

# *The Villager*

*A magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head*

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# *The Parish Letter*

Those of you who have children at home will already be feeling the excitement of Christmas.....as the days are counted and the Advent Calendar 'windows' start to be opened.

A truly magical time of year.....to be safeguarded and revered against political pressure to restrict signs of public celebration in our towns and villages. Why should we abandon our traditional celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ? The very foundations of our country are built on our Christian Heritage.

Our 'Britishness' - our sense of justice and social responsibility - .are based on Christian teaching, as well as our tolerance of newcomers to our shores. Why should we hide from all that has made us the people we are? We should be proud to teach our children the faith which sustains our lives and to which we turn in times of celebration, as well as at times of sadness.

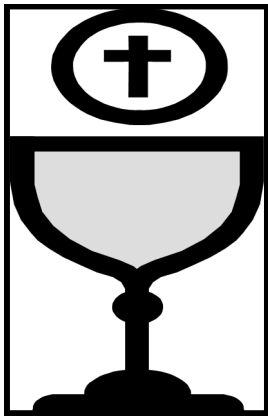
May we all join together in the parties and celebrations planned by different organisations in the village .and once again welcome the Christ child into our homes.

Our faith is a priceless gift.....and our troubled world is sorely in need of the coming of the Prince of Peace.

***Rev. Celia***

On **Friday November 30th at 4.00pm** there will be a Service of Thanksgiving at Avening Church for the life of Cynthia Neale

**Church Duties:**  
**AVENING**



<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidespersons</b>	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>
Dec 2nd	<i>Evening Service</i> G Buchanan/ P Lindesay		M Cox
Dec 9th	F Conway/ C Boddam-Whetham	R Coates	A Brick
Dec 16th	<i>Carol service</i> S Hamilton /M Barton		P Sanders
Dec 24th	<i>Crib Service</i> ..... <i>Midnight Mass</i> K Lindesay/ P Lindesay/G Buchanan	..... D Pierce	M Cox ..... A Brick
Dec 25th	J Pargetter/ Doreen Pierce	P Brown	G Parsons
Dec 30th	C Boddam-Whetham/ J Bird	P Lindesay	G Parsons
Jan 6th *	S Hamilton/H Graham-Munro	S Uzzell	M Cox

**\* As there will be no magazine in January, for list of services and duties, please see the church notice board in the porch.**

The illustration on the cover of this month's magazine is by George Buchanan

## SERVICES IN AVENING & CHERINGTON

Day/Date	Church	Time	Service
<i>SUNDAY</i> 2nd December	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>Advent Sunday</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Special Advent Service
	Avening	6.30pm	Special Advent Service & unveiling of memorial plaque
<i>SUNDAY</i> 9th December	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i>	Avening	11 am	Holy Communion (BCW) & Sunday School
	Cherington	5 pm	Christingle service - carols by candlelight
<i>SUNDAY</i> 16th December	Avening	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i>	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Avening	6.00 pm	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
<i>SUNDAY</i> 23rd December	Avening	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>4th Sunday in Advent</i>	Avening	12 noon	Carols in the Bell Inn
	Cherington	5.00 pm	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight
<i>MONDAY</i> 24th December	Avening	4.00 pm	Crib Service & Nativity Play
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	Cherington	10.00 pm	Midnight Mass
	Avening	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
<i>TUESDAY</i> 25th December	Cherington	9.30 am	Family Service
<i>Christmas Day</i>	Avening	11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCW)
<i>SUNDAY</i> 30th December	Avening	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Cherington	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCW)
<i>Sunday after Christmas Day</i>	Avening	11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCW) & Sunday School
<i>SUNDAY</i> 6th January <i>Epiphany</i>	FOR SERVICES IN JANUARY SEE NOTICEBOARD		

## Church Floodlighting

Avening Church will be floodlit in December as follows:

4th December For Dermot Morisson, on the occasion of his first birthday, From his Godparents, Dorcas, Alan & Ross

7th December In loving memory of Jack & Marjorie Shilham and memories of good and happy times at Woodstock

14th December In memory of Wilson Hinder from his sister-in-law Edith and family

24th December In loving memory of our grandson Ben from Kathleen & Peter

30th December With loving thoughts of Sydney Swatton in memory of the 100th anniversary of his birth, from Jan Swatton and family

