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The Parish Letter

I have won the race, finished the course and kept the faith.

How tragic that the opportunity offered by the world's eyes being focussed upon the Games in Beijing, should have been taken by the State of Georgia to bring military action against South Ossetia.

Tragic and also ironic. For the Olympic Games have always stood as a symbol of peace between Nations while pursuing excellence in performance from the athletes.

Before the ancient Olympics were opened, a truce was declared between all provinces and cities of the Greek-speaking world, in order that the athletes could compete against each other, free from political tension. The torch, which heralded the imminent start to the Games, was carried by a relay of runners across the Ancient World, proclaiming this truce. Then, white doves were released from the stadium, as a symbol of peace.

How effective, and for how long this truce held, we have no way of knowing, but, sadly, we do know that since the Olympic Games were re-established in 1896, this truce has not always been honoured. Some years individual countries have refused to take part on political grounds, while on other occasions certain nations have withdrawn their teams during the Games. Of course, the most shocking incident of all, was the massacre of the Israeli athletes in the Olympic village in 1972

However, the participating athletes themselves have gallantly honoured this vision of a period of World Peace during the weeks of the Olympic games. They have done their part to endorse the non-political status of the Games, while at the same time, patriotically representing their countries in the competition. It is always deeply moving at the opening ceremony to see the international teams entering the stadium holding high their National Flagand later, when the medals are awarded, the winning athletes standing proudly to attention, to the rousing music of their National anthem.

Among the lasting memories of these particular Games played out against a background of bitter fighting in Georgia, must be the moment when the Russian girl, bent down to hug the Georgian girl who was sharing the podium with her. Likewise, the Russian and Georgian teams competing by chance with one another, in the Beach Volley Ball event, in a spontaneous and generous gesture, the winning Georgians ducked under the net to embrace the Russian team, thus demonstrating to the world the true spirit of the Games.

If only a little of this reconciliation and respect could filter back into Georgia, and soften the hearts of the Russians, and lessen the consequences of the Georgian military action!

St Paul, in his letters to Timothy and to the Corinthians, often compares the disciplined life of an athlete to that of the Christian disciple. As he awaited his death sentence to be carried out, he wrote:

I have won the race, finished the course and kept the faith.

He must in his mind have been imagining the spectacle of the cross-country marathon runners entering the Stadium, to the cheers of the spectators, to cross the finishing line, and claim the victory wreath of laurels. He clearly visualised the triumphant athlete running the lap of honour with the crowds rising to their feet and giving him the tribute he deserved.

As he looked back over his own life remembering all that he had suffered in the name of Christthe persecution, the imprisonments, the shipwrecks, flogging and stoning, he could identify with the steadfast commitment and the pain of a training athlete. He had fought the Good fight, finished the course and kept the Faith. He waited now to meet His Lord, and receive the Crown of righteousness, the imperishable wreath of glory.

So how had he done it? Why was his spirit never broken?

His strength, his inspiration, was Christ. Christ had triumphed over the Cross, the suffering and rejection and had risen to new life. This was his strength, as it is ours.

Our own individual Christian race may not compare well to that of the Olympics....in fact, for much of the time, we are merely plodding along, putting one foot in front of the other, rather than sprinting effortlessly to the finishing line. But even to do this, we

need the determination and commitment, as those first disciples. We do not have to face the stoning or imprisonment that they experienced; but we have the challenge of holding to the faith in the face of indifference and apathy. There are times when our faith burns strong and bright within us, then the race is easy, and we can run with little effort, but this is when we should look to others around us who may be flagging or losing heart..... and give them encouragement. Like all athletes we need to keep focussed and believe in ourselves knowing that what we are trying to win.....an ever closer union with Christ..... is of greater value than all else. We may never be in the lead with the front-runners or win the Gold but we are one of the team and carry the flag for all Christendom

We gain confidence by knowing that we follow those who have gone before and it is Christ Himself who holds high the torch of peace and reconciliation.

