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Parish Letter

Dear Friends,

On our way home after attending Avening's Evening of World War 1 Remembrance, Jean and I were discussing the multiplicity of issues that cause wars, not always a conflict between religions. I am aware that historical records don't always give an accurate picture of the causes of wars. Was it in response to the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, that Germany declared war on her neighbours which led to Britain declaring war on Germany on Tuesday 4th August 1914? Whatever the cause, the outcome was that by November 1918 hundreds of thousands of lives had been lost in battles. Two items on the programme have left me reflecting on the impact of war and the importance that successive generations continue to honour and acknowledge the bravery of those who went off to war. Firstly, the number of young men from these communities who were killed in action or died from the effects of being gassed. Derrick read out the names of no less than forty-two 'sons of Avening' who never returned. And secondly, pupils from Avening Primary School as they sang Pete Seeger's song, 'Where have all the flowers gone?'

It was a privilege for me to read the account of the unofficial Christmas Truce that took place on Christmas Day 1914 between the British and German troops on the Western Front. The Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy wrote a brilliant poem a couple of years ago to celebrate the miraculous truce between the trenches, when enemy shook hands with enemy, shared songs, swapped gifts, even played football, and peace found a place in No Man's Land. There are times when poetry alone can convey a deeper meaning of the words than that of prose.....

Christmas Eve in the trenches of France,

The guns were quiet.

The dead lay still in No Man's Land...

Freddie, Franz, Friedrich, Frank

The moon, like a medal, hung in the clear blue sky.

(Carol Ann Duffy 2011)

One of the most enjoyable social occasions I have enjoyed was Avening's Church Fete at the beginning of last month, and now I am looking forward to the Cherington Show. As I browsed through the show programme I paused at section D – Cookery – class 77, 4 bread rolls. Here's an opportunity I pondered, to have a 'mini' Great British Bake Off! And the bread baked by the winning entrant could be used for the Communion bread at the church service on Sunday 3rd August, The day when the Church keeps Lammas. Lammas, or

Loaf Mass is held on the first Sunday in August as a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest. Traditionally, a newly baked loaf from the wheat harvest was presented before God during the morning service. So, get baking and come and join us in your local church in August to celebrate the wheat harvest.

With my love and prayers,

Peter

Home Fellowship Groups

The Early Christians didn't meet in magnificent buildings such as Holy Cross, or St Nicholas Churches built to the glory of God, but in one another's home. This tradition has continued down the ages to the present day. In the past there have been very lively house groups in Avening. These gatherings can provide the forum for people to talk about their faith and ask questions about many aspects of Church life. One question asked recently was, 'should the words devil and evil be included in the Baptism service?'

It was agreed by those who attended a 'taster' meeting at the end of June that it would be good to meet monthly on the last Monday in each month at 7:30pm. The group had a preview of a series of booklets that would give a structure to the meetings and enable everyone to deepen their Christian journey of faith. *The Pilgrim Series* is a journey to the heart of God, and to a living personal relationship with Jesus Christ within the household of his church. It has been designed



for mature Christians, new Christians and Enquirers alike. The series covers such topics as *Turning to Christ: The Lord's Prayer: The Commandments: and The Beatitudes*.

We are all at different points on a Journey of Faith and all of us can benefit from sharing in the fellowship of a House Group.

You will receive a very warm welcome at all or any of the Future meetings:

Monday 28th July	At Avening Rectory, 5 Orchard Field - Peter and Jean's home.
Monday 25th August	At Longmans Barn Farm - Jeanne Pargeter's home
Monday 29th September	Venue to be arranged
Monday 27th October	Venue to be arranged
Monday 24th November	At Avening Rectory

Services in Avening & Cherington July

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	DETAILS OF SERVICE
Sunday 6th July	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Baptism
Sunday 13th July	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 20th July	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 27th July	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
CHERINGTON SHOW	09.30	Cherington	NO SERVICE
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Thursday 31st July	7.00pm	Avening	Compline BCP
Sunday 3rd August	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
July 6th	Stephanie/Jeanie	Stephen	Ann
July 13th	George/Jeanie	Derrick	Elizabeth
July 20th	Cas/Piers	Paul	Ann
July 27th	Irene/George	Hamish	Elizabeth
August 6th	Margaret/Cas	Stephen	Ann



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be made to Rev Peter Quinnell
or, if he is not available, the Church Wardens
Their contact details are on page 3**

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
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
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



Church of England Educational Fund

Money from The Church of England Educational Fund is available to young people who are under 25 years old and live in the parish of Avening to help with their education.

If you (or your children) need help from this fund, please apply in writing to the 'Educational Fund,' c/o Mrs Stephanie Hamilton, 2 Fairview, High St., Avening

Applications should be in by 1st August 2014.

We look forward to hearing from you

The Trustees

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Nigel Bowsher** 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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Roll of Honour

An Up-Date

With the support of the Parish Council, we have acquired four more Pay Book Wills in the hope of finding more information about our WW1 War Dead.

One of those purchased was that of Albert George King who died on the 20th of April 1918 (see Roll of Honour No.24).

He left all his possessions to his wife, Maria. We didn't know he was married so the search was on for a record of one. We discovered that he married Sarah Maria Hinder, an Avening girl in the 4th quarter of 1906, in the Tetbury Registration District but we are, as yet, to establish where the marriage took place.

It appears that the family took residence in Point Road and we think we have located that property. Albert and Sarah (he called her Maria) had two children, both born in Avening.

