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Welcome to this bumper edition of the Villager magazine, the magazine that is now delivered free to most households in the villages of Avening, Cherington and Nags Head.

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Remember to send us photos of your Christmas events. The Villager is your magazine and your friends and neighbours are always interested in what is going on around them.

THE EDITORS WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

*The Villager Editors*

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Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
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Flamenco Dancing	Monday (excluding school and bank holidays)	7.00 - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Lina Wirths 07417451815
Cherington PC	4th Tuesday Bi-monthly	6.30pm	Village Hall	Frances 01453767384
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.15 - 7.45pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
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
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# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Last year saw the first public Christmas tree in Avening in living memory. I wasn't sure how well it would be received, so we didn't make a fuss. However, after the overwhelmingly positive response, I promised a bit of a do this time around. This coming **SUNDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 5.30** we will have some carols, officially switch on the lights, have a short visit from Father Christmas, and then a lantern lit procession down to The Bell, where we have laid on some complementary hot snacks and mulled wine. The Avening Angels will be with us, and Jim will be on the piano to lead a sing song. Do please join us to start the countdown to the big day, and if you have a spare bauble, it would be great to continue the 'new tradition' of decorating the tree.



Due to a packed agenda in November, I had to defer the discussion on future projects – I didn't want to start this at the end of the evening when everyone was flagging, so this will be the first item at the December meeting when our creative juices should be flowing. As a result, there is still time to send in your ideas – just tell discuss with any councillor, or contact the clerk (details in this magazine and on the website).

The brambles and hedges have been getting a bit unruly at the playing field, so I met with our grass cutting contractor recently to discuss a programme of work through the winter to get back control, and to open up paths that have been engulfed. We also agreed that his team will clear the worst area of accumulated leaves on the pavements and drains (Highways should undertake this work, but they usually only give us an annual sweep up in April!). By the time you read this, most of the leaves should have been cleared.

We have a great team of councillors at the moment, who all bring a wealth of experience in many different fields. We also have a great new clerk, and a dedicated project manager. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and support through a sometimes challenging year. I also wish Cllr. Conway a speedy recovery.

Finally, on behalf of the whole team, we hope you all have a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

***Tony Slater, Chairman***



# THE *Wonder* OF CHRISTMAS

## IN AVENING CHURCH

Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm. Childrens Christmas party

*(Please bring a plate of food to share)*



Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm. Lessons and carols

Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> 4.00 pm. Crib Service



11-30 pm. the first Communion of Christmas

Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00am. Holy Communion

## AND IN CHERINGTON CHURCH

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm. Carol service,  
followed by Christmas drinks in the village hall

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10.00pm. Christmas Communion

Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> 9.45am A Short Family Service



### **New Year – Evensong**

Readers will see from the schedule of church services that there is a change being introduced in the new year. Starting in January there will be a 5.00pm service of Evensong in Avening once a month. On that Sunday there will be no service in Cherington. It is hoped that as many as possible of the congregations from both churches will join together in Avening for this service, taken from the Book of Common Prayer. Colin Chambers has kindly agreed to play the organ , so everyone can enjoy singing hymns.

Initially this change will continue until Easter and if it proves popular then it may become a regular fixture.

# Church Services in Avening & Cherington in December & January

Saturday Dec. 3rd	5.00 pm	Cherington	Christingle followed by lighting of Christmas tree
Sunday Dec. 4th	9.30	Cherington	NO SERVICE
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday Dec. 11th	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am 3.00pm	Avening	Holy Communion (CW) Children's Party
Sunday Dec. 18th	5.00pm	Cherington	Carol Service followed by drinks in the Village Hall
	7.00pm	Avening	Service of Carols and Lessons
Saturday Dec. 24th	4.00pm	Avening	CRIB SERVICE
	10.00pm	Cherington	Christmas Communion
	11.30pm	Avening	Midnight Communion
Sunday Dec. 25th	9.45	Cherington	Short family Service
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday Jan. 1st	9.30	Cherington	NO SERVICE
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion

Sunday Jan 8th	9.30	Cherington	NO SERVICE Join Avening for the evening service
	5.00 pm.	Avening	Evensong (BCP)
Sunday Jan 15th	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday Jan 22nd	9.30	Cherington	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	11.00	Avening	NO SERVICE JOIN Cherington
Saturday Jan 29th	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday Feb. 5th	9.30	Cherington	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday Feb. 12th		Cherington	NO SERVICE
	5.00pm	Avening	Evensong (BCP)

**ALL CONTACTS FOR AVENING AND CHERINGTON CHURCHES MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE CHURCH WARDENS AS BELOW**

They will be happy to discuss your requirements For funerals, weddings, Baptisms or any other family events and make any arrangements necessary.

