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Parish Letter

Dear Friends

Two very interesting debates of national importance took place last month: the first one at the summer meeting of the General Synod of the Church of England, and the second a few days later in the House of Lords. Both issues were about choice and at the very core of these concerns is God. The Church of England has recognized that the appointing of Bishops should not be a matter of gender, (ever since the Reformation there have only been male bishops) but one of vocation – called by God. Will Gloucester Diocese be the first to have a woman bishop? I hope so!

The second debate was about assisted dying. The House of Lords was split down the middle on whether to support assisted dying, as supporters argued it would end the excruciating suffering of the terminally ill and opponents warned it was 'just a whisker away' from euthanasia. Just a few weeks ago a case of 'right-to-die' was rejected by the judiciary. Perhaps most of us have witnessed the dying of a loved one. Perhaps, as we have been at their bedside we have been on an emotional roller-coaster, wanting our loved one to have a natural, peaceful and dignified death. In my prayers for my late mother-in-law I prayed, 'in God's good time, but please, hurry up!' With the support of the medical profession, the nursing care and love of those dedicated staff in the Care Home, that was achieved.

For those people suffering with "locked-in syndrome" this bill may give them comfort, or on the contrary, as expressed publicly by Lady Campbell (confined to a wheelchair) "it frightens me, because in periods of greatest difficulty I might be tempted to use it. Pain, suffering and disempowerment are treatable." The Hospice Movement was founded by Dame Cecily Saunders, a devout Christian, focussing on palliative care for those with terminal illnesses. Her pioneering work in this branch of medicine has been established worldwide. These communities are well served by Cotswold Care Hospice, Sue Ryder and our local hospitals.

What is the Christian perspective on assisted dying? George Carey, a former archbishop stated publicly that he was in favour, and Justin Welby, the present archbishop, eloquently argued against by stating that, "abuse, coercion and intimidation can be slow instruments in the hands of the unscrupulous, creating pressure on vulnerable people who are encouraged to 'do the decent thing.' Such pressures on sensitive individuals is bound to leave them feeling they ought to stop, 'being a burden.'"

The heart of the Christian message is about love, unconditional love that incorporates compassion, sensitivity, patience, respect and understanding. If I ever, through illness, incapacity or whatever, got into such a dark place as to be close to suicide, I don't want anyone respecting my choice. On the contrary, I would want them to come looking for me and love and bully me out of my desire for self destruction. Life is a gift from God and all gifts from God are precious.

With my love and prayers

Peter – Parish Priest

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 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

August

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	DETAILS OF SERVICE
Sunday 3rd August	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Trinity 7</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion CW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion CW
Sunday 10th August	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
<i>Trinity 8</i>	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion CW
Sunday 17th August	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Trinity 9</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion CW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion CW
Sunday 24th August	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
<i>St. Bartholomew</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion CW
	11.00	Avening	Family Holy Communion CW
Thursday 28th August	7.00pm	Avening	Compline BCP
Sunday 31st August	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Trinity 11</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion CW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion CW
Sunday 7th September	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Trinity 12</i>	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion CW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion CW

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
August 3rd	Margaret/ Cas	Stephen	Ann
August 10th	Stephanie/Jeanie	Derrick	Elizabeth
August 17th	Piers/Irene	Paul	Ann
August 24th	George/Cas	Stephen	Elizabeth
August 31st	Margaret/Jeanie	Hamish	Gill
September 7th	Cas/Stephanie	Derrick	Ann

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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
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

The Villager Magazine for All!

Exciting news! From February next year, the Villager magazine will be distributed to all households in Avening, Nags Head and Cherington free of charge!

This excellent development is thanks to a grant from Avening Parish Council, and with the support of the Avening and Cherington Parochial Councils. It means that the magazine will be dropping through the letterboxes of every single home in the villages. There will still be additional magazines available to buy at the church and the pubs.

Obviously, printing additional magazines will cost more, and even with the grant we will need some more adverts to help pay for it, so if anyone has a business which would benefit from being advertised in over 500 homes at a very reasonable cost, please let us know. And our fantastic distribution team, ably led by Cas Boddam-Whetham, would love to hear from anyone who could give up just an hour once a month to help deliver the magazine.

