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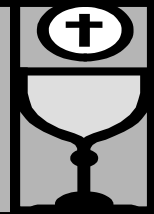
20th of each month

Services in Avening & Cherington

September

Sunday 2nd September	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP The Rev John Cull
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW The Rev John Willard
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School. The Rev John Willard
Sunday 9th September	08.00.	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Matins BCP Mr Christopher Hall
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW and Sunday School The Rev. Margaret Bettis
	3.00pm	Avening	Bellringers Service (followed by tea in church) Canon Owen Barraclough
Sunday 16th September	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP The Rev Anthony Roberts
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP The Rev Anthony Roberts
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School The Rev Anthony Roberts
Sunday 23rd September	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW The Rev Anthony Roberts
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School The Rev Anthony Roberts
Saturday 29th September	7.00pm	Cherington	Harvest Festival and Supper
Sunday 30th September	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
	11.00	Avening	Harvest Festival and Bring and Share Lunch

Church Duties in Evening



Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
Sept. 2 nd	Cas/ George	Stephen	Marion
Sept. 9 th	Stephanie/Jeanie	Derrick	Elizabeth
Sept. 16 th	Piers/Frances	Paul	Ann
Sept 23 rd	Cas/Margaret	Stephen	Marion
Sept. 30 th HARVEST	George/Piers	Derrick	Ann
Oct. 7 th	Frances/Stephanie	Paul	Elizabeth

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE IN AVENING ON
September 2nd & October 7th**



Church Floodlighting

August 21st

to celebrate the 50th birthday of Jane
and the 89th birthday of her mum Doris

September 8th

To celebrate Kieran's birthday, with love from
Jane, Sinéad, Paul and Eleanor

The Church looks lovely when it is lit up at night.

*If you would like to have this in memory of a loved one, or to
celebrate a special event, contact*

**Paul Brown
01453 835 983**

The cost is £5.00 for 2 hours

The Parish Letter

During the next six weeks there will be visiting clergy taking the services in both Avening and Cherington, while I am recovering from a spinal operation.

I don't expect to be in hospital longer than a few days, so should you want to talk to me on the telephone when I am home for any reason, please don't hesitate to ring. I am not ill.....only lying on my back! Sadly, I have to postpone the Queen Matilda Pig Face celebrations until next year.

I do so hope that some of you will join the coach, or make your own way, to come to an evening of jazz, by world class musicians to be held in Potterne Parish Church..... amazingly..... in aid of our Parish Church! You are invited to bring your own picnic, and wine will be available in the Church. Please support this as we need numbers to book the coach so ring me soon! If I can find a way of coming too, you bet I will be there, as it is an evening that I will hate to miss.

I am expecting to celebrate Harvest Festival with you all, on the last week end of September.

Rev Celia

GOOD NEWS

Since writing her letter, Rev Celia was admitted to hospital and underwent the surgery, to which she referred above, on the afternoon of 21st August.

I am sure that everyone will be relieved and delighted to hear that the operation was a success. When we called to see her recently, Rev Celia, though still in a good deal of pain, assured us that she is improving daily and feeling pretty optimistic. She is so grateful to the surgeon for his great skill in carrying out the procedure, which turned out to be much more extensive than originally envisaged.

I am sure that all her friends in Avening, Cherington and so many other places, where she is held in such great esteem and affection, will be wishing her well and keeping her in their thoughts and prayers.

CONFIRMATION

Rev Celia hopes to invite the Bishop to come, in the very near future, to confirm all those, who want to become full members of the Church. This will be the final group that she will lead in this wonderful and life-changing experience, so she is particularly keen to encourage as many as possible to come forward.