Avening :- Stephanie Hamilton 07796 981308  
or Stephen Uzzell 07807 700004

Cherington :- Roger Gegg 01453 834805 or John Bate-Williams 01666 503544

# Avening Playgroup

During the month of November the children have been doing lots of autumnal activities. They have had a lot of fun playing with leaves, sweeping them into piles and playing with small world toys, such as toy dinosaurs in the builders tray hiding them under the leaves and making dens. The children have produced some beautiful leaf prints in glorious shades of brown and gold.

On 31<sup>st</sup> October the children made some light up pumpkins and cotton wool ghosts for Halloween and later in the week had lots of fun making bonfire flick paint pictures and 3d rockets. In December we always do lots of fun activities and craft work ready for Christmas, so we are all looking forward to this exciting and enjoyable month.

At the time of you reading this we will have had, or about to have our biggest fund raising event of the year, the Christmas Bazaar. This year it will be from 2-4pm in the village hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Thank you very much if you were able to come and support us, or have made a donation to this event. Everyone at playgroup is very grateful.

Father Christmas will be back in the village again going round in his float between 5pm and 7 pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This year funds raised will be split between playgroup and Best for Ben.

If you have a child you are considering sending to our happy playgroup you are welcome to visit us any week day morning to have a look around. 10 o'clock is a good time as the children will be playing with activities of their choosing, so one of the staff will be able to answer any questions you may have. We can be contacted on 01453 832695 or [aveningplaygroup@gmail.co.uk](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.co.uk).

Our baby and toddler group will not be open in December. If you would like to come in the New Year, please ring and let us know.

Everyone at Avening Playgroup wishes you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

*Debbie Brown*



**Joy to the World!**

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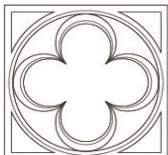
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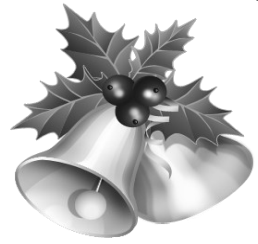
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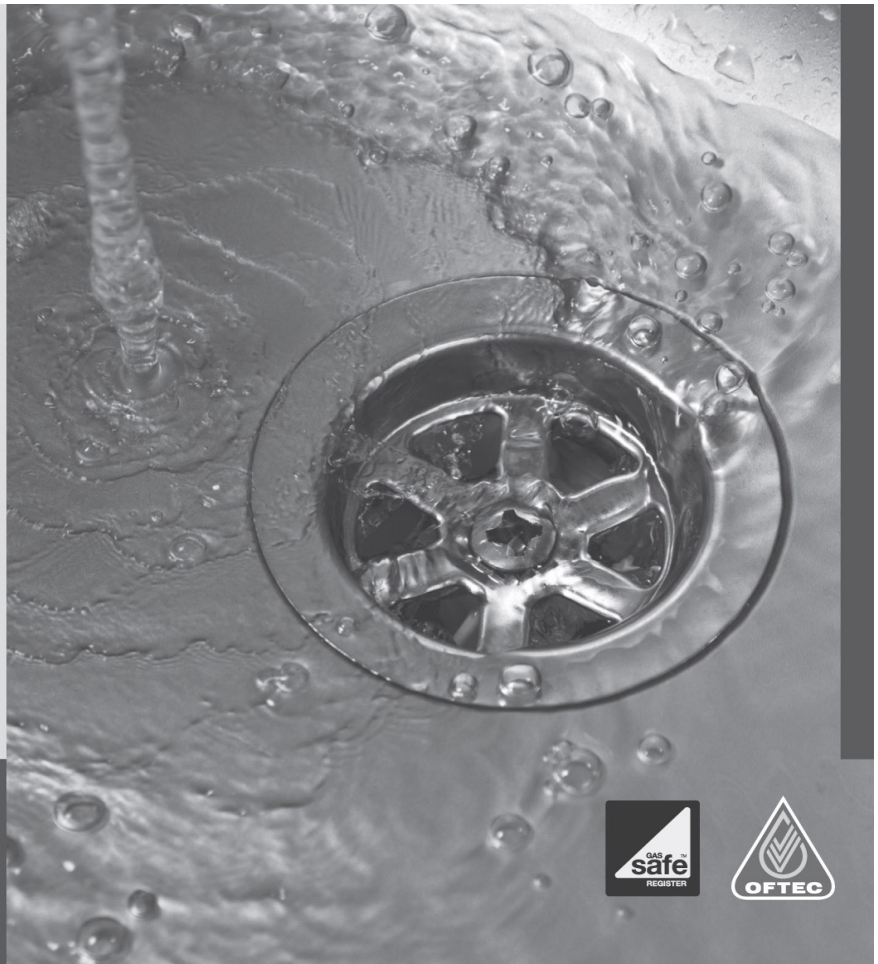
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## Avening W.I.