This is *YOUR* magazine, so tell us your stories. We would love to hear from the various clubs and groups who are not yet featured, and also welcome stories about your travels and adventures, the achievements of your nearest and dearest, your worries about planning or other developments, and anything else you want to tell us about. And please let us know if you have any ideas for columns or there is something missing that you would like included in the magazine. We really want to hear from you - our contact details are on page 3.

The Editors are thrilled that the magazine will be going to everyone in the villages, and would like to thank all the people who have helped to make this happen.

Derrick, Frances and Jane

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Hazel Redding** 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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100 Years Ago

August 1914

On the 4th of August, 1914 the world altered. For everyone, including the 822 souls who made up Lowesmore, Nags Head and Avening Village. The 1911 census gives us some details. The oldest male was aged 81 (John Werrett of Tetbury Hill), the eldest female was 85 (Hepzibah Smith of Woodstock) and the youngest child was just 2 months old (Harry Cuff of Star Lane). The study of the census returns estimates that of the 822, some 190 would have been of an age to serve in the Military during the duration of the War. Of these, as we know, 42 gave their lives.

We visited Stroud Library and looked at the micro-fiche of the Stroud News and Journal for Friday the 31st of July and Friday the 7th of August 1914.

Without television, radio, mobile telephones – the now accepted means of communication – our local newspaper took it for granted that, in the later edition, everyone knew of our entry into the War and that in the earlier edition, it seemed almost an inevitable happening “soon”. News of the declaration must have been through the National newspapers on the 5th of August, with

the 3rd being the August Bank Holiday. At the same time, word would have spread though the village about the receipt in some houses of telegrams calling those serving on the Army Reserve back to their Units immediately.

Apart from lengthy editorials in both copies, there also appeared patriotic articles, particularly on the 7th and here is a quotation from one such article:

“We in Gloucestershire, in common with our fellow countrymen in every part of the land, must be prepared to meet the trials and privations with fortitude and courage. We must help each other, and above all, we must help our country. We have to see this terrible thing out; to see it fought to a finish; and we must never think of defeat or humiliation.”

There also appeared on the same page, an advertisement for a Call to Arms,

EASTCOMBE v. AVENING.	
Played at Eastcombe on Saturday, resulting in a victory for the homesters by 19 runs. A. Brown (6 wickets for 20 runs) and F. Roberts (4 for 20) bowled well for Eastcombe. Scores:	
Eastcombe.	
W. Nobes, b Dyer	0
F. Roberts, c Fletcher, b Dyer	2
A. Gardiner, b Dyer	2
W. Griffin, b Dyer	3
Rev. W. J. Clay, b Dyer	11
A. Brown, b Rudge	2
O. Ridler, not out	13
W. Davis, b Fletcher	1
E. Davis, b Dyer	6
H. Davis, b Fletcher	0
J. Fewster, c and b Dyer	6
Extras	14
	Total 60
Avening.	
Lieut. Colonel W. Playne, c H. Davis, b Brown	6
F. Shelton, b Roberts	8
H. Fletcher, b Roberts	1
W. Fowles, b Brown	0
P. Rudge, b Roberts	13
E. Ind, b Roberts	2
D. Ind, b Brown	3
F. Dyer, b Brown	3
R. Fowles, not out	0
G. Tanner, b Brown	4
H. Holbrow, lbw, b Brown	0
Extra	1
	Total 41

seeking an immediate 100,000 men to swell the ranks of our professional army.

In the earlier edition of the 31st of July, there was a report of a cricket match between Eastcombe and Avening which resulted in the defeat of our village team. That report is shown here.

I shall endeavour, over the coming months, to report what sort of war our cricket team experienced as almost nearly all of them would serve or been called to serve in the Military.

The first of these would be our opening batsman, Lieut. Colonel William Playne who, when not on military duties, lived at Old Quarries, then known as the Old Rectory, as the then current rectory had returned to its site at the bottom of the High Street.

He was born late 1870 at Longford House where his father was the Mill owner. He was educated in law at a college in Bournemouth and joined the Gloucestershire Hussars in his 30's. He married Manuela Meinertzhagen early in 1897. There were no children.

