



# **The Villager**

**A Magazine for Avening,  
Cherington and Nags Head**

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## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AT THE GOODS SHED

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Craft Fair:** A wide range of stalls from local artists and craftspeople to help you find Christmas goodies and presents! 10-5 Admission free.

**December 10<sup>th</sup>: All On A Winter's Night:** Johnny Coppin 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour. Local singer/songwriter Johnny returns with a mix of traditional carols and new songs. 7.30 Tickets £19/£10 for under 16s.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>: Playtime Christmas Special** with the Last Baguette Company: A seasonal Christmas theatre session for the children – a chance to play, move and watch. 10am Tickets £5 per child, adults free.

**December 16<sup>th</sup>: Community Carols:** Join us for festive cheer with mulled wine and mince pies with the Avening Brass Band. Free (donations accepted!).

**December 30<sup>th</sup>: Dick Whittington:** Panto is back with Wonder Pantomimes for this perennial favourite! 2pm. Tickets £10/£8 under fours or £30 for a family of 4.

**For more details and information about cinema nights and talks – and to book tickets visit our website:**  
[www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk)

## Congratulations!

Congratulations once again to Charles Sabine on his OBE in recognition of his work raising awareness about Huntington's disease. He was presented with the award by fellow Avening resident, Princess Anne, The Princess Royal.



# December 2022-January 2023

It is hard to believe that we are approaching another Christmas and the end of another year. What a strange and unsettling twelve months it has been, with many people probably wondering what sort of a Christmas they can enjoy. The impending strikes may well spoil the plans of many, who need the trains to travel to their chosen destinations and who look forward to receiving some cards, whose delivery may be thwarted by postal strikes. Let us hope that some agreements can be reached by 'the powers that be' which will mean that a happy time can be had by all. As usual in our villages the celebrations go on, with the lighting of the Avening Christmas Tree, the Christingle Service and Switching on of the Christmas Tree lights in Cherington, as well as other parties and treats for the children of the villages.

One of the highlights of this month was the magnificent Remembrance Service and celebration of the Centenary of the Memorial Hall. You will read more about these events in this edition of the Villager and we thought that the picture of the entire School gathered around the memorial cross in the Churchyard, to honour the fallen in their own way, was something that our readers would find very moving.

The Editors are delighted to welcome a newcomer to their numbers: Julia Tu has kindly agreed to help out with the magazine and we are thrilled to have her on board.

And on the subject of new recruits, you will read in this magazine about the urgent need for more bell-ringers in Avening Church; we are in danger of losing a tradition that has carried on for centuries in the village.

We shall see you again in February 2023, but in the meantime we should like to wish our readers a very happy and joyous Christmas and New Year.

*The Villager Editors*

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## Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Jane Archer** for the photograph on the front cover, showing a stile in the Ledgemoor Valley in the snow.

Please keep sending us your photographs, especially since all the images will be in colour in the downloadable version of the Magazine.

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# Christmas Services in Cherington



03 Dec 22	5 pm	Christingle & Lights switch-on
04 Dec 22	10am	2nd Advent
11 Dec 22	5 pm	9 Lessons & Carols
18 Dec 22	10am	4th Advent
24 Dec 22	10pm	Midnight Mass
25 Dec 22	10am	Christmas



# Regular Activities in the Villages

Items struck through are temporarily suspended. Would organisers please let us know when they restart.

Event	Day	Time	Where	Contact
Community Café	Tuesday	9.00am - 12.00pm	Social Club	Gill Adams 07826 291759
Mobile Post Office	Tuesday	10.30am - 12.30pm	Social Club car park	
Cherington PC	Tuesday bi-monthly	6.00pm	Cherington Village hall	Richard Smith 07884 265117
<del>Bell Ringing</del>	<del>Tuesday</del>	<del>7.30 - 9.00pm</del>	<del>Church Bell Tower</del>	<del>Andrew 01453 835783</del>
Line Dancing	Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Social Club	Social Club 01453 833760
Avening Youth Club	Every Tuesday in term time	6.00 - 7.30pm	Avening Memorial Hall	01453 756745
Churchyard tidy up	Wednesday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Holy Cross churchyard	Churchwardens
Avening PC	3rd Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Shani Baker 07415 039234
Avening Cinema Club	Last Wednesday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	avening Cinemaclub @gmail.com
Avening W.I.	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Social Club/ Memorial Hall	Liz 01453 833803
Charity Quiz	1st Saturday each month	8.00pm	The Bell	
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4.30pm	tba	Derrick Pierce 01453 835090

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### **VILLAGE & AREA WEB SITES**

**Avening Parish Council: [www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk)**

**Cherington Parish Council: [cheringtonpc.org.uk](http://cheringtonpc.org.uk).**

**Cherington Village: [www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.cheringtonvillage.co.uk)**

**Cotswold District Council: [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk)**



# Letter From Avening Parish Council Leader



Christmas will soon be upon us; unfortunately, unless the present rainfall eases it will either be a very wet one or one that is knee deep in snow! It also seems destined to be accompanied by industrial unrest in many aspects of our lives, in particular traveling by train. I can never reconcile the logic of strikes as they only damage reputations and disrupt innocent third parties – much better to engage in genuine negotiations to find solutions. Good news – I'm not aware of any planned industrial action within the village as everyone continues to work harmoniously together.

**Remembrance Sunday** – A truly inspiring occasion; the Church was full and the service was very moving. The event was ably supported by the Avening Silver band, and the presence of the Tetbury Royal Air Cadets elevated the occasion to the importance it merits. Following the Church service, wreaths were laid on behalf of the various village groups and societies as well as individuals with personal connections to the Armed Forces and friends they have lost. It is sadly shocking to reflect on how many lives from small villages the size of Avening and Cherington were lost in times of war over the years. We all owe them an eternal gratitude for their sacrifices.



Avening School's Remembrance ceremony

**The Memorial Hall** – Following immediately on from the Remembrance Service everyone was invited to the Memorial Hall for a gathering to celebrate the Hundredth Anniversary of the hall. The Parish Council funded drinks and food for the event. The food was prepared by the W.I. who came up trumps with a truly delightful array of food beautifully displayed. The W.I. members served tea and coffee and generally did a great job of ensuring that everyone was catered for. Additionally, the Tetbury Air Cadets were a great help with setting up tables and chairs and acting as extra 'waiters'. A big thank you to both Avening W.I. and the Cadets for their part in making it a really enjoyable event. Of course the food and drinks were only a part of the gathering – on display in the hall for the first time were a significant number of historical photos of Avening; which are now a permanent feature in the hall. These are photos from the archives which have been transferred onto canvas thereby making them safe to display as they do not need any glass protection. Our thanks go to Click Mitchell and her team of helpers whose hard work made this display possible in time for the event.

