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Quite definitely the biggest thing to happen in Avening this month - in fact this year and probably for several years - was the visit of DIY SOS to Avening at the invitation of the Best4Ben Committee to help convert Ben and Ella's house to suit his needs after his terrible accident.

What a wonderful example of community spirit and generosity; not just in the remarkable fundraising efforts, but the donation of so many people's time and hard physical effort to help the building team during some of the hottest days



we've had for years - and not forgetting the many offers of tools, equipment, food and drink during the work. We hope to have a more detailed account and some photos in next month's Villager, but the Editors would like to take this opportunity to join the rest the village in congratulating everyone concerned on a magnificent achievement and we hope Ben and his family will be very happy together again in their newly renovated home.

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Courtesy Daphne Neville - Otter photo



Rudi the Otter photo - Courtesy of Daphne Neville

CHERINGTON VILLAGE SHOW

**Meet Rudi the otter from the
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This year, we are delighted to add to our already popular village show with some wonderful animals, including Rudi, the otter who featured in the hit TV program 'The Durrells'! By kind courtesy of Daphne Neville, who's amazing otters have featured in Blue Peter, The Alan Titchmarsh Show, The Really Wild Show and many more.

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Flamenco Dancing	Monday (excluding school and bank holidays)	7.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
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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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Avening Church: www.aveningchurch.info

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



As I write this, I am surrounded by my immediate family, enjoying a lovely sunny summer holiday, and feeling safe. I can't help feeling a tinge of anxiety though around the swimming pool, because it is just over a year since Ben Wernam's tragic accident in a villa that we visited a few weeks later. That is history. The last year has seen fantastic efforts from many people to raise the funds to convert Ben's house to meet his needs. I have been following the progress of the DIY SOS Big Build, and hopefully by the time of publication, Ben will be back home where he belongs – we all give Ben and his family our very best wishes for the future.

I have also followed horrible events happening in London. There seems to have been a very poor response from all parties concerned in the Grenfell Tower fire – the local council, the management company, and the government, meaning those displaced haven't received vital help or even basic information. Hopefully, we will never have a serious incident in the village, but it has reminded me that although we have an emergency plan (it can be viewed on the website), it hasn't been reviewed for some time – I will make sure this is rectified soon.

I'm sure most people have had enough of politics in the last year, culminating in the unexpected result of the general election, and resulting uncertainty. There are many reasons why Mrs May failed to capitalise on her perceived popularity over the opposition, but failure to engage with the public, both in person and on social media, seem to be high on the list of failures. I did get somewhat fatigued by the tidal wave of posts from supporters of the Labour party, but ultimately it was very effective. Engagement is not as easy as it may seem, and as you know the PC have been trying different ways to get our small community involved with what we do. We have had some good successes in the last year, but just as Mrs May, and indeed Ms Sturgeon found out, nothing can be taken for granted. We will continue to seek ways to make sure your local taxes are spent to give the maximum benefit, but as always, we welcome your challenges and ideas.

For those lucky enough to be going on holiday this summer, be safe, be alert, but most importantly, be happy.

Tony Slater, Chairman

Avening and Cherington Churches

Bears, Lions, Snakes and Promises

OLD TESTAMENT wisdom is undergoing a revival! Just as Jesus of Nazareth drew much of his theological and philosophical inspiration from ancient Hebrew scriptures so they still interest, inform and intrigue us.

The General Election is long decided, even if Brexit rumbles on like a ponderous juggernaut. And so, what, in our lives, will change?

The prophet Amos perceptively asks: "Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him".