Rev Celia

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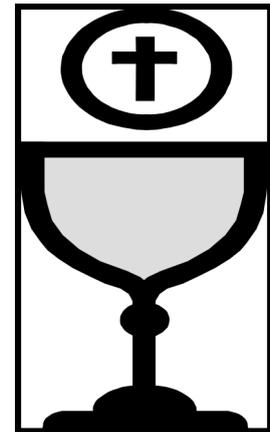
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SERVICES IN AVENING & CHERINGTON

Day/Date	Church	Time	Service
SUNDAY September 7th <i>12th after Trinity</i>	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCW
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School.
SUNDAY September 14th <i>13th after Trinity</i>	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	Cherington	9.30 am	Matins BCP
	Avening	11 am	NO SERVICE
FESTIVAL OF QUEEN MATILDA (Pig Face Day)	Avening	6 pm	Commemoration of the Consecration of Holy Cross Church
SUNDAY September 21st <i>14th after Trinity</i>	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School
SATURDAY September 27th	Cherington	6 pm	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper
SUNDAY September 28th <i>15th after Trinity</i>	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	Cherington		No Service
	Avening	11 am	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch
SUNDAY October 5th <i>16th after Trinity</i>	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCW
	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School

Church Duties: AVENING



Date	Sidespersons	Chalice Assistant	Sacristan
Sept 7th	J Pargetter/ D Martin	P Brown	M Cox
Sept 14th 6 pm	G Buchanan/ K Lindesay		P Sanders
Sept 21st	C Boddam-Whetham/ P Hanson	S Uzzell	G Parsons
Sept 28th	M Barton/ F Conway	P.Lindesay	A Brick
Oct 5th	S Hamilton/ H Graham-Munro	D Pierce	M Cox

Avening Church Floodlighting

September 30th In memory of Michael Powell on the date of his birthday,
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Paul Brown 01453 835983

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

AT CHERINGTON

SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 6 pm

A family service for everyone followed by HARVEST SUPPER in the Village Hall



AT AVENING

SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 11 am

A family service followed by HARVEST LUNCH in the Church

Confirmation Classes

I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to be confirmed and would like to join others in preparation for confirmation by the Bishop later this year.

Please contact me if you are interested and would like to learn more about confirmation and becoming a full member of the Church. This applies to both parishes.

Anyone over the age of 8 years may be included.

Please phone me on **01453 832716**

Rev Celia

Ronald William Scott 1932 – 2008

These excerpts are from the wonderful tributes at his funeral held on 7 August:

Rev. Celia

This service is not to be sad, for Ron would have hated that, it is to be a celebration.....How else could it be, how could Ron, with all his warmth and love, his laughter, how COULD he be no more?.....I want you to dispel the sadness you feel.....recall your own happy memories.....give thanks to God that you knew him. For me it will always be that all enveloping bear hug that left you gasping for air..... his love of fun and parties.....his love of life, even when things became difficult he still joined in.....all that warmth, that love, that generosity of spirit hasn't gone..... he has left a legacy of love, laughter and indomitable courage, let us give thanks to God for his life and for all our memories and love of him.

Lorna (14) and James (10)

Our Grandpa.....He was by far the best in the world becausehe enjoyed life and he loved us.....he loved chocolate, he loved marmalade on toast, he loved cricket and football, especially The Gunners, and he loved a gin and tonic or two.....we enjoyed lots of holidays with him..... grandpa always had very high standards.....finally our best memory is grandpa singing to us.....