If you are over 8 and think that you would like to find out more, please telephone Rev Celia on: 01453832716

What's On In Avening & 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 - 9.00pm	Social Club	
Cherington PC	4th Monday each month	6.30pm	Village Hall	Sue 01666 503370
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Scottish Country Dancing	Wed. 26th Sept.	8.00 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Derrick 01453 835090
WI	2nd Thursday each month	7-30pm	Memorial Hall	Maisie 01453 834679
Avening PC	3rd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Julie 01453 751823
Folk Club	Thursday	8.15pm	Cross Inn	Chris 01453 450010
Mobile Library	Every other Friday	12.30 - 12.50pm	Cherington Green	
Entertainment	1st Saturday each month	8.00pm	Social Club	Derek 01453 835752
Quiz Nights	1st /3rd Saturday each month	7.30pm	Cross Inn	
Almost Angels Choir	Starting back Sept 2nd	12.15pm	Holy Cross Church	Derrick 01453 835090

Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Nigel Bowsher** for this month's 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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Duties include preparations of agendas, minutes, handling correspondence, and financial budgeting and reporting

Ideally you should have some knowledge of local government and procedures relating to local councils but training will be offered

Applicants should have access to a computer and have relevant IT skills.

The successful applicant will be required to attend evening meetings at least 8 times per year and all other council administrative tasks will be carried out working from home

For further information on this post contact Kate Gegg at cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk or on 07976 570754

Interviews will take place on Tuesday 25th September at 6.30 pm

Gas Leak Reporting

There have been reports of gas leaks particularly from the Tetbury Hill area. Should you detect the smell of gas at any time anywhere in the village please contact this emergency telephone number:

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giving the location of the suspected leak.

Avening Parish Council

Avening Roll of Honour

No. 47

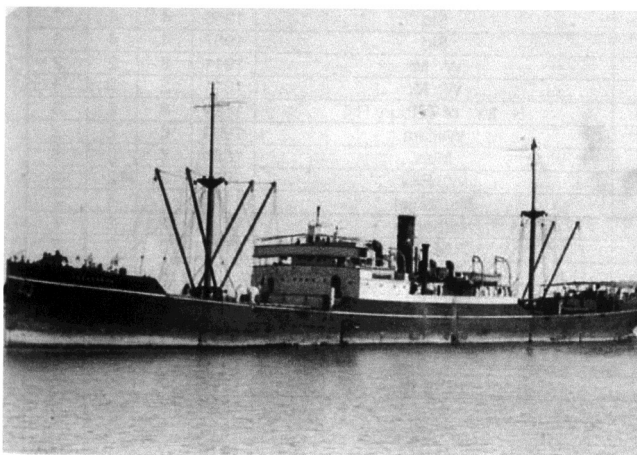
Percy Norman Porter

Gunner: Maritime Regiment, Royal Artillery

During World War 1, some British merchant ships were fitted with guns as a defence against sub-marines and enemy fighting ships. This proved to be a worthwhile exercise and, before the outbreak of war in 1939, the scheme was again put into action. The ships became "Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships" (DEMS). By 1940, some 3,400 ships had been fitted out.

The difficulty was that the Merchant Service did not generally employ gunners and hence the Royal Artillery was asked to supply the personnel. So was formed the Maritime Regiment and the men were all volunteers. Percy Porter was one of these.

SS Treverbyn



His Service Record is not available so we are unsure of the dates of his movements but before taking up his duties on board ship, he would have received the normal gunnery training with the Royal Artillery, before passing onto the Navy for training in sea gunnery and then onto the Merchant Service to familiarise him with their methods of working.

We catch up with Percy in October 1941 when he was serving as a Gunner on the SS Treverbyn. This ship, built by Harland and Wolfe of Govan in 1920, was part of Convoy SL.89, had sailed for Cardiff from Freetown, Sierra Leone on the 5th of October 1941. It was loaded with some 6,000 tons of Iron Ore, destined for the South Wales steel works. The convoy was made up of 23 merchant ships with an escort of 18 Royal Navy warships.

At 10pm on the night of Monday the 20th of October, whilst some 400 miles south-west of Cape Clear, the convoy was attacked by U-Boat wolfpack "Schlagetot" ("Hooligan") but, of those 9 submarines, only U.82

was successful. It torpedoed the SS Serbino (14 crew died and 51 were picked up by other ships) and quickly followed by the Treverbyn which, having been struck, sunk within three minutes with all hands. Percy, aged 34, was one of ten gunners on board, along with 36 crew. Incidentally, U.82 was sunk with all hands in February 1942, having been attacked by two Royal Navy ships using depth charges.

