A red telephone booth is the central focus, partially hidden by a dense thicket of tall, white, feathery flowers and purple blossoms. In the background, a utility pole with a warning sign and a stone house with a tiled roof are visible against a backdrop of lush green trees.

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What a roller coaster of a month this has been. Just as one set of elections is over, we are thrown into preparations for another. The media commentary and the information, which we are daily bombarded with, can cause even the most optimistic to become cynical and jaded. To make matters worse we are now told of a truly horrible terrorist attack and can only watch in anger and sorrow as the story of the deaths and injuries in Manchester unfold. We are sure that the victims and their families are in all our thoughts and prayers.

Yet, we must try to keep a balance and remember happy events in our villages, some reviewed in this edition, like the Academix concert and the hugely successful village party hosted by the Avening Parish Council. We can rejoice that there are so many in our communities who work hard to make our lives richer. In particular, in this edition tribute is paid to Roger Gegg, as he retires as a Churchwarden in Cherington. You will read of the many more treats to look forward to, including the Avening Church Fete and Cherington Show.

Meanwhile, if you are feeling a little bored, we have introduced a new feature in this magazine; a couple of puzzles for you to solve on page 10. Let us know what you think of these.

We look forward to a happy summer full of friendship and fun and hopefully sunny weather!

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Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Flamenco Dancing	Monday (excluding school and bank holidays)	7.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
Cherington PC	Tuesday	6.30pm	Village Hall	Beverley 01453 832100
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	Steve 07807 700004
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Baby and Toddler Group	Wednesday (not January)	1.30 - 3.00pm	Avening Playgroup	01453 832695
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
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
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090

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Cherington Parish Council: cheringtonpc.org.uk.

Cherington Village: www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk

Cotswold District Council: www.cotswold.gov.uk



Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Well, what a fun afternoon - and we attracted a few more people to our first show than to last year's AGM! I must start by thanking my Parish Council team for all their hard work in advance and on the day. Also thanks to everyone else who helped - the bakers, contributors, stall holders, farmers, the house band, and to everyone for supporting us. Other than a couple of showers at the start, the weather was kind and the sun shone throughout the afternoon despite a dodgy forecast.

The show was a great opportunity to talk to people from many of the organisations in the village, but this year we also had local farmers with animals, bees - and machinery for children (of all ages!) to experience. There were therapy ponies giving rides. The bouncy castle and slide were very popular, and the jousting produced a clear winner. Sadly there were no adult contenders, so there will be a rollover for that prize.

What really amazed me was the continuing generosity in Avening – we laid on free drinks and commemorative cakes, but had to start an impromptu collection for Best4Ben which raised £64 – this included 10% of the sales proceeds from the ice cream van.

On to the awards - Congratulations to our Pride of Avening Award winners:

Junior award: **Ollie Hutton** and **Louis Harwood**.

Youth award: **Elsie Hislop**.

Jim Parsons Villager of the Year award: **Best4Ben committee** (and the whole village!).

We had some great feedback on the day, and also on Facebook, but would still love to hear what you thought of the event. From what we've heard so far, it looks like another event to add to the Avening summer season. Trouble is, we have promises of more animals, more machinery, and more music – so if the playing field is ready, we might make the move there and have a full-on country show. Oh, and there was a request to see if we can get Poldark to do a scything demonstration. We have contacts, so you never know! I did offer to take my shirt off, but there was fairly cool response... thankfully!

Please note that we're not having a PC meeting in June due to a few people being away, but we will still be collaborating and can make decisions if needed. We're also available for consultation and help as usual.

Finally, our best wishes go to Jim Parsons, and we hope he gets better very soon.

Tony Slater, Chairman

Avening and Cherington Churches

How to Make a Spanish Omelette!

CHURCH news is often about eggs but seldom about omelettes. Let this be a first for Avening and Cherington - and there is more to it, we promise.

On a recent holiday in Cantabria, where we were privileged to attend and take part in a veneration of a claimed relic of the True Cross, Richard also had a lesson in making the famous Spanish omelette. The result was as good looking as his teacher!

The point is - "Keep it simple!" The true Spanish omelette contains eggs, potatoes, and salt. None of those left-over vegetables the English hurl in, or tomatoes or anything else. It's how you do it simply that counts, and he has the recipe if anyone is interested.



A parody sermon might nasally continue: "Christianity is a bit like that omelette!" True, actually, but pass on, please. Christianity can be made to appear very complicated, whereas the variety we serve up here is simply the best. The recipe is easy to understand and follow.