Paul McKiernan – an old friend

I was honoured when Olivia asked me to speak today and offer my reflection of the life and times of Ronald.... Those who knew him in his prime and good health would agree that he was a vivacious character who excelled in socialising, he enjoyed life to the full, he was the life and soul of the party and for those in his company there was always laughter, merriment and a hint of mischief.....Ron was born in Romford but the family moved to Hornsey when he was young, close to Alexandra Park Football and Cricket Club. After leaving school he enrolled at Tottenham Technical College and it was there that he realised that a career as an Architect would allow him to leave his mark..... Ron was an accomplished sportsman, joining the football club and the cricket club at Alexandra Park in the early 1950's, a love affair with this club that would last for over 40 years..... in 1972 he was elected the first Chairman of the AP House and Development

committee, an office he held for seven years, in 1978 he was elected a vice president and then in 1999 an Honorary Life Member in recognition of the exceptional service he had rendered.....

Ron was a first class architect and his work at La Manga Club in Spain gave him licence to design locally inspired villas that helped to make the holiday resort what it is today. Both Ron and Livi worked in Spain, however with the project coming to an end, the dream move back to England became a reality and they moved to Tetbury and then to Avening where they made a multitude of new friends, many of whom are here today.

For the last years of his life Ron's health deteriorated. Many would not have survived but through the loving care of Liv, Ron did and he had a good quality of life. Liv is a trooper and undertook to care for Ron when many would have abandoned these responsibilities. Love was always there, both in times of health and illness.....Ron will be best remembered for being a cracking chap, amusing, witty, a good sportsman, he made peoples lives more enjoyable through his engaging character.....

Ron it has been a pleasure to have known you, rest in peace dear friend, thank you.

Tony Russell – a new friend

Sadly I never knew Ron before his stroke in 2000we have really only got to know Ron and Olivia well since he became ill.....I thought that I would be speaking of someone who to many of you was perhaps a shadow of their former self, someone who had lived life to the full, but since his illness was perhaps no longer quite the same personality.....I wrote a list of thoughts, words that summed up the Ron that I had got to know.....

.He kept a great sense of humour, despite the frustration and physical difficulties.....Ron loved nothing better than a party – he was a people person, a socialite – and would sit smiling like a gentle giant while surrounded by children.....through all his difficulties he kept his dignity and most definitely commanded respect.....Ron never faded from view, he still kept his place at the head of the table, he would be seen out and about, just like before his stroke, at village events and special occasions here in the Church, at the annual village fete, at dinner parties, holidays, even ten pin bowling at Cribbs Causeway!

Both he and Olivia had this 'can do' attitude, they made it look easy even though it was anything but. This attitude meant that after his

stroke when they were told that he would never come back home they both simply saw that as their challenge and come back home he did and, as you've just heard, carried on living life to the full. A testament to the strength of character of both Ron and Olivia. They gave each other strength.....bearing in mind I knew very little of Ron's previous life there seems to be a remarkable consistency between the first Ron, whom Paul described, and the second Ron.....of course, that's because he was the same man, he hadn't changed inside, he was still the same man that took Olivia's breath away years ago..... Well Ron, looking around the Church now, I think it is fair to say that not only did you give out love, you engendered love in all of us too and that love will stay with us, along with our never fading memories of you, forever.....I feel privileged to have known you.

"He is not lost our dearest love, nor has he travelled far, just stepped inside Heaven's loveliest room, and left the door ajar"

These excerpts were compiled by Olivia.

RAYMOND BRAIN

Mrs Jenny Brain would like to thank her family and all her friends who have been such a support to her over the last two years. Your cards and flowers have been a great comfort, and she is so grateful to those who offered to drive her to the hospital when Ray was so ill.

In Jenny's own words:

"Thank you all so very, very much. I don't know how I would have got through it all without the love of my family and the help of my friends."

QUEEN MATILDA FEAST

Once again the time has come to celebrate the commissioning of the Holy Cross Church by Queen Matilda in 1080,

Holy Cross Day, September 14th, better known as “Pig Face Day”, occurs on a Sunday this year, and our celebrations will start in the traditional way with a service of Thanksgiving in the presence of Queen Matilda and her Court. This is very much a village event sponsored by the Parish Council, the Church, and some generous individual donors. Avening School’s Head Teacher, Diana Bolton has accepted to play the part of the Queen accompanied by her top class of the school as her pages and handmaidens. People in the village will act other characters and everyone is invited to dress up and attend the celebrations and we hope that Cherington will join us.

