

# *The Villager*

*A magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head*

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*Service of Nine Lessons & Carols ~ Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>*

*St Nicholas, Cherington      5 pm*

*Holy Cross. Avening      7 pm*

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# *The Parish Letter*

**“The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

**W**hat does this mean, when the Gospel says that Jesus is the light of the world?

It is that, through His life, his willingness to live alongside us, he revealed the true nature of God. He revealed the depth of God's love by facing the same difficulties, struggling with anxiety and doubt, overcoming pain, bearing rejection even to the point of dying for us. By rising to life after His death Jesus demonstrated that good can overcome evil, and that the True Light of God cannot be extinguished by the darkness of the world.

**He gives us hope, to live by.**

We are indeed in dark times, With the ever deepening recession and a bleak outlook into the New Year. Many thousands of people are losing their jobs. Pensions are threatened, houses are being repossessed and money is short. Maybe for the first time in many years people are approaching Christmas with a sense of apprehension..... conscious that they may not be able to meet the expectation of their families and celebrate in the way to which we have become accustomed.

**But is this all that really matters?**

Have we not been losing much of what Christmas offers by the way we have been celebrating the Festival over the last fifteen years or so? Is there not something fundamental at the heart of it all which we have overlooked?

Every Christmas Eve I am deeply moved by the expression on the faces of the children as they take part in the Crib Service.....by their look of rapture, of reverence, of wonder. They experience the reality of the Nativity as they act out the shepherds, kings, angels, Mary and Joseph. For a while they are conscious of the closeness of God as they focus on the baby, and truly believe that God has sent His son to change the world and draw us into his Kingdom of love.

This is the heart of the Christmas story. The Christ child embodies all the things that really matter and are lasting.

Our happiness does not depend on what we have to spend, or how much we can buy. It depends on our awareness of the love with which we are surrounded.....the love we can give to others. It depends too, on the knowledge that the spirit of Christ is still active in the world, and that His light will not be overcome.

We can learn much from our children.....recapture a little of the wonder, hear again the message of the angels, and re-awaken our faith.

A seven-year-old boy, when asked to define LOVE thought for a while and then said

“Love is what is in the room with you at Christmas,  
if you stop opening presents and listen.

May you all have a blessed and wonderful Christmas

***Rev Celia***

### ***ADVENT DEBATES***

There will be a series of supper & debating evenings during Advent to which all are invited.

They will take place on Wednesdays at 7 pm:

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| December 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Avening Park      |
| December 10 <sup>th</sup> | Longman's Farm    |
| December 17 <sup>th</sup> | 70 Sandford Leaze |

*All are welcome .....just ring 832716  
to assist with numbers for catering*

## Love comes down at Christmas

“ Love is when your puppy licks your face, even after you have left him alone all day”

*Mary Anne age 4*

“Love is when Mummy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken”

*Elaine age 5*

“Love is what makes you smile when you are tired”

*Terry age 4*

“When you love somebody your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you”

*Karen age 7*

“Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs”

*Chrissie, age 6*

An elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife, was crying in his garden, when a little boy from next door joined him, climbed into his lap and just sat there. When later his mother asked what he had said to his neighbour, the boy said:

“Nothing, I just helped him cry”

When nothing is left, Love is all you need

### Historic Churches Bike Ride

The total amount sponsored for Cherington Church was £558.50

This has been sent to the organisers of the fund and half will be returned to our parish treasurer. Thank you so much to all our sponsors. It was a fun day.