Jesus of Nazareth had it right. What he said 2,000 and more years ago was also re-cooked and served up in a few words by the Jewish Rabbi Hillel. "Fear God and love your neighbour" he said. "All the rest is commentary". Jesus went further. "There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets".

That's just how the Church here feels, even if we put it differently but still simply. "Fear" as the ancients had it might now become "Honour" or "Obey". And you do not actually have to like someone to love them, although it can help. "Respect" is a word young people understand, and even politicians are beginning to catch on.

Our churches here, as everywhere, are built upon simple truths that are easy to understand, even if not always easy to get right. The answer is to keep trying, as we do - just as Richard intends to practice with that omelette until one day it may even turn up at a village function if he has enough help and encouragement!

Richard and Margaret Maslen

Puzzle Corner (Answers on page 30)

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contains all of the digits 1 to 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork (apparently!!)

Crossword

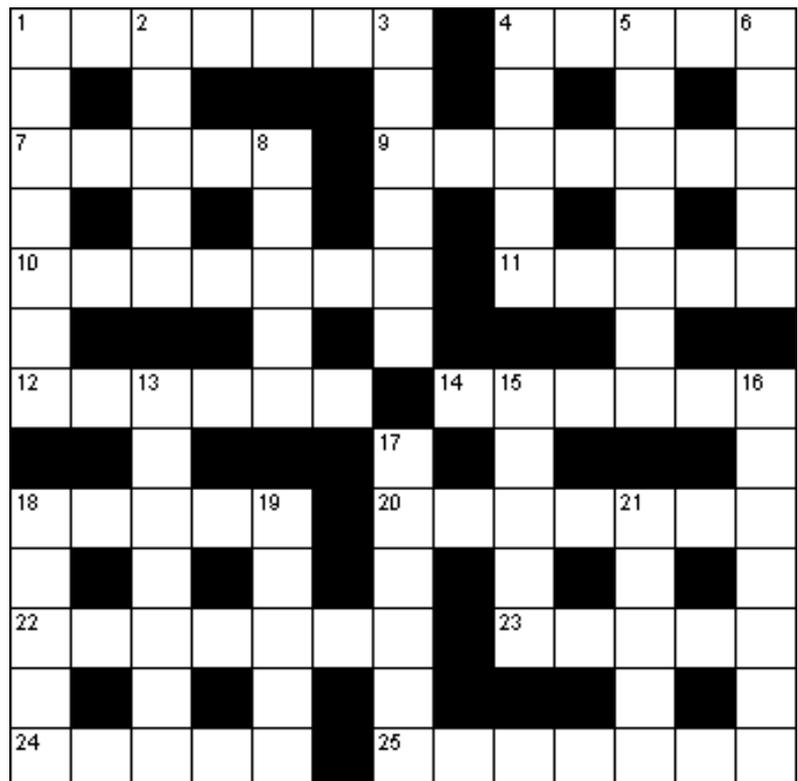
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Across

1. Floorshow (7)
4. Spooky (5)
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9. Vertical (7)
10. Inactivity (7)
11. Measuring implement (5)
12. Dictator (6)
14. Ecclesiastic (6)
18. Copious (5)
20. Drawn (7)
22. Pouch worn with a kilt (7)
23. Diadem (5)
24. Admittance (5)
25. Spiny anteater (7)

Down

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| 1. Transported (7) | 13. Reinforcement (7) |
| 2. Emblem (5) | 15. Reasoned judgment (5) |
| 3. Tropical bird (6) | 16. Musical passage (7) |
| 4. Mistake (5) | 17. Opportunity (6) |
| 5. Dependable follower (7) | 18. Part of a church (5) |
| 6. Go in (5) | 19. Ahead of time (5) |
| 8. Magnitude relation (5) | 21. Obviate (5) |



Avening Playgroup

The children have been really enjoying weeding our vegetable patch. They had weeded it before Easter, and had planted some seeds we had left over from last year, but unfortunately due to the dry weather these did not start to grow, unlike the weeds! The children weeded it again and have planted some herbs instead.

We have made part of our outside area into a very small wood. The children have been playing with small sticks and looking at mini-beasts.

The children have been learning about life cycles and have made some lovely butterflies to decorate the playgroup.

Unfortunately our clothes bank has now been taken away as we were not able to collect the minimum amount of clothing the company needed for us to have the bank. Thank you to everyone who have brought their clothes to us over the past few years.

Our committee really need some help to organise fundraising events for playgroup. If you are able to help or would be willing to join our committee, please do contact us on 01453 832695 or email us at aveningplaygroup@gmail.com.