“Cotswold Costumes” are putting aside their Medieval Costumes for the occasion,

Those who prefer to make their own little more is needed that a long Kaftan type dress with a cotton headdress and a smock and binding of trouser legs for the boys. Habits of Nuns and Monks are a good stand by and are easily run up.

After the candlelit service, with the Queen and children taking an active part, we will process down to the Marquee in the School Garden. There waiting for us will be roasting wild pig, ale, mead or any drink of your choice by kind permission of the Bell Inn.

Medieval Jugglers, stilt walkers, fire-eaters and Jesters will entertain us to the lively music of the “Two Jim’s Jazz Band”.

The Festivities start in the Church at **6pm** in order to encourage as many children and young families as possible and it will finish by 10 pm. All ages are welcome and are catered for. There will be no charge for entry, only for what you care to eat or drink.

**COME AND CELEBRATE IN
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Rev Celia

Queen Matilda Feast Day 2008

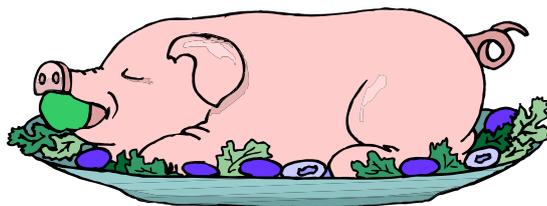


We are once again preparing for the traditional village celebration of Holy Cross Day on Sunday September 14th. This is also known locally as Queen Matilda's Day, or Pig Face Day.

The celebrations start at 6 pm with a medieval service of Thanksgiving, with an abundance of colourful costumes, good singing and the blessing of the Boar's Head in the presence of the chosen Queen Matilda and her court.

A torchlight procession will wind its way down to the school garden where the queen and her court will assemble for the pig roast, tankards, jesters and much medieval entertainment.

***Don't miss this opportunity to experience
life in Avening 1000 years ago!!***



SANDFORD TRUST

A message from Tony Slater

As treasurer for the Sandford Trust, a small charity for local young people going on to higher education or work based training, I would welcome applications for small grants from anyone living in the parish of Avening.

The closing date is 21st September, when the annual distribution of funds will be made.

Applications should be made, in writing, to:

A R Slater, 56 Sandford Leaze, Avening GL8 8PB

A message from Lyn Uzell

Thank you to all who attended the BBQ in aid of the Cobalt Unit and Cotswold Care. We raised £300.

With many thanks to all the helpers and to those who gave donations.

Please look for posters around the village for future events, and see page 19 of this magazine.

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Avening Roll of Honour No. 8

Charles William Fletcher

Private: 10th Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment.

Charles Fletcher was the eldest child of John James Hall Fletcher (1861 - 1934) of Avening and his wife Ellen (nee Large) born 1864 in Ashley, Wiltshire. He was born on Wednesday the 9th of September 1885 in Rodmarton where his father worked as a stonemason but the family had moved to Avening by the time he was baptised in the Holy Cross Church on Wednesday the 27th of May 1891. Also, by this time, the family were outgrowing their home on Pound Hill and Charles was living with his Great Aunt and Uncle, Eliza and Joseph Ind at their home on Woodstock. In 1892, at the age of seven, he is mentioned in Avening School records which tells that he was raised to a higher standard because of good progress.

At the time of the 1901 census, he was still living with his Great Aunt Eliza, by then widowed, and he was then 15 and employed as a cutter in one of the Cloth Mills. He married Alice Hanks, an Avening girl born in 1882 by which time he was a labourer. They had three children, Charles John (born 1911), Leslie James (born 1912) and Hilda Rose (born 1914).