John Charles King was born on the 16th of March 1907 and his younger sister, Dorothy, on the 30th of May 1908. Both were baptised in our church.

Tragedy was not yet over from the family as, less that a year after Albert's death, Maria died. We know that she left a small legacy to her brother Albert Hinder, presumably to help towards his support for the two children.

We now know that Dorothy went on to marry Oswald George Ind in Avening church on the 9th of December 1933. We have not been able to locate any children of this couple. At the same time we have been unable to locate any information on her brother, John Charles.

So the hunt continues for a living relative of Albert George's as the family are likely to be the only ones to have a photograph of him. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of Albert George's nieces or nephews or relatives of Oswald Ind, please let me know.

We also received a copy of the Pay Book Will of a William Freeman (Roll of Honour No.23). This may well be "our man" (as his date of death agrees with our William's position on the War Memorial tablets in the church) and as he leaves his possessions to his mother, a Mrs A Freeman of Lowesmore, just a few miles from Avening.

Our William's connection with Avening can only be his work and we have very little in the way of records that we can look at. I am loathe to guess just in case we end up with the wrong man!! Perhaps someone in the village can visit Stroud Library and check any report of William Freeman's death in the local paper for two to four weeks after his reported death of the 29th of March 1918. An alternative date given for a William Freeman death is the 1st of July 1918. Any volunteers? Call me.

Fred Vening

Message From the Parish Council Chairman

I was very proud to have been elected as the new chairman of Avening Parish Council at the AGM, and thrown in at the deep end for the Parish Meeting.

I get a sense that Avening is mobilising, and coming together for an exciting period of activity - this is because of the keen interest shown in adopting our pumps; the hugely successful WW1 events; the cinema club; the plans for the Villager; and the move to open up a community shop.

At this month's meeting, one of the main topics was the planning proposal adjacent to the playgroup – we had some members of the public present who gave us another perspective, and our county councillor has asked the GCC legal team to check into the title and any covenants. Details of the latest proposal are on the website. We also confirmed the adopters for the pumps – details and kits will be issued soon.

Talking of the website, we had a record 3,676 visits in May - a massive jump of over 600 compared to April! This is great news, and I hope it supports the aim of it becoming a hub for all village activities. The most popular individual page was the Villager archive (April edition). If you haven't done so, have a look at www.avening-pc.gov.uk – there is new content almost every week. Let me know what you think, and what you'd like to see.

We have been advised that a new management committee is needed for the Memorial Hall – it is on the agenda for the meeting 17th July, but we need the 'next generation' to take the hall forward.

I think we will be busy over the next year, and I look forward to working with you all to 'preserve, conserve, and enhance' our lovely village.

Tony Slater

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Jim Sayers

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So often, it is at someone's funeral service that we first hear of the remarkable events and achievements in a person's life.

Jim, like so many other great men, seldom spoke of his earlier life, and, in particular, his wartime experiences.

Simon has spoken so well of Jim as his grandfather, and how privileged he feels himself to be, as indeed we, too, feel privileged to have known Jim as a friend, and a neighbour.

He was a man of gentle courteous ways.....and yet at the same time.... someone of great fortitude and courage. Surely, this inner strength developed when, as a very young man, both his parents were killed and their home destroyed, in the Second World War. His father died while rescuing victims of a bombing raid from the rubble, in the London Blitz, and his mother was very badly wounded, shortly afterwards, when the house in which she was staying after her own home was destroyed, received a direct hit.

Young Jim and his two older brothers were left with no home to return to.

Jim went up to university. However, he was soon called up to serve in the Army and joined up with the Royal Corps of Signals. He was commissioned as an officer, and joined the 79th Armoured Division. He was somewhat alarmed to find that one of his first duties was an order to take a draft of a hundred men to GHQ in Cairo and was one of the first to sail through the newly opened Straits of Gibraltar instead of round the horn of South Africa. The next years were demanding and varied, with Jim serving throughout the Middle East and North Africa.

Later on, he was offered the choice of two postings, one with the Sudanese Defence force or one with the SOE. He chose the latter.

Operations behind the lines were diverse, ranging from radio work to landing light aircraft on improvised grass strips and being one of the first to learn to parachute. Jim was involved in much of the training of the SOE agents. Once again, he was travelling all over the Middle East and Europe. As a member of this extreme secret unit, life was dangerous, and on more than one occasion, in order to save his life, he had to hide. Once, with the help of a farmer, he hid beneath a couple of floorboards of a barn all night..... plagued by rats, afraid to move - and agonisingly uncomfortable.

He did, however, become an expert in radio communications and he was to gain from this, during one of his most remarkable and courageous periods of his life. At the end of the war in Europe, Jim was sent out on a mission to Burma ahead of his commanding officer to set up vital equipment for the offensive against Japan. Those who were to follow never turned up as, unbeknown to Jim, the ship on which they were travelling was sunk. Jim carried out his assigned mission setting up a radio station deep in the Jungle. He was to stay there for two years, the only European, and all he had in the appalling conditions was... a radio. On one of the very few occasions that Jim spoke of his experiences, I was privileged to learn that it was the radio contact with London which kept his sanity. On his return from Burma, Jim, in his typical courageous way, moved on by resigning his commission and going back to University to finish his degree in engineering.

Having gained his degree, Jim's life continued to be varied and challenging. He worked for Metal Box, the Reed Paper Group and then became Director of the Lipton Company being responsible for as many as 17 plants in as many countries. This gave him a great love for travelling.