Percy was not well known in the village as he had only lived in Nags Head for a short time before leaving for active service. He was one of two sons born to Arthur Porter and his wife Florence who had married in 1904. His elder brother, Ernest was born in 1907 and Percy a year later. They were born in Newmarket, Nailsworth. In the 1911 census, the family was living at Middle Hill, Stroud. Percy married Iris May Evans in 1932 and they had a daughter, Joan who was born in 1936.

Apart from that, all we know of Percy is that he lived in Nags Head, around the corner from what was then the public house, on the road up to Hampton Fields. That house has since been demolished.

Iris would have received Percy's two medals, the 1939-1945 Star and the 1939-1945 Medal. We have been unable to locate any relatives. Please let us know if you can assist.

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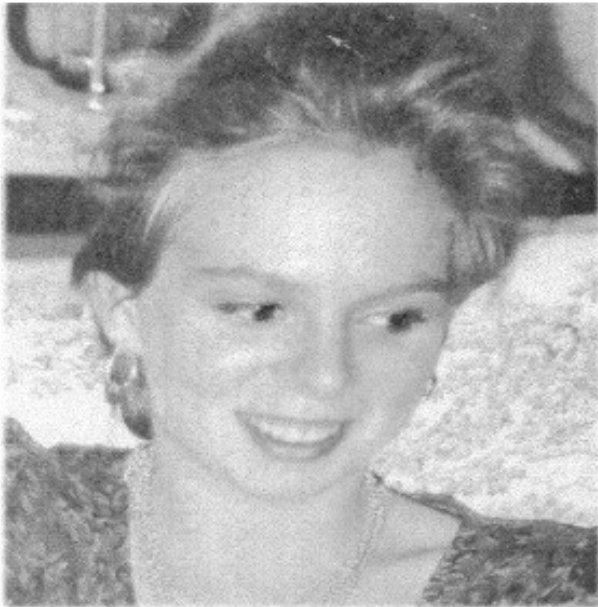


Samantha (Sam) von Kotze

On Thursday 26th July a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sam was held in St. Nicholas Church, Cherington

Memories of Sam were shared with the congregation by Rodney Edmondson, Jacqui Staples, Helen Edwards, Lindsey Park, Kate Moorsom and Konstatin Von Kotze

Printed below is that given by Rodney Edmondson which sums up very well the type of person that Sam was and the feelings of all of her friends at the service



“Samantha’s father John was a very charming man and a well-known film director. Her mother Liz was a talented artist who did a wonderful job of keeping her family together on their numerous assignments abroad. It was on one of these that Sam was born in South Africa.

As a child Sam showed that she had clearly inherited her mother’s interest and ability in artwork, additionally love of horses. From a very early age she was also a consistently loveable rebel, the strength of which NEVER left her

and was to prove invaluable to her in the tragically difficult years ahead.

When she was quite young, Sam badgered me about riding a racehorse (not ex please note) who I then had at home. Both her parents were totally against the idea but eventually relented on the strict condition that I kept her on a lead rein throughout. So off we went with me leading her but when we were safely out of sight I got an earful from Little Miss Bossy to let her go. I felt that she would be OK and of course she was, being a very competent rider even at an early age. Before getting back home, back she goes on the lead rein and mission accomplished by a beaming Sam!

The terrible M4 accident occurred 26 years ago killing both Sam’s parents, both sisters and leaving her paralysed below the waist. She was transferred to Stoke Mandeville where it subsequently fell to me to be present as a family member when she was told that she was paralysed.

ALL she said when told was “How stupid I have been, there are wheelchairs everywhere and I did not realise”. She took it right on the chin, there were very few tears and I went out to get us a bottle of red, the only thing which the hospital would permit. She eventually said that I should go home as I looked tired and would not even hear of me staying the night.

She always thought of others first and consistently put herself a poor second, even in circumstances such as this.

When things settled down many weeks later I asked her Consultant to what age might she live? He very quickly said 40 – 50 – well, sadly, here we are.