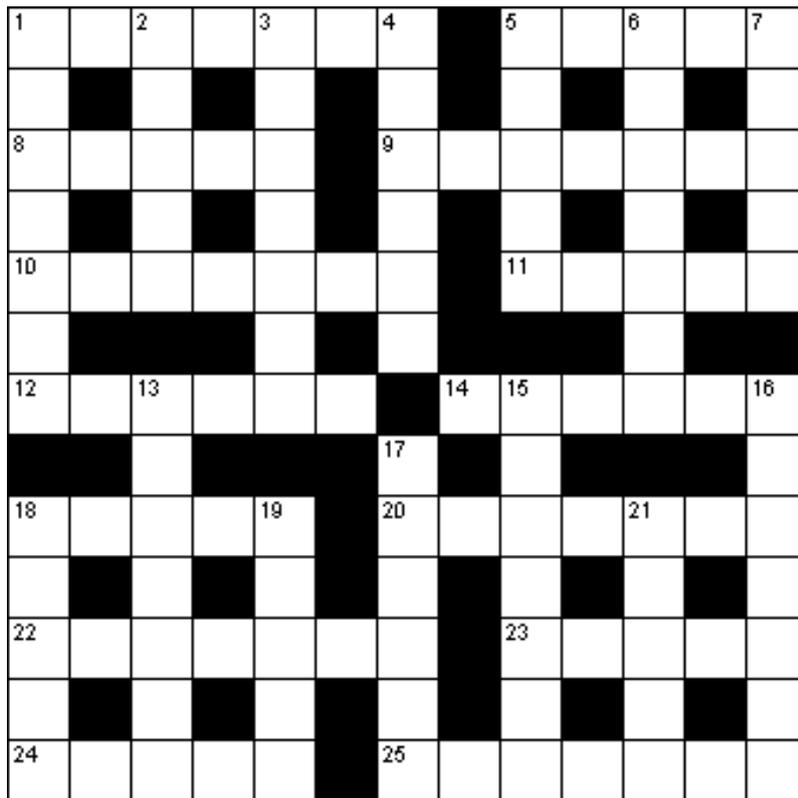
Political policies which are promises before elections sometimes seem to become *aide memoires* the day after and liabilities soon after that. Promises are easily made, but not so easily kept. The French say: "*Plus ca change; plus ca change le meme chose*". Or we English, post-Brexit, may translate: "Everything changes, but it all stays the same".

It is easy to understand Amos, who could be an awkward old so-and-so. "Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps", but when we stop listening we also stop learning. Christians should try to shun cynicism and show faith, so having listened during the campaign our ears should not now close to the people we elected. Rather, challenge them! Faith will always be rewarded, including faith in our political and electoral systems, and the governors we choose, so long as we persist in seeking what is right and just.

That is what Jesus would have us do, and I'll bet he could also have quoted Amos: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream". We await delivery of the "manifestoes", but as Christians not passively, for we have something extra to offer. Our faith in God's promises, on which he always delivers, means we can also pray mightily for the newly-elected, or returned, bears or lions, that they are able and inspired to fully honour their commitment to our future.

Richard and Margaret Maslen

Puzzle Corner (Answers on page 28)



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Across

1. Large house (7)
5. Pieces of information (5)
8. Profits (5)
9. Gruesome (7)
10. Retaliated (7)
11. Form of transport (5)
12. Hostility (6)
14. Stick (6)
18. Permit (5)
20. Sincere (7)
22. Creatures (7)
23. Doctrine (5)
24. Ledge (5)
25. Sweet (7)

Down

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| 1. Tycoon (7) | 5. Aspect (5) | 16. Pull out (7) |
| 2. Dissonance (5) | 6. Vegetable (7) | 17. Stopped (6) |
| 3. Perceptiveness (7) | 7. Austere (5) | 18. Accumulate (5) |
| 4. Wanderers (6) | 13. Discomfort (7) | 19. Dock (5) |
| | 15. Mocks (7) | 21. Bird of prey (5) |

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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.

Avening Playgroup

At the time of writing this we have just finished a very exciting two weeks at playgroup. Our location has meant that the staff and children have had lots of opportunities to watch the comings and goings of DIY SOS The big build from the safety of our playground. The children have been really interested in watching a variety of vehicles which have been working at the site. The crane, large lorries lifting large storage containers and tiny trucks and diggers have been particular favourites. They were fascinated watching the camera drone being put together outside our gate before it was taken and flown above the house, which we could see from playgroup.

The children have watched blocks being installed to ensure the storage containers are level and had conversations about the importance of wearing hard hats and safety clothing. They have transferred this learning into their play, dressing up in reflective jackets and wearing builders hats and building with our builders set, wooden blocks and sand.