Charles' younger brother Frederick James was killed in action early in 1915 (see Roll of Honour Entry no. 2) and it may have been this event which inspired Charles to volunteer for Kitchener's "New Army" and he joined the 10th Battalion, Gloucs Regiment which moved to France in August of 1915. On Saturday the 25th of September 1915, just 16 days after Charles' 30th birthday, the battalion with other forces, was ordered to assault the German lines in what is known as the third battle of Artois. It was the first occasion in which the British used Gas as a weapon with mixed results. Once the Chlorine Gas had been deployed it was, in some places, blown back onto our own lines where, because of difficulties and discomfort of use our troops were not all wearing masks and so became affected. However, the attack was launched on time at 6.30am following an artillery bombardment, designed to weaken the enemy barbed wire defences. It turned out that this too was only partially successful. Advancing through smoke, gas and across open ground in full range of both German machine guns and artillery, the British

losses were devastating and although they succeeded in capturing Loos, because of supply and reinforcement difficulties they were subsequently driven back to their starting positions by the 28th. Charles, however, was lost during the initial part of the attack but has no known grave, probably falling victim to the enemy artillery. He is remembered on the Loos Memorial which is tended by the Commonwealth War Grave Commission. He was posthumously awarded the Victory and General Service Medals together with the 1915 Star.

We have been unable to locate any direct descendants.

Fred Vening

CHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

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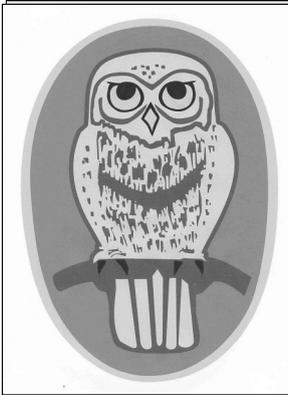


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Avening School

The last few weeks of term were hectic to say the least! Among other things we had a (slightly wet) Sports Day, a Rotary Quiz, 'Chinese Week' in recognition of the Olympics, Leavers Assembly and an Ofsted Inspection!

All went very well and we now await our full Ofsted Report.

The summer has whizzed by and the staff and children have recharged their batteries ready for another busy term. We welcome 15 new children into our Reception (Eagles) class and several into other years.



One
the

most exciting news from School is the launch, this month, of the

of

Kites After School Care Club. With its name in keeping with the other bird-themed class titles, this Club will take the school to a new level in terms of extending the services available to families in the village. The Club is available to all our school children from 3.30 to 5.30pm and will hopefully open up more opportunities for parents and carers in the shape of a longer supervised day.

We are looking forward to taking advantage of the newly refurbished Memorial Hall for lunches and a variety of school activities. And at the end of August a group of parents and helpers went in and gave the Chamberlain Room a makeover, ready to accommodate the Kites Club launch this term.

On Friday 3 October between 9.30 am and 12 noon we will be holding an Open Day for anyone interested in finding out more about our School. Please pass on this date to anyone you know within or outside Avening – all are welcome to come in and see the school in action!

Contributed by Michelle Wheatley



RECIPES NEEDED!

We are hoping to produce a calendar for 2009, combining Church events and some tasty local recipes.

If you have a recipe you would like to contribute, please either give your recipe to:

Elizabeth Buchanan, 14 The High Street, Avening,
or send to Julia Walkley at [jwalkley@btinternet.com](mailto:jawalkley@btinternet.com)



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SEATED AT THE BAR WHERE HEMINGWAY DRANK

The first sentence of this article is directed to all red-blooded males whose sole reason for visiting Havana is to see bronze voluptuous girls rolling cigars between their thighs. Well – you’ll see plenty of voluptuous beauties around but the only cigars you will see are being smoked by tiny little wizened old ladies who sit quietly puffing away on the steps of buildings and on corner-stones. They seem to take little or no notice of the curious looks they get from passers-by and would appear to be in a world of their own.