On discharge from Stoke Mandeville, Sam came to live at her bungalow in Tetbury and went on to Exeter Art School to further her education in the subject, producing some beautiful work thereafter.

She then travelled for a while mainly within Australia. Amongst her multiple adventures over there and in typical Sam style, she persuaded some wild Aussie boy to let her go bungee jumping which she did a number of times, giving her a real buzz. Other stories include camel riding – and racing for all I know! Hell, let’s just say we don’t know!

Sadly Sam spent a great deal of time in and out of hospital but what a lot she packed in to her challenged life and how so many people admired her courage in the face of such extreme adversity. Reflecting again on her love of horses, the following is an extract from a letter sent to Sam by Gee Bradburne PA to AP McCoy, remarkably champion jump jockey for the last 16 consecutive seasons and thereby right up with the bravest of the brave.

“I cannot imagine the mental heartache and physical pain you endure every day. You really are an inspiration to us all. The challenges you have to face are immeasurable in my book and both AP and I wish you every good wish that there is”.

For some months Sam knew that she was highly unlikely to ever leave hospital and for several weeks knew that for certain. A number of us offered to be with her when the time came but Sam, being Sam, would hear none of it, no doubt just thinking of us.

Whenever I am stupid enough to feel sorry for myself about anything I just have to think about Sam, so I will leave the final words to her, taken from one of her last emails to me:

“Just a very quick hello to say that Celia is returning to very kindly visit me again next week which I really look forward to. No change with me medically / health wise, breathing the same. I try and remain upbeat and positive though . Enjoy the weekend and sunshine.”

She was a great girl.”

ROY ELDRIDGE

Wendy, Tim, and Sally, would like to thank everyone for their love and support through Roy's illness. It has been a very difficult time but there was always someone on hand to see if we needed anything, or to just come and bring flowers or have a chat. Roy used to love these visits. The number of people at his service showed how much he was loved in Cherington, the home and village that meant everything to him. He will leave a huge gap in our lives.

A Parish Away Weekend

March 15-17 2013 we are planning a weekend away with Rev. Celia Carter before she retires on Easter Day. This will be at the beautiful Lee Abbey



Christian conference centre in Devon.

(www.leeabbey.org.uk) This was a very `posh` hotel in the 20`s and is set in its own bay amid stunning scenery. Food is yummy and the young people, who are part of the community that care for us, are delightful and from all over the world.

There is a programme but this is optional. Walking and other outdoor and indoor

activities are many and varied. It's a fabulous place for children and teenagers who have their own programme of fun things to do.

These `Renew, Refresh and Resource` weekends are designed to help groups, Individuals, churches to strengthen their relationships with each other, to deepen their relationship with God and to learn how to be salt and light more effectively in their local communities and places of work.

The cost (full board for 2 nights) is £136. If you would like to come but feel it's beyond your budget please let me know as we may be able to help with funding. This will be done in strictest confidence.

If you want to book a place please contact me for a booking form:

Cas Boddam-Whetham. E-mail:casbw@btinternet.com

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Avening Primary School

ON YOUR MARKS, SET, GO FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

After the excitement of the Olympics and Paralympics during the summer, children and staff have returned ready for a new school year.

First news of a new 'team member' – a warm welcome to our new headteacher Jane Rushton, who joins from St Mary's School in Tetbury. We look forward to telling you more about her in the next issue of the Villager.

We also welcome all our new Reception class pupils – we are sure they will settle in quickly and enjoy their new experiences at Avening Primary School.

Just as this Villager is delivered to homes, pupils Ellie Harwood and Sam Hutton are off to London to see a Paralympics event. In the next few weeks the Year 5 and 6 children (Owls class) will visit Mary Arden's Farm (birthplace of Shakespeare's mother), near Stratford to experience life as a child in the Tudor times as part of their theme for this term.

And the younger children are already looking forward to a trip to Bristol to see 'Aladdin'.

*Take a look at our website - www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk
In term time please contact 01453 833191*

Michele Wheatley



Sandford Trust

As treasurer of the Sandford Trust, a small charity for local young people going on to higher education or work based training, I would welcome applications for small grants from anyone living in the parish of Avening. The closing date is Monday 24th September, when the annual distribution of funds will be made.