*Wendy Eldridge*



## SERVICES IN AVENING & CHERINGTON

| Day/Date                    | Church     | Time     | Service                              |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| SUNDAY December 7th         | Avening    | 8 am     | Holy Communion BCP                   |
| <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i> | Avening    | 11 am    | Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School   |
|                             | Cherington | 5 pm     | Christingle                          |
| SUNDAY December 14th        | Avening    | 8 am     | Holy Communion BCP                   |
| <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i> | Cherington | 9,30am   | Matins (BCP)                         |
|                             | Avening    | 11 am    | Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School   |
| SUNDAY December 21st        | Avening    | 8 am     | Holy Communion BCP                   |
| <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i> | Avening    | 12 noon  | Carols at the Bell followed by lunch |
|                             | Cherington | 5 pm     | Service of Nine Lessons & Carols     |
|                             | Avening    | 7 pm     | Service of Nine Lessons & Carols     |
| WEDNESDAY December 24th     | Avening    | 4 pm     | Crib Service                         |
| <i>Christmas Eve</i>        | Cherington | 10 pm    | Midnight Mass by candlelight         |
|                             | Avening    | 11.30 pm | Midnight Mass by candlelight         |
| THURSDAY December 25th      | Cherington | 9.30 am  | Family service                       |
| <i>Christmas Day</i>        | Avening    | 11 am    | Family service & Holy Communion      |
| SUNDAY December 28th        | Avening    | 8 am     | Holy Communion BCP                   |
| <i>Innocents' Day</i>       | Cherington | 9.30 am  | Holy Communion BCW                   |
|                             | Avening    | 11 am    | Holy Communion BCW & Sunday School   |

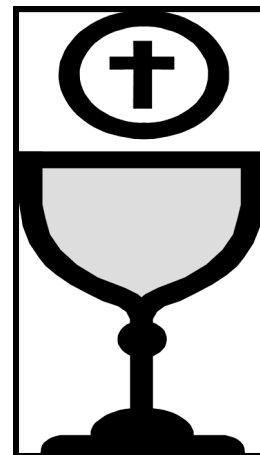
*For January services in Avening, see notice in church porch or on notice board*

### BAPTISM IN DECEMBER

Tabitha Dyson

# Church Duties:

## AVENING



| Date     | Sidespersons                | Chalice Assistant    | Sacristan |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Dec 7th  | G Buchanan / M Barton       | P Lindesay           | A Brick   |
| Dec 14th | D Martin / H Graham-Munro   | S Uzzell             | P Sanders |
| Dec 21st | F Conway / M Barton         | <i>Carol service</i> | G Parsons |
| Dec 24th | G Buchanan / K Lindesay     | P.Lindesay           | A Brick   |
| Dec 25th | J Pargetter / S Hamilton    | D Pierce             | G Parsons |
| Dec 28th | C Boddam-Whetham / P Hansen | P Brown              | G Parsons |

*For January duties please see church notice board*

### Avening Church Floodlighting

29<sup>th</sup> October In loving memory of John Hopes, from his wife and family

26<sup>th</sup> November In loving memory of Arthur Whiting, from Phyllis and the family, on his birthday

24<sup>th</sup> December Remembering Ben Lockwood with love, and especially at Christmas. Kathleen & Peter.

*If you would like to have the church floodlit to commemorate a loved one or to celebrate a special event, please contact*

*A letter from Zimbabwe, from Venetia Winkield,  
received in November 22nd*

Dear friends

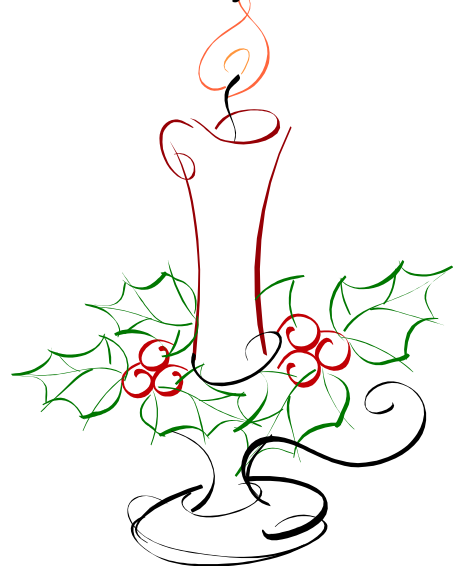
The hunger here is terrible. Most of the families we help have almost nothing else to eat. Their vegetable patches have dried up as they struggle among big queues to draw water and carry it home. The rains have come but it will take some time before they can eat anything they plant now. Most of the families seem to have several other family members, not on our list of orphans and carers, who live at the house and share the food we give - but those people have nothing either.