We held another of our popular fun quizzes early this month and managed to raise £200 which will be donated to the Great Western Air Ambulance Service. Shirley Hand and her family set and read out the questions and prepare the excellent buffet supper and their hard work is much appreciated by our regular quizzers.

The November meeting is when we hold our AGM. A report of the year's activities and accounts are presented and an election of officers and committee undertaken. Our hardworking secretary, Bridget Seward, is standing down after 3 year's sterling service and is being succeeded by Soo Rolfe.

Our patient speaker who had to sit through all our AGM business was Paul Evans who is an excellent story teller. We were so impressed with him that this was a return visit with this time his theme of Christmas. He read extracts (in appropriate rural accents) from A Child's Christmas in Wales by Dylan Thomas and poems by Pam Ayres and Jon Betjeman among others.

We have a planned visit to the Highfield Garden Centre for lunch and shopping and a week later a Christmas shopping trip to Bath. These are for members only. We are sorry but we are not having our usual Christmas shopping coach trip. Some of our regulars will be disappointed but this year we had the trip to Windsor instead.

At the end of the month we have a friendly skittles match with Sheepscombe W.I. We also have 2 more "Bite to Eat" commitments one of them a bit more than a Bite. For the first time, we are preparing a full Christmas lunch for members of the Stroud Macular Society.

We have a busy time coming up with our Christmas lunch, Carol Concert and party. We have a full programme planned for next year. If any ladies in the village or surrounding areas are interested in becoming members, please come along to a few meetings to see if the W.I. is for you. The meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

*Gwyneth Simpson*



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# Avening School

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The props boxes have been dug out of the cupboard, the costumes unearthed and the rehearsals have begun.....yes it's show-time at Avening School!!!

**'Lights, Camel, Action'** is the title of KS1 Christmas show this year which the children in the Eagles and Kestrels classes have been busy rehearsing ready for the end of term. This modern twist on the story of the nativity will have plenty of singing, dancing and a little bit of 'Strictly' magic too!

On the other side of school, KS2 are busy rehearsing their production of **'Alice in Wonderland'** which will be full of singing, dancing and plenty of laughs!

If that wasn't enough excitement for the last week of term, pupils from the Owls Class (y5/6) will be joining forces with pupils from Sir William Romney's and St Mary's Primary School when they perform carols at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This will be the first time the three schools have come together to sing as a collaborative choir and will be a performance not to be missed.

While the classes are busy rehearsing for the Christmas shows, the hard work and determination continues. At the end of last month, the whole school took part in 'Happiness Week' at school which coincided with National Anti-Bullying Week. The week focused on developing healthy, happy relationships with one another through activities that included yoga sessions, circus skills, forest school fun, sport activities, and making and eating chocolate-coated fruit kebabs!

The children will all be taking some time out from their own busy theatrical preparations to visit the theatre themselves, with the Owls class journeying to Stratford to watch the RSC brand new production of 'The Tempest' and the rest of the school travelling to the Bristol Old Vic to watch 'The Snow Queen'. A special thank you must go to FOAS who make the trips affordable for families by paying the transport costs for both outings.

Don't miss our annual Christmas Market on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2.30 – 4.30pm in the Village Hall raising funds for FOAS which will help contribute towards school transport costs next year, as well as much needed classroom equipment and resources.

Rehearsals are also well under way for the annual Young Voices concert held in January at Birmingham NEC which our own choir will proudly attend, flying the flag for our School .

That just leaves me to say on behalf of all at Avening School - we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2017!