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GOLD!

for Cherington in the Olympic Show – 2012

The rain fell before and after July 22nd but NOT ON THE DAY! The village basked in sunshine and people arrived in droves - to a new look. This very wet summer of 2012 prompted the decision to preserve the rain-soaked Old Rectory Garden and the Cricket Ground too and, on Thursday morning - with rain still falling - to stage the Show in the centre of the village and at Coxes Farm. The Churchbells rang out at 2 o'clock; the Evening Silver Band in pride of place on the Green struck up and suddenly it was all happening - the village was a-buzz. The Church had become a garden of glorious flower arrangements - more entries than ever, several themed for the Jubilee this year - Christine won the Best Exhibit cup - and the Georgian Hand-Bell ringers made their bells sing ... then on to Handicrafts in the Village Hall.

This year, to encourage the young to participate in the competitions, Kate and Christine had organized a Children's workshop in the Hall in June; It was amazingly popular and brought forth a creative and inventive display of entries which included A Royal Crown, Pictures made of Pasta, Mask for a Jubilee Ball, Wooden Spoon decorated as A Queen, Models, Mobiles, Lego, Photos, Miniature Gardens and much more. Lucy Hale again was the winner. Beryl Milsom was the winner of the Handicraft Cup again where the standard of the adult class competitions was equally admired by all.

The Car Park and Green became new venues for stalls, presenting a very jolly sight for visitors arriving at the Green this year and one which we are encouraged to repeat. Cakes and Preserves, Designer Clothes and William and Colin's Sensational Specials as well as books, a fabulous Bric-a-Brac, Plants, Books, Bunting and Jewellery, all did fantastic sales beneath their awnings on that sunny day.

As well as Handicraft competitions, the Horticulture classes staged in the Barn at Coxes Farm are part of a proud tradition since the first Flower Show and Carnival held in 1945. The display at Coxes was remarkably good considering this Summer's weather and Johnny Nettleton came away with both the Horticulture and Mabberley Cups. However, a noticeable lack was NO children's entries – so let's get the kids sowing next spring!

Coxes Farm made available not only the Dog Show Field - a record number of entries up there and great fun - but there was room for stalls in the drive as well as the Cricket Club barbecue (also selling delicious home-made lemonade) and on the lawns, were the Childrens' Games, Bouncey Castle, and basketball as well as rides on Marble the pony this year, a very popular



Johnny Nettleton won both the Horticulture Cup and the Mabberley Cup for Best Exhibit in Horticulture (photo Glenn Parker)

addition. Like an ice cream? Or Tea? In Top Up Tents' decorative and welcoming red and gold Tea Tent Sarah, Susie and ladies served supremely delicious teas, providing a moment to sit and enjoy the scene - after a visit to Henry Arden's Art Exhibition, yet another attraction.

The net result of this wondrous day was a sum in excess of £8,000 to share out between our valued village causes: the Church, The Cricket Club and The Village Hall – yet another record! Olympic Gold indeed. Wow!

None of this could have happened without a huge amount of hard work, enthusiasm and original creativity, before, during and after July 22nd by everyone in Cherington, aided and abetted by family and friends from near and far away. We are such a small village and it's 'all hands to the deck' when it's Show Time – so a very big thank you to everyone.

Peter and Liz Workman

Jeanette Udall

would like to thank her family and friends in the village for all their love and support during her recent illness, especially her husband Buster; daughter Shannon and her friends; David, Billy, Ben and Jo; Claire at the Cross and Richard at the Bell and Janet Newbould and the staff at Old Quarries

THANK YOU!

CHERINGTON PRODUCE SHOW



*Lucy Hale winner of the
Childrens' Handicrafts Cup
(photo Glenn Parker)*



Many thanks to
Kate Gegg for the
photos of the
Handicraft Exhibits

FLOWER AND 2012!



*Beryl Milsom,
winner of the
Handicrafts Cup
(photo Glenn
Parker)*



*Christine Williams,
winner of the Amy
Wood Cup for Best
Exhibit in Flower
Arranging (photo
Glenn Parker)*



Matt and Shaun's Excellent Adventure!