You can, of course, do what we did and visit one of the shops selling cigars and take in the wonderful aroma – in fact you don’t even have to go through the door. The smell, rather like freshly ground coffee beans, hits you as you walk past.

Our first view of Havana was as we sailed into the harbour. On one side is the magnificent wall and fortress of the old town, dominated by a huge statue of Christ over looking the water. It’s a buzzy, busy city with delightful, happy musicians playing in the squares and in the cafes and bars. It’s noisy, it’s full of bright yellow taxis, rather like the old bubble-cars in size and shape, and they whizz around at great speed sounding like angry bees – I suppose they could be called the mechanical version of the rickshaw. All this, as you can imagine, adds up to a cacophony of sound and colour and although the dusky, dark-haired maidens aren’t rolling cigars they are very much in evidence dressed in wonderfully exotic-coloured costumes and are more than happy to be included in any photograph or video-camera pointing in their direction.

In spite of, or maybe because of, the fact that the majority of Cubans are not allowed to leave the island, own their own homes or their cars they seem to have adopted a philosophical attitude to life. The young guides who took us around were well-educated, cheerful and delighted to show us the wealth of beautiful, if crumbling, ancient buildings that make up so much of the city. They take pride in their country in spite of its somewhat chequered and not-very-happy past. One young man, speaking immaculate English, told me he was also fluent in French, Italian and German. “At school “ he said, “we were also made to learn Russian but I do not speak that anymore”.

One of the best, but not necessarily the most comfortable, ways of seeing the city was by pony and trap and Geoffrey and I spent a very

happy hour bumping along tiny cobbled streets just about wide enough to take the trap and it was then that one really saw the old Havana known and loved by Ernest Hemingway. As we looked through wonderfully carved wooden doors into the interiors of what undoubtedly in the past had been elegant grand houses one was reminded very much of the Moorish tradition of building round a courtyard and filling it with exotic plants and flowers and with a fountain playing gently in the centre.

There are two major features that cannot be ignored in Havana – one



is Ernest Hemingway and the other is the vast collection of classic American cars. First to Hemingway. One day in 1939, Ernest Hemingway walked through the doors of the El Floridita Hotel and sat down on a stool at the bar. This was to become his usual seat and it was there that the famous daiquiri cocktail was invented but – because Hemingway was diabetic – grapefruit juice was substituted for sugar. He installed himself in room 511 at the top of the hotel where he wrote and slept and from where he could look out across the rooftops of his beloved Havana. Room 511 is nothing special – it's small and light and very simply furnished with his desk, his chair, his typewriter and his bed. A rather touching note has been left there by his grandson who visited the room some years back. It thanks all those responsible for taking so much time, trouble and care in preserving, displaying and looking after his grandfather's possessions.

Hemingway not only had a base in the centre of town, he had a most elegant and beautiful house about 25 minutes away and driving there one really did see the poverty that exists in the outskirts of town. Families living in tumbledown wooden shacks, plastic dustbin bags spewing out their rubbish on the sidewalks and people wandering around in groups, chatting aimlessly with each other. Suddenly we were in a different world as we left the main road and turned into a longish drive, framed on either side by magnificent trees, at the end of which was Hemingway's elegant one storey house. The garden was full of the sound of tropical birds singing in the hot afternoon sun and swooping in and out of the brightly coloured shrubs and flowers filling the garden with heady scents. The house itself was a museum piece. It was exactly as Hemingway had left it. The walls of almost every room were lined with books and in the drawing room was large table with, naturally, an equally large selection of bottles of every conceivable alcoholic beverage ever distilled! Sadly, but probably quite rightly, no one was allowed to enter the house but looking through the large open windows was a good enough view to give an overall impression of his out-of-town retreat.

What scenes that house and garden must have witnessed when Hemingway was at the height of his fame – not to mention the bar in El Floridita surrounded, as it is, with pictures of Hemingway with Ava Gardner, Hemingway with the list is endless.