We have managed to get a little seed maize so far and have heard of some fertiliser we may be able to get, as it is now the maize planting season and most families have dug their patch near Mabvuku all ready, just in case they get seed. Most Mabvuku schools have virtually closed for lack of teachers. Jayne said of one of her families: 'Says things are fine at home, but not very talkative. He tries to read but it's not easy with no teacher. These teenagers are very low and have a sense of hopelessness. ... is no longer doing extra tutoring as people around Mabvuku don't have extra money for tutors.' We will not get school uniform as we usually do in November, nor shoes, will just see what happens by next term.

Anyway, today at Avondale we are packing parcels for Christmas for the Mabvuku people, clothes for everyone which we have been given over the year, and a little something else for each one, and hope to be able to do a Christmas food parcel to be given out on Christmas Eve. The Lord knows the distress and we pray for his mercy on all these Mabvuku families and on our country Zimbabwe.

Thank you all for your prayers and help.

With love, Venetia







# Christmas in Avening & Cherington

## December 2008

|                            |  |                    |                   |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>     | Christingle Service                        | Cherington Church  | 5 pm              |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Senior Citizens Tea & Carols               | Avening Park       | 3.30 - 5.30 pm    |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Matilda's Tea Party                        | Avening Church     | 3.30 & 4.30 pm    |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Children's Christmas Party (0-8 years old) | Avening Church     | 3 - 5 pm          |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Avening School Carol Service               | Avening Church     | 9.30 am           |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>    | Carols at the Bell & lunch                 | The Bell Inn       | 12 noon           |
|                            | Service of Nine Lessons & Carols           | Cherington Avening | 5 pm<br>7 pm      |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> | Crib Service                               | Avening            | 4 pm              |
|                            | Midnight Mass by candlelight               | Cherington Avening | 10 pm<br>11.30 pm |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Family service                             | Cherington         | 9.30 am           |
|                            | Family service & Holy Communion            | Avening            | 11 am             |

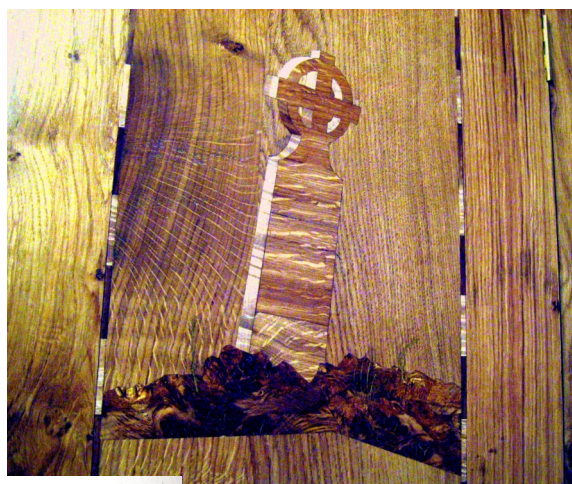
## Maud's Cupboard Sunday at Holy Cross Church



On Sunday 2nd November, Rev Celia blessed a beautiful cupboard, donated by the family of Maud Maxwell which was made by George Buchanan in her memory.



*Some of the inlaid images in the doors of the cupboard*



## **Avening Roll of Honour No. 11**

### **Ralph John Dee**

#### **Sapper: 70th Field Company, Royal Engineers**

**F**rederick William Dee was born in Avening in late 1861 and was baptised in Holy Cross Church on Sunday the 23rd of February 1862. He was descended from at least four Dee generations in the village and became a carpenter on leaving school. He married Sarah Underwood, a member of another long-standing Avening family on Saturday the 4th of December 1880, again at Holy Cross and they had two daughters and a son (Daniel Edward) born between 1888 and 1893. Unfortunately, Sarah died in 1894 aged 31 leaving Fred with two daughters aged 10 and 1 and a son of 14.

We can only speculate as to how they met but Fred married again in 1896 at the Registry Office, Devizes, his new bride being Annie Eliza Plumridge aged 22. Annie was born and bred in Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire. They had three children, Ralph John born on 17 August 1896 and Vera Lilian (1900) and Hilda Annie (1904). All of Fred's children were baptised in Holy Cross Church.