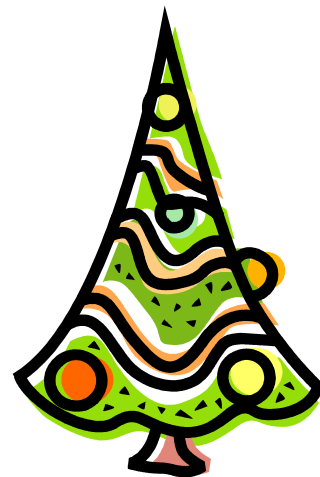
*If you would like to have the church floodlit to commemorate a loved one or to celebrate a special event, please contact :*

**Paul Brown 01453 835983**

*The cost is £5 for 2 hours*

### CHERINGTON CHURCH

Following the Carol Service at Cherington on Sunday December 16th, there will be a 'Drinks & Mince Pies' party in the Village Hall to say thank you for all the support and donations for the church heating appeal. All are welcome.

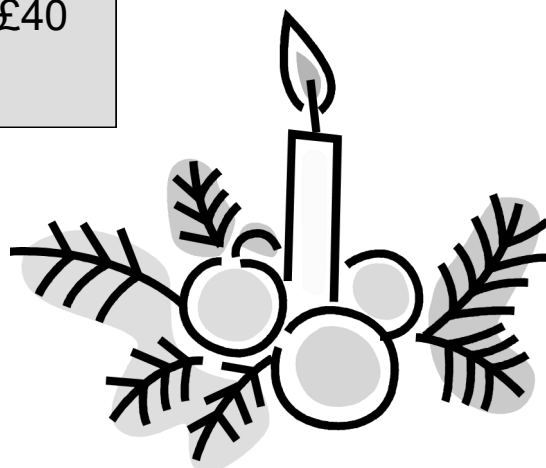


## Christmas in Avening & Cherington

- Sunday Dec. 2nd    9.30 am Special Advent Service at Cherington  
6.30 pm Special Advent Service at Avening to include unveiling of Colonel Carter's Memorial Plaque by HRH The Princess Royal
- Sunday 9th        5 pm Christingle at Cherington  
(carols by candlelight)
- Saturday 15th    3.30 - 5.30pm Children's Christmas party for 0-8 year olds in Avening Church  
*(please ring 832716 to give the names of your children who will attend)*
- Sunday 16th      6.00 pm Avening Church -Traditional Festival of Nine Lessons &Carols
- Tuesday 18th    2.15 & 6.00 pm School Nativity Play
- Wednesday 19th 4-6 pm Senior Citizens' Christmas Tea Party at Avening Park with Carols by the fire  
*(please RSVP to 832716)*
- Thursday 20th    9.30 am School Christingle Service in Avening Church
- Sunday 23rd      12 noon Carols in The Bell followed by Christmas Lunch  
  
5.00 pm Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols Cherington Church
- Monday 24th     4.00pm Crib Service with Children's Nativity Play at Avening Church (please bring a present for a child with special needs/ 0-15 years old)  
*Children to arrive at 3.30pm to dress up*
- Tuesday 25th    No 8 am service  
9.30 am Family Celebration Cherington  
11 am Family Celebration Avening
- Wednesday 26th Carol Service at Gloucester Cathedral (collection in aid of the Seven Springs Foundation)

## **Commemorative Brass Plaques**

If you are interested in commemorating a loved one by having a brass plaque on a chair in Avening Church, please contact Stephanie Hamilton 01453 834910  
The minimum donation for this is £40