Red blooded males might miss out on the cigar-rolling thighs but, on the other hand, if their preference is for classic American cars then they will have come to the right place. Think of the 1950s – the Chryslers, the Chevrolets, the Pontiacs, the Studebakers of that era. These, and many others, are all there in Havana in immaculate condition inside and out. We had a fantastic drive in a Chevrolet with its leather seats, its walnut facia and the sound, very rarely heard nowadays, of the real 'thud' of the doors shutting. All the cars are used as taxis and are maintained by the drivers. Not easy finding parts for the 1950s engines but they do it by cannibalising modern cars – mostly Russian Ladas – and extracting the appropriate bits and hey presto. As our driver said unless you are mechanically minded there's no point at all in being responsible for one of these magnificent cars.

So that was the Havana we saw three months ago. Reading in the Press very recently, it would seem that not only Havana but the whole of Cuba is in for a huge change. Many of the restrictions in place at the moment will be lifted – which is probably no bad thing. A luxury golf resort with multi-million-dollar villas is due to be completed in 2011. At least it will bring much needed employment to many of the poorer families but Ernest Hemingway once said of Cuba “It not only looks wonderful it is wonderful”. I wonder if, in a few years time, he would be able to make the same comment.

Ann Tarlton



*Geoffrey sitting in the rooftop restaurant of El Florentina,
Hemingway's favourite hotel in Havana*

HAWKESBURY HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday August 30th 2008.

Hawkesbury Show attracts around 2,000 visitors each year and is held at the Village Hall recreation ground, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton, near Badminton. The main attraction is the large produce marquee, full of the biggest and best fruit, vegetables and flowers as well as crafts, home baking, wine, local photographs and children's pictures and models. There is entertainment during the afternoon in the central arena as well as fairground rides, a deer, pig and lamb roast, a beer tent featuring a selection of local favourites from the Wickwar brewery, raffle, archery displays, activities for all ages and many local crafts and produce stalls. Inside the village hall refreshments are served all day and there are more stalls and displays of local interest. The Nailsworth Silver Band will be providing live music and our special entertainment this year are 'The Lawmen' a wild west show.

The popular carnival procession begins at 2.10pm with the crowning of the carnival queen by The Duchess of Beaufort. The carnival proceeds from The Plain (next to the village green and war memorial) and travels through the village before entering the showground for final judging. At the end of the day, after the raffle draw and when all trophies and prizes have been awarded, there is a grand auction of donated produce in the marquee. This popular event, run enthusiastically by a local auctioneer, starts at 7.00pm and is guaranteed to provide keen bidders with a bag full of fresh fruit, veg, flowers or cakes for a very reasonable price.

Judging in the marquee is done in the morning and the show ground opens to the public at 12.30pm. Advance tickets can be bought from The Village Shop or from the Post Office but are also available on the gate. A full programme of events and times is available on the day. The showground remains open until the end of the auction at around 7.30pm

A great day out for all the family!

TILL I COME BACK

Autumn is a time of separation for many people, as university and new jobs are undertaken. This is an ancient Celtic prayer sung by pilgrims and their families at a time of parting, a prayer for blessing and protection in the months ahead.

Till I come back ...
Life be in my speech,
Sense in what I say,
The bloom of cherries on my lips,
Till I come back again.
The love Jesus Christ gave
Be filling every heart for me,
The love Jesus Christ gave
Filling me for everyone.

Traversing corries, traversing forests,
Traversing valleys long and wild -
The fair white Mary still uphold me,
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from Bishop Cleeve's 'Churches Together' magazine.