**Villager of the Year** – This annual award is normally presented at the village Church Fete, but with this year's cancellation, I was able to use the gathering in the Memorial Hall to make a public presentation. This year's Villager of the Year for 2022 is Jean Scotford. In



my opinion Jean represents the very best of qualities for this award. She has, over many years, taken it upon herself to 'keep the village tidy'; she has an appetite for gardening which has seen her cut back brambles and weeds which have been growing over various roads and lanes in addition to the car park in the Social Club, where she is a regular helper in the Tuesday Café. Jean goes about her efforts without any fuss or expectation. I know she is a 'good neighbour' to anyone she can help. Congratulations Jean – you deserve recognition for your contribution to our village way of life.

**Playing Field** – The exercise bars are now installed – so if you want to get fitter (or just make your arms longer!) then give it a go. New gates as previously promised will be in place very shortly. Subject to weather conditions they are scheduled for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November so may be in place by the time you read this.

There are a number of trees to be felled due to Ash die-back – this is provisionally planned to start in January; so it may well be the case that certain areas will be sectioned off temporarily when the work is in progress.

**Highways road signs and diversion signs, pot holes etc.** – I would love to have a month where it's all good news about the roads! However, the same old issues keep coming up; signs that give insufficient information (I saw one in Bath the other day that said 'road ahead closed' and thought 'can that be referring to Avening'? – surely not!); potholes – still with us and the county have spent their budget for this year until April 2023. Keep on reporting them on the official website and something may get done.

**Christmas** – The Avening Christmas Tree lights will be switched on at 6.00pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, so please come along if you can. The location is as usual by the old telephone box at the top of the high street.

**Posters** – If you have put up posters please make an effort to remove them after the event *and* remove the staples – please help to keep the village looking loved and tidy.

**Hedges** – I have received a number of complaints about hedges that overhang footpaths – these can be dangerous if pedestrians have to walk in the road. Now's the right time of year to cut hedges back; it also makes sense to cut them back sufficiently that next year's growth will not be an obstruction.

**Parish Council E-Mails** – We have experienced difficulties with our incoming e-mails over recent months and are looking to find a new host in the new year. If you have sent any e-mails to the councillors and not received a reply, this may be because of the issues we have experienced. So please keep trying or call us if appropriate.

**Last but not least;** the restoration of the **Avening Village Sign**, which has graced the centre of the village for many years, is now complete and is back in situ in the school gardens. It has attracted a significant number of 'likes' on Facebook. Our grateful thanks go to George Buchanan for his time and skills in this project.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone in the village a Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year from myself and all the Avening Parish Councillors

***Patrick Mulligan (Mob: 07713 068436)***  
***Chairman of Avening Parish Council***

# Avening and Cherington Churches

As we enter the month of December, suddenly we find ourselves accelerating towards Christmas. The Christmas story emphasises the cascade of events which overtook the world all those years ago. In Avening church, the story is told through the beautiful service of Lessons and Carols, beginning at 7pm on Sunday December 18th.

The reminders of those events will be on display in the churchyard at 4:30 on Christmas Eve, with the Candlelight Nativity Trail. Avening Angels will sing at both events. Later that night, Midnight Mass will begin at 11:30, led by Rev. John Ansell, who you may have met at church over the past year.

On Christmas Day in the Morning, Rev Stephen Jarvis will celebrate the service with us at 10am in the church.

May the joy of the season surrounds us all.

**To arrange a christening, wedding or funeral** in either Avening or Cherington Church, please get in touch with the Benefice Office in Minchinhampton: [admin@minchchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@minchchurch.org.uk) 01453 889004 . Vicki Hayward is the admin officer and will be happy to help you make arrangements.

*Elizabeth and Liz, Churchwardens*

## Donations to Avening Church

On a number of occasions recently we have been asked if we can take donations by credit or debit card. We are working on this, but to start with we have set up a QR code (see below) which if scanned with your smart phone will enable you to make a donation to Avening Church of £5, £10, £15, £20 or any amount that you are able to. You then just feed into your phone your card details and the money will be transferred to our bank account. If you are an income tax payer you will also be given the opportunity to gift aid your donation.



## Church Services

<b>Date</b>	<b>Holy Cross, Avening</b>		<b>St. Nicholas, Cherington</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December			5pm	Christingle and switch on of lights
4 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Morning Prayer	10am	Holy Communion
11 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Holy Communion	5pm	9 Lessons and carols
18 <sup>th</sup> December	7pm	Carols and Lessons	10am	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> December	4.30pm	Nativity trail around the churchyard		
24 <sup>th</sup> December	11.30 pm	Midnight communion	10pm	Midnight Mass
25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	Holy Communion Bring a present to show	10.00 am	Christmas morning service
1 <sup>st</sup> January	10.00am Benefice service in Minchinhampton church			
8 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Holy Communion		No Service
15 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Morning Prayer	10am	Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	10am	Holy Communion		No Service
29 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Morning Prayer	10am	Holy Communion



# Puzzle Corner

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	4					7	1	3
6			2		7			4
7	8	1					6	
				8	6		7	2
3		8	5				4	
2	6	7	4					8

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## Sudoku

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each

3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 - 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