*For further information about our happy, busy place of learning, please see our school website [www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk).*

*Alex Adcock*

## **Santa is coming to Avening Village**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
5 – 7pm**



**Watch Santa as he travels around the village with his little helpers collecting for the Playgroup and Best 4 Ben Charities**



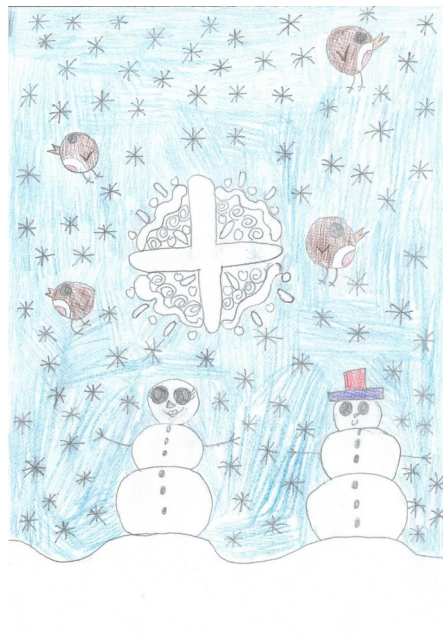
## Runners-up in our Christmas Front Cover Competition

**Owls:** Milly Ritchings and Evie Waldord

**Hawks:** Isaac Barnett and Jasmine Hawkins-Badat

**Kestrels :** Tilly Hamesse and Lore Barnett

**Eagles:** Coco Rayner and Abner Short



## Avening School Remembrance Service



Avening School held a Remembrance Service in the hall, followed by a silence around the Millennium Cross in the churchyard. Derrick Pierce said a prayer and Jim' Hill played the last post on the trombone. The children laid small crosses bearing names of all the men from Avening who lost their lives – the children also read out the names on the crosses.

It was done so respectfully and was very moving.

**Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock.**

Tick tock; the grenade ticks.  
Tock tick; his heart ticks.  
Tick tock; their hearts tick.  
WHOOSH! It flies,  
BANG! He dies.

The gas flies,  
Crawling down throats, scratch-  
ing at eyes,  
Grabbing his lungs until he dies.  
Tick tock, heart stop.

One soldier left without  
His mask as it flies about.  
He turns his head slowly around,  
Thud. Dead bodies hit the  
ground.  
His heart; the only sound.  
Tick tock, clock stop.  
Tick tock, heart stop.

***By Evie Worsdell***



# Down to Earth

We are so fortunate in having Westonbirt Arboretum on our door-step. People came in record numbers this year, from far and wide, to witness the autumn arboricultural fireworks. We visited in mid-November to see the dying embers of the display, when the remaining leaves sprinkled the trees and those that had fallen formed a multi-layered chequerboard on the ground. Great trees caught the eye: the weeping silver lime, with its butter yellow heart shaped



leaves, the Serbian spruces, dark and sombre, standing narrowly to attention like a group of soldiers, and the wonderful Japanese larches, semi-deciduous, delicate but aspiring, in their golden drapery. Seeing them at the tail-end of autumn hints at the pleasures of seeing them undressed, in their winter shapes, for it is in winter that you

begin to recognise their structures, their individualities, so to speak. To look up and learn my trees, I go to Tony Russell's book, 'The Complete Book of Trees of Britain and Europe', in which the illustrations are drawings, literally 'drawing' one's attention to the salient characteristics of each tree. Each deciduous tree is drawn both in its dressed (summer) and undressed (winter) state. It is a book which might just about fit in a Christmas stocking – or, far more appropriately, you could hang it on the tree! Christmas present problem sorted!

When Robert Stayner Holford started planting trees in the year in which he came down from Oxford, 1829, ten years before he was to inherit the estate, the plant collector, David Douglas, had just returned from his second plant-hunting trip to America, bringing with him over 200 new species to this country. It was to be a century of great plant-hunting expeditions and keen interest in propagation and exchange. One of Holford's fellow plant collectors, with whom he exchanged young trees and shrubs, was the third Earl of Ducie of Tortworth. The present mid-Victorian mansion is described by Tim Mowl ('Historic Gardens of Gloucestershire') as, 'an implausible residence', with its 'characterfully monstrous jumble of Gothic motifs'. Be that as it may, in the late 1990s the hotel group 'Four Pillars' spent many millions converting house into hotel and rescuing garden and grounds from brambles and other assorted overgrowth and undergrowth. This exposed an arboretum of notable specimens. You may





visit it today, just beside M5 junction 14. Just pop into reception, ask nicely for the list of trees and the grounds are at your disposal. Not to be missed are the multi-stemmed zelkova *carpinifolia*, or Caucasian elm, opposite the entrance, and the liriodendrons, or tulip trees, with their unique blunt-ended leaves.