Two years ago, to celebrate Jim's 90th birthday, his neighbour, Frances Conway, wrote a brilliant brief account of Jim's life for the Villager Magazine. His bravery, endurance and loyalty to his country ran as golden threads through the tapestry of his life. He always acknowledged that it was his Christian Faith that sustained him at all times.

Jim met his wife, Pat, in Carlisle, and they had a wonderful marriage for many

years. His family was always important to him and a source of great happiness. Many of us here today first met Jim and Pat and the family when they came to Avening well over twenty years ago. Both of them joined in village life and became great supporters of the Church. They were wonderfully hospitable and gave the most amusing and generous parties.

Music was a very great part of Jim's life.....and it gave him immense comfort in the last years. It meant everything to him that their beloved daughter Caroline became such a fine cellist, and were delighted when she married Colin, a fellow orchestral musician, who became a close friend as well as fine son in law. Jim and Pat were to become inordinately proud of their grandson Simon, whose gifts were to give Jim immense joy. This meant that Christmas was an even greater event in the Sayers household than most, when Simon sang year after year, in the choir of Kings College, Cambridge.

Caroline and Colin repaid Jim's love for them by moving out of their home to look after him in his last weeks, ensuring that he could be at home until his death.

When Jim's wife Pat died so suddenly, he refused to be defeated by the tragedy and with his usual courage turned to face the World again. In much the same way he refused to be defeated by his sudden loss of sight, facing it with cheerful determination, contacting the RNIB for advice, and learning new skills. He continued to walk daily to the village shop to collect his newspaper until it closed and then up until the last few weeks of his life, regularly walked along to Point Road to visit his friend, Christine Duff.

All his life he was a committed churchman and sang in many choirs, the most recent of which is the Wycliffe choir which is with us today.

As I have said, it was Jim's faith that sustained him.....through danger, solitude, isolation and sadness, as well as many happy times.

He seldom failed to attend at the 8 o'clock service whatever the weather, walking down across the fields, faithfully reading the Epistle, until the trial of not being able to see the words.

Only God can fully know the courage and faith it takes to survive experiences such as Jim knew, and so I am certain that Jim will be receiving a triumphant and glorious reception in Heaven with outbursts of music and singing from the celestial choirs.

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THREE PEAKS CONQUERED!



Three peaks conquered - 5am!

We are very pleased to say we successfully completed the National 3 Peaks Challenge on the 7th June in a time of 22 hours and 10 minutes!

We started climbing up Ben Nevis at 6:50am on Saturday, with cloudless skies. We reached the top at 9am, where there was quite a lot of snow still lying, and amazing views. But we had a tight schedule to keep so no time to hang around! It was straight back down, a few minutes stretching and then off in the car to the next mountain.

It rained heavily during the journey and we felt a little downhearted after the glorious sunshine in Scotland but we arrived in the car park at the bottom of Scafell Pike just as the rain stopped at 5:30pm. We had a short(ish) but steep climb up from Wasdale Head. It was very cloudy on the top so we were glad of the stone cairns marking the path. Then back down as quickly as possible - hard on our knees - and off to Snowdon, where we arrived in the dark and set off up the mountain at 1am, with Paul watching (slightly anxiously) from the car park as we disappeared into the blackness.

Walking in the dark was certainly a challenge, despite our good head torches, and to add to that it was misty too, making it very difficult to see the path in places. Several times we had to stop to check we were still on the path and when we reached the top at 3am it took us a while to find the trig point on the summit, because of the mist, despite being only a few feet from it! Quick summit photos in the wind and mist and then we made our way back down and arrived safely back at the car at 5am on Sunday feeling tired but elated -

and much to Paul's relief!

It was tough going but great fun - even in the middle of the night - and a real adventure, and we were very glad we'd put in so much training to prepare ourselves. We must thank Paul, without whom we couldn't have done this - he drove us safely between the 3 mountains, had food and drinks ready for us to eat in the car after each ascent, and provided support, encouragement and in-car entertainment!

And a huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored us - people have been amazingly generous - between us we have raised about £1500 for our charities. It's not too late to donate now - just visit our JustGiving web pages

which will be active for a few more weeks:

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Andrea and Sarah



Ben Nevis summit 9am



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Down To Earth



Margery Fish at East Lambrook Manor

Do we make a garden - or does a garden make us? Now there's a question. Do we impose upon our plot our own ideal vision, or do we, knowingly or unwittingly, allow the plot in question, with its own distinctive terrain, exposure to sun, wind and rain, and position of house and other structures, to gently nudge us towards a specific garden style or design? In many cases, I guess, there will be something of both. We work with what we're given while attempting, with varying degrees of success, to achieve our personal paradise.

When, in 1937, Walter and Margery Fish, bought a house in the country, 'a poor battered old house' with 'a wilderness instead of a garden', they were embarking on an adventure which was to lead to the creation of a garden which we may still visit today. The style that was created out of 'a farmyard and a rubbish heap' beside the hamstone house at East Lambrook Manor in Somerset is regarded as the epitome of the English cottage garden. While Margery was the plantsperson who introduced many rare species and cultivars, Walter's concern was 'a good bone structure ... with an intelligent use of evergreen plants so that the garden is always clothed, no matter what time of year.' The image above shows Margery standing between two of her beloved 'Pudding Trees', clipped chamaecyparis lawsoniana 'Fletcheri', which lined one of the central pathways.