At the outbreak of War, being on the Reserve of the Hussars, he was mobilised at 7pm on the 4th of August. The Hussars joined the South Midlands Brigade at Newbury Racecourse and then went to the east coast to repel a possible German invasion. In April 1915 they were ordered overseas to Gallipoli, embarking on the 11th of April, reaching Egypt on the 21st. After further training they sailed, without horses, for Gallipoli on the 11th of August, landing at Sulva Bay and immediately under enemy fire. William was severely injured in the hip during that bombardment. He was evacuated back to England and hospitalised.

William died at Longfords on the 28th of October 1935.

I hope to report on the remainder of his team-mates over the coming months.

Fred Vening



Lt. Col. William Playne

Message From the Parish Council Chairman

We had a really big agenda for the July meeting (more in a moment), but we had an early start to present our pump adopters with their toolkit and a certificate. All of our pumps were adopted, but the really exciting news is that we are pursuing an offer from an adopter to help to FULLY restore the pumps. It will mean a delay to getting them painted, but we are going to get

all of the missing parts replaced first by local craftsmen.



Pump adopters receive their toolkits

This work will take a bit of organising, and to achieve this and other projects we have planned, we need some help. You will see elsewhere in the magazine that we wish to recruit a project assistant, so if you meet the criteria, and would

like to get involved with us, please send in an application.

We have got a couple of controversial planning applications progressing at the moment, most pertinently the proposed development adjacent to the playgroup, and it is very pleasing when our neighbours take the trouble to come to the meetings to give us their views. You can see our responses to these applications in the minutes (published on our website www.avening-pc.co.uk), but if you have a view, please do send your comments to Cotswold Council ASAP – if they don't know how people feel, they can't act on it.

A quick word on the website – it is going from strength to strength, and had over 3200 hits in June. If you would like to advertise your business or service, check out the business link page. We would love to feature your events, organisations, and teams – just let us know.

One of our grant applications this month was to support improvements to the Villager – I will let the editors give you the details, but I am very happy that we

will be able to support their journey towards being even bigger and better.

We don't have a formal meeting in August, but we will be getting together to properly consider the feedback and ideas you gave us at the annual village meeting, and to update the parish plan.

Tony Slater

STOP PRESS.....

What a difference a week makes! Last week we were presenting toolboxes and certificates to our pump adopters, talking to the BBC about them and had plans to restore all of the missing parts; this week the site of our prime pump on the High Street has been in jeopardy due to the actions of a developer

Readers may know that the site was subject to a controversial planning application – this was refused by all consultees, but allowed on appeal (subject to a number of strict conditions). However, as all of our pumps are listed, the developer had to apply for listed building consent (not yet granted at time of going to press, and objected to by the PC). He also has to ask the parish council (who own the pump) for permission to move the pump if it is to be moved.

The Parish Council has been working urgently with the enforcement team at CDC, and the developer is aware that any damage caused leaves him liable to prosecution.

However, all is not lost. The pump will remain in situ within the new development. The original lintel will be restored and also form part of the new recess facing onto the High Street. In the meantime, a sturdy frame has been constructed to prevent any damage to the pump, and once the build is complete, we will have access to fully restore the pump as planned.

We will, of course monitor developments, and take any necessary action to protect the historical assets of the village.



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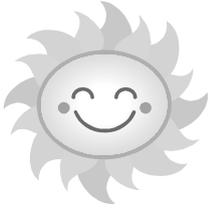
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Down To Earth

When I was at school, I drew beetles all over my exercise books, only these were imaginary eight legged insects sporting collarless jackets and pudding basin haircuts. The beetles I watched cavorting on my broad bean plants, mating and Hoovering up aphids (perhaps not simultaneously) were *rhagonycha fulva*, and prompted me to recall my outrage when a garden writer (who shall remain nameless) recently allowed herself to be photographed proudly wielding an insecticide spray gun. Do some people still feel no shame? I can't admit to a perfectly polished halo - cat fleas and lily beetles are summarily executed - though not poisoned. In the light of declining butterfly numbers, I do greet chomping caterpillars with a 'Hello, dear creature'. Even the cabbage whites. (Just plant a few extra for them.) And the mullein moth caterpillars (the object of this particular garden writer's wrath). What did others of the sixties generation do? Germaine bought a rain forest (I always thought *The Female Eunuch* would lead to greater things); the late Felix Dennis planted trees. The Earth needs rain forest protectors and tree planters. Remembering Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* and Joni Mitchell's *Big Yellow Taxi*, it is disappointing that anyone should be proud to reach for a bug gun.