There seems endless tidying up to do in the autumn. But don't forget how much you will welcome the first flowers of spring. I have planted bulbs in December before now. They have flowered. Perhaps it isn't ideal. But – no, it's mostly not too late. I use a long, narrow trowel which I bought in France, and prefer it to the traditional bulb planter. If you have ornamental trees in your gardens, you cannot plant bulbs too close; the trees will make the ground just too dry. Make sure you plant where you can see the flowers from your window, so that they give you cheer and inspiration on the bleakest of winter days. This year I have ordered bulbs of a late spring flower which I have long admired: the *leucojum aestivum* 'Gravetye Giant', or summer snowflake . This cultivar (the 'Gravetye Giant') is named after Gravetye Manor, in Sussex, once home of the horticultural journalist and opinion-former (and controversialist) William Robinson, who declared war on late Victorian formal gardening on behalf of more naturalistic planting schemes. The *leucojum* is like a rather tall snowdrop with pretty green markings on its multi-headed bell-like flowers. It is scented and attractive to the bees. (Hooray!)



I say this every Christmas (because I mean it): multi-coloured lights in moderation (if you must) but how about going green! Evergreen foliage can be very beautiful with no further adornment, while seed heads and cones are enhanced with a gold or silver spray paint. Polish up your brass and copper (as my AG has instructions to do) and add a red ribbon to your wreath. Happy Green Christmas Everyone!

**Marilyn Jones**

# Eddy and Elsie's FGR Experience



On the 12<sup>th</sup> of November my Dad and I went to an ambassador's away game for the very first time to see the Rovers play against Macclesfield. Macclesfield is a 3½ hour long journey from Forest Green but it was worth it. The atmosphere in the stadium was great despite the fact that it felt like we were the only team chanting; Macclesfield were very quiet but a very tough team to beat!

In the first half we managed to score an early goal putting us 1-0 up and it was looking good for us as Macclesfield weren't looking too threatening. However, nearer the end of the first half Macclesfield got stronger and stronger having many shots on target. Somehow, we managed to keep hold of our lead not letting a single one of their shots go in.

And this carried on into the second half where things started to get a bit tense for FGR because Macclesfield weren't giving up. Although, Forest Green finally managed to get back into the attacking half getting every single shot on target but sadly we couldn't manage another goal before the final whistle. But that's still a win for the Rovers, another 3 points, and it was a great day.

Here are the upcoming games if you would like to go and support FGR:

Who it's against!	Date!	Time!	Home or Away!
Eastleigh	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	3:00pm	A
Dover Athletic	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3:00pm	H
Torquay United	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3:00pm	A
Torquay United	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	3:00pm	H

Let's hope FGR can keep on winning! COME ON YOU ROVERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Elsie*

## FGR v Guiseley

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Guiseley travelled to Nailsworth for a tough battle against our quality local team, FGR. Danger at a football game? Who's heard of that? You'd think the only danger would be from being hit by a football. But no, not this time. For this game it had an obscure answer- it was a people carrier with its hand-break off!

The first few minutes were possessed mainly by Guiseley; we had big holes in our defence. Nothing was particularly goal-threatening until Darren Carter smashed a

shot into the back of the net in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute. Early in the second half we put another cracking goal in the net, this time from Christian Doidge. After several attacks and counter-attacks from both sides, an own goal was scored to make it 3-0! From then the game was certainly sealed, but to dramatise matters a late attempt from FGR unfortunately hit the post! After 90 minutes the final whistle was blown, the score being 3-0 to FGR.

“The 36 Guiseley supporters were a noisy bunch,” said my dad.

### **FGR vs. Dagenham & Redbridge**

The match on the 29<sup>th</sup> October held a big rivalry: FGR vs. Dagenham & Redbridge, or in other words, it was a top of the table clash- 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup>. This time we weren't the only people from Avening School; there were about 40 people from Avening because we had participated in the ambassador scheme and we'd been given free tickets. Hopefully there will be many more fans from Avening now.

I personally thought the score would be 0-0, but I was wrong. Tension was high with the massive crowd, which was over 2,200 and 182 of them had travelled from Essex. In the space of the 90 minutes of play, a grand total of 4 footballs were kicked over the stand, the most I've ever seen!

The first half was an impressive performance from the Rovers. We were passing very well and in the 7<sup>th</sup> minute a shot from Rhys Murphy unluckily hit the post. Next, Christian Doidge slammed the first ball over the goal and away into the car park! Later on in the half two more balls followed the same path: one from Darren Carter and again Doidge hit another ball out of the ground. “We played well in the first half. We had loads of opportunities; we should have had a penalty,” said Tom Jordon.