On the last day of filming it was very busy with all the workers and people watching. We didn't want to miss anything so the children had their fruit and toast sitting outside on mats instead of inside at the table as usual. They enjoyed chatting with the children from school who were reminiscing about their time at playgroup several years ago.

If you have a child you would like to join us next year, please let us know to ensure your child is able to get a place.

Phone us during the morning on 01453 832695 or email us at aveningplaygroup@gmail.com.

Debbie Brown

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Ride+Stride 2017:

Explore our historic churches & help us look after them

It's that time of year when the team at the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) start dusting off the walking boots, pumping our bike tyres or getting together with friends to plan a driving tour around some of our wonderful local churches.

We're asking anyone who appreciates our region's historic churches to consider taking part in GHCT's sponsored Ride + Stride event on September 9.

It's a great day out which people travel between churches, exploring the area and discovering unique historic buildings. The money raised is split between the Trust and your nominated church – so you'll be raising money directly for your chosen church.

“Our online map now features nearly every church in Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and North Bristol, and will be regularly updated to help you plan a route between churches that are open on the day”, said Glenn Duff, County Organiser. “Those offering a welcome will be highlighted, along with organised groups of walkers or cyclists that people can join.”

Ride + Stride welcomes cyclists of all abilities, as well as walkers, horse-riders and drivers. Just as important are those who take part welcoming others to their church – perhaps getting sponsored to play music, clean the church or mow the churchyard. If your church doesn't have a Local organiser, perhaps you could co-ordinate the activity?

Contact Glenn if you'd like to know more about taking part, to order a banner advertising the event or to update the information for your church: rideandstride@ghct.org.uk or call 01452 538271.

The event takes place on Saturday 9 September and full details can be found at www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride

Church Visiting

The Church is here to support people in good times and in bad - we are always happy to provide someone to talk to.

If you are aware of someone in our villages who would like a visit from someone at church, or to receive communion at home, or to be added to our prayer list, then please contact Derrick on 01453 835090 or mobile 07762 702982.

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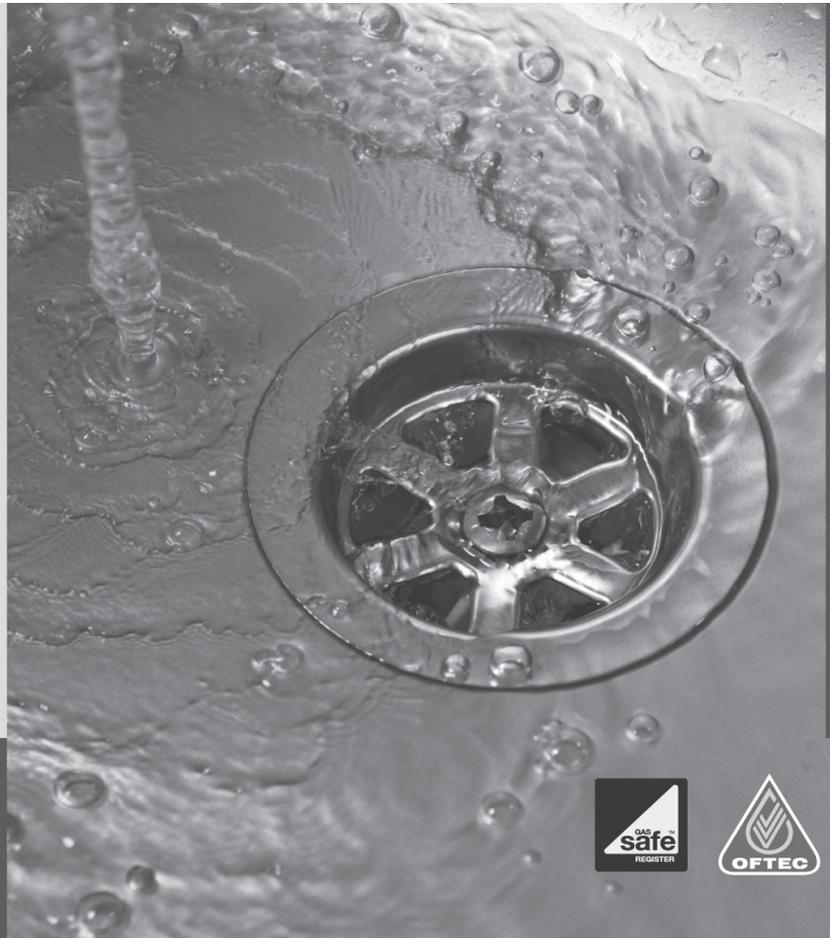
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Avening W.I.