Some time in the early 1900s, Fred and his wife became landlords at The Cross, Avening and they are listed as such in Kelly's Directory of 1907. It was early in the First World War that tragedy again struck the family. Fred's eldest son, Daniel Edward died aged 25 on the 1st of April 1915. The Parish Registers do not say how he died. The same year, Ralph John, the eldest from the second marriage, joined Kitchener's First Army. We do not know whether he had followed his father's carpentry trade but he was taken into the Royal Engineers. He was posted to France on the 31st of May 1915 and we know very little of how the 70th Company was involved but by December the war had descended into bitter trench warfare. The last battle on any size had been the allies' "Big Push" of September and October which had proved costly in lives and for no avail. December 1915 was a time of snipers, regular artillery bombardments, reconnaissance patrols and skirmishes to take enemy positions in Northern France and Ralph would have been heavily involved in trench and bridge reinforcement and the maintenance of wire defences. On Monday the 8th of December he was killed near

Bethune. He was buried at Le Touret cemetery, Richeburg-L'Avoue and his grave is tended by the War Graves Commission. He received (posthumously) the Victory Medal, the British Medal and the 1915 Star. But this was not the end of the family's distress as Ralph's youngest sister died just a month later aged 11 and was buried alongside her half-brother in Avening Church yard. The headstone is to Daniel and Hilda but Ralph John is also mentioned.

We have been unable to locate any living relatives.

***Fred Vening***

### **Coffee Morning at Cherington**

Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning at Cherington village hall on November 8th.  
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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY—AVENING November 2008



*Following the service, wreaths are laid at the Millennium cross.*



## **THE MAGISTRATES COURT, CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES & THE W. I.**

On October 10<sup>th</sup> Pat Taylor and I were amongst 20 other W.I. members from around the County who met at 1.45pm in the Magistrates Court building in Gloucester.

On entering the building we went through a security check similar to that at an airport. When all were assembled we were taken to a small interview room where a magistrate outlined briefly the work of the Court and answered any questions. Then we were led into Court 1

There was quite a delay before we all stood as the three magistrates entered – two women and one man. One of the women was the Chairman, the other two being called Wings. The Chairman gave a special welcome to our W.I. group. Of the three only the Chairman speaks out in Court, although at times all conferred quietly together. We had already learned that the magistrates are lay people and the clerk of the Court is legally qualified as is the legal advisor to the Court, unlike the County Court where the Judge is legally qualified.

The defendant was already in custody on another charge and was brought up from the cells by two security guards and sat in the enclosed dock. The whole atmosphere of the court room was very calm. No loud voices, pacing up and down or waving of arms as in TV courtrooms. After details of the charge were given by prosecuting counsel, the defendant was moved to the witness box where he was questioned extensively, mainly by the prosecuting counsel. It was 4.10 pm before the Magistrates rose to leave the court to confer and reach a verdict. All three magistrates have equal say in the verdict.

Unfortunately because the case had over-run, many in our group had to leave because our car-parking tickets were running out, so a W.I. member who was staying on gave out her phone number so that we could ring her later to find out the verdict - GUILTY- with a Conditional Discharge for two years.

Unfortunately for him he was still awaiting sentencing on the charges for which he was already in custody.

**A YOUNG LIFE BEING WASTED.**

## **CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES**

On a more lighthearted note .....

For the second year running, Avening W.I. decided to fill Christmas boxes for disadvantaged children, to be distributed through the operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse scheme.

Eleven members met one afternoon at Shirley Hand's house with lots of goodies supplied by members. Shoe boxes were already covered in Christmas paper. The boxes were for three age groups - 2 to 4 years, 5-9 years, 10-14 years and boy or girl. Such a lovely lot of goodies were assembled there that afternoon - woolly hats, scarves, gloves, sweets, notebooks, pens, pencils, felt pens, crayons, soft toys, cars, toiletries, hair accessories, necklaces etc. We managed to fill 35 boxes, all labelled with age and sex and they have been delivered to the pick-up point at the Baptist Church in Cirencester.