As well as tweaking out side shoots, I am removing the lower leaves of my tomato plants; they die off anyway and their removal helps to stimulate ripening and allows more air and light to circulate. July is not the best month in my flower border but some remedial action can be taken. Geraniums, nepeta, aubretia even, can be given a hair-cut and within days you'll have a crop of new leaves and, probably, another flush of flowers. My *clematis macropetala*, with small blue bell-shaped flowers, has just given a third, albeit limited, set of flowers. The late-doers are performing early this year; one wonders what will be left for September. I first read about the *kirengeshoma palmata* or Japanese Wax Flower, in Hugh Johnson's superb online blog, *Trad's Diary*, and immediately ordered one. Johnson tells us: 'Kirengeshoma is an endangered plant in the mountains around Tokyo today, threatened with extinction by, among things, the deer', so perhaps we should appoint ourselves its guardians. Mine is certainly thriving and about to flower.



Kirengeshoma palmata

Earlier this month, the two banqueting houses of the once great Jacobean garden of Campden House, Chipping Campden, were opened to the public for one weekend. The guided tour given by Caroline Holmes was so good that we stayed on for her lecture in the evening, intriguingly entitled: 'Shakespeare's Tempest - a storm in a teacup or a metaphor for Jacobean gardens'. The buildings have now been done up by the Landmark Trust as holiday homes, but you can view them if you go through the churchyard to the far corner and peer across. Around 1612, Sir Baptist Hicks, a wealthy mercer, began building a magnificent house with ornate spiral chimneys and a domed cupola, unfortunately burnt down in the Civil War, 30 years later. Between the house and garden was a terrace with a banqueting house at either end. The site of the parterre and lower water garden has been extensively researched with the aid of geophysical imaging and the Chipping Campden History Society mounted a most informative exhibition.

If you follow the Cotswold Way, from its start in Chipping Camden, along to Broadway Tower, down into Broadway, along to Stanton and on, you come to Stanway. The beautiful Jacobean Stanway House, with an early 18th century water garden, possibly laid out by Charles Bridgeman, is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Not to be missed is the 300 foot gravity fountain, installed in 2004 - simply stunning.

(Note to eds. I make no apology for including so many garden visits in this column. There is just so much to see within striking distance of Avening!)

Marilyn Jones



East Banqueting House, Campden House



300 foot fountain, Stanway House



Avening Primary School

End of Term Excitement and Celebration.

The roof of Avening village hall was well and truly lifted up in the air on Wednesday 16th July by the pupils of Avening School. Performing in the afternoon and then again in the evening, children from the Kestrels, Hawks and Owls' classes delighted a very proud gathering of parents, grandparents, siblings and friends by showcasing their extraordinary range of musical talent. There was something for everyone: singing, violin, recorder, guitar (acoustic & electric) and piano playing, with such passion and dedication evident in every performance. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to showcase their hard work and progress throughout the school year and it was quite clear by the smiles on their faces how much they enjoyed performing in front of a very enthusiastic audience.

It has been a busy summer term for the children, teachers and parents, and the final week has been packed full of fun activities. At the start of the week the Year 6 children baked up a storm ready to share with parents and people who have helped during their years at Avening Primary School. A tea party was held outside the Chamberlain Room with Year 6 pupils waiting on tables, filling up tea and coffee cups and offering delicious cakes, brownies and flapjacks of their own making. The next day was another special day for our Year 6 leavers as they helped cook their own leavers' lunch and sat separately from the rest of the school while they devoured spaghetti with meatballs and chocolate brownies with butterscotch sauce and ice-cream for dessert.



And the special treats didn't stop there. On Thursday Year 6 went to Cattle Country for their special farewell day out while the children from the Hawks class were delighted to have been invited by Reverend Celia to a sports party in the afternoon. This was the first of three parties put on for the schoolchildren by Reverend Celia. The pupils, teachers and parents of Avening School



would like to thank her for her endless generosity and hospitality.