The second half started really well with an early goal from Rhys Murphy. In fact, it was so early (48<sup>th</sup> minute) that most people were still queuing for their chips! Sadly, the Daggers would not rest and bagged a goal with a good header that Sam Russell simply couldn't reach. Yet another ball was lost due to a deflection off one of our defenders- all 4 footballs went over north stand. 2 late substitutes (Elliott Frear and Kieffer Moore) were a final burst of energy but even injury time was not enough for FGR to get a winning goal.

My mum, who doesn't see the point of football, said, “I enjoyed that; I might come again next week!” Commenting on this, my dad said, “In that case I'll have to take up golf!”

The final whistle was blown with the score 1-1 and the Man of the Match award was given to our number 4, Drissa Traore. FGR are currently top of the table and Dagenham are just below at 2<sup>nd</sup>. We still want to get into the major football league and hopefully this is the year.

*Eddy Turner*

# Dying without a Will. Now that's a real tragedy.

No-one likes the thought of dying, so it's hardly surprising that almost 3 out of 5 UK adults don't have a valid Will (source: [www.unbiased.co.uk](http://www.unbiased.co.uk) 2010). Yet having one is one of the most important arrangements you can make during your lifetime.

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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# Avening Youth Club

This November the Avening Youth Club has had a number of really interesting and exciting events that have delighted the increasing number of children who attend the Club. After half term the first was a visit from Nailsworth Fire & Rescue who came with a fire tender and educated the children in basic fire prevention and awareness techniques including the safe handling of fireworks. The kids really enjoyed the experience and I am sure it is

something they will remember for a long time.



On the 8<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed two members of the Forest Green Rovers first team, Captain Liam Noble and Sam Wegsbury, both of whom demonstrated their soccer skills and entertained the children with a fun football session which was enjoyed by all. The attached

photograph shows Liam and Sam putting the children through their paces.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> November George Buchanan gave the children a basic introduction to folk music and explained to them how music inspired soldiers in the past to use music to advance to. Over the years this has developed into country dancing but originated from military manoeuvres. The month ended with a demonstration of bell ringing which again the children really enjoyed. The term will end with the annual Christmas Disco which is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> December. As the school will need the hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> December there will be no Youth Club until term begins again on the 3rd January 2017.

*Peter Best*

## **A Bite to Eat?**

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Avening WI 'Bite to Eat' scheme may be able to assist with your catering needs. We can provide and serve a selection of freshly prepared sandwiches, scones, cakes etc; a fork or finger buffet; or a two course meal.

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# Village Agent

Seasons Greetings as another year is ending, and to remind you that I am still here to help! My job is to provide older or disadvantaged people with easier access to information and services. This service is free and confidential. If you are over 50 years of age or you know someone that is, I can help with many issues. Below I have listed just a few.

Are you receiving all of the **pensions and benefits** you are entitled to?

Would you like a **free home safety check** from Gloucestershire Fire Service?

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Are you feeling **lonely** and would like to meet other people?

Would you like to **help other people** by volunteering for a local organisation?

I can visit you at home or talk with you on the telephone, the number is 07810-630156. My working hours are 15 a week, usually between Monday and Wednesday, so if I am not available when you ring, please leave a message giving your name and telephone number and I will call you back as soon as possible.

I also try to go to most of the Avening monthly Lunch Clubs at the Social Club, which I can thoroughly recommend! And have a 'surgery' at Tetbury Council office twice a month, and once a month at the Trap House (Council office), Minchinhampton: as well as being at the Library in Nailsworth the first Monday of each month from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. However, January's meeting will be the second Monday.

*Aileen Bendall*

*Village Agent for Avening and surrounding areas*



## Ceilidh

About 50 people had great fun dancing the night away at the ceilidh in the Memorial Hall on Friday 18th November, with excellent music supplied by George Buchanan and Karen Tweedy and friends and superb food served up a well. After gorging ourselves on lasagne and spiced apple crumble, we had to take part in

every dance to wear off the calories!

Many thanks to the organisers for a very enjoyable evening.

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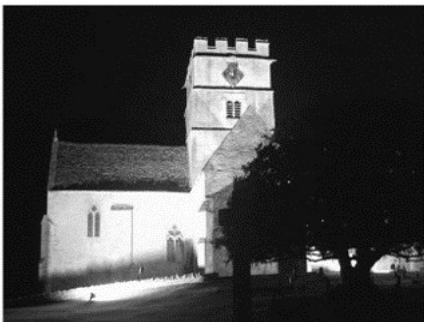
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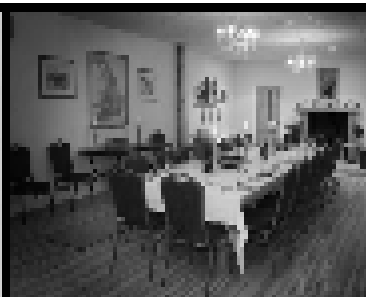
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# Cherington Parish Council

## Planning Applications

**16/03991/FUL Hailstone Barn, Cherington** – Proposed stable block, stores, studio and accommodation. Construction of a new access road at Hailstone Barn.

