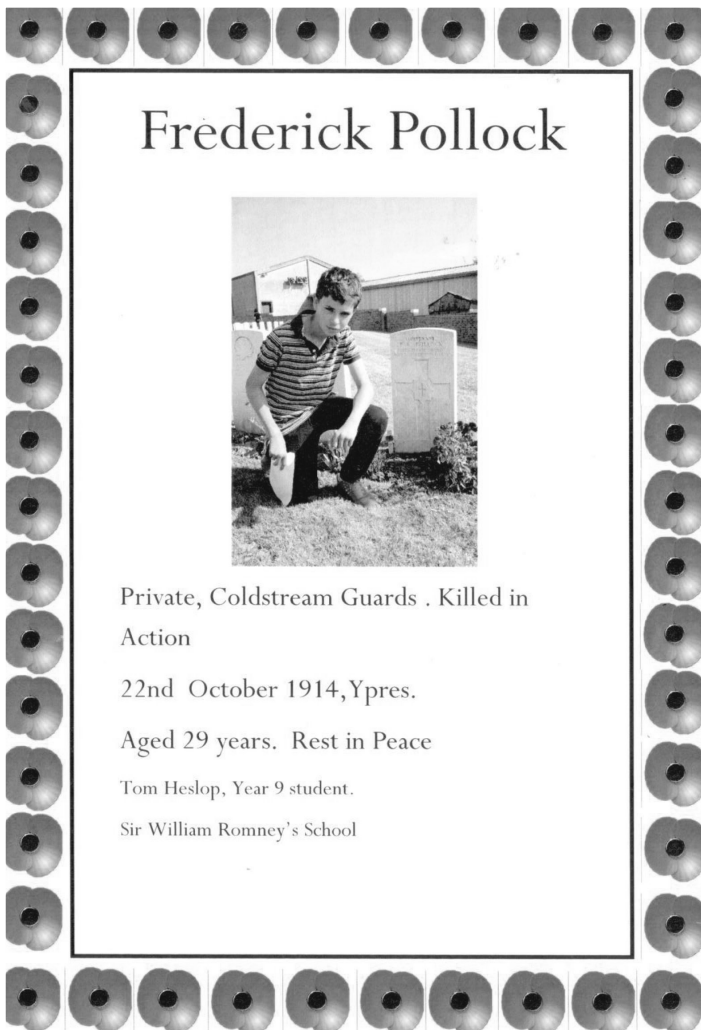
the top people in garden design go about it. Plant possibilities and combinations can be noted, as well as their habits - whether they stand upright or sprawl - and their size at maturity. All this is difficult to gauge when seeing potted plants in a garden centre or nursery.

I might add that it was some consolation to note the occasional bare patch, lurking bindweed, and plants which sprawled and flopped. Thus, visitors like myself return to their own modest plot feeling less dejected and defeated than they might otherwise do!

Now for more harvesting. Let's hope for more glorious autumn days to come.

Marilyn Jones

BATTLE FIELDS TRIP 2014



On Saturday the 21st of June 2014 at the Avening World War 1 Memorial evening, Toby and I were asked to give a small talk and presentation about our up and coming trip to the Battlefields with our school. During the evening a list of soldiers names that lived in Avening and died in the war were read out. Before we left for France, in our last History lesson we were all given the name of a soldier who had been killed in action and tasked with finding his name on a memorial stone. I was given the name of one of the brave soldiers from Avening Village, Fredrick Robert Pollock.

On the battlefields trip itself we travelled over to France on the 2nd of July and saw all of the monuments and places where World War One took place. On

the first day there we visited Newfoundland Park and Thiepval Memorial, where we had a small service and one of the teachers played the last post. We then visited Lochnager Crater and Vimy Ridge, where we went down into the tunnels, it was very interesting. On day two we travelled to Sanctuary Wood/Hill62, Langemark Cemetery, Zonnebeke and Flanders Field Museum. At the museum we were able to learn a lot more detail and information about the Great War, which was very interesting. Later that afternoon we made our way into Ypres, finishing with the memorial service at Menin Gate. As part of the service I was given the honour of laying down a wreath in front of some 4,000 people, which at the time made me feel very nervous but at the same time made me feel very proud and it gave me a lump in my throat.