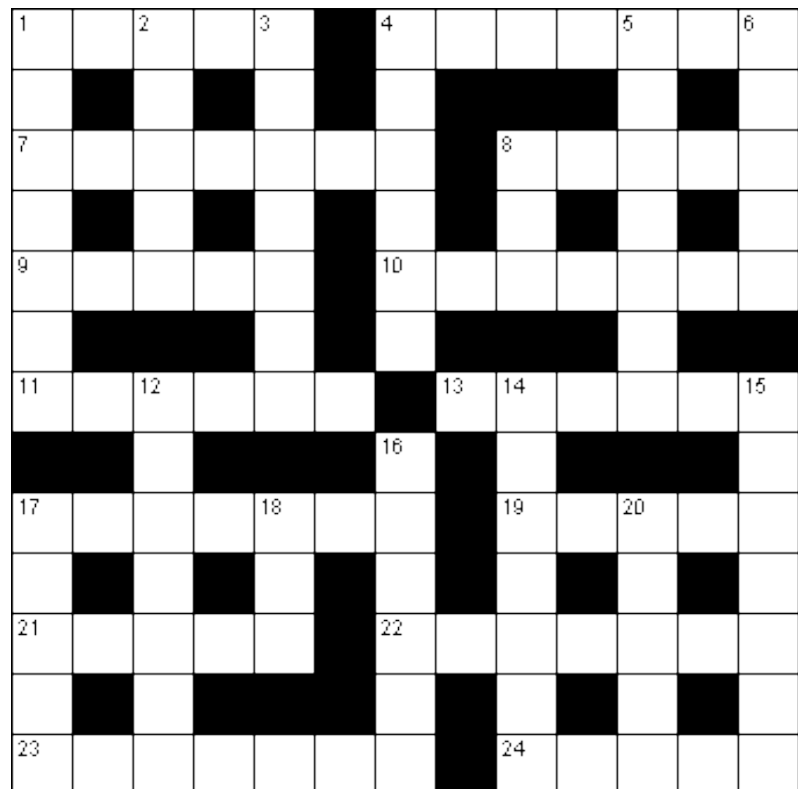
*Answers on page 36*

## Across

1. Garret (5)
4. Communicative interaction (7)
7. Hassle (7)
8. Smithy's block (5)
9. Tooth (5)
10. Reaches out (7)
11. Pact (6)
13. Strategy (6)
17. Time off (7)
19. Stroll (5)
21. Rough (5)
22. Eight-sided polygon (7)
23. Imagined (7)
24. Watercourse (5)

## Down

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Try (7)                            | 5. Go forward (7)  | 15. Everlasting (7)  |
| 2. Supernatural creature (5)          | 6. Stories (5)     | 16. Unit of time (6) |
| 3. Floorshow (7)                      | 8. Pertinent (3)   | 17. Perspicuous (5)  |
| 4. Mentally quick and resourceful (6) | 12. Gourmet (7)    | 18. Employ (3)       |
|                                       | 14. Disorderly (7) | 20. Start (5)        |



# Gilian's Poem of the Month

## As Winter's Day Draws To It's Ending



Flickering firelight, softly glowing,  
Here and there dark shadows throwing,  
Warming with it's golden light  
My room, deep-curtained 'gainst the night.  
Brass and copper wink and gleam,  
Old oak takes on a silken sheen,  
And winter blossom's sweetest scent  
Mingles with wild abandonment  
With tangy wood-smoke from the fire,  
Where dancing flames leap ever higher.  
Grandfather clock's deep tick is spilling  
The sonorous, dusky silence filling,  
A steady heartbeat, calm, serene,  
A gentle, soothing background theme.  
This haven is home, with cats curled sleeping,  
And faithful dog, his vigil keeping  
For loved ones, who are homewards wending,  
As winter's day draws to it's ending.....

*Gilian Bulmer-Davison.*

## The Village Notice Board

The village notice board, on the side of the Memorial Hall, is a good way of publicising village events and items of local information. Posters, ideally size A4 or A5, can be put up for you on this board. They can be delivered to John and Sandra Hetterley 2, Orchard Field or given to them directly. They will be taken down once they are out of date. Other posters may be removed and recycled once they are faded or to make space for others.

## Appeal for the Restoration of Cherington Church Organ



Organ builders Harrison & Harrison Ltd (founded in 1861) from Durham, construct, restore, rebuild and maintain organs around the country including the “Cassons” pipe organ in St Nicholas Church, Cherington.

Starting organ building as a hobby, Thomas Casson founded then developed “The Positive Organ Company” in 1896. The organs were designed for small churches and chapels: some more simple, some with very decorative pipes and 2 manuals (keyboards).

Harrison & Harrison’s comprehensive report this Summer established that our organ, which has a single manual and 8 stops, was most likely completed in 1903. To rectify problems they

identified, mainly from damp and mice, their recommendations included repositioning the instrument further out from the north wall, and this involved dismantling and cleaning of all pipes, and the installation of a quieter blower.

The work as originally estimated has been completed ... however, there still remains work to be done on some unexpected elements where excessively rusted screws have to be removed for repairs on the leathering and the total cost of all the works runs into several thousands of pounds.

“It gives a good account of itself in the building ...” say Harrison & Harrison – and has indeed given many decades of great service.

Thankfully we still have the possibility of live organ music in our church not only for regular services but also for those important family occasions including Weddings, Christenings and Funerals. This is why it is so important to preserve the “Cassons” organ in as good repair as possible for the future.

We are starting fund-raising to help cover this work and we are inviting contributions from everyone who is interested in helping to maintain this important instrument which lies at the heart





of our church and its services and any level of contribution will be gratefully received.

If you are able to help us to complete these important repairs to the Cherington Organ please donate via BACS payment as follows:

Bank: Lloyds

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Sort Code : 30-92-06

Account Number : 01346561

Reference : Organ (Gift Aid may be applied)

If you would prefer to donate by another method please contact the Treasurer, Paul Cable, for further information on [cabes50@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cabes50@yahoo.co.uk)



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# Ring for the King!

## Bell Ringers Needed for Avening Church



On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 the coronation of King Charles III will take place and church bells throughout the United Kingdom will ring out in celebration. Avening is very short of ringers, and we would like to recruit new ringers to train in time for next May. We are also very keen to attract people who have rung in the past to join our team.

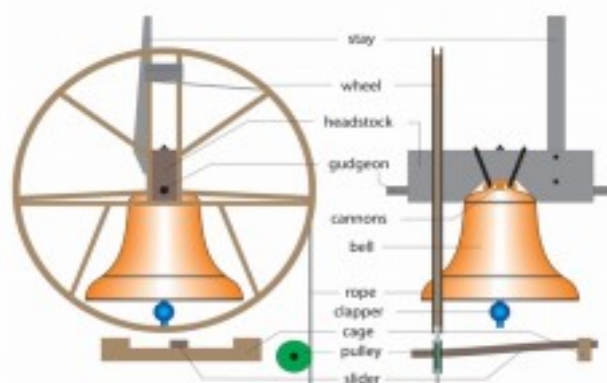
For centuries church bells have sounded, calling people to services, in celebration of special occasions such as weddings, and in remembrance. Over the years we have rung the bells to mark royal marriages, the passing of Prince Philip and the late Queen, as well as for church services, local weddings and at New Year. Whilst we are the Avening team we also ring at Cherington whenever possible, as we did at this year's village show.