Our recent Quiz Evening in the Social Club raised money for the transport costs of these boxes, which will go to Central and Eastern Europe, Mozambique, Swaziland or Liberia. We all wish we could be there when a child with very little opens one of our boxes.

***Beryl Milsom***

### **HOLY CROSS CALENDAR 2009**

The Avening calendar is now available.

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On sale at the Corner Shop or order from  
Julia Walkley 01453 757784

***A great Christmas present!***



## *The Villager Magazine*

There will be no magazine in January.

Deadline for the February edition is January 20th.

Subscriptions will be due in the New Year and will remain at £5 .

Thank you to all our readers, advertisers and subscribers for their support in the past year. And my special thanks to Cas for distribution and the faithful band of people who deliver magazines and, last but not least, to Peter and Jim for all their help in production.

***Kathleen Lindesay***

## *Afternoon Tea at Matilda's*

**Saturday 13th December**

**3.30 pm and 4.30 pm**

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# *Avening WI*

## **October & November meetings**

**T**he October meeting was our birthday party. The speaker was Chloe from Midnight Storytellers. She told us some fascinating stories

.which kept us enthralled. We then indulged in a cheese and wine buffet supper. We also had skittles and a quiz at the Social Club, never a dull moment!

We welcomed 67 walkers from the Gloucestershire Federation to our village hall. Coffee was served before setting off for walks around Cherington Lake and the surrounding countryside. It was a beautiful day and the trees looked wonderful. A Ploughman's Lunch was provided with apple pie and cream to follow.

November was time for the AGM and practically all members attended. Pat Taylor has decided to stand down as President and has handed over to Doreen Pierce who was voted on.

The Treasurer reported that our funds are in a healthy state so a bursary will be awarded in December for £150 to help pay for a course at Denman College. A name will be drawn to see who is the lucky winner. A donation is also going to Denman to help pay for the refurbishment of the Gloucester room,

The trip to Coventry takes place this month then on December 3rd we are going out for our Christmas meal.

Our speaker at the November meeting was Maggie Harris and her talk was 'Stitching with Attitude'. She does wonderful embroidery using all sorts of yarns and wools, also anything from J cloths to more serious fabrics, using free expression in stitching and design. We all had a go at basic stitches and then tried our own designs. It was great fun.

December is the Christmas party and members are asked to bring a plate of food and a small gift.

***Wendy Eldridge***

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR EVENING OVER 60'S.**

This years Christmas lunch will be held at the Social Club on  
**Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### ***Menu***

Traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings

A selection of seasonal vegetables.

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Home made Christmas pudding with brandy sauce

Sherry trifle

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Coffee and mints

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Plus a glass of wine all for £5.

*To book your place please contact Christine on 833246.*

***The lunch club takes place on the first Wednesday of the month.***

***All over 60's are welcome.***

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## Avening Village Clean Up ~ November 8th 2008

Thanks to everybody who helped out with the autumn village clean up on 8th November. A record turn-out of 28 intrepid men, women and children cleared the village from top to bottom (assisted by 2 dogs).



*Above - the Waltons*

*Right - Edward Oliver,  
Bella & Hugo Winkfield*



The next litter pick is planned for the Spring - date to be announced, everybody is welcome. It was great fun - do join us next time!

***Elizabeth Oliver***

# *'Twas the Night before Christmas and Santa's a Wreck*

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck,  
How to live in a world that's politically correct?  
His workers no longer would answer to 'Elves'  
'Vertically challenged' they were calling themselves  
And labour conditions at the North Pole  
Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul!

Four reindeer had vanished without much propriety  
Released to the wilds by the Vegetarian Society.  
And equal employment had made it quite clear  
That Santa had better not use just reindeer.  
So Dancer and Donner, Cornet and Cupid  
Were replaced by three pigs - and you know that looked stupid!

The runners had been removed from his sleigh;  
The ruts were termed dangerous by Health and Safety.  
And people had started to call for the cops  
When they heard the sled noises on their rooftops.  
Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened,  
His fur red suit was called 'unenlightened'.