## **Women of Bethlehem**

The performance of this play has been postponed and will now take place on

**Friday 4th & Saturday 5th January 2008**

at Holy Cross at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine,

## **Table Top Sale at Cherington**

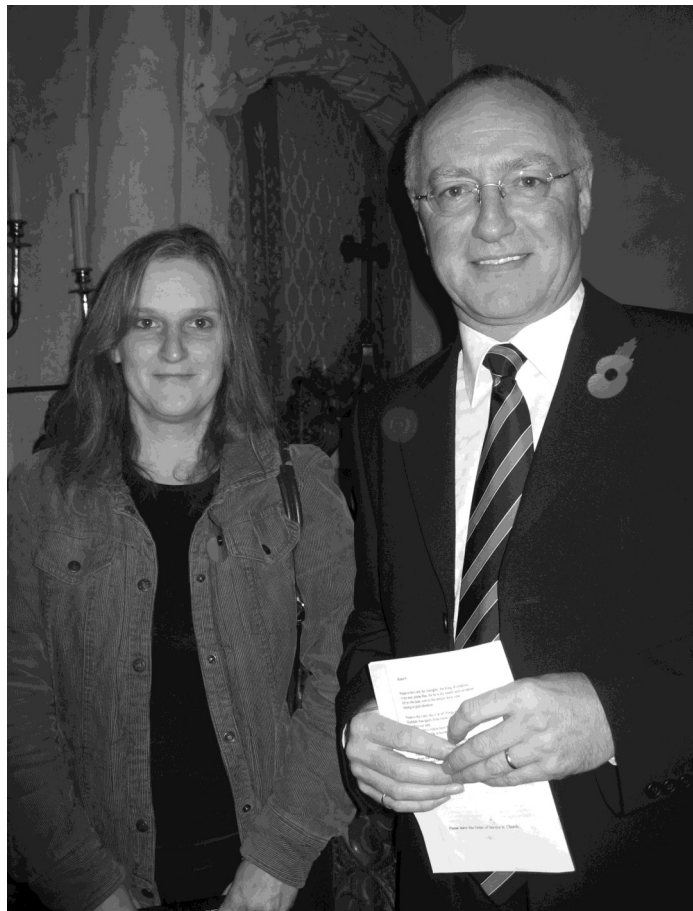
Thank you to everyone who supported our tabletop sale. The stall for the church and hall raised £135. Considering it was mostly small items of bric-a-brac plus the raffle, this was a very good effort.

***Wendy Eldridge***

## RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO AVENING MEMORIAL HALL

At the Remembrance Day service in Avening, Rev Celia thanked Kate Townsend & Jon Green for all their hard work in caring for the Memorial Hall for the past 11 years.

The management of the hall is now being undertaken by Anthea Beszant and Gill Parsons For details please see page 12



### **Maud's Coffee Morning**

A very enjoyable coffee morning was held at George and Elizabeth Buchanan's home on November 20th.

The sum of £573 was raised for church funds but more importantly everyone had a good time.

Thanks especially to Elizabeth and George for all their hard work and also all the helpers and those who supported the event.

*Peter Lindesay*



**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN AVENING**



*Villagers gather in the autumn sunshine to lay wreaths at the Millennium Cross*



# **In Remembrance**

Your Village Hall—then and now

## ***A little history.....***

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1922 an indenture was signed whereby Mr A J Playne and others :

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2<sup>nd</sup> --- A piece of land near the church bounded on the east and north side by the highway---

3<sup>rd</sup> --- the site of a ruined cottage and premises between one and two—

These were to be held for the purposes of a 'Public Reading Room and Recreation Hall' for the parishioners of Avening and in memory of those who died in the Great War 1914-18.

That was how Avening Memorial Hall began. It has served the village well over the decades but is now sadly in need of a major overhaul to bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## ***and now.....***

The hall is the only public space available in the parish and its continuing use is essential for everyone not least the school. The new management trustees hope that with an imaginative upgrade which they are planning it will become a warm welcoming place, with less impact on the environment. The aim is to make all of you feel your village hall is something you can be proud of.

If you would like to be involved with the village hall or to make bookings please contact;

Anthea Beszant 01453835287      or      Gill Parsons 01453 832247  
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***Don't miss the chance to support the new  
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## **Avening Roll of Honour**

*In this second article Fred Vening continues his research into the history of Avening residents whose names appear on the Memorial Roll in Avening Church*

### **Frederick James Fletcher**

**F**rederick James Fletcher was born in Avening in March 1888, the second child of seven born to John James Fletcher, a stonemason of Avening (1862-1934) and his wife Ellen (nee Large) born Ashley, Wiltshire in 1864 and who died in 1901. At the time of the 1891 census, the family were living on Pound Hill, Avening, although Charles, the eldest child was living with his Aunt and Uncle in a cottage in Woodstock. By 1901, the family had outgrown their two-roomed cottage and had moved into a larger home on the High Street. However, this was still only a 3-roomed property and with parents and six children it must have been crowded. Ellen died later in 1901 and there were probably a number of reasons why Frederick joined the Grenadier Guards in June 1907.

