

Pig's Face Day: It was traditional in Avening, at least from the start of the 20th century, for all the public houses (the Cross, the Bell, the New Inn, the Rising Sun and the Nag's Head) to provide free sandwiches on Pig's Face Day, the Sunday after 14th September. People came from around the area to enjoy free food and the music provided by Avening Silver Band.

**You have now seen the Avening pubs and inns whose location is known. There are also some references to other pubs in census returns. They are possibly other names for the pubs you have seen... or may be extra!**

### Unknown Pubs

1851 William & Ann Drew, aged 37 & 38, Inn Keeper, Bell Street. [Beer Retailer & Butcher, Kelly's Directory 1856].

This was not The Bell as that was occupied by Richard Essex. William later lived at the New Inn.

1871 Pricilla Crudge, aged 27, Inn Keeper listed in High Street.

1871 Henry & Elizabeth Bishop, aged 43 & 35, Inn Keeper with 4 children, listed in Barn Row. Possibly The Butchers Arms? Note that in 1861 they were at the Horse and Groom on Hampton Hill. Their daughter Fanny later ran the Sawyers Arms.

**If you want to extend your walk to view inns in the wider parish, there were also pubs at Nags Head, Iron Mills and Star Lane:**

**The Nags Head Inn, Nags Head.** At the corner on the crossroads, this is known to have been a pub by 1824 and remained so until at least the 1950s. In October 1913 it was sold to the Stroud Brewery Co by Mr N Cook & Mr W Cook, being occupied by Mr Albert Boulton. The building is Grade II Listed, late 17th/early 18th Century - note the elaborate stone carvings on the exterior.

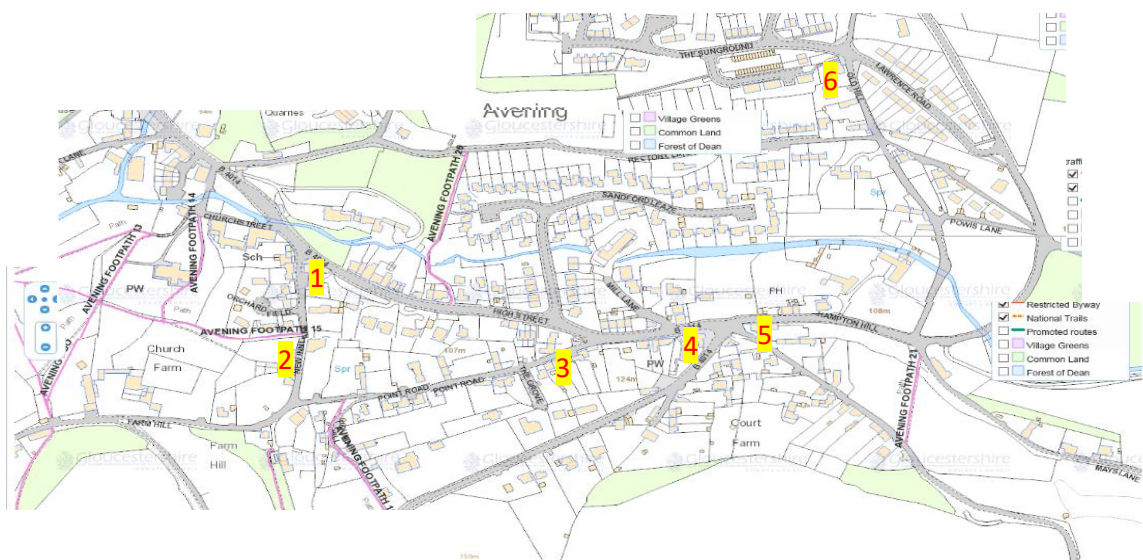
**The Star and Garter, Star Lane.** At the far end of Star Lane, Star Farm was once The Star and Garter Inn. By 1856 it is listed as only a farm, held rather appropriately by a Thomas Hen [Kelly's Directory 1856]

**The Weighbridge, Iron Mills.** On the Nailsworth Road and in the old Avening parish which once included Forest Green and Windsor Edge, now part of Nailsworth.

## Avening Pubs and Inns Walk

This walk takes you round the pubs and inns, past and present, of the old Avening parish. It provides a short history of each pub, its residents and some features to look out for. Street names, order of recording and spellings vary significantly in census records from 1841-1911 and it's sometimes impossible to place a listing accurately.

4Please remember that some of these buildings are now private houses and respect the peace and privacy of residents as you walk round.



**Please start from opposite the Village Hall at the bottom of the High Street. You are standing outside .....**

**PTO**

**1. The Bell Inn.** In 1909 this was owned by Stroud Brewery Co Ltd and stood in 1 rood and 2 perches of land. It was occupied by Mr W Cooke. Note the West Country Ales "Best In The West" plaque by the door (Stroud Brewery Co Ltd merged with Cheltenham Brewery in 1858 to form West Country Breweries). In recent years this was a restaurant for a time.



**Now turn right up New Inn Lane. Half way up, on the right Hand side and set back slightly, is "Glebe House" which was:**

**2. The New Inn.** The building dates to the 17th Century (see the date on the gable end). A Friendly Society met here in 1828. In 1909 it was owned by Cheltenham Original Brewery Co Ltd and stood in 2 roods and 16 perches of land. It was occupied by Mr Ernest Harman. It was still a pub in 1956.



**At the top of New Inn Lane, turn left along Point Road. As the High Street returns into view you will see the Butchers Arms set back on your right hand side.**

**3. The Butchers Arms.** Note the painted sign on the front of the house and the plaque to a WW1 soldier, Rowland Fowles, born here in 1889, who died in June 1918 whilst serving as a private soldier in the Royal Army Medical Corps. If you want to find out more about him and his family go to 29 on the Avening Parish Council History pages of WWI Heroes.



**Continue to the end of Point Road. Turn right up the High Street to the sharp bend. Here stood:**

**4. The Lamb Inn/The Sawyers Arms.** The Lamb Inn stood next to 1 High St. It was pulled down in the 1860s. The Sawyers Arms was built on the site of The Lamb Inn. It later became the Church Institute (by 1911) and was demolished in the 1950s for road widening.

**Facing you across the road is:**

**5. The Golden Cross/Cross/Queen Matilda.** Variousy described as The Golden Cross or Cross Inn, the pub was renamed as The Queen Matilda within the last decade. In 1909 it was owned by the Stroud Brewery Co Ltd and stood in 2 roods and 14 perches of land. It was occupied by Mr F Dee. Note the West Country Ales "Best In The West" plaque by the door (Stroud Brewery Co Ltd merged with Cheltenham Brewery in 1858 to form West Country Breweries).



**Cross the road and take the Minchinhampton road, Hampton Hill. As you walk down the side of the Queen Matilda note the old name, The Cross, painted on the side of the building.**

Note the plaque to A WW1 soldier, Ralph John Dee who died, aged 19 in December 1915 at Bethune, N. France, whilst serving as a sapper in the 70th Field Company Royal Engineers . If you want to find out more about him and his family go to item 11 on the Avening Parish Council History pages of WWI Heroes.



**Turn left into Old Hill and walk up as far as the junction with Lawrence Road. The building on your left, Rising Sun House, was:**

**6. The Rising Sun.** In 1909 this was owned by Stroud Brewery Co Ltd and stood in 2 acres and 22 perches of land. The publican was "William Ritchings". Note the plaque to a WW1 soldier, William C Richings, number 3 on the Avening Parish Council History pages of WWI Heroes.