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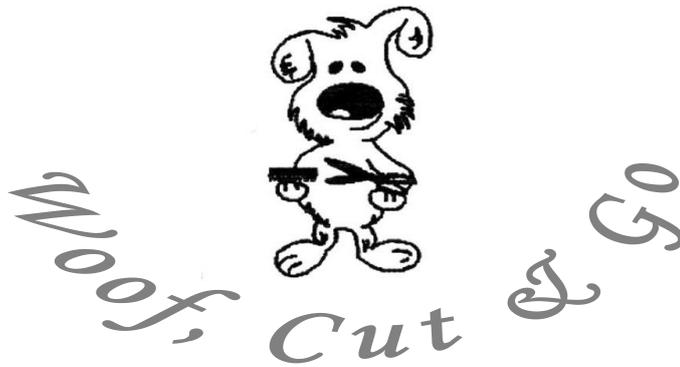
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New Planning Applications – July

08/01637/FUL	Pimbury Farm, GL8 8SF Proposal: Extension to provide dining room and entrance lobby Members had no objection to the application.
08/01743/FUL	Hillside Cottage, 53 Nags Head Lane, Avening, GL8 8NZ Proposal: Erection of first floor extension Members had no objection to the application.

Decision Notices Received

08/00491/FUL	Avening Social Club, 1 Woodstock Lane, Avening, GL8 8NG Proposal: Retention of smoking shelter and outdoor seating area Date decided: 26 June 2008 Decision: Application Refused
08/01255/LBC	Norn House, 12 Nags Head Lane, Avening, GL8 8NZ Proposal: Demolition of porch. Erection of single storey lean to extension Date decided: 25 June 2008 Decision: Application Permit
08/01258/FUL	Norn House, 12 Nags Head Lane, Avening, GL8 8NZ Proposal: Erection of single storey lean to extension Date decided: 25 June 2008 Decision: Application Permit

Mobile Skatepark

The Council has unfortunately been informed by the County Council that the mobile skate park was not able to continue its weekly visits to Avening during the summer because of problems finding an appropriate site for it. The mobile skatepark was moved to Tetbury for the remainder of its summer visits to the area.



The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 18th September 2008 at the Village Hall.

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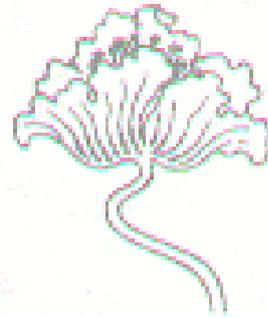
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August 26th	Cobalt Appeal Cream Tea & Barbecue	28 Rectory Lane	12 - 4 pm
September 14th	Queen Matilda's Feast	Avening Church	6 pm
September 27th	Harvest Festival	Cherington Church	6 pm
September 28th	Harvest Festival	Avening Church	11 am
October 3rd	Avening School Open Day	Avening School	9.30 - 12
November 18th	Coffee Morning in aid of Avening Church	Court Lodge, Avening	10 am

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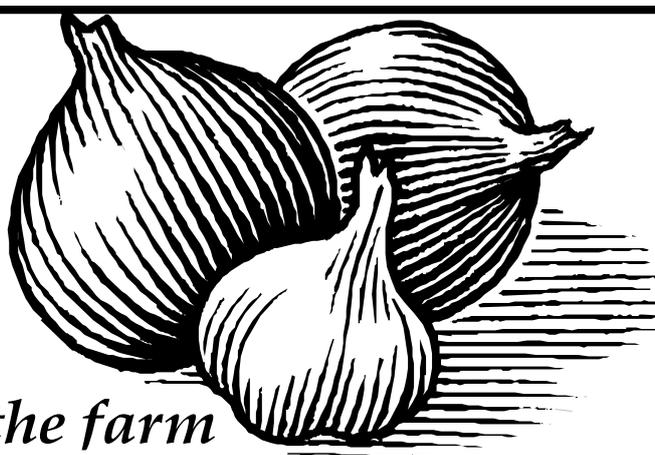


Useful Telephone Numbers

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Cherington Parish Council	Sue Russell	01666 503370
Cotswold District Councillor	Jim Parsons	01453 836596
Avening Sunday School	Debbie Brown	01453 835983
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