We have had another month full of activities. We held a morning session learning how to make a floral table decoration ahead of a competition at our annual group meeting hosted this year by Kemble and Ewen W.I. We are hoping to have a good number of entries and maybe take back the trophy which we lost to Tetbury W.I. last year. We have a skittles match against Randwick this week in the County Plate competition. We reached the final of this contest in 2015. To help us improve our technique we had a training session with Bob Jennings so we are hoping to demonstrate our progress. We have 2 teams through to the next round of the County Quiz which will be held next week, so again we are hoping to get through to the final.

The coach trip to the Royal Mint and to Tredegar House was thoroughly enjoyed by those who came but there was, unusually, a poor response from the village and the coach was only just over half full. The Royal Mint was extremely interesting and we viewed the factory and the excellent attached museum. We were very fortunate to have a fine day for our visits as the days either side had torrential rain.

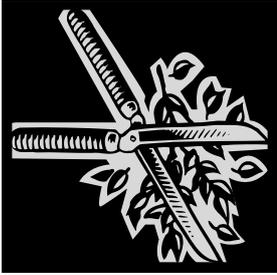
The speaker this month was Lorraine Stanton whose talk was entitled "from boardroom to barn". Her talk was both extremely interesting as well as amusing. Lorraine and her husband who had high powered jobs in London decided to give up their city life to buy a farm in Wiltshire without any previous experience. They both had to learn very fast but by trial and error eventually started to get the hang of dealing with cows, pigs, chickens and turkeys.

Our monthly walk last month was around Uley and Owlpen and we had an excellent lunch at Prema Arts Centre in Uley. This month our walk was around Chavenage followed by a picnic on the Green on one of the hottest days of the year so far.

We hosted a successful lunch for the Maisemore Historical Society and made armfuls of cakes for the W.I. marquee at the Three Counties Show at Malvern. Four of our members volunteered to help in the marquee making an extremely early start on yet another really hot day. We will also be providing cream teas drinks and cakes at the Village Fete.

The speaker at our July meeting is Dr Ann Rippin and her talk has the intriguing title of "Laura Ashley, her part in my downfall". Visitors to our meetings, held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, are always welcome.

Gwyneth Simpson



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Avening School

Bears, Boats and Blue Peter!



The Hawks class also had a recent visit to the Cheltenham science Festival

The Owls class had perfect conditions for their residential trip to South Cerney last month. With temperatures soaring, what better place to be than in the middle of a lake! The children participated in a variety of water sports, from raft-building to kayaking and came back rosy-cheeked from the fresh air and exercise.

While the Owls were away, the Hawks paid a visit of their own, this time a bit closer to home. On the day of DIY SOS big reveal up at Ben & Ella's house, the Hawks walked up to support Olivia and see the miraculous transformation. It was a very proud moment and the Hawks were honoured to be involved. They even got to sing the volunteers a song of thanks!

Another proud moment came last month when Avening School pupils featured on Blue Peter. Presenter Radzi took part in the Woolsack Races and some of our pupils were interviewed about their own participation in the races and asked for any advice they could offer Radzi. Four of our pupils also made it to the front page of the Stroud life.

Improvements to our lower playground have begun after a successful bid to the Awards for all National Lottery funding. Some of the exciting new additions will include: a stage for impromptu productions from some of our budding dramatists; story-telling chairs; a sand pit; and a new play house!

Looking forward to the last few weeks of term, we still have our school sports morning, musical soir e and whole school sponsored walk to look forward to, not to mention our leavers' tea party and farewell assembly during the last week of term.