Another doughty lady, but a century earlier, was Marianne North (1830 - 1890) and I recommend anyone going to Kew Gardens to visit the Marianne North gallery and gaze in awe at her vast collection of botanical landscapes - for want of a better phrase. What is so remarkable is



Marianne North Gallery, Kew

how she travelled, mostly alone, with her paint box and easel, to record scenes then unknown, before the days of colour photography. Viewing her paintings, one senses something of the impact made on her by previously unimaginable landscapes with their strange and exotic vegetative luxuriance. 'A Vision of Eden' is the title of a book on her life and work.

But there's still work to be done in the garden! Tweak out, in the early morning when the stems are taut, the side-shoots of the upright, indeterminate tomatoes (as distinct from the determinate, bush varieties). Deadhead the roses. Get a grip, literally, on the mile-a-minute goose-grass



Erigeron karvinskianus

(or cleavers). Their roots are very shallow. Put a couple of cans of water from time to time on the compost heap; if the centre dries out, the brandling worms and bacteria will not be able to do their stuff and you will not have compost. It may be old fashioned to say this, but a tidy lawn (the clippings of which can go on the compost heap) with well-defined edges, does wonders to enhance the appeal of your floral borders. Remember, too, that weeds take both water and nourishment from our plants. I find an old steel knife decapitates small weeds on dry ground; my assistant gardener prefers to use the proper tool: a hoe!

I first came across the delightful, modest little Mexican fleabane, erigeron karvinskianus (or erigeron mucronatus), spilling out from

between the wide steps at Hestercombe, the Lutyens/Jekyll designed garden just outside Taunton. It is also very much at home at Iford Manor. Ideal for introducing into cracks and crevices, it has distinctive daisy flowers which turn from white to deep pink. I bought a plant from the nursery at Great Dixter (where else?) and some seeds online, in the hope that it will oblige me and colonise some of the hard landscaping here (and distract the eye from horticultural disasters, collapsed bean frames and rampart weeds elsewhere in the garden!)

Well, my bedtime reading is Margery Fish's 'We Made a Garden' (quoted in the first paragraph above). There is so much to learn from other gardeners and garden writers.

Marilyn Jones



Avening Primary School

AU REVOIR TO THE MAGICAL, MAGNIFICENT MRS REDPATH....



Villagers be warned! On the last day of term (22 July) there may be many red-eyed people coming out of the village hall! Our leavers' assembly is always a highlight of the school year – we celebrate the school experiences of our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for secondary school. This year the event could be a rollercoaster of emotions as we also say a huge THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK to

our fantastic teacher Mrs Gill Redpath who is retiring after 21 years at the school. Instead of me going on about Gill (which could take several pages!), I am going to hand over to head teacher Jane Rushton who captures how amazingly lucky we were to have Gill involved with our school for so long...

“Mrs Redpath has been an inspiration to countless children, and the many colleagues, parents and governors who have passed through the classrooms of Avening Primary School over the past two decades. For those of you who know Mrs Redpath, I am sure that you will understand what I mean when I write that there is something very special about Mrs Redpath's approach, visible on a daily basis in her classroom. She teaches with a tangible passion, holding her class enthralled, whether tackling the complexities of Shakespeare, sharing the awe and wonder of our amazing world or reinforcing the differences between colons, semi-colons and commas during grammar lessons. The magic is that she really knows her class as individual learners; she cares deeply about each one too. She carefully choreographs her teaching so that each child is given just enough support or challenge to succeed.

“One of the children said to me today that we are losing 'Avening's mother'. Mrs Redpath understands what makes children tick, shares their sense of fun and humour, knows how to comfort them when they are needing support and ignites in each individual the flame of life-long learning. Children leave Avening

Primary School as confident, well-rounded young people, with a sense of justice and tolerance, ready to take the next exciting steps in their education. This, as it has been for many years, her legacy. Thank you Mrs Redpath, on behalf of the whole Avening community, for sharing with us your unwavering passion and enthusiasm for your vocation. I am proud to have been your colleague.”

Jane Rushton

And here are some more thoughts from current Year 6 (Owls class) pupils who have written poems about what Mrs Redpath means to them:

What Mrs. Redpath is to me

Her passion for science
Slowly seeps inside of us
Her friendly face
Like a cute puppy
She's funny
She's clever
Her Scottish sayings:
“Eigh by gum”
“Wheeshty wheeshty little beasties”
And “Bob's your uncle”.
I've always wondered
Is her uncle really called Bob?
She's caring
Like a lion herding her cubs
Oh and how can I forget her love of spellings
A dictionary is never far away!
She's hit the age of 60
And lives in Sandford Leaze
Her rustic look
Always bright and colourful
Her green eyes as deep as an emerald
Fair and honest
On the hunt for justice
She's the heart of the school
Loves her investigations
She reads Shakespeare
With great expression
Her love for chocolate gateaux
Oh Mrs. Redpath
Why do you have to go?

By Elsie

If

If Mrs Redpath was a plant, she'd be a sunflower,
Because she is bright.

If Mrs Redpath was a food, she' be a chocolate gateaux,
Well, what else does she always talk about?

If Mrs Redpath was an animal, she'd be a fish,
So she could go anywhere.

If Mrs Redpath was a vehicle, she'd be an ice cream van,
Giving treats out.

If Mrs Redpath was a colour, she'd be diamond blue,
Because of her magnificence.

If Mrs Redpath was a house, she'd be a palace,
Old and grand.