He signed on and was medically examined at Stroud on Tuesday the 18th of June and had his primary Military Examination at Bristol the following day. He took "the King's Shilling" in London on the 21st.

His Attestation Form describes him as being 5ft 8inches tall (1.73m), weighing 11 stone 8 lbs (73.5 kgs), with a fresh complexion, grey eyes and brown hair. He "signed on" for 12 years, three years service and nine years on the reserve and completed his regular commitment in June 1910.

By this time the family had moved again, this time to a property at Nags Head.

Following the outbreak of war, he was recalled to the colours on the 5th of August 1914 leaving for France from Southampton on the 5th of October. He was serving with the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards and a fortnight later they were

engaged in the 1st Battle of Ypres. His unit was at Gheluvelt on the 29th of October and the War Diaries of the 1st Battalion tell us that they were hugely outnumbered in both men and guns and were holding an important position at a cross roads. They were in position by 5.30am that morning, at which time there was heavy fog with which to contend. During the day they were heavily shelled and then suffered a full-frontal attack by large numbers of enemy troops. Despite this, the Grenadiers both took these attacks and counterattacked in such a way as to have the Germans believe they were fighting larger numbers and acted accordingly. It was during these actions that the Battalion lost 750 of it's 1,000 men, Frederick Fletcher being one of them. He was reported "Missing" on the 29th of October and his next of kin (his father) was notified on the 25th of November. Subsequently, it was assumed he had died on the 29th and his father was notified of that decision on the 6th of January 1915. Frederick has no known grave, but is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres. He was unmarried but was survived by a number of his immediate family. To date, we have not been able to contact any descendants.

***Fred Vening***

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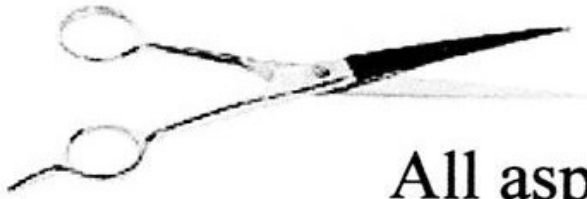


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## *Avening WI*

**N**ovember is AGM time; Maisie has resigned as President after 3 years. She thanked the committee for their hard work and support. Pat Taylor is the new President. Doreen stood down as secretary and Jo Harwood will replace her. Maisie and Doreen were presented with gifts.

The Treasurer reported that we have ended the year with a small profit thanks to the 'Bite to Eat'. The money raised from this pays for our speakers and this year also a bursary of £150 to Denman College. This was won by Jo who went on a silver jewellery course and made six lovely pieces.

The Hospice Quiz raised £160 thanks to all those who supported this most worthy cause.

Our team came fourth in the Echo Quiz final. Well done them! Members packed and covered twenty-nine shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and filled them with a lovely assortment of small gifts.

On Remembrance Sunday a wreath was laid on behalf of the WI for the Poppy Appeal.

Our speaker for the November meeting was Jane Morris from Nailsworth Flower Club. She demonstrated some wonderful Christmas arrangements. Jane won a silver-gilt medal at this year's Chelsea Flower Show. What a wonderful achievement!

***Wendy Eldridge***





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## ***A Letter from Zimbabwe***

Dear Celia and all the parishioners of Avening church

Thank you for your great generosity in supporting Avondale church's efforts to relieve the suffering caused by AIDS here in Harare. As my husband Richard told you in church one Sunday morning in September, we try to keep AIDS orphans in their own families, mostly looked after by a grandmother, or sometimes an aunt who has probably also got children of her own to care for.

At the moment we help 34 families in Mabvuku, a slum suburb east of the city, and nine other families in Avondale or connected with our church. They mostly live in one or two very small rooms, part of a cement-block house, with a small yard where they might grow a couple of beds of rape cabbage. Sometimes the grandmothers sell tomatoes or onions at the side of the road outside their house, and they nearly all cultivate a little plot in the open land outside Mabvuku, where they grow maize and groundnuts. If it rains, and if we can find some seed and fertiliser, they might even grow enough to feed themselves for several months but hardly ever for the full year.