During the trip I was able to find Frederick Robert Pollock's memorial, he rests at one of the dressing stations that we visited. "Killed in action on the 22nd October 1914. Ypres aged 29 years." Once I found him, I felt very emotional because it was someone from my village, Avening.

Tom Heslop

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ANNUAL CHERINGTON VILLAGE QUIZ



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Same format :- Tables of 8 £10 per person Bring your own picnics All monies raised to go to the Church

Last year with late bookings we nearly had to send people away so this year we are letting you know well in advance so it gets in your diaries.

Why not reserve a table now and think about your guests later. If you do not wish to host a table but still want to join in we keep back a couple of tables for that purpose so do please come.

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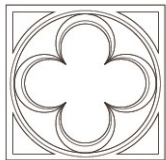
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WHEELS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Your readers may be interested in my recent bike ride, an event called Wheels on the Western Front, raising money for ABF The Soldiers Charity. Yes, I know, it is a temporary slip over to the Dark Side (road biking) from what we think is Ruffy Tufty mountain biking with Avening Recreational Sports Enthusiasts every Friday evening from The Bell (and usually, er, ending up at the Bell....).

55 of us left London on 4 August, 53 of us arrived in Compiègne (near Paris) 5 days and 350 miles later (two cyclists having had minor accidents and not able to continue), via some of the WW1 major Western Front battlefields - 4 August being exactly 100 years since Britain declared war on Germany. Our route was London, Calais, Ypres, Arras, Albert and finally to Compiègne, where the Armistice Treaty was signed in a railway carriage on 11 November 1918.



33,000 in this German mass grave

The cycling? Hard at first, with the London-Calais day being just under 100 miles. Easier as the days passed, both because we got used to it and because the daily distances decreased a bit.... Generally flat, lots of stops, and it was not a race so the pace was OK.

The support? ABF The Soldiers Charity gave great support, carried our bags in their vehicles, organised our food and accommodation, fixed our bicycles if needed, told us where to go when we got a bit lost and generally cheered us on.

The weather? OK, a few showers here and there but nothing to being stuck in a trench in all weathers for a number of years....

The Front Line? We had with us a military historian, Andy Robertshaw of the BBC, who guided us through the numerous sites, from Nieuwpoort on the Belgian coast where the front line started, down to near Paris. He brought the whole event to another level. Many of us not having been there before, were flabbergasted with what we saw. Thousands and thousands of graves, in cemeteries small and large. The most poignant to me being the small ones, and if we did not stop to pay our respects, we could but give a quiet nod of



Setting off one morning. Teddies like this were given to each British soldier for comfort whilst away

appreciation as we passed. Being on a bike with little noise around made for quite a moving experience.

My personal little titbit of information I gained that astounded me? We saw so many graves of soldiers marked 'Unknown' and asked why quite so many. This was partly because of the identification tag situation at the time - from 1914 to 1916, soldiers were issued only one tag. If they died, that tag would be sent back to their wife, next of kin, etc., leaving the body unidentifiable..... However, in May 1916, each soldier was issued with TWO tags and the identification became much easier.



The finish in Compiègne, 350 miles later.

The sponsor money? The charity raised about £78,000 from this event, of which I personally raised just under £3,000. If any of you feel like it, my JustGiving site is still open, just tap in my name....

If anybody is thinking of going to see this lot and needs a little encouragement? Do it if you can! This is not stuff we should ever forget! Contact me if you need more encouragement!

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100 Years Ago (pt. 2)

Regular readers will be aware of the articles I am writing on how World War 1 affected those of Avening Cricket team who had their last peacetime match against Eastcombe on the 25th of July 1914. As I am reporting this month on our first two deaths in October 1914, I thought I would delay the cricket team's articles out of respect.

However, on a lighter side I am pleased to copy an article that appeared in the Stroud News and Journal published on Friday the 7th of August 1914.

Avening

The members of the Avening Men's Social Club had their annual outing on Monday last, the venue chosen being Berkeley. The route was via Tetbury and Beverstone to Hunters Hall, Kingscote. Here a halt was called and the men enjoyed a light collation. Afterwards the party went on to Dursley, stopping at The Castle Hotel, where host Mr Vigus had provided a capital dinner.