If you wish to have up to date information on planning applications in the village then please sign up for alerts with Cotswold District Council's Planning Department or regularly visit their website.

Visit [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk) and go to 'planning' section for more information

## Christmas Tree Event – Village Green

The annual Christmas Tree lighting event will take place on the village green - **Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** after the Christingle service which is at 5pm. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available afterwards in the village hall.

## Recycling Changes at 'Bring' Sites

Some glass recycling containers at 'bring' sites are to be removed in early December. New textile and carton banks will replace the withdrawn glass facility.

## Parish Council Meetings:

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday January 10th 2017 at 6.00pm at Toad Hall, Trull Farm, Trull.**

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend parish meetings. There's 15 minutes of public participation time allocated at the start of each meeting where you can bring up any issues. (Nominees for the County Council elections



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to be held in May 2017 are also welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings in the run up to the elections).

If you have any concerns, issues, queries or comments you would like to make relating to the Parish then please don't hesitate to send an email to the parish email: [cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cheringtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Christmas / New Year Waste Collections**

Dates have been received and are as follows:

<b>Normal collection day</b>	<b>New revised collection day</b>
Mon 19 Dec 2016	No change
Tues 20 Dec	No change
Weds 21 Dec	No change
Thurs 22 Dec	No change
Friday 23 Dec	No change
Mon 26 Dec	Will move to Weds 28 Dec
Tues 27 Dec	Will move to Thurs 29 Dec
Weds 28 Dec	Will move to Friday 30 Dec
Thurs 29 Dec	Will move to Saturday 31 Dec
Friday 30 Dec	Will move to Tues 3 Jan 2017
Mon 2 Jan 2017	Will move to Weds 4 Jan
Tues 3 Jan	Will move to Thurs 5 Jan
Weds 4 Jan	Will move to Friday 6 Jan
Thurs 5 Jan	Will move to Saturday 7 Jan
Friday 6 Jan	Will move to Mon 9 Jan
Mon 9 Jan	Will move to Tues 10 Jan
Tues 10 Jan	Will move to Weds 11 Jan
Weds 11 Jan	Will move to Thurs 12 Jan
Thurs 12 Jan	Will move to Friday 13 Jan
Friday 13 Jan	Will move to Saturday 14 Jan

***The collection schedule will return to normal on the week beginning Monday 16 January 2017.***

# Avening Parish Council



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## Planning Applications

Ref. No: 16/04412/FUL

Variation of Conditions (b) and (e) of Planning Application No: CT.1737/B dated 18th May 1988 for the erection of a building to be used as a cattery, alterations to the existing vehicular access - 33 Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT. There were no objections to this application

Ref. 16/04325/LBC

Proposal to widen the existing internal window between kitchen and dining room at 51 High Street, Avening. There were no objections to this application

## Tree Works

Ref. No: 16/04146/TCONR

Ash (T1) - Fell to favour the neighbouring yew and copper beech. Copper beech (T2) - Raise the crown to 5m above the road to allow vehicles to pass freely. Reduce the road side radius of the crown by 4.5m (to centre line of the road) to improve the symmetry and tability of the tree. - The Old Rectory High Street Avening TETBURY Gloucestershire GL8 8NF

Ref. No: 16/04262/TCONR

Acer saccharinum marked A on sketch plan - Complete felling required due to excessive shading, uptake of water and leaning towards highway Juglans regia marked J on sketch map - Prune by 6 to 8 feet on sides and to line of boundary wall with highway, prune 8 to 10 feet on top. Work to be done in July to avoid excessive sap release. Work on J. regia to reduce excessive shading and uptake of water. - 6 Tetbury Hill Avening Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8LT

Ref. No: 16/04708/TCONR

Works to trees in conservation area for Silver Birch – Fell; Holly – Fell at 59 High Street, Avening

## County Councillor to Retire

Our County Councillor, Tony Hicks informed the Parish Council that he would be retiring in May 2017 and a new County Councillor would be elected. Tony also gave an outline of plans for fundamental changes to the way local authorities and the NHS will be working more closely together in the future.