We meet the families each month at a central school in Mabvuku. As we arrive, they have already begun the beautiful praise and worship time outside under the trees, and sometimes there's a testimony of what God has done in someone's life. Then our seven team leaders each speak with their four or five families, one at a time, to hear what is going on and to pick up where a little help would be useful. We give each family a food parcel each month, and school expenses and medicines and bus fares to hospital check ups. At our meeting each month we run a little clinic, with a doctor on our team, and now have a library including precious textbooks. As we get to know the families and their problems - and their successes which they do have - we find we get very fond of them, and grow to love them. They pray for us and we (and others in and out of Zimbabwe) pray for them. I love it when the little children run up behind me and give me a hug at around knee level. The Avondale team are just ordinary members of our church's congregation, a real mixture of old and young, black and white, uneducated and PhD, who lead our whole congregation in doing something to help these people who are suffering so much these difficult days in Zimbabwe. Thank you for being part of this work and for your loving contribution.

This week Grandmother Gladys Mushambi, who is 82 and already has six orphan grandchildren to look after, lost her grand-daughter Caroline, who also lived with her, to AIDS. Caroline has two daughters, aged 14 and 9. If there is no other member of the family to take them on, Grandmother will be able to keep them with her as we will give her extra food and school fees. When we met this family at the beginning of 2007, Grandmother used to beg from neighbours for food for the children. When one of the boys was made a prefect at primary school and was told to get a prefect's shirt, she sold her garden fence. But at the shop she found inflation had hit again and she still didn't have quite enough money. That was the day we first visited this family, so we were able to add a little to what she had, and she got the shirt.

Thank you all for helping.

***Venetia Winkfield***

Leader, Avondale AIDS Task Force

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## Wrappings—a Christmas Parable

We spent a lot of money on young Jamie's Christmas toy.  
After all, he was our grandson and we loved to bring him joy.  
We wrapped it up so brightly and placed it by the tree,  
Then watched the little fellow as he pounced on it with glee.

He loved the shiny paper and he tied the string in knots,  
But with some help from Gandma Jamie opened up the box.  
He lifted out the costly toy and put it to one side,  
Then peered into the empty box and quickly climbed inside.

He wrapped himself in paper, with ribbon for a scarf,  
The box became a boat, a car—he made us grown-ups laugh.  
'I'm in a space=ship Granddad—and teddy's coming too'.  
So much for costly presents for a boy who's only two!

Even so, we had to smile as we watched young Jamie play.  
That cardboard box and wrappings kept him happy all the day.  
'amusing little tale' you think, but perhaps you fail to see  
What Jamie's little antics can say to you and me.

There's so much joy at Christmas, so much that's good and right -  
(the family, the presents, the food, the tree, the lights)  
But all these things are *wrappings*, like the paper and the string  
That little Jamie found more fun than the gift that lay within.

We need to look beyond them to the *gift* that God has given  
His only Son who came to earth that we might go to heaven.  
The baby in a manger who grew to be a man,  
And sacrificed his perfect life to pay the price of sin.

May we not be like children who throw the gift away  
And get absorbed with wrappings that only last a day.  
Let us accept with humble hearts the gift that God has given;  
Then shall we know real *Christmas joy* - the peace of sin forgiven.

**Source unknown**

## Smile Please! It's Christmas!

In the nineteen fifties, which are now being taught as history, I grew up in a seaside resort, Westgate on Sea. My twin brother and I were altar boys at the local parish church, St Saviour's. We were not especially pious but I can tell you that in the winter in the fifties in English sea-side resorts there was not a lot going on.

The head server was the local newsagent whose name was Mr Tumber. We would carry the candles and Mr Tumber the cross. Mr Tumber was a true Cockney who had no teeth or "teef" and at the service of Nine Lessons and Carols, he read the "forf" lesson from the book of the prophet "Moicah". For my brother Robert and I this was a high-point. We loved to hear Mr Tumber read anything. He would say instead of "My sins are intolerable" – remember this was all Book of Common Prayer in those days --he would say in a hoarse whisper "Oooh! My sins they are horrible". He would really mean it – we boys imagined he had done something unspeakably awful.