On behalf of FOAS, we would like to thank everyone who supported our annual bear hunt which took place in June on a sweltering hot Saturday and helped raise much needed funds towards our current IT campaign and also encouraged people to explore our wonderful village while searching for bears!

Our School summer fete this year will be held on a Friday afternoon after school rather than the usual Saturday afternoon slot. Look out for news on the fete and all of our end of end of term activities in next month's article.

For further information about our happy, busy place of learning, please see our school website; www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk.

Alex Adcock

Church Services with a Difference - USA Style

Whilst on a visit to see family in West Chester, Ohio, Sally asked if I would like to go to church but warned it would be different. It was too far to walk so off we go in the car. I, in my wisdom, suddenly spotted what I thought was a police road block. But no, laughingly they tell me its just the police directing traffic into the car parking at the church. Then we get to the car park attendants who were directing us to get everyone in. By this time I could not believe what I was seeing.

The church was called Cornerstone and it used to be a warehouse, now converted. It was massive! In the first area we went in to were all the urns of coffee and, in another area, soft drinks to which you helped yourself to take in with you if you wished We then picked up our tiny container of wine with the wafer sealed in the top. We then enter what I can only describe as a huge theatre with seating up and down stairs and it was packed to the rafters.

On the stage came the musicians and a singer who started to lead us in the service with the words for us coming up on the screen. The pastor jumped up in his jeans and open-necked shirt. Not everyone's cup of tea I know but boy, do they get the Word over. We joined in heartily with the rest of them. It was like being at a religious concert.

It was fun to do it and to see - and they do have churches like ours near by and we all love them - but it does make you stop and think when you see so many families all thoroughly enjoying their Sunday morning.

Wendy Eldridge

Down to Earth



Pulhamite rocks at Highnam Court

Years ago, I knew of Highnam Court near Gloucester only from the spire of its church opposite the location of our children's music summer school, and that it was one-time home of Sir Hubert Parry, composer of the famous setting to Blake's 'Jerusalem' and the anthem played for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's wedding: 'I was Glad'. James Pulham was the designer and creator (with his original Pulhamite stone) of Highnam garden's rock works. Pulhamite rocks are also to be found in Westonbirt gardens in the fernery. Lewis Vulliamy, the architect of Westonbirt House and the garden buildings, also had a hand in reconfiguring Highnam Court.

There were four James Pulhams, each the eldest son of the succeeding generation and the successor in the family firm. The first was born in 1788, showed an early talent for stone modelling and, together with his brother, began to specialise in the creation of artificial rock works using Portland stone cement modelled over clinker or bricks. At the time, there was a fashion for rock gardens, grottoes and ferneries. It was the second James Pulham who was responsible for the rock-work at Highnam.

So, a visit to the gardens there, wonderfully restored under the proprietorship of local businessman and benefactor, Roger Head, was long overdue. June was the perfect moment. Roses in early-summer glory; Monet's water garden dream-like and evanescent; bog-garden lush and cooling. It's open for charity on one Sunday a month until the end of the season. Not to be missed.

A couple of weeks later, by chance, we found ourselves in another garden full of Pulhamite rocks. It was a hot day but the garden visit was cooling – and mostly underground. For these were the restored 'hidden' gardens and grottoes at Dewstow, just west of Chepstow. Henry Oakley, who bought the modest estate in



In Henry Oakley's tufa grotto

1893, wanted to create 'something different' by way of a garden. No records remain but it is assumed work began in 1895 and that the firm of Pulham and Son was responsible for the boulders edging the stream and bog garden, and the underground grottoes, caverns and passageways, top-lit from grills set in the ground. It is an extraordinary creation. From the underground labyrinth, steps lead into what was a glass-house for exotics. This has not yet been fully restored but an area within has been planted up as a rock garden for tender, tropical species. Henry Oakley was a private man, opening his garden twice a year for charity – and then disappearing off the scene so the public never met him. The underground garden was filled in around the time of the second World War and the area above ground turned to pasture and grazing. Only in the year 2000 were excavations made and the task of revealing and restoring the subterranean garden embarked upon. Open daily.