If you have a child who will become three in the next year and would like them to join our lovely playgroup, do contact us to reserve your child's place.

Debbie, Angie and Sarah and the Committee

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A Thank you to Roger Gegg, Churchwarden, St. Nicholas, Cherington 2008 - 2017

In 2008 Roger Gegg was elected as a Churchwarden at St. Nicholas, Cherington on the retirement of Mrs. Beryl Milsom from this ancient office which dates back to the 14th century.

In the intervening nine years Roger has been an invaluable and efficient Churchwarden, devoting much time and work to the everyday needs of the church, its flock and its fabric. He has decided to retire from this role as he wants to spend more time with his family and expanding brood of grandchildren.

As Churchwarden he has had particular responsibility managing the three Driver's Charity Cottages overlooking the village green and the allotments, and in his early days he arranged for the first surveyor's inspection of the cottages for almost half a century. He has also been involved in the quinquennial inspection of St. Nicholas, which is designed to ensure that our church stands at the centre of our community for centuries to come.

Roger has held office at a turbulent time in the history of our church. There was substantial uncertainty over the future of Ministry in our parishes, which at one stage appeared to be very gloomy indeed, with the prospect of us being steered towards a 'merger' with all the churches in the Kemble Benefice. Roger was a vital member of the team resisting that move, which led to an important change of heart. The departure of Rev. Peter Quinnell (our House for Duty priest) after a year in office presented a variety of difficulties which have been faced and dealt with by Roger and the Parochial Church Council, influenced by his steady, calm and efficient guiding hand.

Contrary to expectations our congregation has been maintained and in fact grown, the pain has eased and the church and the cottages are well cared for and in good structural condition after a programme of renovations. Those renovations allowed two of the cottages to be retained by long standing tenants, while the third cottage has been essentially rebuilt internally in order to enable it to be let out at a commercial rent in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission.

Alongside the thanks of the Parochial Church Council, I would like to place on record my sincere personal thanks to Roger and to Kate, who has supported Roger throughout his term in office.

With the agreement of the PCC and the Trustees, Roger will continue to support the church helping to maintain the effective management of the fabric of the church, allotments and cottages.

John Bate-Williams, Churchwarden, St. Nicholas, Cherington

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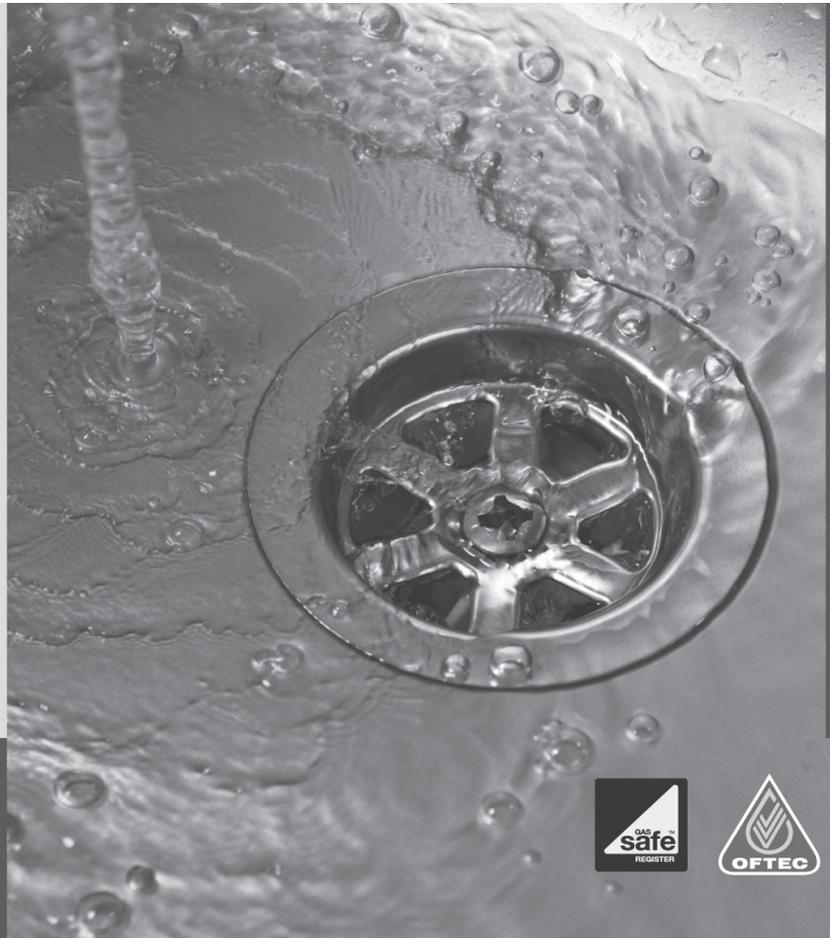
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Avening W.I.