While you may have enjoyed your summer holiday relaxing by a pool (or elsewhere), Matt Alexander and Shaun Smith were pedalling their bikes for charity through all weathers from Land's End to John O'Groats!

Matt (26), (above left) from Avening, and Shaun (27), from Stoke on Trent, both work at the University of Bath, as Web Content Editor and Systems & Network Administrator respectively. They hit upon the idea of using their annual leave for this Adventure after the organisation "Heartlink" raised funds to make vital heart-treatment equipment available for Shaun's baby nephew.

Shaun and Matt set off on 12th August and aimed to complete the journey in three weeks, (including a welcome break at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival). They were travelling entirely self-supported, carrying all their own cycling and camping-equipment. A typical day saw them covering about 60 – 70 miles, and the total distance was around 1200 miles via the "scenic" route, using many minor roads and the National Cycle Network routes.

If, like us, you admire their tenacity (and youth and energy!) and you would like to make a donation to their very worthy cause, please visit:-

www.justgiving.com/lejogexcellentadventure

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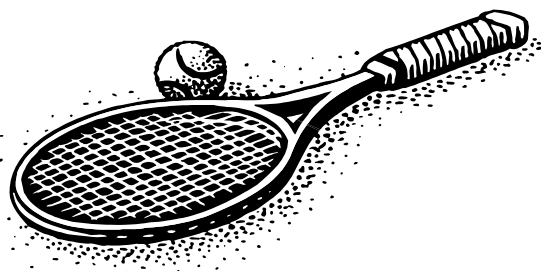
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My name is David Martin. I live in Nailsworth and I'm the local consultant for *Steele Rose & Co* - one of the UK's Premier Professional Home Visit Will Writers. After 22 years serving my country in the RAF, I have spent the last 28 years of my life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

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David Martin

David Martin, local consultant,
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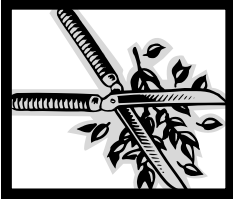
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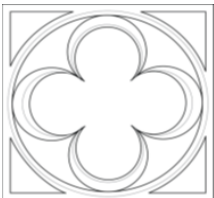
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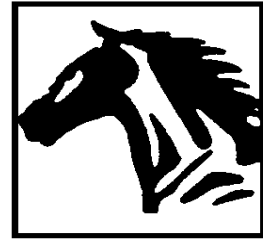
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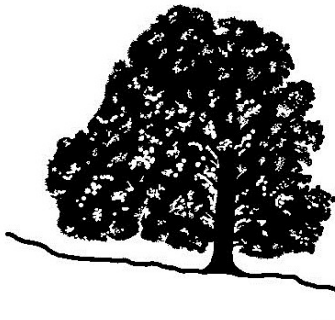
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The W.I usually has a break during August but this year we had an extra treat. On a very warm sunny evening members and their families went on a guided tour of the remains of the Purton Hulks. Mr Barnett, a marine historian explained that over 80 redundant trows, barges and schooners had been beached along the shore of the Severn mainly to shore up the banks. At this point of the river the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal runs extremely



close to the river and the banks, if they had given way, would have been devastating for the canal and the shipping which uses it.

Some of the remains of the wooden boats are very difficult to spot amongst the dense vegetation but the old concrete barges pictured have remained intact.

Following the most interesting talk we went to the Lammastide Inn near Berkeley for a very pleasant meal.

Some members also visited the W.I.'s Denman College near Abingdon on an open day. We had a inspiring cookery demonstration followed by a tour of the college and beautiful grounds. The facilities are excellent and the college puts on hundreds of different courses for both members and non members.

Finally a few of the members entertained a visiting coach party at one of our popular 'Come to Tea' this time not in the usual venue of the Cherington Hall but in the Memorial Hall. Unfortunately it was a day when it poured with rain all day so we hope our visitors enjoyed their tea to make up for the disappointing weather.