After dinner, the journey resumed to Berkeley, where the Show, the castle and the church evoked much interest.

On the return journey, a halt was called at Stonehouse, where supper was partaken of.

There followed a list of the Club's committee.

They knew how to party!!

This event was held on the day before the declaration of War.

This article, together with the remainder of the History of Avening, can be seen at the Family History Day in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 4th October from 10 am.

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The Youth Leader will be Cassie and she will lead for the first 45 minutes a session of fun activities and learning. The second 45 minutes will be run by the Nailsworth based Personal Best Studio, supported by Cassie and will involve a fun and fitness session to music lead by Simon Sveder-Gain. (<http://www.personalbeststudio.co.uk/>)

There will be 14 sessions during the Winter term, missing one week for half term. The final session of the term will be on Tuesday 16th December.

Additionally, it is planned to also have several sessions on theatre and drama, especially when Simon cannot attend.

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Evening Book Club

THE EARTH HUMS IN B FLAT

by Mari Strachan

This book had amazing reviews:

“Sparkling” THE GUARDIAN.

“Strachan eschews whimsy for reality in a beautifully written story about growing up” INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY.

We chose this debut novel by Mari Strachan’s for August. It is very different, an extremely compelling and a delightful read. At times comical but at other moments deeply moving, the author evokes the atmosphere of a small Welsh town in the late 1950’s.

Gwenni Morgan is not like any other girl; she is inquisitive, bookish and full of spirit, she can fly in her sleep and loves playing detective so when a neighbour mysteriously vanishes and no one seems to be asking the right questions, Gwenni decides to conduct her own investigation. She struggles to piece together clues about the lives around her and the secrets they hide, these are carefully unravelled. Her inventive take on the world, from the faces she sees in the wallpaper and changes in expression on the Toby jugs on the shelf; to her belief that a neighbour’s fur stole blinks at her – is a delight.

We all decided that it was truly a heart-breaking but at the same time hugely enjoyable book and totally unforgettable.

Lynne Mowles (lynnemowles@hotmail.co.uk)

Come along to the Book Club meetings at The Bell, 7.30pm.

*For Monday 6th October the book is: *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie*

*For Monday 3rd November the book is: *The Asylum* by Patrick McGrath.*

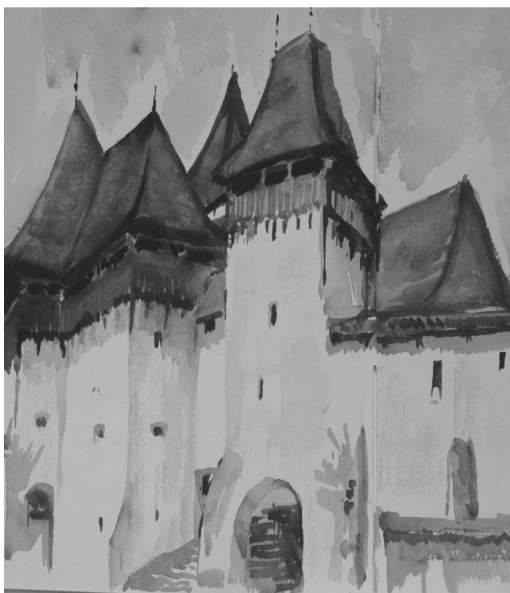
Midsummer in Transylvania

Part 2

(continued from previous month's Villager)

A memorable supper at Gerda's: (this is more of a privately arranged soiree under an awning in the middle of the farmyard than the local restaurant.) The cows were just coming home, along with a mare and foal and a herd of goats, all ambling up the village from the meadows, which are communal pastures, they needed only a little encouragement from the purposeful weather-beaten woman in headscarf wielding thumbstick. Their home since birth, each turn into their own doorway, ready for milking. They are healthy, happy, well managed animals, as are all the glossy-coated horses. The poultry came in through the huge double doors – first the turkeys, then the geese, the ducks and hens climbing their little ladders to roost under the vine: each checked present and correct by torchlight at dusk. For our supper under the awning: home-made schnapps and rose wine from Gerda's vines, soup, lamb and cake – a feast.