The first round of the County Skittles Competition didn't go as well as the Quiz Competition! We welcomed Bisley WI to the Social Club and they proved to be a very talented team. Although we tried hard, we couldn't recover from a slow start. However, despite this we had a great evening and a brilliant supper. We can now look forward to the Plate competition as we were knocked out of the main competition in the first round. We have a practice evening on 18th May and a friendly match against Kemble & Ewen WI on the 25th.

We enjoyed lovely weather for our May walk in Preston Park, Tetbury which was followed by lunch at the Royal Oak. For our next walk we are planning to go to Uley and Owlpen, with lunch in Uley.

Our speaker this month was Steve, a ground crew volunteer for the Great Western Air Ambulance. He was extremely interesting, illustrating his talk with slides. They only have one helicopter and this covers six counties including Gloucestershire, 2.1 million people. It costs £2.6 million to run per year and they do not receive any Government or Lottery funding. We are very lucky that the crew includes a critical care paramedic and critical care doctor which means that the helicopter can carry more advanced equipment and much stronger painkillers. The paramedic is the only member of the crew that is funded by the NHS. On average it is called out 4 times per day. A third of the calls are for cardiac arrests, a quarter road traffic collisions and 15% of all calls involve children. He finished his talk with a video featuring former patients which was very moving.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings which are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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beatboxing accompaniment themselves.

At 3pm we began with a general vocal warm up “Bella mama” before splitting into our respective choral groups. I think we surprised even ourselves at how quickly Cate corralled us into a respectable ensemble. The men were then squirreled away into the side chapel for the grand reveal later! The plan was for us to learn their own unique arrangement of “Stand By Me”. The ladies (and Benedict) learned the backing vocals whilst the men lead with the main lyrics. There was even some rudimentary choreography going on (“and shimmy to your right... no... the OTHER right!”)



A brief foray with Jonathon into the world of beatboxing taught us that the human body is capable of an enormous range of vocal percussion. If you closed your eyes you’d swear there was a double bass on stage, plus a guitar, a drum kit and the occasional violin. You haven’t lived until you’ve seen ladies of a certain age attempting to mimic a drum machine in the style of old skool hip-hop. Quick tip : try saying “boots and cats” over and over again until you sound like a TR-808!

The evening concert was a genuine musical feast. Opening with the explosive Kids in America, they took us on a rollercoaster trip through many different decades and genres: Fix you (Coldplay), Mr Sandman (The Chordettes) and Video killed the radio star (The Buggles) to name but a few. We were all fascinated to see the clever ways in which popular songs had been reinterpreted, and were mesmerised by the slick presentation. In the second act a brave Alan Garlick took centre stage ably assisted by the Academix protégés of the afternoon and delivered a very tuneful “Stand by Me” to rapturous applause.

We were delighted to have them and hope they can visit us again, and in the meantime we’ll keep practising our “boots & cats”!

Dorcas Garlick



Avening School

As we enter our last two months of the school year and the weather hopefully gets warmer, we move our learning out of doors and this term's topics perfectly compliment this by taking on an environmental theme. The Kestrels (y1/2) are being inspired by 'Dens and Dandelions' while the Hawks (y3/4) will become 'Eco-Warriors' and the 'Owls' focus on the rainforest as part of their topic 'We are the Future.' The whole school will be out and about on trips this term with KS1 visiting Copsegrove Farm where they will take part in activities such as den-building and nature trails. The Hawks will attend the Cheltenham Science Festival and The Owls class will be taking to the water on their residential visit to the Cotswold Water Park.

We are working closely with our colleagues at Sir William Romney's and this term will see us collaborate on a joint project for Years 5 and 6, based on the text Treasure Island. We will also be joining SWR for a 'Proms in the Park' in July – with children from our school joining the choir.

If this wasn't enough to be going along with, there is also our annual school sports day, our whole school sponsored walk and the much anticipated musical soiree to look forward to this term.