Anyway, Mr Tumber read "Moicah" – the prophet's foretelling of the birth of Christ. The lesson begins "And thou Bethlehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth that is to be ruler in Israel." Well, if you are a cockney grandfather with no teeth, this is quite a challenge. As he said "Bethlehem Ephrathah" we two, who were holding the acolytes' candles beside the Bible were sprayed. It was very difficult not to dissolve in helpless mirth.

One year, the vicar, having noticed us trying to keep straight faces the year before, decided that Old Tumber must read a different lesson otherwise his altar boys would not be able to contain themselves. He asked him to read the story of the Annunciation. Mr Tumber inevitably came up trumps. "And the Angel Gabriel", he said in stentorian tones, "the angel Gabriel appeared and said 'Hell, Mary!...' Well we managed to keep ourselves together until we were outside the church, but we fell into paroxysms of laughter in the churchyard. Talk about "tidings of joy". We couldn't stop laughing for days. Mr Tumber went back to reading Moicah the next year.

And that really is what Christmas is all about for me. First, from that famous prophecy, we learn that the smallest tribe has its moment of glory – the smallest race, the smallest tribe, the smallest person who does not think much of themselves is vitally important to a God who bothers about the smallest things. The tiny child, the poorest family, the person born in the humblest of circumstances, this person is a King or Queen in the eyes of God. It is those who are considered the least of the children of God who are really the most important.

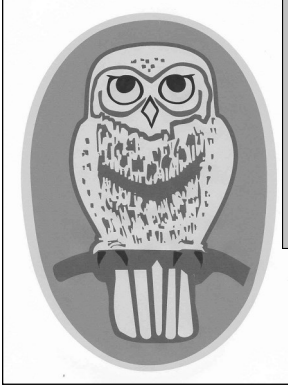
But secondly, and even more importantly, Christmas should be a time for gales of uncontrollable laughter and joy. And that is because it tells me of unconditional love. I love tiny children – I am the proudest of grandfathers - and I love such children with an unconditional love. They do not have to do anything for me to love them. If they are my infant son or daughter, I love them – no questions asked. That is the way it is. But it is that kind of love, says God to me at Christmas, it is that kind of love, that I love you with. Yes, you.

Can you quite believe it? Me? God? But the child in the manger, the child the prophet Micah tells us about, proves it. And if that doesn't make you able to laugh your socks off with gales of laughter, then you haven't heard the message properly.

Have a rollickingly happy Christmas filled with laughter.

**Nicholas Bury - Dean of Gloucester**

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# *Avening School*

## **A 'timely' history lesson**

**D**uring November, a special time of Remembrance, Avening Primary School pupils received some timely history lessons. The children from the Hawks class (years 3 and 4) learnt about different aspects of life during the Second World War from the home front to the far flung shores of Japanese-occupied Singapore.

As part of the topic, the children were paid a visit from a member of The History People, a 'Mr Arthur Sampson' who visited the school in his role as an 'Air Raid Protection Warden'. 'Mr Sampson' really brought the war to life with lots of re-enactments of air-raid practices, details of hardship and the class was even given a wartime PT lesson.

To add to the fun and experience, class teacher Mrs Helen Grayston dressed up as a teacher might during WW2 and classroom assistant Mrs Shân Amos came dressed as a landgirl.

The pupils themselves all dressed as evacuees and really got into the spirit of things. Mrs Grayston said: "I am delighted with how well the children rose to the occasion. All came dressed as evacuees and this experience has inspired them all".



*Mrs Amos & Mrs Grayston -  
a Landgirl & Teacher in WW2*

## **Sleepy Heads raise money for Children in Need**

And back in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century the children again 'got into the spirit' – this time of the fundraising kind. For Children in Need this year, and on one of our coldest days for a while, the pupils and staff all dressed in pyjamas and dressing gowns. Teddy bears or other bedtime cuddly toys were compulsory accessories, even for the teachers who were seen outside in the playground clutching them!