His wife joined a self-help group; packed, left in a whiz  
Demanding from now on her title was Ms.  
And as for the gifts, he'd never had a notion  
That making a choice could cause such commotion.  
Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,  
Which meant nothing for him and nothing for her.

Nothing that might be construed to pollute,  
Nothing to aim, Nothing to shoot.  
Nothing that clamoured or made lots of noise,  
Nothing for just girls, or just for the boys.  
Nothing that claimed to be gender-specific,  
Nothing that's war like or non-pacific.

He tried to be merry, tried to be gay  
(But you had to be careful with that word today).  
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground,  
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.  
Something special was needed, a gift that he might  
Give to all, without angering the left or the right.

A gift that would satisfy with no indecision  
Each group of people, every religion,  
Every ethnicity, every hue  
Everyone everywhere .....even you.  
So here is the gift, its price beyond worth....  
May you, and your loved ones, enjoy **Peace on Earth**



**STOP PRESS ..... Maud's coffee morning**  
in aid of Avening Church raised £692.

Many thanks to all who helped and all who  
supported the event.

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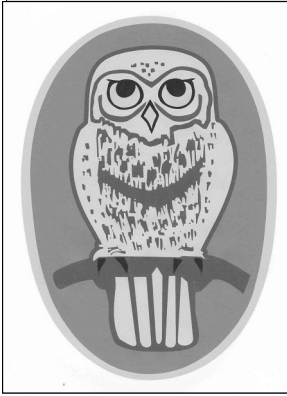
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# *Avening School*

## **TUDOR TIME TRAVEL FOR AVENING PUPILS**

**T**his term year 5 and 6 pupils (the Owls class) at Avening Primary School have been focusing on the 'terrible' Tudors as one of their topics and have been learning all about life during the reigns of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.

As part of the topic, the children recently enjoyed a spot of 'time travel' to Mary Arden's farm in Stratford-upon-Avon where they took part in 'Tudors Alive!', a living history experience where they became Tudors for the day. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in Tudor costumes - stays and laces, breeches or long skirts, jackets, woollen garters and a variety of headwear! They engaged in a variety of traditional farming activities including threshing and winnowing and also tried their hand at Tudor crafts such as making tallow candles.



*Owls receive a spinning lesson at Mary Arden's farm*

They took their turn in the Tudor kitchen making butter and baking bread, and for their lunch they feasted on typically Tudor fare such as ham, cheese, bread and fruit.

Owls class teacher, Mrs Gill Redpath commented: "This really was a fantastic way of bringing classroom learning to life for these pupils. Not only did they see Tudor life first-hand, they got to experience it as well. It was certainly one of the best trips we have done and has proved a memorable boost for our topic work." The pupils have produced a fantastic array of model Tudor houses. They have written diary entries and found out more about the Tudor farming year – as well as writing extended historical 'novels' with a Tudor setting.

*These brief extracts from the diaries the pupils wrote give some idea of what they learned about daily life for youngsters on a Tudor Farm.*

' After I had helped with the cooking I had to make the butter. ... I like the squelch it makes and the feeling of it between my fingers. ....My legs were aching from standing up but I couldn't say anything.....'  
Rebecca

' After that I had to go to the barn and separate the grain and the chaff, together with my dad. It was quite easy because I am a very strong lad. The clothes I had on were very uncomfortable. The shirt was itching because it was so rough but at least I was warm working so hard.....' Gregory



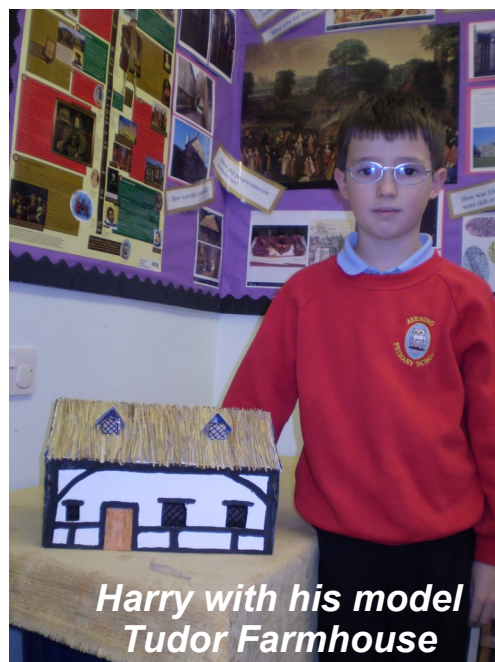
' I was really looking forward to falconry because my father had a new peregrine falcon.....and it was great fun. I had to get a leather glove and my new bird. I went outside and my bird flew around the field. It came back and scratched me on the arm (naughty bird!)...'  
Thomas