Gwyneth Simpson

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Well, this proved less troublesome than some other photos! These ladies are, from left to right:

Mrs Nellie Tanner (Maureen Stone's mother); **Mrs Stella Wyatt**; **Mrs Jessie Skinner**; **Mrs Edie Hinder**, **Miss Georgie Edmunds** and **Mrs Edmunds**, Georgie's mother.

Georgie is the only one still with us. She is in her late 90's and lives in Ilsom House.

There was a lot of debate as to the event, but no conclusions drawn, and most people think that the photo was taken in the mid to late 1940s - although if anyone has any other ideas, do let us know!

Many thanks to Riley Vincent, Maureen Stone and Jock Hamilton for this information.

Avening Book Club

There is no book club in August due to members being away on (hopefully) sunny holidays. I did want to continue the momentum however and review a couple of books I've recently read:

The Book of Human Skin – Michelle Lovric - Delightfully disturbing.

“This is going to be a little uncomfortable” and so begins the evil doing of Minguilo Fasan as he tries to destroy his younger sister. This rollicking story is set in 18th/19th century Venice and Peru and contains two truly wicked and warped characters. I love the work of this author, she creates wonderfully twisted, evil and dark fairy tales that are utterly absorbing (and have happy endings). I did feel ‘uncomfortable’ throughout the book and was filled with a terrible sense of foreboding. It has to be said that this book’s title is what it suggests; Minguillo Fasan collects books bound in human skin. Sor Loreta is the other loathsome character, she is a righteous, pious nun who despises everyone. We meet her first as a young girl, delighting in the spectacle of a man’s death by torture. She develops into a character filled with spite and bile.... The book is balance by plenty of ‘good’ characters who mostly manage to survive (not unscathed) and find happiness. It is definitely not for everyone. Lorvic’s writing reminds me of Angela Carter, in this instance without the magical realism. I bought a pig’s ear for my puppy while reading this and while I was holding it an image of Fasan’s ‘collection’ popped into my mind. As much as I enjoyed this novel it was a relief to finish it.

50 Shades of Grey – E L James

All I can say about this truly dreadful, over-hyped novel is that it depends on how high your tolerance is for really bad, repetitive writing. Clearly lots of people don’t agree with me and E L James is a very, very rich woman – good luck to her.

If the price of books is putting anyone off joining our book club, books can often be bought on Amazon for as little as 1p (2.80 delivery) we usually choose books that aren’t hot off the press for that very reason, several have also been found in charity shops. I am in book buying ecstasy after living in New Zealand for six years where books are absolutely extortionate. I had to use the library there which I did with very bad grace. The libraries there charge for new books, charge for ordering or reserving books and you can’t extend the loan time on them! So if several of the orders come together you have to pay for the privilege of not being able to read them all in two weeks - huumphf.

Next meeting: 4th Sept 7.30 The Bell and the book is The Little Stranger by Sarah Waters

Kristiana Maseyk

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The following valid planning applications have been lodged or new details have been received in the Parish of Avening on 15 August 2012.

Application: 12/03481/FUL
Ward: Avening
Date: 15 August 2012
Location: Brandhouse Farm, West End, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE
Proposal: Replacement dwelling
Case officer: Helen Donnelly

Go to www.cotswold.gov.uk then Planning Register for details

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors,

The Avening Conservation Group would like to alert you to planning notice 12/03481/FUL for a replacement dwelling. Local landowner, Mr Joe Bullman, has plans for the beautiful Ledgemoor Valley, which we feel needs bringing to the attention of our community and the wider public. Mr Bullman has failed to consult with the Parish Council in this matter, choosing to submit his application directly to the District Council Planning Department.

If you would like to view the full details of the application and make comments, you can access the Cotswold District Council Planning register via the following link www.cotswold.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=2297, alternatively you can write to Case Officer Helen Donnelly, Cotswold District Council, Trinity Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1PX. Thank you for your interest and support.