In even more colourful houses at the foot of the village live the gypsies or Roma, who arrived in the area in medieval times as nomads from India. Horses trot by pulling carts on the way to the fields, or bringing back a load of freshly scythed hay filled with clover and meadowsweet. They have a reputation for great horsemanship. The gypsies don't take any notice of the board at the cross roads illustrating how you should/shouldn't restore your homestead. However, they may look a rough bunch, but we experienced no threat.



We drove on to stay in Sighisoara, up in the old citadel where, in the square, I sat to sketch the famous Clock Tower and Peter fetched an umbrella to shelter me from the rain. A group of expectant visitors waited in anticipation to see the wooden figures march out of the elaborate clock as the hour struck, but they were disappointed - the mechanism was broken! From there we explored many beautiful valleys, remote villages and churches. Again sheltering from inclement weather, I was able to sketch the wonderful towers and bastions of the church at Biertan from the car, whilst three urchins peering closely at my endeavours through the open window.

The shepherd moves his flock through the rich grasslands, where they will huddle surprisingly close together to graze: the dogs are there to protect them from wolves and yes, there are bears in the forests too. So by night they will be in the sheepfold. And there the shepherd milks the ewes and makes the feta-like cheese that is a staple in the diet.

The rotated arable land is cultivated in strips - maize, oats and barley, potatoes, beans and cucumbers, with horse-drawn plough and hoed by hand. Hay is the main crop though and it was a joy to watch the hay-making, the horses decorated with their red-tasselled bridles, bowling home drawing the huge wagons piled with hay in the evening sunlight. It was indeed a perfect time to be in Romania.



Walnut trees line the roadsides: meadows glowing with pools of golden yellow rattle, vetches of all colours,— swathes of dark purple salvia, brilliant royal blue wild larkspur, scabious, aliums, chicory, cornflowers, bedstraw and meadowsweet... a botanist's heaven – and mine too. It was the season for wild mushrooms, which the gypsies would sell at the roadside. A colourful sight were the mobile beehive units, the hives made from old filing cabinets!

We passed the occasional relic of Communism: the derelict shells of several Collective Farms - long dirty white-washed buildings with broken windows and rusting, obsolete farm machinery. After The Berlin Wall came down in 1989 Germany offered citizenship to Saxon people of Romania resulting in a large proportion of the population leaving in the 1990s, from whence they came back in the 12th century - (at that time welcomed as immigrants by the Hungarian king to defend and farm the lands, bringing skills of merchant and artisan.) Thus the many deserted farmhouses. However, those that remained were only too glad to return to their old farming methods.

Sustainability, conservation and restoration are key. The emigration has caused the cultural identity of the Saxon villages to be jeopardised and in danger of being lost forever, but several nations are now working to protect this cultural legacy – and a few more tourists will not yet spoil the charm of this remote medieval countryside.

Liz Workman

Dying without a Will. Now that's a real tragedy.