## Mobile Postal Services – Delayed Start Date

Unfortunately, the start date for the mobile Post Office has been delayed. The mobile service was due to commence in Avening on Monday 14th November but has been delayed due to work on the Van Locations taking longer than anticipated. We will be informed once a revised date has been confirmed.

## Damage to Millenium Cross

One of the Churchwardens has reported a small amount of damage to the Millenium Cross caused by youngsters using it as a plaything!

## Road Safety Community Hub

We have been informed that a new one stop shop for reporting road safety concerns in Gloucestershire has been launched

The Road Safety Community Hub is being launched by Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership, made up of Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Constabulary, the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service. The new hub will be the main point of contact for residents to report any concerns they have about road safety in their local area. Reports can be made via the Road Safety Partnership's website. <http://roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/communityhub/> as well as via email to [roadsafetyhub@glosfire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafetyhub@glosfire.gov.uk)

## Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 15 December 2016 7.30pm in the School. Agendas will be displayed on the village notice boards. Minutes of our meetings are available to view on the Avening Parish Council Website.

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



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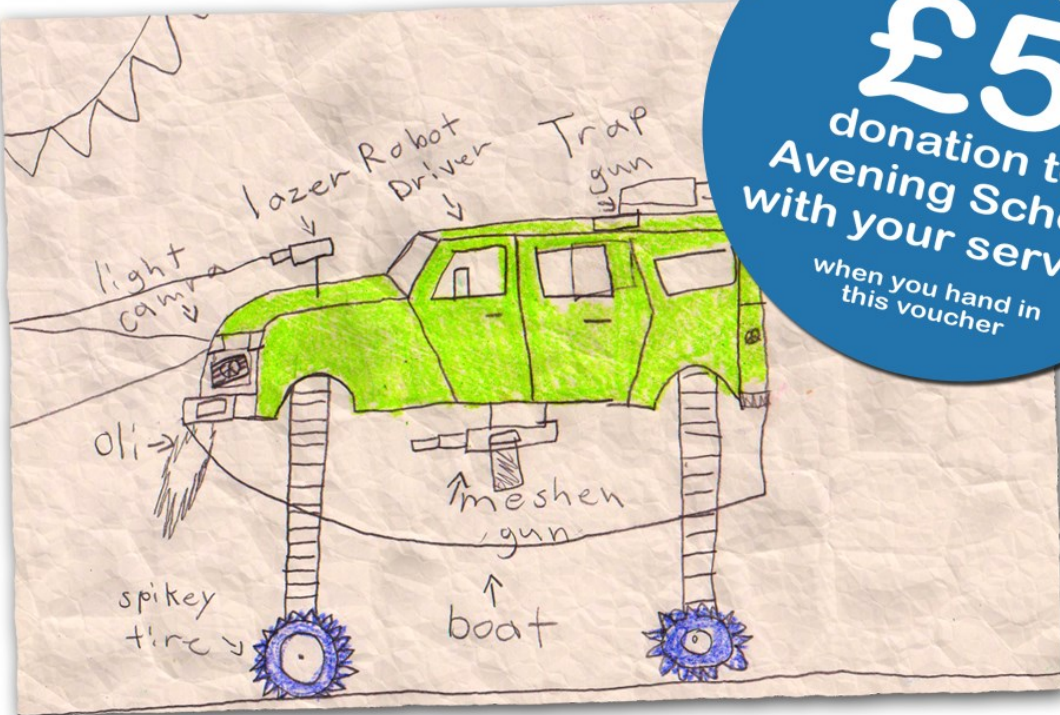
Friday 2nd December	Christmas Market	Avening Primary School	2.30-4.30pm
Saturday 3rd December	Playgroup Christmas Bazaar	Avening Memorial Hall	3-4.00pm
Saturday 3rd December	Christmas Cash Bingo	Sir William Romney's School	7.30pm
Saturday 4th December	Avening Christmas Tree Lighting	By the phone box in Point Road	5.30pm
Sunday 11th December	Children's Christmas Party	Avening Church	3.00 to 5.00pm
Sunday 11th December	Father Christmas comes to Avening	Around the village	5.00 to 7.00pm
Thursday 15th December	Avening Parish Council Meeting	School Staff Room	7.30pm
Sunday 18th December	Service of nine lessons and carols (see poster in Villager for details of all Christmas Services in Cherington & Avening)	Avening Church	7.00pm
Thursday 5th January	Cinema Club: Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie	Avening Social Club	7.30pm
Tuesday 10th January	Cherington Parish Council Meeting	Toad Hall, Trull Farm, Trull	6.00pm

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a traditional British pub serving a great selection of real ales and food



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