On behalf of FOAS we are excited to announce details of our new fundraising campaign – APS IT (Avening Primary School IT). Like many schools, we have to make some very tough choices when it comes to our resources - and in recent years the school has had to prioritise the upkeep of the buildings, with no funds left over for IT. We haven't been able to upgrade our limited stock of laptops and tablets for several years. A statistic taken from the World Economic Forum, Future of Jobs Report states that "65% of children entering primary school today will ultimately end up working in completely new job types that don't yet exist." The majority of these jobs will be IT-based. That learning starts today, in the classroom, highlighting the need for up to date IT equipment to help our pupils become the digital citizens of tomorrow. We plan to raise enough money to purchase a tower of work pads, several new laptops and better projection equipment.

We have set a big target of £12,500 but we are overflowing with original ideas and our Chair of Governors Richard Barley has set the wheels in motion by completing a cycling challenge last month, riding 600km across Northern France, starting in Ile-de-France and finishing in Le Mont Saint Michel. The weather was harsh and each day exhausting, but Richard returned home in one piece delighted to hear the difference his efforts had already begun to

make through people supporting him. It isn't too late to sponsor Richard. Simply contact the school office on 01453 833191 for more information.

Another way to support our IT fund is to register for easyfundraising – collecting free donations for FOAS. There are over 3,000 shops and sites that will make a donation each time you shop, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's and the great news is, it doesn't cost you a penny extra! All you need to do is follow these 3 steps;

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There are no catches or hidden charges and FOAS will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

Don't forget we have our annual Avening Bear Hunt on Saturday 17th June and this year's School summer fete will be held on Friday 7th July – 4.30 – 7pm.

For further information about our fundraising for IT please contact the school office or visit our website: www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk.

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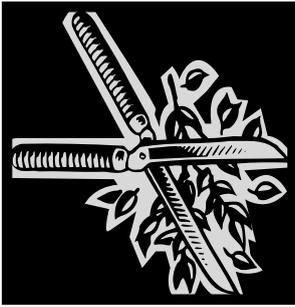
Down Memory Lane



My great-grandfather, Edgar Rymer, took the tenancy of Grove Farm, now known as Grove Park, in 1902, renting from the Misses Constance and Gertrude George of Cherington Park. Following his death in 1933, his youngest son, Geoffrey Rymer, ran the farm until 1943. A change of landlord occurred in 1934 when E. S. Tarlton bought Cherington Park estate and its three farms; Westrip, Coxes and the Grove.

This wedding photograph from 1919 shows guests at the front of the Grove farmhouse, following the marriage of my great aunt, Katherine Rymer, to William Hatherall. My great-grandfather, Edgar Rymer, and his wife are seated near the front, 3rd and 4th from the right. The clergyman is probably Reverend Clarke from Cherington. Next to him, on the right, is my grandmother, Gladys Rymer, with a baby in her arms - my father, Jack Rymer. My grandfather, Ted Rymer, can just be seen between the bridegroom and bride – he was the second eldest of 10 children and all 6 sons farmed around Tetbury in later years.

Charles Rymer



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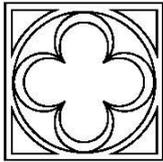
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Down to Earth



The forecourt garden, Nymans

'I have broken my back, my fingernails, and sometimes my heart, in the practical pursuit of my favourite occupation,' wrote Vita Sackville-West of the forty years of her life which she dedicated to gardening. It is one of my favourite quotations.

Some of us would gladly make such sacrifices if the result were to be a garden in the class of Sissinghurst. What a peculiarly British obsession it is. With the build-up to the Chelsea

Flower Show (nicely dubbed the Chelsea Cowparsley Show by Tim Richardson when umbelliferers became all the rage) dominating the television schedules and the crowds about to descend on SW3, various commentators are reflecting on what drives this obsession. I like these lines from India Knight in the Sunday Times:

'Really, it's about how Brits as a nation do sensuality. This is why you often meet quite buttoned-up people whose gardens are insane exuberances of colour and exoticism: the garden is the inner life, or the longed-for one – the suburban garden that thinks it's on a Tuscan hilltop.'

Why do we do it? I often wonder that as we drag ourselves inside, exhausted, from the garden when the owls are already hooting and the bats are doing their crazy, electric dance, passing up the garden to the woodland. But I do think that there are far, far worse places to be than this place at this hour. India Knight, who relocated from London to East Anglia, concludes: "It doesn't matter if you're [no good at it]: you'll get better. I can't think of anything more life-affirming you could do with your time." Another convert, then.