To complete an extraordinary week at school, the Kestrels put on a fantastic show in their class assembly on Friday morning. They summarised their year of learning in a performance

that included singing, dancing and explaining about the projects they have been working on throughout the year. All this was done in front of the whole school as well as parents and relations. Well done Kestrels for ending the last full week of term on such a high note!

It has been another incredible year, like every school year unique in its own way, filled with projects, trips, pantomimes, concerts, sports matches and tournaments, not to mention the invaluable process of learning and developing knowledge & academic skills. Now we look forward to the next school year when we will welcome new pupils into our reception class as well as seeing a new look Avening School inside and out! There will be building work taking place during the summer holidays and we would like to take this opportunity to apologise in advance for any noise or inconvenience caused by this work and we thank you for your tolerance and understanding. Details and photographs to follow in October's edition.



See you in September!

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!

Evening Playgroup



The caterpillars ate their way through all their food and each one turned into a crystal. On a lovely Monday morning we sat in a circle in our playground and watched as our five butterflies flew away on a new adventure.

Our Leavers' Trip to Slimbridge was a great success. One of the teachers talked to the children about tadpoles and frogs. They had fun trying to 'swim' like a tadpole, jump like a frog and even stuck their tongues out like a frog trying to catch food! The children also had the chance to hold a live fire salamander. They concentrated and listened very well. The teacher from Slimbridge said the children behaved beautifully and she wished all the groups she taught could be like them. We also went to see the otters, ate our packed lunches, played in the playground, fed the ducks and had a splashing time in Wellyboot Land!

While the older children put on their new uniforms for their move-through days at school, our younger children have been having lots of fun playing outdoors and racing on bikes. They have produced lovely colour collages and gingerbread men collages which have now brightened up the walls in our Playgroup.

We wish all the children leaving us lots of fun and happiness in their new schools. We will miss them and look forward to welcoming back our younger children for their pre-school year in September.

Please call 01453 832695 weekday mornings to arrange a visit or reserve a place for your child.

Rachel Gilmour

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Avening Cinema Club

July's Film: Captain Phillips

When I knew that this was the Rural Cinema's choice, I confess I was slightly disappointed. For a start we've had quite a run of harrowing films and I wasn't looking forward to another. Secondly the plot sounded rather thin and somewhat male-dominated. Several people however, really rated the film, some saying that they had seen it twice. I was pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed this film. It is extremely tense and gripping and maintains this throughout; I'm sure I forgot to breathe in some parts.

The plot involves Tom Hanks as Phillips, commander of the freighter Maersk Alabama. A quartet of Somali pirates successfully boarded it en route to Mombasa, holding him and some others captive while the rest of the unarmed 20-man crew hide. Eventually, unsure of what to do, they take Phillips with them in hopes of ransoming him. Phillips' self-control in captivity is admirable; besides making practical suggestions about seamanship, he's also alert to the dynamic between Musé and the other pirates and sizing up his opportunities to exert influence or to get out of there.

Hanks is very good in this role and when Phillips' self-containment breaks down completely upon release, (where we can all breathe again!) he is equally convincing. Barkhad Abdi, who plays Musé, the kidnappers' leader, and had never before acted (astonishing), is absolutely brilliant! The hysterical desperation that drives him is mesmerizing and terrifying.

There is no film club in August but we resume in September (17th). The film will be announced when we know what it is through Clare's email list, Facebook (Avening Film Club page) and the Parish Council Website. Thank you to everyone who has supported us.



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We have had another busy month. The annual summer coach outing which this year was to Kew Gardens and we were very fortunate to have a beautiful sunny day. The highlights of the visit were the treetop walk, the huge Victorian Palm House, the Water Lily House and the Princess Diana glasshouse with more amazing water lilies. The photo shows the giant Amazonian lily pads some as big as a meter diameter. Some of the members visited the Kew Palace and Royal Kitchens which was a country retreat that George 3rd visited regularly. Others visited the art gallery and were amazed by the beautiful paintings. Thank you very much to Sue Osborne for organising this successful trip.