When you do the rounds of NGS gardens (and others open for charity) in the summer, you don't only feel the inadequacies of your own little plot. You do learn things, too. I was full of admiration for one especially prosperous vegetable plot, carrots seemingly almost ready for pulling and covered by netting and companion-planted with marigolds to deter the beastly carrot fly. Alas, my own carrots are far from that stage. 'What do you do when carrot seeds fail to germinate?' I enquired. 'Sow them in fine soil, all stones removed. Cover and firm down the soil on top.' Yes, I do all that. 'And keep them damp, while they are germinating and while still small.' Well, I suppose I might have missed watering one evening or two. Will sow again – and heed the advice.

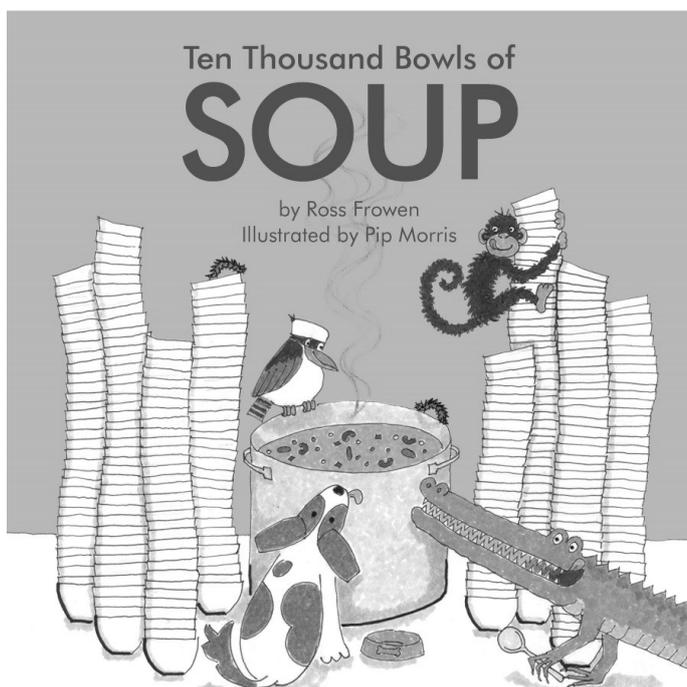
The rose garden at Badminton House was lovely and the underplantings of herbaceous geraniums showed how varied and useful this plant can be. From white ('Kashmir White' has delicate markings) through shades of pink, lilac to blue and purple and deep maroon (geranium phaeum), geraniums oblige with all the colours on the palette marked 'good taste!' Cut it back, around now, and it will do an encore. Apparently Margery Fish, when asked what was the secret of gardening, answered: 'The secret is, when in doubt, plant a geranium.'



Happy, bee-friendly geraniums

Marilyn Jones

Avening Student Inspires Unique Children's Book



A combination of a childhood accident and charitable work in a migrant camp have made an Avening-based student, Henry, the inspiration for a unique children's book and audiobook. Both book and audiobook are available at branches of The Yellow Lighted Bookshop and also online through Amazon. All profits will go to the international charity, *Médecins Sans Frontières*, and help in their work with migrant communities in Greece.

Ten Thousand Bowls of Soup, written by Henry's father, Ross, is a heart-warming story aimed at children aged five to ten. It starts by telling how six year old Henry 'lost his smile', before moving to 2016 where Henry, now 23, travels to Greece to help out at a migrant camp. The camp provides shelter for people fleeing conflict in countries such as Syria and Afghanistan and Henry's job is to help make soup, sometimes up to 10,000 bowls in a single day, for the people living at the camp.

The book has been created by nearly a dozen volunteers who wanted to 'do their bit' to raise money to help displaced populations around the world. Well over half the team live in Avening and they include local mum Pip Morris who for the first time turned her creativity to book illustration – succeeding in a way that brings Ross's story to life in a way that young children will love.

Clare Steele, also a local mum and amongst other things a celebrant and a professional storyteller, has recorded an



audiobook of the story with local teachers and musicians, Bidy Turner and John Harris.