There are six bells at Avening church, the largest being the tenor bell which is twelve and three quarter cwt (648 kg). The oldest bells were originally cast in 1628 and there was a major restoration at the beginning of the millennium.

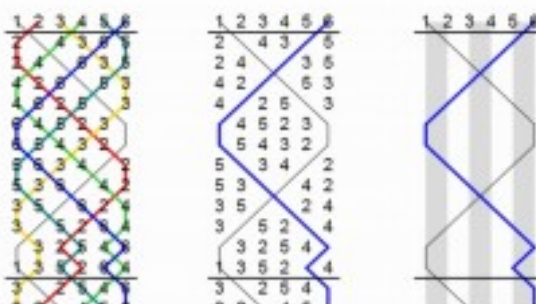
Like many British church bells our bells are hung in such a way that the timing of each note struck can be controlled by the bell ringer. A bell is like a child's swing,

## How Bells are Rung

Bells are rung **full-circle** from the 'UP' position (upside-down) with a rope round a wheel. This allows ringers to vary ringing speed to change the order in which the bells ring.



A BELL IN THE "DOWN" POSITION



Learn at your own pace in stages:

### 1. Bell handling

↻ (pulling the rope)

### 2. Rounds (ringing in time with others)

### 3. Change ringing (methods) ↻



but with rigid fixings instead of two ropes or chains. By repeatedly pulling down on the bell rope in time with the bell's motion it can be made to swing up to 180 degrees either side of the hanging "down" position. When upside down it is termed as being "up" and can be held in this unstable balance position until the ringer wants it to swing again and strike a note. The note is produced by the clapper inside the bell striking the inner rim of the bell each time it swings.

Learning to ring a bell starts with being able to control the swinging bell by means of the bell rope. Even large bells can be controlled with little strength, there is no need to be strong, nor musical. Bell ringing is a great team activity that stimulates the brain and helps keep you fit, it also makes a glorious sound! I am biased, but I am sure most people enjoy listening to a well rung peal of bells. It is always fun to ring at weddings, we all ask each other who's the bride and what is her dress like, or who's the groom - do you know them? Years later you can say I rang at your wedding, or at your parent's wedding!

Avening is part of the Stroud Branch of Church Bell Ringers. There are many very skilled and experienced ringers in the area who are willing to come to Avening to help to train new ringers. We plan to hold a taster session on Tuesday 13 December starting at 7:30pm so anyone interested can come and have a go and find what it is all about. You do not need to be a church-goer to be a bell-ringer.

Do phone me if you think you would like to come to the taster session or would like any further details.

***Andrew Lelliott – Avening Tower Captain.  
Phone 01453 835783 Mobile 07726345516***

## **Carol Singing in the Avening Pubs!**



**Join the Avening Angels for a  
merry Christmas singalong in the  
pubs.**

**Wednesday 21st December:  
8 pm in The Queen Matilda  
8.45 in The Bell**





# Avening Playgroup

Over the past few weeks we have been learning about the following topics:

**Autumn** – a walk in the park, making an autumn wreath and conker rolling, which was lots of fun!

**Halloween** – the children made potions, dug the flesh out of some pumpkins and designed some scary pumpkin faces.

**Bonfire Night** - we made bright firework pictures by flicking the paint brushes and talked about being safe around fireworks and bonfires.

**Remembrance Day** – we talked about remembering the soldiers and why we wear poppies. The children then coloured some poppies to display in the windows.

**Superheroes** – the children made shields, masks and designed a cape.

We have also practised our **cutting skills** by cutting playdough, cutting up catalogues and strips of paper as well as cutting around shapes.



Concept Photography came in on the last day of October to take photos of the children and their siblings. They turned out really well and I know that some of them will be sent as beautiful Christmas presents.

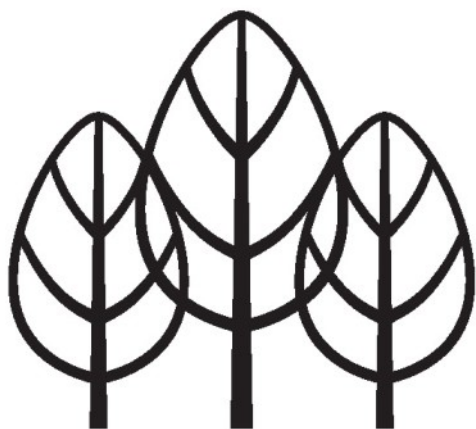
The children also enjoyed another music session with Heather King last month. They had lots of fun bursting bubbles, playing instruments, dancing with scarves and playing with the parachute.

As the World Cup is due to start we will be looking at the different countries taking part and finding out exactly where they are. We will also look at the different flags and be making England flags.

After that we will be busy making lots of nice things for Christmas. Our last day this term will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

If you have a child who will be turning 3 years old during the coming school years and you would like them to join our playgroup, please call us on 01453 832695 or email [aveningplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup@gmail.com). We are open week day mornings during term time.

**Angie Heslop**



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## Can You Help?

Avening Playgroup are looking for local people to join our books as Supply Staff; who can be called upon in case of staff absence and to cover longer periods of leave, to avoid closures, which can be disruptive for the children. The right person will need to have a Level 3 qualification in Childcare, or similar and have a current DBS certificate- or be prepared to obtain one.

We are also looking for someone who can offer general ICT support to staff. This may suit someone currently training in this field, or anyone with good ICT skills and a bit of spare time now and then.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact Liz Fuller by email: [aveningplaygroup.chair@gmail.com](mailto:aveningplaygroup.chair@gmail.com)

## A Bite to Eat?

**Arranging a Group Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Christening Party or other social event ?**

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 and cakes; a fork or finger buffet; or a two course meal.