At the meeting this month we had a talk from 4 volunteers from the Waterways Museum in Gloucester. The subject was the lives of the narrowboat women from the 1840s. They had very hard lives and were looked down upon by people living on the land. The boats were very long but most of the space was to carry goods and the living area for the whole family was less than 10 feet by 7. In this space children were raised, cooking, sleeping and all family activities went on. The speakers were all dressed in traditional boat women's costumes and unbelievably during the Victorian times the boat women made all their clothes, rag rugs, and made the most intricate belts and bonnets while they were steering the boats while their husbands led the horse which pulled the narrowboat. It is a life long gone as the last working boats were laid up by the 1960s.

We had our annual group rally this week and the hosts this year were Kemble and Ewen who were celebrating their 50th Anniversary. The group has been reduced to 3 W.Is. as unfortunately the Coates group has disbanded. The theme for the competitions was 50th Anniversaries with a table setting for a celebration meal. The individual competition was a gold themed corsage made with fresh flowers. One of our members won this competition and we were second in the group entry. Avening won the overall prize for the most points. Well done to all the members who made the effort to enter. On the same theme our speaker was Richard O'Donnell who owns a jewellers shop in Cirencester. He gave a very interesting account all about gold. It was a very pleasant evening with a good supper and lots of chatter! It will be our turn to host the group rally in the W.I's centenary year next year so we will have to put on a good show.

We have had another walk for members this time on Selsley Common where our keen botanists spotted 52 different wild flowers. We have also provided tea for a pensioners group from Prestbury who have been before and who want to come again as they love our home made teas.

We do not have a meeting in August but we have plans for some activities during the holiday month.



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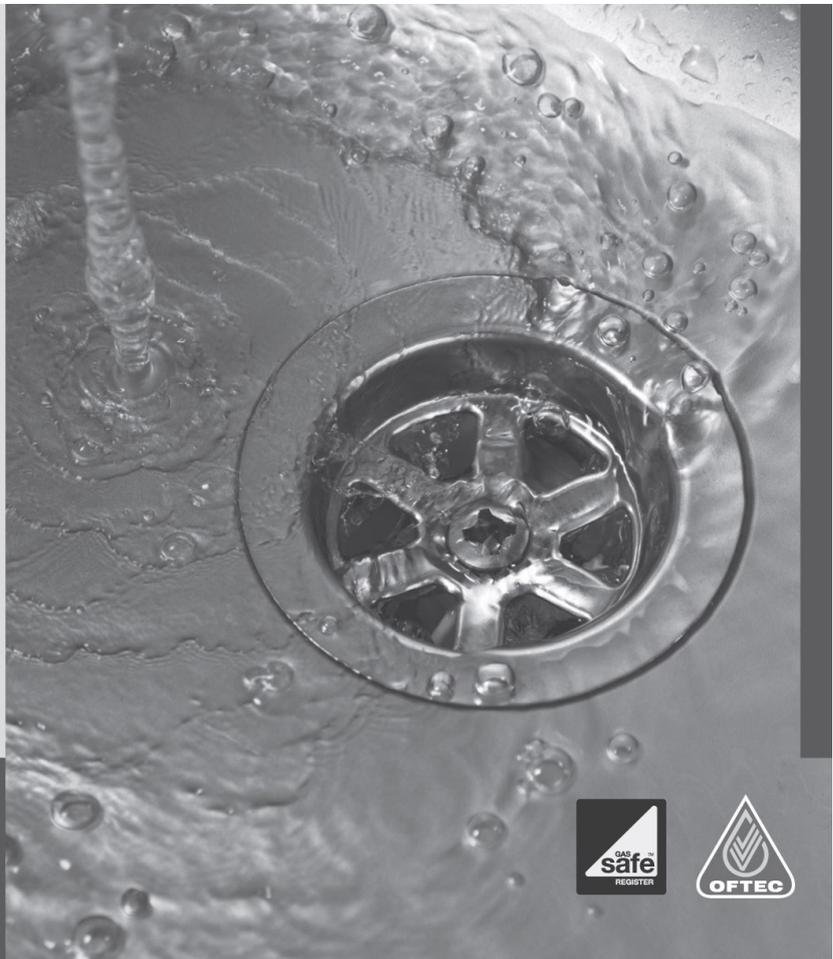
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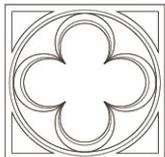
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Avening Book Club

Wonder by RJ Palacio

"My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse."