Amongst the many other volunteers working on the project are Avening-based publisher, Tom Fryer, web designer and all round entrepreneur, Steve Hutton, and sales and marketing director, Andy Green. PR Consultant Michele Wheatley looks after the group's profile and gets them the publicity they need, whilst Karen Porter keeps the finances on track and also arranged the catering for the book's successful launch at Stroud Brewery, attended by many Avening children. But of course it's not all Avening - Amanda Thompson from Cherington also helps us with sponsorship and promotion.

The local initiative has been supported by Stroud-based Ecotricity and Nailsworth / Stroud estate agent Peter Joy, with further backing from a variety of local companies including both pubs in the village, The Queen Matilda and The Bell, the Trouble House just outside Tetbury and, amongst others, Hansen Treecare.



Sir William Romney's School 'Proms in the Park' will take place on the playing fields at Sir William Romney's School on **Thursday 13th July at 6.30pm**. Joining pupils from the school will be Avening Angels and also Avening, St Mary's and Minchinhampton primary schools, in addition to Nailsworth Silver Band. The event will include some solo and small group performances, before a 'last night of the proms' style finale of Jerusalem, Land of Hope and Glory, and other favourites.



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Cherington Show 2017

Johnny Nettleton

Johnny Nettleton lives in Culkerton and has exhibited his flowers and vegetables at the Cherington Show for over 8 years and has been a frequent winner. We thought it was therefore an opportune time to ask him why and how.

Johnny, why do you like exhibiting in Cherington ?

Cherington is a rural unspoilt village which is loved by everyone. The flowers and vegetables are shown in a splendid stone barn which could only happen in a small village. I do show at

nearby Tetbury but it is much bigger and appropriate to a town show. Cherington encourages all people to have a go and that is so apparent. It is so enjoyable and delightfully informal.

You obviously love your garden and gardening

Gardening is an extension of ourselves. Plants will do well without help but do so much better with us at hand. We grow plants we like and that is the secret – never pander to fashion. The pleasure in seeing favourite flowers coming into bloom is beyond description and always amazes us.

What advice do you have for those thinking of exhibiting in this year's Show

Cherington encourages us all to “ have a go “. My advice is to do just that. It does not matter whether you enter one bean or a special rose. Read the show rules which are all common sense and never be surprised if your exhibit does well on the day. The best growers do not always win and recently some new exhibitors have done really well.

Not only should we all try to grow more vegetables for our kitchens, and flowers for their colour to brighten our homes and our gardens, but we should show what we can do, and this may then encourage others to show us what they can grow.

For more information on exhibiting and to receive a copy of the schedule mail to cheringtonflowershow@yahoo.co.uk or call Kate on 01453 834805

Registration is by mail to the above, or to Carters Barn, Cherington, Tetbury , Glos, GL8 8SL by Tuesday 18th July or

A Registration evening is on Tuesday 18th July at Cherington Village Hall between 7pm and 9 pm

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My name is David Martin. I live in Nailsworth and I'm the local consultant for *Steele Rose & Co* - one of the UK's Premier Professional Home Visit Will Writers. After 22 years serving my country in the RAF, I have spent the last 28 years of my life professionally advising my clients on all personal financial matters and specialising in Wills.

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This will be the last screening for us in the social club. We will have a summer break in August and then return in September when we are relocating to the **Memorial Hall**. We want to thank Derrick Ind for being a wonderful host for the cinema club for the last few years.

There will be no film shown in August. September, October & November dates to follow.



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Avening Parish Council



Village Party and Annual Parish Meeting

We hope everyone enjoyed our Village party and Annual Parish Meeting on the afternoon of Saturday 20 May 2017. We've had some lovely feedback and generally feel that it was a great success. Thank you to all of you who attended and to those who organised displays and helped out.



Road Closure Change of Dates

We've had notification that dates for the closure of Avening Court Bridge, Hampton Hill to carry out bridge arch repairs have been changed to 26 June – 4 August 2017.