**For prices and any further details :**

Please telephone Liz on **01453 833803** or e-mail

**lizknowles@hotmail.co.uk**





# Avening School

## It's Showtime!

The decorations have been dug out of storage and the stage is up ready to go for our Christmas productions. The children are busy rehearsing lines and the corridors are alive with the sound of singing as the performance dates draw near. The Eagles and Kestrels (yr. R, 1 & 2) will be performing ***The Landlord's Cat*** which tells the story of the nativity. Further up the school, our KS2 children will be delighting audiences with their performance of the Dickensian musical ***Olivia***.

When they are not rehearsing, the children have been busy with visits both in and out of the school. The Kestrels class enjoyed a spinning workshop to support their learning 'all about Avening' where they were able to experiment with a model handloom and ask questions using artefacts and pictures. Meanwhile, the Owls class visited Sir William Romney's school for an experience day where they took part in activities involving RE, Science and Music. Six pupils from the Owls class took part in an Earth and Space Day at Westonbirt School last month, where they participated in a selection of science workshops and enjoyed a space show in the planetarium.



Odd Socks Day saw the children and staff coming into school wearing odd socks during National Anti-Bullying Week to highlight the importance of celebrating 'difference'. Within their classes, all pupils did work to support their PSHE unit of 'valuing difference'.

There have been several sports tournaments over the past few weeks with children representing our school in football, handball, sports hall athletics and dodgeball.

As well as trips to the theatre for all pupils, the children also have their school Christmas lunch and end of term Christmas parties to look forward to with a special visit from a very famous man wearing a big red coat and hat!

Avening School wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2023!

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

**Alex Adcock**



## Jim Hill – Bell Ringer



Many readers of The Villager will be familiar with Jim Hill who lives on Woodstock Lane. He can often be seen enjoying the good weather and chatting to passers-by from his front garden. Jim is a member of the Avening Silver Band and can also be seen conducting and playing at local events.

Behind the scenes and hidden away in the ringing chamber of Avening church he is also an active bell ringer, having been a member of the team ringing for church services for over 76 years, starting at the age of 14.

The photo here taken in 1953 in the Avening church ringing chamber is of bell ringers including Jim, who I immediately recognised. I'm sure some readers will recognise other members of the team in addition to Jim?

This month at the AGM of the Stroud Branch of Church Bell Ringers, Jim will be presented with the Branch Chairman's Rose Bowl by David Pouncey for his long service to ringing in Avening, and on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am Stroud Branch members will ring a Quarter Peal at Avening Church in his honour. They will ring for about three quarters of an hour during which five bells must continuously change places following a predetermined "method".

Bell ringing is in Jim's blood. His grandfather George Edmunds was Tower Captain at Avening church for many years and rang and conducted a full peal at Avening in 1919. This consisted of each of the six ringers ringing 5,040 times to a "method" for about three hours without stopping.

Jim's recent ringing included ringing for the All Souls' Day service at Avening church when the bells were fully muffled as a delayed tribute to Queen Elizabeth II. Jim may have rung for the Queen's coronation, and we hope he can ring for the new Kings coronation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at Avening for which new ringers will need to be recruited and trained (see article on Page 16).

***Andrew Lelliott.***



## Shop wisely and avoid getting less than you bargained for!

With the holiday season fast approaching, Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold District has released top tips to remind bargain-hunters how to shop safely online.

**1. Do your research:** Before buying from a site you haven't used before, spend a few minutes checking it out. See what people have said about the person or company you're buying from by looking at reviews on different websites - don't rely on reviews the company has put on its own website. If you're worried that something you've seen online might be a scam, you can get help from the [Citizens Advice consumer helpline](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/if-you-need-more-help-about-a-consumer-issue/) (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/if-you-need-more-help-about-a-consumer-issue/>).

**2. Be wise to scams in disguise:** If a bargain seems too good to be true, it probably is. If it's branded but a lot cheaper than it appears on the brand's website, it could be fake. It could be a legitimate 'look-a-like' product. Either way, it might not be the quality you were hoping for.

**3. Ways to pay:** Beware of a seller who asks you to pay by direct bank transfer. Bank transfers have limited protection if things go wrong, so avoid using them. You should only send and receive money through the online marketplace app or website using a debit or credit card, or via trusted methods of payment such as PayPal.

**4. Know your rights:** If you've bought from a retailer you might be entitled to a replacement product or a repair of your faulty goods. You can even claim a full refund if you can prove the goods are faulty. If you've bought from an individual, perhaps via an online marketplace, you have far fewer rights. In fact, you have no right to return, so long as the goods are 'as described'. Always be sure to take a screenshot of the description, and be sure to check and double check before you buy.

**5. When things go wrong:** Sometimes things just don't go to plan. If you've bought something that is broken, damaged, unsafe or not what you expected then contact the seller and give them a chance to put it right. If that doesn't work - reach out to the [Citizens Advice consumer helpline](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/if-you-need-more-help-about-a-consumer-issue/).

Anyone can be a victim of a scam, and even the savviest of shoppers can be left getting less than they bargained for. You shouldn't feel embarrassed if you're caught out. By knowing how to shop wisely, and what to do if something goes wrong, we can better protect ourselves and each other.

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# Avening Community Orchard

On the 5<sup>th</sup> November there was a wonderful apple pressing event in Avening Village Hall. Organised and run by Ian, Alan, and Bill, and funded by Avening Community Orchard, we had a brilliant day turning apples from all over the village into delicious juice for drinking and cider making. A massive thank you to Alan for wielding the apple press continuously between 10am and 2pm and to Ian and Bill for organising everything that was needed for the day.

It was really lovely to see so many people take part and to meet lots of new faces. Hopefully we will see some of you at the Community Orchard work parties. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

With so many people enjoying the apple pressing we will look to run another event next year. There was a lot of clearing up to do afterwards but it was worth it to see everyone enjoying the taste of 'real' apple juice.



## Orchard Update

All our new fruit trees survived the drought this year and while they are a few years off producing fruit they are looking well. We are honoured that the WI decided to plant their tree for the Queen's Green Canopy in the orchard. They chose a lovely Gloucestershire heritage variety of plum known as the Blasidon Red. Thank you to Helen Haiselden for organising and to Martin of the Gloucestershire Orchard's Trusts for supplying the tree and helping to plant it.

Over winter a few small patches of bare ground will appear in the orchard where the turf and topsoil will be lifted to create space to sow native wildflower seed. While the areas won't look that great over winter, we hope you will enjoy the flowers that will begin to appear from spring.