Avening Conservation Group

Cherington Parish Council

PLANNING

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WITHDRAWN

Application: 12/02661/FUL
Ward: Avening
Date decided: 10 August 2012
Decision: Application Withdrawn
Location: Grove Farm, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SH
Proposal: Relocation of small folly and construction of small patio area

DECISIONS

The following decisions have been made for the Parish of Cherington on 22 June 2012.

Application: 12/01395/FUL
Ward: Avening
Date decided: 22 June 2012
Decision: Application Permit
Location: Aston Farm, Cherington, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8SW
Proposal: Change of use of land to form an all weather gallop

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Sue Russell

Clerk to Cherington Parish Council



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Avening Village Agent	Aileen Bendall	07810-630156
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Women's Institute	Maisie Stanton	01453 834679
The Cross Village Shop	Claire and Glyn	01453 833240

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5th September	Autumn Term Starts	Avening Play Group and Primary School	
Tuesday 4th September	Avening Book Group	The Bell	7.30pm
Wednesday 5th September	Yoga	Memorial Hall	7.30-9.00pm
Saturday 8th September	Family History Day	Avening Church	10.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday 15th September	Play group nearly new sale	Memorial Hall	10-30 to 12-30
Wednesday 26th September	Quarry Gig	Kirby's Quarry	12 noon - 11.00pm
Saturday and Sunday 29th/30th September	Cherington and Avening Harvest Festivals	Avening Social Club see church services notices	
Monday 22nd October - Monday 29th October	Half Term	Avening Primary School	
Thursday 22nd November	WI Christmas Shopping trip to Winchester	tba	tba

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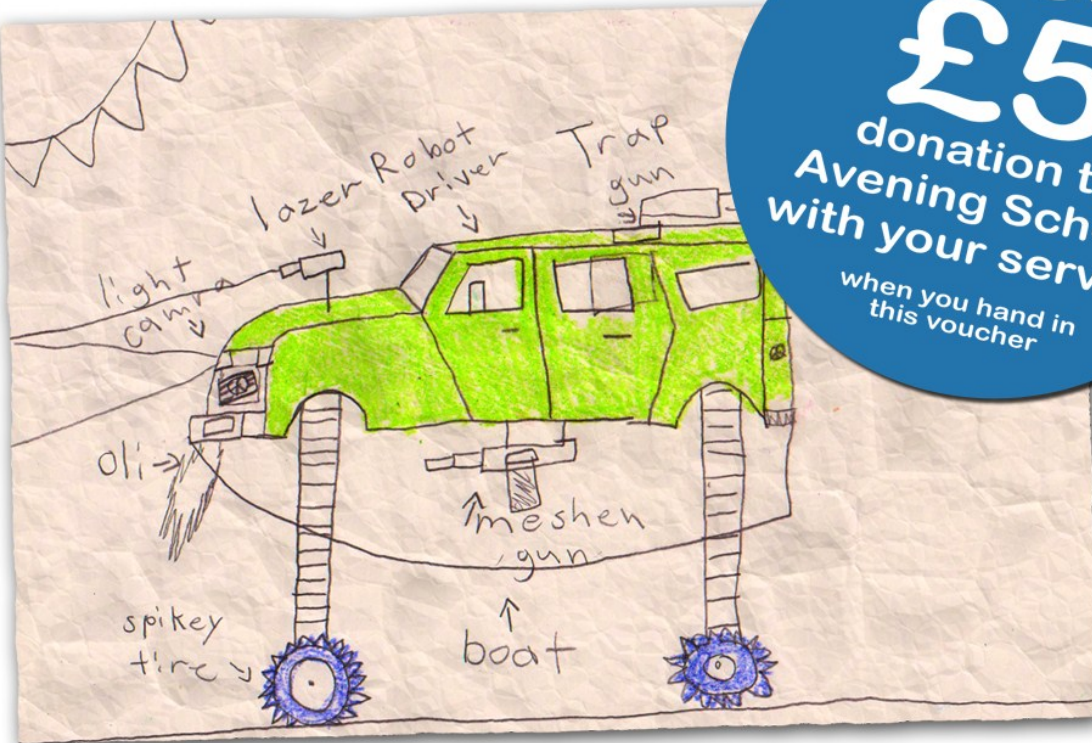
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