By George

Mrs Redpath

If Mrs Redpath was a cake,
She'd be a chocolate gateaux
Kind and fair.

If Mrs Redpath was a bird
She'd be an owl

Because she loves the owls so much of course.

If Mrs Redpath had a different job
She'd be a police woman

Telling our naughty dinosaurs to go away and leave us alone.

If Mrs Redpath was a colour
She'd be silver

Glimmering and shimmering, filling us with life.

If Mrs Redpath was an animal
She'd be a hedgehog

Kind, thoughtful and adorable but a bit spiky at times.

If Mrs Redpath was a plant
She'd be colourful rose
Blooming with ideas.

If Mrs Redpath was a plane
She'd be a glider

Gliding around the room
Like a model on a stage
Showing everyone she's the boss.

By Sadie

As well as preparing for our end of term events and celebrations, we have also been ensuring we remember those who fought in World War 1.

A Commemoration Event was held around the war memorial and the Hawks and Owls class pupils sang a repertoire of modern and traditional songs,

including 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' and 'Where have all the Flowers Gone?' We were joined by the choir from Woodchester Primary School. The children impressed us by singing beautifully in a round, having never sung together before. We also shared poems written by the Hawks class and the Owls recited the Prayer of St Francis. Father Peter concluded the commemoration with a blessing. It was a time to think towards the future with hope and wish for peace across the world.



Happy summer everyone!

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!

(NB: This is my last article for the school – another mum is kindly taking over keeping you all up to date on events and developments. Thanks for reading our news so far and keep an eye out for more exciting updates in future issues of the Villager! Michele Wheatley)

And thank you from the Editors, Michele, for all your excellent contributions

AVENING W.W.1 EVENING OF MEMORIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT



On Saturday 21st June I attended a moving and entertaining event in Avening memorial hall to mark 100 years since the beginning of World War one. It was truly an old style "entertain yourselves" evening. We had the Avening silver band, Avening Angels choir, a choir from Avening School, pupils from Sir William Romney School describing their visit to Ypres and the Menin Gate Memorial, Avening Women's Institute singing Jerusalem, readings from three war poets and the reading of a letter home from a soldier describing the first Christmas when fighting ceased and soldiers from both sides mingled to talk and play football.

Then Fred Venning came in dressed in a World War 1 uniform and recited an extract from the 'Vipers Times'!



At intervals throughout the evening the names of Avening's young men who died in those four years were read out; six blocks of seven names. Yes, incredibly, a village as small as Avening was then lost forty-two of its young men. Some surnames were repeated; brothers or cousins? I don't know. No wonder that generation dreaded the sight of the telegraph boy, on his bicycle, heading in their direction.

In the interval we were treated to a lovely selection of nibbles.

A very enjoyable, fun, thought provoking evening. Well done Avening Angels for organising this event!

Beryl Milsom

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We would like to thank everyone who helped and supported the Fete again this year.

HURCH FETE



All those who helped set up and clear up, those who organised ducks, dogs and art show, stall holders, the bell ringers, the silver band, the play group and the W.I.

Thank you also to all who quietly helped behind the scenes and everyone who came on such a lovely sunny afternoon and had a really happy time.

Stephanie Hamilton on behalf of the fete committee

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Avening church was asked to provide and run the teas in the social club for the National Garden Scheme open gardens held on June 15th.

A big thank you to everyone who provided super cakes and to those who gave up their afternoon to help serving and washing up.

After payment to the social club we raised £207.00 for Church funds, our lovely old church needs a lot of money spent on restoration and maintenance work, it has been standing since 1080 and we need to ensure that it is here for future generations.

Again very many thanks to all

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Spotted in Avening a rare Bee Orchid nestling in the grass.

Many thanks to Brian Croney for this photo.



Avening Cinema Club

Avening Cinema Club Presents
Wednesday 6th July at 7.30pm at Avening Social Club

CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (2013) – Drama - Contains moderate violence and threat

Cert: 12A – **Runtime:** 2 hr. 14 min.

Rotten Tomatoes audience rating: 92%

Cast & Crew

Tom Hanks, Barkhad Abdi, Barkhad Addirahman, Catherine Keener, John Magaro, Michael Chernus, Max Martini, Christopher Stadulis

Director: *Paul Greengrass*

Captain Phillips is a multi-layered examination of the 2009 hijacking of the U.S. container ship Maersk Alabama by a crew of Somali pirates. It is - through director Paul Greengrass's distinctive lens - simultaneously a pulse-pounding thriller, and a complex portrait of the myriad effects of globalization. The film focuses on the relationship between the Alabama's commanding officer, Captain Richard Phillips (Tom Hanks), and the Somali pirate captain, Muse (Barkhad Abdi), who takes him hostage. Phillips and Muse are set on an unstoppable collision course when Muse and his crew target Phillips' unarmed ship; in the ensuing standoff, 145 miles off the Somali coast, both men will find themselves at the mercy of forces beyond their control.

June's film -*Twelve Years A Slave*

Solomon Northup is successful and well regarded musician with a house and a family and a fulfilling existence. If this weren't a true story it would be almost unbelievable. He is kidnapped and sold as a slave in the southern states. The film shows how he survives the twelve years of slavery and maintains his life and dignity. The film is very hard viewing; it isn't at all sugar coated and rightly so but it does take a strong stomach to view it. If the life of a male slave is hard and horrific, the life of a female slave, in particular that of a young, attractive one, would be unbearable. Lupita Nyong'o and Chiwetel Ejiofor are both excellent in what are very demanding roles as Solomon and Patsey.