This 'children's' book was a real winner for book club. It had all the makings for being syrupy sweet and sentimental but it resisted this urge and valiantly wrestled between empathy and insight. August is ten years old who is about to embark on his first experience of school. Up until now he has been homeschooled because he was born with a severe facial deformity and was frequently hospitalised due to numerous 'corrective' operations. His protective and loving parents are torn by their decision. We hear from different voices in this story and after initially seeing Augie's life through his eyes we slowly see how much it affects his family and friends.

His protective older sister, Via, is his champion supporter and defender but she begins to show us her guilty, conflicting feelings when she starts a new school and no longer wants to feel burdened with the label of being 'that boy's' sister. She hits puberty and needs her parents' focus that until recently she has generously accepted as Auggie's right and entitlement. She shows rather than tells what it is like to always be the second consideration and to have to think about her brother all the time. In addition to this her solid friendships have fallen apart and she is struggling with her new challenges, pretty much on her own.

When August begins at middle school, he cannot walk down the corridor without being the subject of stares and cruelty. The children don't want to touch him or sit with him. Within this hell there are a few children who transcend the brutal world of school and it is these children that see Auggie through his initially horrible time there.

This all sounds very dire and heart rending but the book is hugely uplifting and very funny in parts. The characters are 'real'; Auggie, because of all the attention and care lavished upon him, can sometimes be self-centred and thoughtless. One of his friends struggles with being friends to a funny, intelligent mate who no one else likes. His sister wants a part of her life to be free of her brother. The characters are very well drawn and the story is told in an interesting and fresh way.

This book club meeting had a seven year old attending and the adults enjoyed it just as much as her. It is certainly to be recommended for young audience who engage very well with the themes of alienation, tolerance and acceptance. Older audiences are touched by the sometimes brutal world of children and the resilience of humanity.

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New Planning Applications

14/02675/FUL

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S.14/0673/FUL

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Amended Plans

14/02646/LBC

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This means that new application to register will have to be made individually and there is the option to register online. It is hoped that online registration will be safer and more convenient. Paper forms will be available for those who prefer not to use the online service.

Another change means that applicants will have to provide their date of birth and National Insurance number in order to register. These details will be used to verify that the person making the application is who they say they are, which will reduce the risk of fraud and inaccurate entries on the register. Applications will be checked against government records, by way of a newly created IER Digital Service.

CDC's electoral register data has now been checked against government and council tax records, and a match rate of 87% has been achieved. This means that, unless any of those electors have recently moved, they will be automatically transferred to the "IER Register" without having to do anything. However, those electors who could not be 'matched' will need to re-register - either online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or by returning the form that they receive.

NEWS FROM THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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- Parochial Church Council - £125 towards Churchyard Maintenance and Reclamation
- History Group - funding the cost of the Memorial Hall on Saturday the 4th of October for a Family History Day

AUGUST: Please note there will be no Parish Council meeting in August.

The Parish Council address is:

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Cherington Parish Council

PLANNING

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New Planning Applications: 14/03074/TCONR

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Audit of Parish Council finances

The Parish Council's finances for year ending 2013/14 have now been both internally and externally audited. The 'Notice of Conclusion of Audit' will be displayed on the Parish Council's noticeboard after the August PC meeting.

New way to register for voting

Up to now the 'head of the household' has been responsible for registering everyone who lives there.

From June 10th people will register as individuals instead using the new system. Most people already registered will be automatically transferred to this new system.

So, you may not have to do anything. Look out for a letter in July/August from the local council which will tell you if you've been moved automatically or if you need to register on the new system.

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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.

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Avening Book Club	Kristiane Maseyk	01453 836515

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th August	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Cherington Village Hall	6.30pm
Sunday 24th August	Picnic and Music	Longford's Farm	12 noon -
Sunday 14th September	Pig Face Day Service in Church followed by feast	Holy Cross Church Avening	11.00am
Wednesday 17th September	Film Club	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 20th September	Playgroup Nearly New Sale	Avening Memorial Hall	tba
Saturday 4th October	Family History Day	Holy Cross Church	tba
Tuesday 2nd September	Start of Autumn Term	Avening School	8.45am (note new time!)

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