We are also purchasing a new strimmer just for the orchard which will enable us to manage it when and where needed. Our orchard management plan is designed to make sure we look after the trees while maximising the biodiversity value of this already wildlife-rich corner of the park.

**Dr Phoebe Carter**

## SAS Rogue Heroes

Episodes 2 & 3 were shown in aid of Tetbury Hospital at Avening Village Hall on Sunday 6 November

Wow - what an amazing evening that was and, by chance in a venue that, as it turned out, couldn't have been a more appropriate place for the screening of the current BBC series. The person responsible for dramatising the series is Steven Knight who lives in Avening and very kindly came along to the event and, as an added bonus, brought with him Ben Macintyre, the author of the book "SAS Rogue Heroes". Ben came down from London specially to be there and he and Steven started off the evening by chatting and answering questions - a great way to get us all in the mood for what we were about to witness.

So the first of the two films began. Looking at the conditions where they filmed - namely much of it in the desert in Morocco but, another coincidence, also in a quarry situated just up the road behind Avening - it's difficult to realise that although we were watching actors playing their parts brilliantly in extreme desert heat and violent sandstorms - the events and the SAS guys they were portraying lived and worked in these conditions for real, day after day. They couldn't take breaks. They had to keep going. That's what they were there for — no respite. As Steven Knight said, there were quite a few incidents he had to leave out of the filming because no one would believe that such situations could actually have ever happened.

### LOCAL MAN APPEARS IN PART 3!



Mike photographed earlier today at a restaurant in Cambridge with his friend Simon Haslam.

Mike Sadler MM MC  
LRDG and 1 SAS

Mike was brought up in Sheepscombe some 10 miles from where we are sitting this evening. Now 102 years old he is the last surviving "Rogue Hero".



Mike in the desert in 1941



In the series Mike is played by Tom Glynn-Carney



It was serious stuff — lightened for a moment by the sight of Dominic West as a cross-dressing officer in full make-up and wearing a dress, a four-string pearl necklace and long white gloves!

But this wasn't just play-acting in a good storyline - this was for real and persuading an RAF pilot to fly them so that they could parachute out of the plane behind enemy lines in the middle of a sandstorm with violent winds blowing does make you wonder how sane these guys were. Heroes indeed and it would be very difficult to blame David Stirling, credited as founder of the SAS, for getting severely drunk on many occasions.

But the final coup of the evening came as a huge surprise. There is one remaining member of that particular bunch of brave men who is still alive. He is Mike Sadler, brought up in the village of Sheepscombe not a million miles from Avening, and is aged 102. Through his friend Simon Haslam he wanted to send his best wishes for a successful evening and as you can see from the photograph that's exactly what he did. Who dares wins. Indeed.

*Ann Tarlton*

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Please note that we won't be screening a film in December, but we look forward to seeing you back in January when we will be showing "Fisherman's Friends: One and All".

## Longfield Christmas Tree Campaign Needs Your Help!

Longfield Community Hospice in Minchinhampton has launched its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Campaign, where, for a donation, local volunteers will pick up your tree at the end of the festive season and take it to be recycled.

**The hospice is hoping to collect and recycle more trees than ever this year and needs volunteers with vans to collect Christmas trees from Sunday 8 to Tuesday 10 January 2023.** Are you a local person with a van who can get involved? Can your business volunteer the use of vans and staff teams to collect the trees?

This year, the Longfield fundraising team hopes to raise in excess of £35,000. In previous years, as many as 2,800 households from across Stroud District, Cirencester and Gloucester have taken part in the scheme. All money raised helps to fund the hospice's vital work supporting patients, families and carers across Gloucestershire.



Louise Cook, Longfield's Head of Fundraising and Marketing, said: "This year we're hoping to make this the best Christmas Tree Campaign ever, but we need your help to make that happen. We're calling on local businesses and volunteers to support us again! Your help has a real impact on what we can achieve for local patients, their families and carers. Please get involved with our Christmas Tree campaign and help Longfield's Hospice to give free care and support, 365 days a year."

***To volunteer either with your time or if you have a van,*** then please contact the fundraising team on 01483 886868 or email [fundraising@longfield.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@longfield.org.uk).

To arrange collection of your tree, visit [www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree) and make a suggested donation of £10 or more. Registration opens on 15th November 2022.

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9 December

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# Avening Community Café

The Café is open every Tuesday morning from 9 to 12 in the Social Club for coffee, homemade cakes and a chat.

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During November we celebrated the Café's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday with cake and a glass of bubbly – it was good to see so many of our friends there. A big thank you to customers, volunteers and bakers who have helped make the café such a success. We also had a return visit from our village archivist, Jean Chatelain, who brought along a selection of some of the Avening historical records.



The Art with Mark sessions are proving very popular with many “masterpieces” produced each month.

For those interested in the Football World Cup, we have organised a sweepstake – please see Bob Jennings to draw a team. Look out for mince pies in the café during December.

**John Hetterley**  
*for Avening Community Cafe*



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# Ian's Musings

## Is "The Silly Season" Over Yet?

My father always had a saying that sticks in my mind; "the silly season" is here again, to which he referred to the start of the summer holidays through until about the end of September/October, when in his view everybody's heads were somewhere else, and if anything daft was going to happen, this was the period when it occurred.

Let's start with the Grand Prix of Star Lane and the surrounding lanes. I use these lanes frequently and I don't know where some drivers get the idea from that they are the only people on the road, go as fast as they like, thinking that the modern day "gismos" on their cars will save them. When they actually meet another car they seem to think that the other person has no right to be on the road, should move over into the hedgerow and let them speed past, then usually with a limp wristed wave, indicating that the oncoming vehicle should go back, make way, or just move over. Now I have to say that not all drivers exhibit this tendency but I'm afraid a lot do, and I am coming to the conclusion that its generally the influx of folk moving to the country who seem to think that the bully-boy tactics that exist in the towns and cities apply here.

Here's an example (and I am not going to give the sex of the driver.) I was travelling through Nagshead and there were 2 parked removal vans which I managed to just about squeeze past, then coming towards me at speed was a 4x4 vehicle which passed a pull in, stopped and with the weak-wristed wave indicated that I should reverse back past the removal vans that I had just managed to get through.