The scenes with Patsey being repeatedly raped and mauled by the insanely sadistic Epps and tormented by his vindictive jealous wife are truly sickening. Patsey begs Northup to take her to a river and drown her. When she leaves the farm to get a small piece of soap Epps has her whipped by none

other than Northup. The torment Northup feels over this is palpable. Epps takes over and Patsey's back is left in ribbons, at this stage it feels as though it would have been a kindness for Northup to have carried out her original request of killing her. Michael Fassbender is very convincing in his role as Epps as his evangelical madness shines through his crazed eyes.

Another gut wrenching scene is when a mother and her two children are wrenched from each other at a slave auction, where the victims are arranged naked, like pieces of meat. The mother has a young daughter and it is all too clear what her destiny is going to be.

Although Northup is eventually helped by a labouring Canadian and returns to his family there is no happy ending or just deserts. He has been robbed of twelve year of his life and his children of their father. Northup goes on to campaign against slavery and his abductors are caught. However, a black man cannot prosecute and white man and the abductors walk free. We also know that Northup's ending is a one-in-a-million ending.

The film is an exploration of the depths of human cruelty and the history is one that should never be forgotten.

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There will be no Avening Film Club in August and we will resume showing on the 17th of September. Please look for information of the Parish Council Website and 'like' us on Facebook "Avening Film Club"

Kristiane Maseyk

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TOWN HALL NAILSWORTH

Our June meeting started and ended in daylight on a beautifully warm evening. Our president reported that the Avening ladies had excelled themselves in the county skittles tournament and we are through to the next round.

By the time you read this the World War One Commemorations in the village will have taken place at which some of our members will be assisting.

Our speaker this month was Pat Chase one of the founders of the Vine Project in South Africa. Vine stands for Vulnerable children In Need of Education. The project is based in a township in Kwa Zulu Natal where many of the children have lost their parents through AIDS. Often the children are raised by their grandparents and the grandmothers are encouraged to make traditional Zulu beaded jewellery which the charity buys from them, ensuring that all the money goes back to the children to enable them to go to school. The children also receive food, school uniforms, pens and other equipment needed to access education.



The Charity is proud that a small number of children have gone on to University where they continue to receive support.

Pat travels regularly to South Africa to give as much help as she can on the ground and she had some very heart warming stories about the families which have been helped. Pat would welcome any donations of white shirts, particularly smaller sizes for school uniforms and reading glasses for the grandmothers as the jewellery making is very detailed work. The members bought items of the jewellery which is beautiful as you can see from the photo.

Our monthly competition was to knit hats which were then donated to the Charity. There were a good number entered.

We are looking forward to our trip to Kew and then the Group Rally at which we will have more competition entries. We came away with both Cups last year so we are hoping to be successful again.

Gwyneth Simpson

Avening Playgroup



The Playgroup children have been very busy planting seeds in the garden. They are helping to water the seeds and are watching them grow. We have been looking at the life cycle of a butterfly and have been making butterflies by decorating and painting them. We have five caterpillars at playgroup. The children were surprised to see how quickly they have grown. We are waiting for them to each turn into a chrysalis and are looking forward to releasing them outside.

We had a visit from Mrs Rushton and Mrs Turner, from Avening Primary School, to meet the children going to school in September. One child said, "I'm really excited about school". The older children have been practising getting changed for PE and are looking forward to their trip to Slimbridge. They love to feed the ducks but Welly Boot Land remains a firm favourite.

All the children have been enjoying playing outdoors during the lovely weather and making use of all the equipment and great space we have here at playgroup.

The committee are also busy preparing for the AGM which will take place on 8th July 2014.

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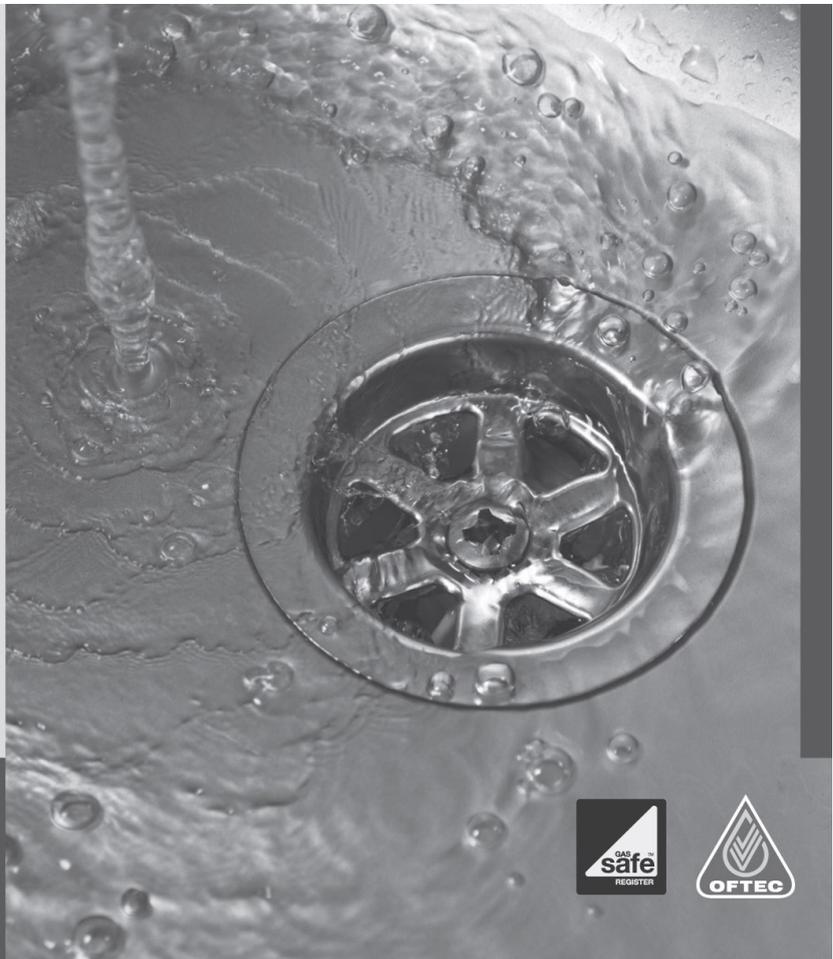
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THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