*Thomas having a lesson in falconry*



‘.....It was then time to do my last job of the day along with my dad. We went into the barn and had to shear as many of the sheep as we could. It was very hard work trying to hold the sheep still. At the end of it, mum cleans the fleece and gets the wool ready to knit. ...’  
Elliot

Now as we move towards Christmas and the end of term, the children are preparing for all sorts of festive activities. The Key Stage 1 pupils will perform ‘Born in a Barn’ and Key Stage 2 pupils are to put on an ambitious performance adapted from Shakespeare’s ‘The Tempest’ which will include song and dance. As well as this, they have Xmas Discos, Xmas lunch and a visit from a certain someone to look forward to.



*Harry with his model  
Tudor Farmhouse*

From all pupils, staff and governors of Avening Primary School, may we wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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# *Avening Playgroup*

The term started on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - bonfire night. The children were very excited talking about the fireworks that they had seen. They painted some beautiful flick painting fire work pictures and made some paper cutting rockets to hang from the ceiling.

Christmas is always a very special time for the playgroup children. Our Christmas activities will start off with our tradition of sending letters to Father Christmas. The children really enjoy walking to the post office to buy their stamps and posting their own letters.



They will be very busy through December making cards, calendars and other special Christmas things. Our term will finish with a special Christmas party.

Our annual Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and there will be lots of stalls, a puppet show and Father Christmas will be coming to see the children. Please support us if you can as this is our Major fundraising event of the year.

We would like to thank Eileen Ind who has come to our rescue by offering us her assistance and applying for some grants on our behalf.

May we take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped playgroup during 2008. A very merry Christmas and a happy new year from everyone at Avening Playgroup.

## **Treasurer desperately needs help!**

Avening Playgroup is run by a committee of volunteers and I am currently struggling with the role of treasurer.

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**T**he Parish Council is sorry to lose the services of Jennifer Grant-Rennick as she will be leaving the village.

In the very near future Cherington Parish Council will have appointed a new Chair and hopefully a new Councillor will have been co-opted. Details next time.

## **Appeal Allowed and Planning Granted**

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After Christmas why not continue the good work and sign up for Gloucestershire's Zero Waste Challenge and help Gloucestershire reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfill. Zero waste week will be held from 26th January to 1st February 2009.

Zero Waste means that nothing gets thrown away in the dustbin. As well as trying to cut down what we use, it also means that we try to only use things that we can reuse, recycle or compost. That way we're left with nothing else to throw away. Throughout the week the aim is to only use things that you can reuse, recycle or compost. Home composting can go a long way to help you achieve zero waste, along with some careful shopping beforehand. You can enter as an individual, family, household or a community. There are lots of great prizes to be won. You can sign up on the 'Recycle for Gloucestershire' website - [www.recycleforgloucestershire.com](http://www.recycleforgloucestershire.com)

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# *Avening Parish Council*

## **New Planning Applications – November meeting**

- 08/03109/FUL Tallet Barn, Hampton Hill, Avening GL8 8SB  
Proposal: Extension and roof over existing balcony  
Members had no objections
- 08/03071/FUL 5 Old Hill, Avening, Tetbury, GL8 8NR  
Proposal: Extension and refurbishment of existing cottage  
Members had no objections

## **Decision Notices Received**

- 08/02095/FUL The Boat House, Gatcombe Water, Avening, Gloucestershire  
Proposal: Conversion of boat house into a dwelling.  
Date decided by CDC: 17 November 2008  
CDC Decision: Application Permit
- 08/02611/FUL Orchard House , 21 West End, Avening, Tetbury  
GL8 8NE  
Proposal: New porch and driveway  
Date decided by CDC : 27 October 2008  
CDC Decision: Application Permit

## **Avening Walks Brochure**

A new brochure has been produced which contains a collection of 7 walks collated and updated by Tony Slater, from material originally compiled in 1980 by the Avening Society as part of the celebrations for the 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the consecration of Avening Church. Additional walks have been added following a competition organised by the Parish Council. We hope that residents and visitors will find the walks interesting and a helpful introduction to Avening and its history.