Realization eventually surfaced that they had to go back to the pull in, I then found out that even with all the "gismo's" on the car, reversing cameras etc. were not going to be of any use to this driver, as they could not go back in a straight line. It was like a sail boat tacking from side to side — then the inevitable happened and they backed into the wall. Now I was under perhaps, a misguided understanding that part of the driving test was that you had to be able to reverse and control a vehicle going backwards.

Let's move onto the cyclists, some of whom have the misunderstanding that the new powers given to them in the updated Highway Code mean that they are kings of the road and they have all the rights of way regardless.

Couple of examples for you to ponder. I was driving past the Woods Farm going down a slight decline with a slow left hand curve, then an upslope. Now I always travel slowly around that curve as experience has taught me that I am not usually alone on the road. Then around the corner comes the Peloton, 8 cyclists all across the road travelling at speed and talking to each other, I stopped, they couldn't, and 6 of them ended upside down in the hedgerow, the last 2 just about managed to stop. Luckily for them the only thing damaged, apart from a couple of bumps and scraps, was their pride.

**Now for the “Nutter”.** I have met this guy on two occasions, once head on, the other while I was travelling behind a tractor. His tactics are to pedal at a great rate of knots in the centre of the road fully expecting the oncoming traffic to get out of his way. Now bearing in mind that the width of the lanes varies between 2.5 and 3 metres and the width of my van is 2 metres including the overhang of the wing mirrors so there is not, without a pull in, a lot of room for passing or overtaking. He then starts quoting the highway code in very strong vocal terms that he should be given at least 0.5-1.0 metres of room for him to pass. Well this guy is in my view deranged at best and if he keeps up these tactics a suicide risk to himself.

The second event I witnessed was one day when following a tractor, then low and behold this guy came boring down the road straight at the tractor. His usual rant at the tractor driver ensued but unfortunately for him the driver had just about had enough, shut off the engine and was getting out of the cab to administer some common sense into this guy who realised he had pushed his luck once too far and beat a hasty retreat.

Now I have to say that most cyclists I meet are sensible people but there is a percentage who are pushing their luck, including the normal trick of riding deliberately two abreast so no one can pass in either direction.

Finally a word of warning to the parents dropping off their children at Avening Primary School at the bottom of the village. It is inevitable that before long there will be a major incident as parents are parking all over the road, children are diving out of cars, and on one occasion a parent was attempting to do a 3 point turn in between 2 lines of parked cars and children and in the face of the oncoming traffic instead of just going along to Woodstock and turning around. It will only take a foggy, wet or slippery day, a driver not paying enough attention that there will be an accident. So I would ask parents to be a bit more mindful of the potential risks that can, and unfortunately could come to pass.

**So to answer my father’s question “Is the Silly Season” over yet.... I don’t think so!**

*Ian Hamilton.*

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# Avening WI

Another busy and enjoyable month of activities for Avening WI members.

In response to a request from Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Trust, we arranged a sewing day at the Social Club to make Fabric Property Bags from recycled curtain material. These had been requested by local hospitals to give to family members at a very sad time when they need to take home the property of a deceased relative. We had a good session cutting, sewing, ironing and nattering and the result was 34 large bags which have been split between Stroud Hospital and The Vale at Dursley.



Despite Shirley falling in her garden and needing an operation to put a plate in her leg, she was determined that we should go ahead with her Village Quiz. A great turn out led to 14 teams competing and a very close finish with 'Bob's Harem' taking first place. After costs we believe that the evening has raised about £200 for Avening Playgroup.

Thank you to all who came along and to Shirley's daughter for asking the questions.

At our November meeting Stephen Rowley gave a presentation on the history and traditions of Mummers Plays which have often been performed around Twelfth Night in many villages in Gloucestershire. He brought with him the script of a play that had originally been collected in Avening, and a selection of costumes. Several members stepped up to the mark and gave a spirited performance of the play, proving that we have several budding thespians in the group! Our generous members came to the meeting armed with a huge selection of Christmas goodies and gifts for both the Stroud Women's Refuge and the Food Bank, which have now been delivered.



Our Bite to Eat group were called on to provide a selection of sandwiches and cakes for the Centenary celebrations at the Memorial which were much appreciated, and we are due to run the Saturday Community Café when we will provide our usual bacon rolls. We were delighted that one of our members, Jean Scotford, received a much deserved Villager of the Year award.

In December we are planning a Wreath Making Workshop and having a celebratory Christmas lunch at The Old Lodge, as well as a Christmas party on our usual meeting night.

In January we will be hoping to mitigate the effects of all the over-indulgence with a session of 'Dance for Wellbeing' run by Amanda Sanders. This will take place at our session usual meeting time of 7.30 pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at the Memorial Hall. Visitors and potential members are welcome to join us. If your resolution is to meet others for fun, friendship and a variety of activities, WI might be the answer.

***For further information please contact our secretary Soo at [aveningwi@gmail.com](mailto:aveningwi@gmail.com) or president Liz on 01453 833803. On behalf of Avening WI, I would like to wish everyone in the village a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.***

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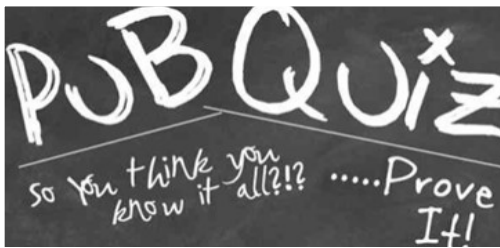
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# Letters to the Editors

Thank you, dear Editors and your helpers, for all your efforts in producing our excellent Villager magazine. It is truly amazing to realise just how much goes on in our villages. It's very useful to know what the Parish Council is up to (and good on them for pursuing the stream problem so vigorously, Avening's lifeblood), plus village activities and personalities, and yes, even their pets. Sorry to hear about Alfie, and Dudley (great poem).

Of all our activities, I was delighted to hear that Pig Face Day will be going ahead in 2023, some five years since the last celebration. An event unique to Avening which has been celebrated for almost a thousand years should surely be a significant feature of village life involving everyone. Certainly a hog roast supported by the Bell and Queen Matilda would be welcomed by all; plus lots of dressing up, and perhaps the school could put on a little play?