Village of the Year Competition

Channel 4 has launched a Village of the Year Competition. We've applied to enter we'll be notified by 5 July if we've been shortlisted.

Planning Applications

Ref 17/01415

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Ref. No: 17/00372/FUL

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Ref. No: 17/02232/TPO

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Ref. No: 17/02237/TPO

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Ref. No: 17/02288/TCONR

Remove one Coniferous tree - One The Laines 1 New Inn Lane Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8NB

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).

Cherington Parish Council

There was no meeting of Cherington Council to report this month



Church Floodlighting

The church was floodlit on **23rd June**

In memory of **Barry Robins** on his birthday, 23rd June.

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Church Services in Avening & Cherington in July

Sunday July 2nd	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday July 9th		Cherington	NO SERVICE
	5.00pm	Avening	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday July 16th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday July 23		Cherington	NO SERVICE Cherington Fete
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday July 30th	9.30am	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)

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Friday 7th July	Avening School Fete	Around the School	Afternoon
Saturday 8th July	Having Fun, Making Things	Cherington Village Hall	2-4.0 pm
Sunday 9th July	Sponsored Walk through Avening for the Mark Townsend Charitable Trust	Meet at Sir William Romney's School	11 am—1 pm start
Thursday 13th July	Proms in the Park	Sir William Romney's School	6.30 pm
Sunday 23rd July	Cherington Village Fete	Various locations in the village	2.00 pm
Wednesday 19th July	Cinema Club showing Ethel and Ernest	Avening Social Club	7.30 pm
Thursday 20th July	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 9th September	Ride & Stride for Glos. Historic Churches	Contact no: Glen 01452 538271	

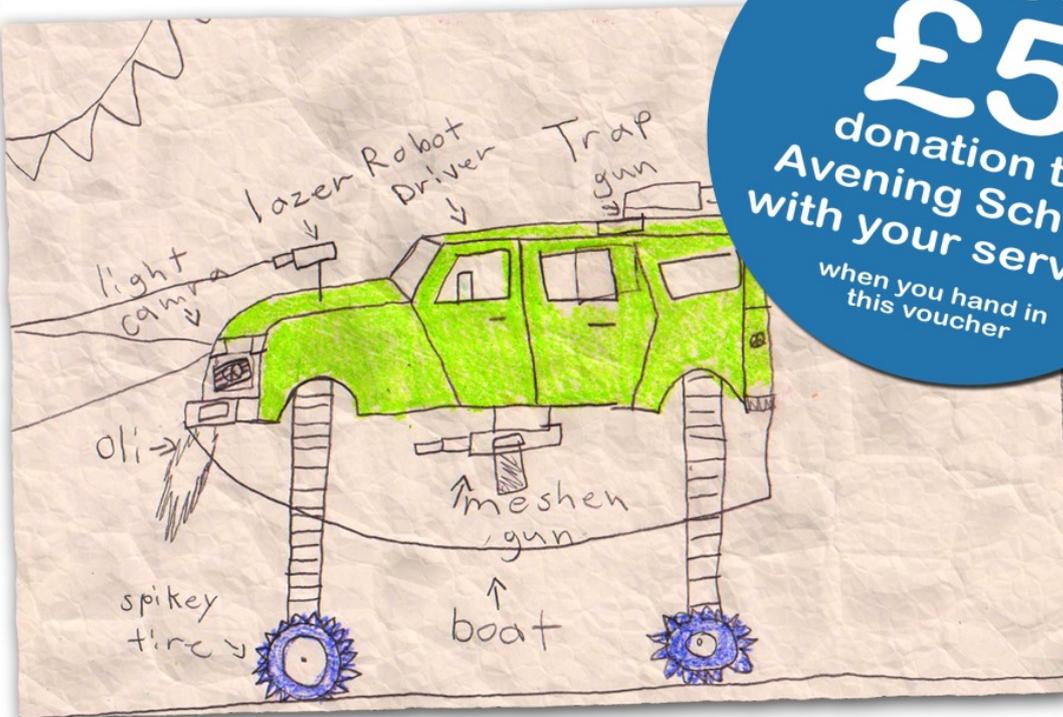
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