The brochure can be purchased from the village shop at a cost of £1.

## **POLICE REPORT FOR AVENING PARISH FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE**

There was one substantiated crime in October 2008, this compares to six in the same period of 2007. This currently is still to be detected.

## **CRIME CATEGORY BREAKDOWN**

There were no recorded crimes of **VIOLENCE**. One in 2007



There was one incident of **BURGLARY**.

Theft of property from an out building, comparable to the one in Oct 2007.

No incidents of **THEFT/HANDLING**. One in 2007

No incidents of **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**. Compared to Three for the same period last year . No **DRUG** related Crimes

### **Summary**

Overall the figures for October 2008 have again been encouraging and highlight the areas of success achieved by all, when compared to only looking back a few months. Hopefully the on going good work that has been done in Avening by all the organisations involved over the past number of months will continue to bear fruit.

The next meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at the Village Hall.

*Wendy Jennings, Parish Clerk, Wingfield, Hampton Hill, Avening, GL8 8NS Tel: 01453 832881*

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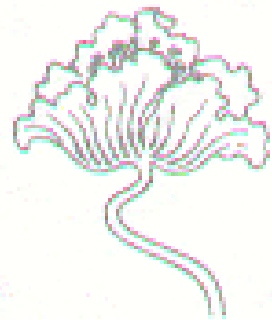
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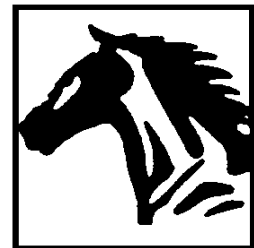
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| December 3rd  | Senior Citizen's Lunch                | Social Club                         |                |
| December 6th  | Playgroup Christmas Bazaar            | Memorial Hall                       | 2 pm           |
| December 11th | Senior Citizen's Tea Party            | Avening park                        | 3.30 – 5.30    |
| December 13th | Matilda's Tea Party                   | Avening Church                      | 3.30 & 4.30 pm |
| December 14th | Children's Christmas Party (0-8 yrs.) | Avening Church                      | 3-5 pm         |
| December 21st | Carols at The Bell & Lunch            | The Bell Inn                        | 12 noon        |
| December 21st | Carol; Service                        | Cherington Church<br>Avening Church | 5 pm<br>7 pm   |
| December 24th | Crib Service                          | Avening Church                      | 4 pm           |

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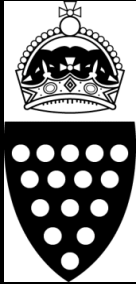
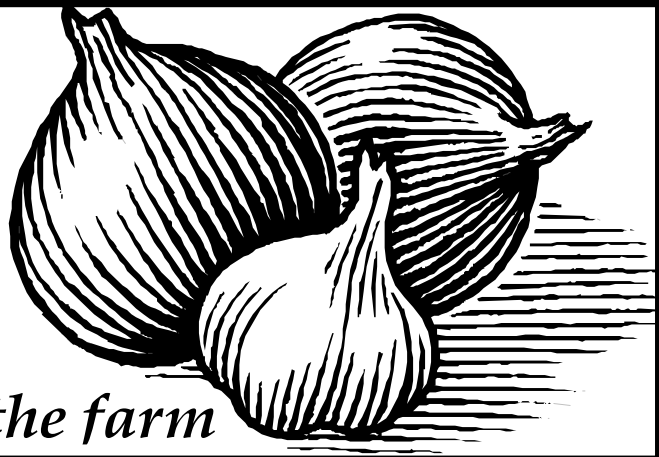
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