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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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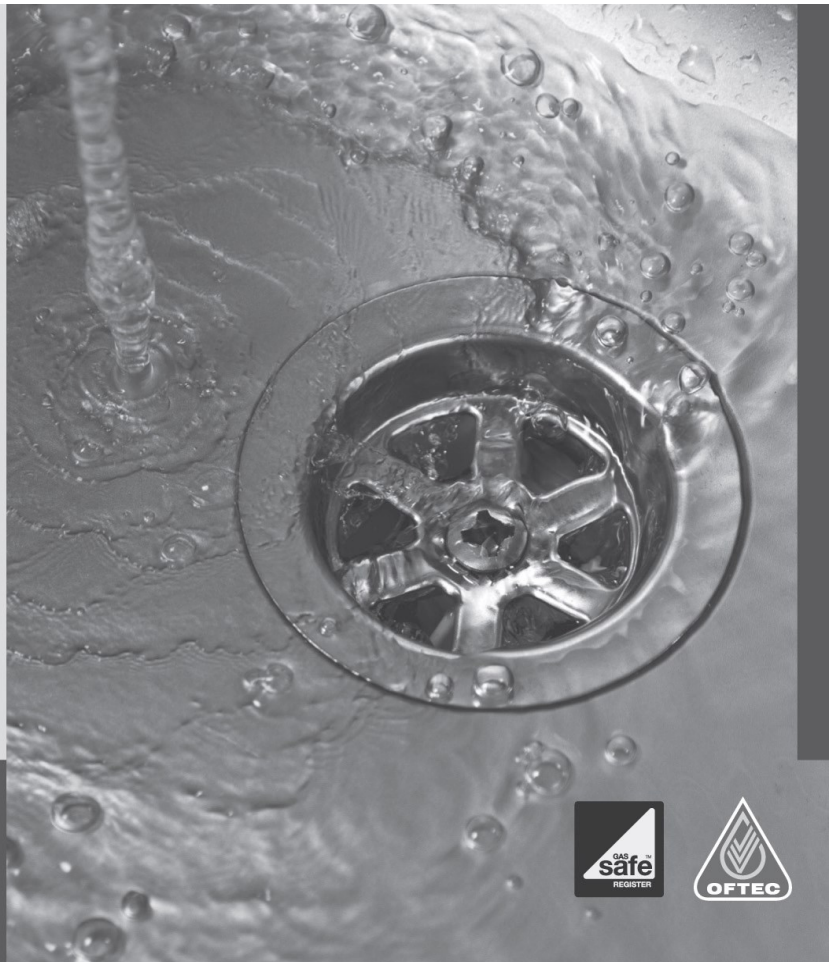
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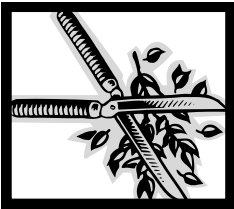


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After the Summer break members returned in force to our September meeting and the speaker, who had visited us on a previous occasion and given a very humorous talk on allotments, lived up to all our expectations.

Fiona Warin entertained us with a very interesting and amusing talk about Land Girls. We learnt that at the beginning of the Second World War over 70% of our food was imported so it was essential that more farm land was brought into production if Great Britain was going to survive the war. The girls came from all walks of life, many of them city girls with no idea about country life. After an interview to make sure they were suitable (very few were turned down) they were given their uniform and then sent out to work. Some lived on farms on their own where life was very lonely and they were often abused and mistreated. The majority lived in hostels housing between 30 and 40 girls. This was also very tough but at least they had each other. They were driven to the farms each day so that they could all work together clearing the land and getting it ready for planting. They worked very long hours and undertook any job that needed doing such as milking, digging ditches and trapping rats. If they were lucky their hostel was near a military base where there were often weekly dances!

Our next meeting is on 9th October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Avening and our speaker is David Smith, Station Manager, Tetbury Fire Service. Visitors are most welcome.

Elizabeth Knowles



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14/02911/FUL

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14/03742/FUL

Trouble House Inn, Tetbury Road, Culkerton – Erection of single storey rear extension

Decisions on previous applications:

14/02868/AGFO

Grove Park, Cherington – Proposed agricultural access track- *Permission*

14/03074/TCONR

Cherington House – Sycamore T1 – Fell *No objection*

For details of planning applications please go to www.cdc@cotswold.gov.uk

New - (LAMS) Local Authority Mortgage Scheme for First Time Buyers in the Cotswolds

A new mortgage scheme, set up between Cotswold District Council and Lloyds Bank, is designed for first time buyers who can afford mortgage repayments but not a large deposit. Help is now available to purchase a property up to the value of £237,500 provided you can put down a 5% deposit. For more details contact Helen Argo at CDC on 01285 623000.

Rural Training – New Academy Opens

Recently the Cotswold Dry Stone Walling Academy was launched by Cotswold Conservation Board and the Dry Stone Walling Association to provide professional training in the traditional craft of dry stone walling. Based at Northleach, the Academy offers a range of training courses from level 1 to advanced, allowing both new and experienced wallers the opportunity to gain nationally recognised qualifications.

The popular Rural Skills Programme has recently added charcoal making and flax making to its list of traditional skill training courses. If you're interested in signing up for a training course, see www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or www.cotswoldruralskills.org.uk for further information.