A Talk by
Peter Spowage



On Friday 27th June 2014 at 7.00pm those of us in the Memorial Hall, surrounded by poignant paintings by K.B. Hancock of the conflict, marked the momentous events of a century ago by observing a minute's silence, remembering the thousands who lost their lives in the First World War.

Peter Spowage, an expert on that war and its battlefields, outlined to us very clearly the strange beginnings of the conflict. So much of the tragedy was driven by the personal rivalries and ambitions of the individual leaders of Europe. The starting point was the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and his wife, in Sarajevo. This was a dynastic disaster for his uncle, the Austrian Emperor

Franz Josef, whose heir he had been. This was seized upon by the German Kaiser, Wilhelm, who nursed a feeling of inferiority because of a physical deformity, and sought to cut a dashing figure on the world stage politically, to compensate for these feelings of inadequacy. He persuaded Franz Josef that a little Balkan war would boost the importance and power of the Austrian/German alliance. This drew Russia into the mix, because her help was sought by Serbia, where the assassination had occurred. Serbia's offers to the Austrians and Germans of appeasement had been rebuffed. Once Russia was involved, France, as her ally, followed and war was declared on Germany. Britain was not interested in joining in and would never have become involved if Germany had not invaded Belgium, who was our ally. A tragedy had begun.

Peter went on to banish many of the accepted myths; the war was not fought entirely in seas of mud, but often in stifling dust during a scorching summer. It has become fashionable to rubbish Hague, but Peter showed that in many ways he was an astute general, who cared and thought about the men. Proof of his popularity can be found in the 100,000 people who attended his funeral. War has some pluses; medical techniques improved by leaps and bounds. At home the social order had changed. Men who went to fight became more assertive and ambitious. They came home to a Land Fit for Heroes, that offered many of them very little. The women left behind undertook jobs hitherto the province solely of men. Their drive for equality became more urgent. Warfare had changed for ever and so had life

for a whole continent. In the same way that this war had started arbitrarily, it suddenly ceased—almost like a coffee break, as Peter said. He wondered whether, if it had continued to a proper victory, the Second World War might never have happened. It was a war started with no particular end in view, which just petered out. Among the disgruntled, humiliated German troops was one, who longed to bring his country back to glory, a young corporal named Adolf Hitler. But that is another terrible story. It was a thought provoking evening for all who heard this fascinating lecture.

Frances Conway

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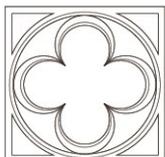
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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I read with much interest in the April Newsletter the item from Mrs Eileen Ind. Like Eileen I also did my training as an N.N.E.B. at Avening House Nursery in 1957.

I have wonderful happy memories of Avening, and I have tried to follow the progress of Avening, and wonder often as to Avening house and what happened to it in the years since I trained there. as Eileen says the local lads were always aware of when a new group of students arrived , and many a late night rendezvous was arranged via the playroom windows, (the one that did not squeak!) we all thought Matron did not know, but i think she just turned a blind eye!!.

My husband and I along with four small children emigrated to Perth, Western Australia in 1964, where we have lived a wonderfully happy life. I also put my training to good use – being, when we arrived here one of only three people trained in the area of in the care of small children, so I was instrumental in the development of training facilities, and establishing children's and family services.

I found your newsletter to be of great interest, well done and thanks for the nostalgia

Regards

Dorothy Baker (nee Graham)

Dear Editors,

Lea field and dog mess

I have been amazed that each time I visit the play area for children that dog mess, poo, faeces, shit - whatever you want to call it - was actually inside the enclosure for swings as well as outside. Should dogs in Lea field be on leads for health and safety of children (children are a lot closer to this mess) as well as owners of dogs being in control of their dogs and what they are up to.

I have also been in touch with Parish Council and they suggest that everyone polices the playing field reporting to CDC if they see owners not clearing up their pet's mess so that these owners can be reported and fined.

Sandra Best

Dear Editors

Plea to property owners and occupiers

Please would anyone with a garden bordering a footpath or pavement ensure their trees and shrubs are regularly cut back. Some pavements are now impassable, such as towards the top of Tetbury Hill, where pedestrians are forced to walk in the road. This selfish attitude of some residents is putting the safety of others in jeopardy.

unsigned

Dear Editors

After the fete, we had a "Found" item left over on our Lawn.

It is a pair of nice child's pink sandals. They are size 32 Rock Star and on the sole of one of them has the number 7016.

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Many thanks,

Peter Best, The Old Rectory

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Avening Book Club

The Hare with Amber Eyes (a hidden inheritance)

by Edmund de Waal.