When one moves into a house, in a different geographical terrain, with an established (or semi-established) garden, as we did, one has to make the acquaintance of new sitting tenants (in a horticultural sense). Of course, they do not tell you their names, and the labels around their necks have long since faded or disappeared. In the ensuing years, you may chance upon the same in a nursery or botanical garden. It never happens if you deliberately set out to establish their identity. Chance being wonderful thing; 'Ah, so THAT'S what it's called!' you exclaim. One such in our garden was / is the beauty bush, or *kolkwitzia amabilis* 'Pink Cloud'. This really is a pretty thing, with pale pink

trumpet-like flowers and yellow throats. Tough and unfussy as to soil. Really quite obliging. When we moved it (not best practice but for some unfathomable reason, we keep on moving things around ...) I potted up a couple of cuttings. One looks really good and I shall bring it to the plant stall at the summer fête.



Kolkwitzia amabilis 'Pink Cloud'

The rain that we are getting nowadays is proper 'stair-rod' rain. (Who can remember stair-rods?) This makes it all the more important that seeds sown in the ground, such as radish or carrots, have a good measure of well-firmed soil above them, to prevent them being washed away. I know that some gardeners lightly rake seeds in. To me, that would seem to leave a lot to chance. Our weather is definitely changing and we need to evolve our techniques. If we are indeed in for a warm, dry summer, then following a deluge is just the time for laying mulch on the surface, to keep the moisture in.

On the day before writing this, a day of May sunshine and squally showers, we revisited a garden with a strong local connection, and one, coincidentally, in my



Echium and honey spurge at Nymans

home county of Sussex: Nymans. This is regarded, deservedly, as one of the great gardens of England. Horticultural artistry. Set high up on the Sussex Weald, affording far-reaching wooded vistas, the fertile sandy loam and shelter belt offer scope for both exotic and ericaceous plants. Ludwig Messel arrived here with his family in the late C19; his son, Leonard, further developed the garden (and at this point I turn to glance appreciatively at our young magnolia x loebneri 'Leonard Messel') and daughter Anne, Countess of Rosse, further enhanced and extended his work. The ruin of the partially burnt-out medieval-style manor house provides a backdrop for climbers, echiums and the euphorbia mellifera. But go and see it for yourself. It is exceptional. An enchanted garden.

Marilyn Jones

Eddy and Elsie's FGR Experience

Forest Green Rovers vs Tranmere Rovers

On the 14th May 2017 Forest Green Rovers played Tranmere Rovers at Wembley for the last promotion place into League 2. To get to this world famous stadium, FGR beat Dagenham and Redbridge 3-1 on aggregate, while Tranmere played Aldershot Town and won 5-2 over both legs.

To travel to this stadium, I went on a long coach journey with lots of other ambassadors. It was roughly a 3 and a half hour trip there with a 25 minute stop, but it was worth it when I saw Wembley's famous arch.

To begin with, the game could go anywhere, with continuous attacks and counter-attacks from both teams until Forest Green's Kaiyne Woolery tucked in a bottom corner goal after 11 minutes of play. Tranmere didn't give up though and 10 minutes later equalized through Connor Jennings who smacked the ball too high for Sam Russell's reach. Again, numerous attacks were invalidly taken, one involving Scott Davies-Tranmere's 'keeper-diving rapidly to his right to prevent a FGR lead. Finally, all that running paid off for FGR after a 42nd minute goal by Christian Doidge and a 44th minute goal, again from Woolery, following an interception just outside the box.

Like the first half, in the second half the ball was up and down the pitch, continuously changing ends. One of the most impressive runs was when Forest Green's Emmanuel Monthe single-handedly ran from before the half-way line to near the Tranmere box, but he was tackled before he could do any harm. The game was so action-packed, I missed the odd counter-attack whilst I was scribbling notes down. Luckily, Tranmere couldn't catch us up so we won, becoming the first ever village club to be in the football league!

"This was even better than watching Spurs miss out on the Premier League title!" said my Dad.

Forest Green Rovers are now an official football league club and the New Lawn is an official football league ground! We will definitely need the new stadium now!

The adventure continues...

Eddy Turner

After a long, long journey Forest Green Rovers have managed to reach the play-offs. They have fought so hard this season and are realising the importance of what could happen if they get through into league two! Last year they managed to get all the way to Wembley but sadly suffered a defeat against Grimsby. All season my family and I have been dreaming of redeeming ourselves and making our way back to the National Stadium!!

On the 7th of May we faced our first challenge against Dagenham and Redbridge.

When we played them at the New Lawn it was already 1-1 on aggregate so you could tell it was going to be a tense game. However I was slightly nervous as FGR have been a bit unpredictable this season but I knew that something good would come our way. Forest Green won that match 2-0 and for every goal scored by FGR a green smoke thing exploded creating an atmosphere which was just unbelievable. At the end everyone was buzzing and ran straight onto the pitch to join the players. I couldn't believe my eyes; the New Lawn swarmed with people: singing, cheering, screaming and even more green smoke filled the air. FGR were going back once more to Wembley.