Contacts for the Parish Council:

Parish Clerk – Frances Ashfield - 01453 767384

Chairman of Parish Council – Mike Mitchell – 01285 841413

Date of next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday October 7th at 6.30pm (venue TBC). Meetings are open to the public and there is public time for 15 minutes at the start of each meeting for any questions so please turn up.

Avening Chairman's View

Project Assistant

I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed (subject to completing the paperwork) a new projects assistant to help us deliver our programme of work to enhance our village – a warm welcome to John Collinson. John's contact details and priority projects will be on the website as soon as the formalities are complete. We were lucky enough to have three excellent applicants, and we are looking at ways we can work with the unsuccessful candidates in the future.

Crime

After a long run of almost no reported crimes, we have unfortunately had a spate of thefts and petty vandalism. With the darker evenings upon us, it is even more important to keep doors and windows secure, especially on outbuildings and sheds. Please report any suspicious activity straight away.

Events

One of the great pleasures of living in Avening, is the range and variety of events and activities on offer. We have many active groups, the annual fete, Pig Face day, and many other one off special events. These all take a lot of organisation, and a great deal of time from the volunteers involved – it is therefore disappointing when they are not always supported as well as they could be. Time and tastes move on, but it would be a shame not to celebrate our heritage, and what makes Avening special.

We will be taking a good look at how we can make our events more attractive, and how to encourage people out from behind their front doors to experience Avening, and not just to live here.

Tony Slater, Chairman, Avening Parish Council

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Amended Plans: Decision Notices Received

14/02645/COMPLY

Land Parcel Adjacent To 11 High Street

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Permitted 5 September 2014

14/03079/FUL

Land Adjacent To 23 Sandford Leaze, Avening,

Proposed single detached dwelling and access

Permitted 3 September 2014

14/02252/FUL

Land Adjacent 9 Pound Hill, Avening

New Details

Permitted 17 September 2014

Tree Works Notifications

14/03516/TCONR

15 Tetbury Hill, Avening

Fir tree - fell

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Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (LAMS)

Cotswold District Council and Lloyds Bank has launched their first joint venture to provide a Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (LAMS) to help Cotswold residents get on the housing ladder.† The scheme is designed for first time buyers who can afford mortgage repayments but don't have enough savings for a large deposit. It is hoped this scheme will help between 20 and 30 local buyers purchase a property in the area worth up to £237,500 provided they can put down a minimum deposit of 5%. CDC has set aside £1 million to provide a cash-backed indemnity worth up to 20% of the value of the applicant's mortgage enabling them to access a 95% mortgage at a lower interest rate offered to applicants with a larger deposit. For more information contact:

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Grants for Local Groups

The Parish Council will soon be planning the budget for the coming year 2015/16. If your Group is looking for funding or will be next year, please contact the Parish Clerk for an application form.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Will be held on **Thursday, 16 October 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall.** Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month.

All Are Welcome.

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 4th October	Family History Day	Memorial Hall & Church	10am-4pm
Monday 6th October	Book Club	The Bell	7-30
Tuesday 7th October	Cherington Parish Council	tbc	6.30 pm
Sunday 12th October	Avening Harvest Festival followed by bring and share lunch	Holy Cross Church	11 am
Thursday 16th October	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Friday 17th October	Cinema The Book Thief	Avening Social Club	7-30 pm
Sunday October 26th	British summer time ends	Clocks back 1 hour	2-00 am
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in Avening from 13.00 to 14.00 and
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INCLUDES:

- Check operation and lubricate steadies if fitted
- Check condition of chassis and attachment to body
- Check tyres and tyre pressures including the spare wheel
- Check bearings and brake shoes, clean and adjust
- Check operation of all ramps (& groom's door if relevant)
- Check security of all catches & handles
- Check coupling head
- Check breakaway cable
- Lubricate overrun piston
- Check handbrake operation
- Check and lubricate jockey wheel
Brake rods, cables and supports
- Torque wheel nuts / bolts
- Check suspension assemblies
- Check condition of trailer floor
- Check road lights
- Check all 12v plugs & cables
- Check exterior body panels



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