Reviewed by **Lynne Mowles**

I was recommended this book, Winner of the 2010 Costa Biography award, by a friend. The author was entranced when he first encountered the collection of netsuke (wood and ivory carvings none of them bigger than a matchbox) when, as a student studying in Japan, he visited his great uncle Iggy at his Tokyo apartment where he had lived since the end of WWII. When he later inherited the netsuke in 1994, they unlocked a story far larger and more dramatic than he could ever have imagined.

From a burgeoning empire in Odessa to *fin de siècle* Paris, from occupied Vienna to Tokyo, Edmund de Waal traces the netsuke's journey through generations of his remarkable family against the backdrop of a tumultuous century. The hare of the title is the whitest and finest of the collection, originally acquired by Charles Ephrussi in late 1870's when the opening of Japan's borders let a flood of japonaiserie into European homes. The Ephrussis, like the Rothschilds, were bankers and Charles, an art-obsessed younger son, became a patron of the impressionists in their impoverished early years. Charles gave the netsuke collection as a wedding present to the author's great grandfather, Victor von Ephrussi in Vienna at the turn of the Century. We follow the wealthy Jewish Ephrussi family to Paris then onto Vienna where they are residing in a Palace when their fortunes are destroyed and their home looted by the Nazis in the 1930's. The netsuke are saved by Anna, the devoted lady's maid who stitched them into a mattress.

Edmund understands the centrality of objects to our sense of ourselves and travels to Japan and Paris researching the family history. The netsuke are both the relics of a lost plutocracy and tokens of the best that survived of it: loyalty, love and humble craftsmanship cherished not for its monetary value but for itself. This is a very human story of the 20th century.

Book Club: in The Bell, first Monday of the Month @ 7.30.

Monday 7th July: The Wonder by R.J. Palacio.

Monday 4th August: Bring Up The Bodies by Hilary Mantel.



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Signage Boards and Flag/Flag Pole

14/02252/FUL

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NEWS FROM THE JUNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Following information received from residents, the Parish Council is querying possible covenants on the land adjacent to the Playgroup where

the County Council is proposing a development of 11 dwellings including 6 affordable homes for local people. For more information go to the Avening website www.avening-pc.gov.uk.

Bridleways and Byways

The owners of land that is crossed by Bridleways and Byways are responsible for maintenance. If you own such land please can you ensure that the hedgerows are cut back to allow access.

Bag it and Bin it!!

The Parish Council continues to receive complaints about dog mess especially on the Playing Field. **PLEASE** can dog owners ensure that they pick up after their dogs and if you see anyone leaving dog mess please contact either CDC or the Parish Clerk.

Listed Water Pumps

An excellent response was received to the launch of Adopt a Pump at the Annual Village meeting. Only one pump remains unadopted. If you are interested in taking on the maintenance of a Village water pump, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The next meeting of **Avening Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday, 17 July 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.**

The Parish Council address is:

*Caroline Braidwood, Parish Clerk, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester,
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Car Park Vacancy

If you would like the opportunity to park your car safely off the roadside, in the private car park, then please contact Cllr Alison Sharpe on 841379 for details. There is currently one vacant space available.

Village Fête – road closed

Cllr Peter Workman would like to remind everyone that there will be road closures between 2pm and 6 pm on the day of village fête which is Sunday 27th July. For further information please contact Peter Workman on 01285 841294.

Highways issues

At last month's Parish Council meeting the road by the river was discussed as it is badly eroded and is causing some concern in the village. Cllr Mike Mitchell will be contacting the Highways department of the County Council to see what can be done to make the road safe

Planning

Outcome of recent submissions:

14/00510/FUL The Old Rectory, Cherington – Erection of porch (permission)

14/01807/FUL The Old Rectory Cherington – Erection of summerhouse (withdrawn)

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

Funding for Fitness

A new grant has recently become available from Gloucestershire County Council. Its called Active Together and is aimed at promoting sports and physical activity in local communities. All County Councillors will have a dedicated pot of money for their parishes. For further information go to www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/activetogether or speak to local County Councillor Tony Hicks on 01452 425479.

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 August 5th** at **6.30pm** in the village hall. 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.

Parish Clerk *Frances Ashfield* on 01453 767384 or via email at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Useful Telephone Numbers

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A and C Cricket Club	Derrick Ind	01453 835752
Over 60s Lunch Club	Christine Howell	01453 833246
Avening Silver Band	Jim Hill	01453 834438
Friends of Avening School	Jo Missenden	01453 833688
Cherington Village Hall	Beryl Milsom	01285 841248
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Avening History Project	Fred Vening fred@fvening.fsnet.co.uk	01285 850624
Stroud Hospital	Reception	3000 421 8080
Women's Institute	Maisie Stanton	01453 834679
Avening Book Club	Kristiane Maseyk	01453 836515

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2nd July	WI outing to Kew Gardens	Coach outside Memorial Hall	8.30am
Wednesday 16th July	Avening Film Club	Social Club	7.30pm
Thursday 17th July	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 19th July	Avening School Summer Fete	Avening School	12-2.30pm
Sunday 27th July	Cherington Show	All around Cherington	2-5.00pm
Monday 28th July	Home Fellowship Group	5 Orchard Field	7.30pm
Tuesday 5th August	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	6.30pm
Sunday 14th September	Pig Face Day Service in Church followed by feast	Holy Cross Church Avening	11.00am

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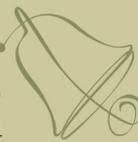
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