

NEWS EVENING PARISH COUNCIL LETTER

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Now that secular news and events are being included in the church magazine, it is a matter for discussion whether or not to continue with our quarterly News Letter. It has been our policy not to infringe upon church affairs, and we have no wish to enter into competition with an organ that is a potential source of church revenue. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that not everyone subscribes to the latter but, as far as is possible, the News Letter is delivered, free of charge, to everyone in the village. Any comments on this subject would be welcomed.

AVENING COLLECTION 1991

November 16th and 17th, 10. a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, in the Memorial Hall. This will be the 7th Annual show of new work by local artists and craftsmen. Eighteen exhibitors will be offering their productions for viewing and for sale, with skills ranging from designer knitwear, pottery, pewter work, silks and printed fabrics, oil and watercolour painting, to unique figurines and sculpture. Refreshments will be available in the Chamberlain Room, and the Collection is timed to make early Christmas gift selection a leisurely and pleasant experience. M.W.

The nuisance around the Memorial Hall of motor bike racing and a daily accumulation of litter seems to have abated during this Summer's holiday, for which many thanks to whoever is responsible - the police? However, another annoyance and detriment to the appearance of the village has

reared its head, and that is -

PARKING

It seems likely that the few considerate car owners may be penalized because of the inconsideration of the many and yellow lines become a necessity in the village High Street. Some householders have several cars parked not only outside their own property but also impinging upon the frontage of neighbours' property. Indeed one end of the High Street now resembles a Fair ground, as well as taking over a good part of the 31 bus stop to Tetbury so that passengers have to step into the middle of the road to board. If and when, in bad weather, an accident occurs, who is to be held responsible - the bus company or the owner of the vehicles?

AVENING PLAYGROUP

The Fun Day held on 14th July 1991 realized a profit of £1,200. the Committee and members of the Playgroup would like to thank everyone for their participation and support in making this such a successful event. The building has now been completed and hopefully the children will be in residence by the end of September. The Playgroup will be holding fund raising events to finance the running and maintenance of the new building. A Jumble Sale will be held at the Village Hall at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 14th September, and the Christmas Bazaar on 7 December. Any donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Thank you all!

EXHIBITION AT AVENING HOUSE

FEMININE PERCEPTIONS - paintings by Karen Ray and other women artists 1920 - 50 and 1950 to the present day. From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 18th to 30th November. Not to be missed.

Mrs Freda Anderson wishes to thank all those who collected on behalf of the R.N.L.I. and to the many who generously contributed. A total of £148.68 was raised, which is some £23 more than last year. Anyone willing to help with collecting next year, please contact Mrs. Anderson, 833956.

PROFILE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

A senior citizen is one who was here ^{be} for the pill and the population explosion; here before television, penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics and frisbees; before frozen food, nylon, dacron, Zerox, radar, flourescent lighting, credit cards and ball point pens. For us, time sharing meant togetherness not computers; a chip meant a piece of wood, hardwear meant Hard Wear, softwear wasn't a word. We were before pantyhose and drip dry clothes, before ice-makers and dish washers, spin dryers, freezers and electric blankets; before men wore long hair and earrings and women wore tuxedos. We were here before the Rev. Bakker, Thatcher, Kinnock, Fergie. We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be! Closets were for clothes, not for coming out of, bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagons. We were here before Batman, Rudolph the red-nosed Reindeer and Snoopy, before DDT, vitamin pills, disposable nappies, jeeps, pizza, Cheerios, Instant coffee, decaffeinated anything and McDonalds who? We were here before Boy George,

Elvis, Anne Murray, Dr. Ruth and Chiquita Banana; before FM radios, tape recorder, electric typewriters, word processors, Muzak, and disco dancing.... In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable and cigars were a sign of success. Grass was for mowing, Coke was a refreshing drink and pot was something you cooked in. We are now to-day's Senior Citizens - a hardy bunch when you think of how our world has changed and of the adjustments we have had to make!

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