Sunday 14th May. On the way to London I had butterflies in my stomach, Wembley is a humongous stadium and Forest Green Rovers, from little old Nailsworth, were playing to get promoted into the football league. For a small club we were taking in every moment of this fantastic experience. The streets were filled with Tranmere supporters who outnumbered us by thousands. But like they say: good things come in small packages! My dad said, "We're parking in the green car park just for luck and it looked like other supporters had the same idea. I stepped out of the car and immediately saw a big group of Forest Green fans. Because we were so outnumbered everyone acknowledged each other, got along, it was a great and funny environment to be in. It felt as though we were back at the New Lawn!

After grabbing some food we made our way into the stadium and that's when the excitement started to hit me. When you walk around inside you can see those little glimpses of the ground inside. But when you step out to go into your seats you just stand there mesmerised by the size. Despite the fact that we didn't even fill up one of the tiers you could just picture what it would be like if it was! Every goal that was scored by both teams was amazing and showed off what the National League had to offer. At half time it was 3-1 to us and when a goal was scored everyone went mental! If we scored any more in the second half I'm pretty sure no one would be able to feel their hands or be able to speak because of the noise we were making. There weren't any more goals, although there were some really close attempts. When it went into extra time I think everybody was so excited but also really tense because it seemed as if the final whistle would never go. After 7 minutes of extra time it finally went and Forest Green Rovers are going to be in League 2!!!! The presentation was even better the stadium went crazy! The players were so excited they were getting the crowd up cheering a couple of them did a synchronised worm and obviously they did a massive slide towards the crowd.

Overall, it was a great day and I can't believe that we are going to be in League 2. When I got home I had to pinch myself to make sure that we had just been to Wembley and witnessed our local team get promoted into the football league. What an exciting time! Can't wait to see you all there next season!

COME ON YOU ROVERS!!

Elsie Heslop

Avening Youth Club

In the last edition of the Villager, it was announced that there would be no Youth Club in the summer term, whilst a new Youth Club Leader is being sought. Ever hopeful, we print the advertisement which has appeared on a number of previous occasions again, in the belief that somewhere out there is someone who would be prepared to step forward to take up the position.

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Cherington Parish Council

Elections

Cllr Mitchell was re-elected as Chairman. Stephen Hirst has been elected as County Cllr for the Tetbury division.

Planning

25 April 2017, 17/01756/COMPLY: Hailstone Barn Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SF

Proposed replacement garage - compliance with conditions 3 (panel) & 4 (roofing),

Status: Decided, Application Permit

12 April 2017, 17/01587/TCONR: St Nicholas House Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SN

Fell 4 Cypress

Status: No objection. The Council had no objection.

21 March 2017, 17/01252/FUL: Trull Farm Trull, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SN

Change of use from agricultural barn to commercial (B2) unit.

Status: Application Permit

3 May 2017, 17/01840/COMPLY: 33 Pear Tree Row, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8SW

Compliance with condition 7 of application 16/01494/FUL & 16/01495/LBC, Rear extension & internal alterations.

Status: Awaiting decision. The Council had no objection.

The Council noted Cotswold District Council's objections to the following application (discussed at 9th March meeting), but still supported the application:

22 February 2017, 17/00783/LBC: Evergreen Cottage

Raising boundary wall to 1.8 metres,

Status: Awaiting decision

4 May 2016, 16/01830/FUL & 16/01831/LBC: The School House, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8SN

Erection of single storey side extension

Status: Application Permit

For further information please visit www.cotswold.gov.uk and search on the Planning pages.

Car Park

All spaces are now taken. The Council is planning maintenance work (weed

spraying and laying of gravel).

Highway Repairs

The Council will meet a representative of the Highways department to discuss remaining repairs needed.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 27th 2017 at 6pm** in the Village Hall. An agenda will be placed on the village notice board and on our website, cheringtonpc.org.uk.

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Applications should be in by 1st August 2017. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Trustees

Avening Parish Council



Village Party and Annual Parish Meeting

Final arrangements for our Village party and Annual Parish Meeting on the afternoon of Saturday 20 May 2017 2pm – 4pm were discussed. We're hoping for good weather and a good turn out!

County Councillor, Stephen Hirst

Our new County Councillor, Stephen Hirst will be attending the Village Party on Saturday 20 May 2017 and is looking forward to meeting Avening residents.