For my part, I have researched the history of Queen Matilda and her husband, William the Conqueror, with a Normandy odyssey to their castle at Falaise and Matilda's resting place in Caen. I have unearthed her diary and hope to provide some extracts once translated; apparently it was so cold in the castle that she commissioned a chap in Bayeux to produce a massive tapestry to hang around the walls... and did you know that King William created so many castles and churches that she used to tease him by calling him Bill the Builder? More to come!

*Roger Lindley*

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## **Avening Pill Pack Recycling**

**Are you a regular medication user and hate throwing the blister packs away?**

Here in West End, Avening, we've been recycling them for a few months. There's a plastic box outside the entrance to Church Farm Barn to drop off the packs and when that's full, I take them to a local pharmacy for plastic/alu foil recycling, which generates funds for cancer charities. If you're able to, please drop your packs into the box when you walk past, alternatively, send me a message and I'll pick them up.

If you are based in another part of the village, Nags Head or Cherington and would like to volunteer to collect packs from your area, which I'll recycle along with the West End collection, please also let me know.

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*Julia Tu (07764 946969)*

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# Avening Parish Council



## Playing Field

The Gym equipment has been delivered and will be installed in time for the post-Christmas workouts!

## Memorial Hall

There was a display of historic documents and photos. Thank you to the WI for producing the food.

## Crime report (1<sup>st</sup> Oct. – 11 Nov.)

9 Crimes were reported: 2 Theft, 1 Assault & 6 Violence. Violence can include non-physical for example fear, alarm or distress.

## Motorcycles on the Bridle Ways

There has been reports of motor cyclist using bridleways in the area. The Police advice is not to approach the riders, but if safe to do so, take the registration numbers and report on 101.

## Hedges and Bonfires

Please cut back your hedges if they are overhanging public footpath. Think carefully before lighting a bonfire. Everything is damp now, burning creates a lot of smoke, which is bad for the environment and people's lungs.

## Planning Applications & Tree Works Since the Last Issue

### New Planning Applications

22/03666/FUL: Old Quarries Rectory Lane. Change of use of existing buildings from residential institution (C2 use) to residential (C3 use) to form a total of 11 no. dwellings, through demolition of modern extensions, internal alterations and extensions, demolition of modern institutional buildings and replacement with new dwellings, associated garaging, landscaping, construction of new wall in alignment of historic walled garden and associated works. **Support**

22/03637/LBC: Old Quarries. Change of use of existing buildings from residential institution (C2 use) to residential (C3 use) including demolition of modern extensions, internal alterations and extensions, rebuilding of boundary wall. **Support**

22/03824/FUL: 1 Star Farm Cottages Star Lane. Erection of two-storey rear extension and loft conversion. **Support**

22/03765/FUL: 2 Star Farm Cottages Star Lane. Erection of rear two storey extension and other associated works. **Support**

22/03832/FUL : 3 Star Farm Cottages Star Lane. Erection of two-storey rear extension and loft conversion. **Support**

22/03808/TCONR: 2 Pike House Mews High Street . Willow (T1) reduce the crown to 8m above ground level and the radial spread to 2m to allow more light into the surrounding gardens and to more closely match the neighbouring willow tree. **Support**



22/03494/TCONR: Church Farm Point Road Maple (T1) - re-reduce the crown from 20m to 15m in height and from 9m to 6m in radius, back to the previous pruning points. Sycamore (T2) - Reduce the height from 22m to 19m and the radial spread from 10m to 7m as recommended by the survey report. – **Support**

22/03478/TPO: Land Parcel Ruggers Green Wood & Oldfield Wood. Site wide - In relation to dangerous, diseased, decaying and dying trees:: 1) Fell to the ground all dangerous, dying and suppressed trees (where the condition of the tree as a whole is irredeemable). **Support**

22/03980/FORST : Land Parcel Ruggers Green Wood And Oldfield Wood West End. Felling and restocking. **Support**

22/03873/AGFO: Land Parcel Ruggers Green Wood And Oldfield Wood West End . Prior notification for the erection of forestry management building. **Support**

### **Decision Notices**

22/02777/FUL: Strada View High Street. Insertion of dormer window to front and 2 x dormer windows to the rear insertion of 2 x side facing roof lights. **Permitted**

22/02737/COMPLY: Old Quarries Rectory Lane. Partial compliance with conditions 23 (Arboriculture Method Statement) and 28 (Construction Method Statement) of planning permission

19/01692/FUL: Change of use of existing buildings from residential institution (C2 use) to residential (C3 use) including demolition of modern extensions, internal alterations and extensions, demolition of modern institutional buildings and replacement with new dwellings, associated garaging, rebuilding of boundary wall and landscaping. Part Compliance, Non-exempt conditions.

22/03285/TCONR: Sandford House 56 High Street. Various tree works – **Permitted**

22/03130/CLOPUD: 31 Tetbury Hill. Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for replacement windows – **Permitted**

22/03109/TCONR: Fern Cottage 5 Mays Lane. Hornbeam and beech (G1) - directional prune to reduce southern side of the crown from 11m to 7m of radial spread (in line with previous reduction work) to allow more light into the garden. **No Objections**

22/02945/TCONR: Farm Hill House Point Road Various tree works. **No Objections**

### **Potholes**

Report the potholes directly to Highways on 08000 514514 or at the GCC Report It website.

### **There will be no Parish Council Meeting in December**

*Agendas and minutes can be viewed at [www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk). The Parish Clerk can be contacted via email: [parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk)*

# Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event	Location	Time
Saturday 3rd December	Christingle and turning on Cherington Christmas Tree Lights	The Green, Cherington	5 pm
Saturday 3rd December	Turning on Avening Christmas Tree lights	The green outside the Old Bakery, Avening	6 pm
Sunday 11th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	St Nicholas Church Cherington	5 pm
Tuesday 13th December	Bellringing Taster sessions	Holy Cross Church Avening	7.30 pm
Friday 16th December	End of Term Avening School		
Sunday 18th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	Holy Cross Church, Avening	7pm
Wednesday 21st December	Carol Singing in the Pubs	Queen Matilda The Bell	8 pm 8.45 pm
Wednesday 4th December	Beginning of Term Avening School		
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	WI 'Dance for Well-being' (all welcome)	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Wednesday 25th January	Avening Film Club "Fisherman's Friends: One and All"	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30 pm

**Don't forget to join your community to turn on the lights on the village Christmas Tree on Saturday 3rd December!**  
**Cherington 5pm**  
**Avening 6pm**





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