Community Speed Watch

Information on our proposed Speed Watch and road safety in general will be available at the village meeting on 20 May. There will be a form available for contact details for those who would like to volunteer to be involved.

Road Closure

We've had notification that Avening Court Bridge, Hampton Hill will be closed to vehicles from 12 June 2017 until 21 July 2017 to carry out bridge arch repairs. Diversion routes will be in place. Pedestrian access will be maintained. There is a significant diversion route around Nailsworth, but locals will probably use residential streets – please take extra care during these works.

Playing Field – New Play Equipment

We have been advised that work to install the first phase of the new play equipment will start on Monday 10 July 2017. Survey work on the main field will also be taking place to assess drainage and ground conditions

Village of the Year Competition

Channel 4 has launched a Village of the Year Competition. We've applied to enter and are currently waiting to hear whether we've been shortlisted.

Planning Applications

Ref. No: 17/01614/LBC

Internal and external alterations - 51 High Street Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NF

No objections raised

Next Meeting

The June Parish Council meeting has been postponed, so the next meeting will be held on **Thursday 20 July** 2017 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. In the meantime, contact the clerk as usual. Agendas will be displayed on the

village notice boards. Minutes of our meetings are available to view at www.avening-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk or by phone: 01452 770792 07866 297098 (mobile).

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Sunday June 18th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday June 25th	9.30am	Cherington	Morning Prayer
		Avening	NO SERVICE AVENING FETE
Sunday July 2nd	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
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Tuesday 13th June	Avening Cinema Club showing LION	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Saturday 17th June	FOAS Bear hunt	Around the village	1.00 to 5.00 pm
Sunday 25th June	Avening Church Fete	All around the Church	Afternoon
Tuesday 27th June	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	6.0pm
Friday 7th July	Avening School Fete	Around the School	Afternoon
Saturday 8th July	Having Fun, Making Things	Cherington Village Hall	2-4.0pm
Sunday 23rd July	Cherington Village Fete	Various locations in the village	2.00pm
Thursday 20th July	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 14th October	Avening Angels Choir musical evening	Memorial Hall	Details to be confirmed

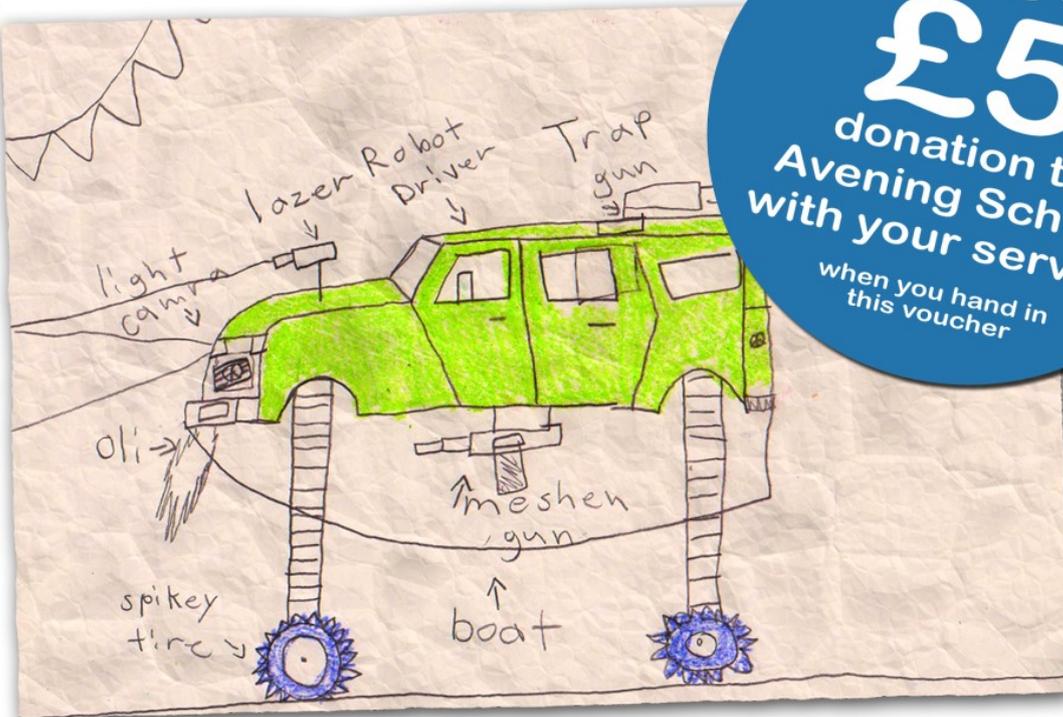
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