By inviting the children to pay for the privilege of coming to school in nightwear, the School raised around £170 for this record-breaking national fund-raising phenomenon.

Now ... time to get ready for the Christmas Show ...



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**and Happy New Year  
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# Avering Parish Council

## New Planning Applications - November

07/02113/CLEUD  
CT8668

**Picketts Piece Quarry, Avering GL8 8LS** – Certificate of lawful existing use or development under s191 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for the use of site for storage of working materials and equipment. Refill of disused quarry with waste rubble and soil. Parking vehicles including motor caravan. Members had no objections.

07/02607/FUL  
CT2457/Z

**Minchinhampton Golf Club** – erection of extension to driving range to provide a teaching room for individual instruction. Members had no objections.

## Appeal Notices

07/01327/FUL  
CT7867/B

APP/  
F1610/  
A/07/2057  
007/WF

**Leonards Brook Cottage, 1 Old Hill, Avering** – alterations and extensions to south elevation

## Autumn Village Clean Up

The Autumn Village Clean Up took place on Saturday 3rd November. The council wishes to thank all those volunteers who came along to help out.

Next year the council plan to increase the event to three times a year – March, May/June and November.

Dates will be published nearer the time.

## Hedge Laying at the Playing Fields

The first hedge laying session is underway. If you would like to join the



hedge laying group for this year please contact the Clerk or Cllr Tony Slater.

### **Village Agents**

The Village Agent for Avening is Carolynn Dent. She can be reached on 07810 630156. Her job is to provide older people in Gloucestershire's rural communities with easier access to services and information. If you are, or know of someone who may need help for example claiming benefits, with a care issue or a safety issue (and much more besides) please call her.

### **Message from PC 24 Reuben Wyatt**

Many people now own a Satellite navigation system (Tom Tom or similar).

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If a vehicle is stolen, complete with a satellite navigation system, the thief only needs to select home and will then be guided to the owner's home.

The consequence of this could be that the thief may then have access to an empty house and other property.

Don't give the thief a head start; it is suggested that if you own one of these systems you consider programming it with a nearby street or even the address of your local Police Station rather than your full address.

***The Parish Council would like to wish you  
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year***

**The Next Meeting of Avening Parish Council will be held on  
Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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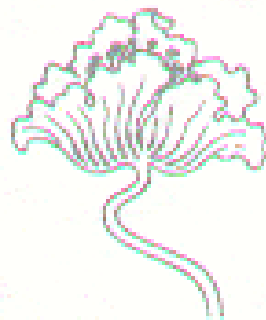
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## **Christmas Prize Bingo**



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### **The Villager Magazine**

As in previous years, there will be no edition of the magazine in January. The February edition will be available in the last week of January, when subscriptions for 2008 will be due. The price of the magazine will remain at 50p or £5 for the year.

It is only possible to maintain the price at this level because of the loyalty of our advertisers and we are grateful to them for their continuing support.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped in the production, distribution and delivery of the magazine throughout the year and for the contributions of stories and photographs. Please keep them coming!

***Kathleen Lindesay- Editor***

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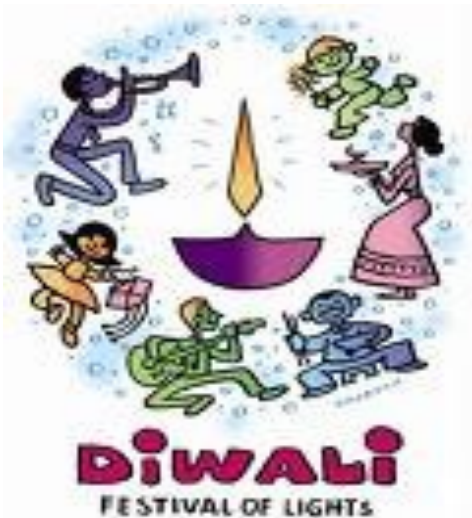
*John Bailey, a former Avening resident, now living at Oakridge Lynch, invites Avening residents to an exhibition of his paintings and pottery. Since the death of his wife a few years ago, John has donated over £4000 to Cancer Research from the sale of his work.*





## *Avening Playgroup*

This month the children have been enjoying learning about the celebrations for Halloween. The children made pumpkin masks and had a Halloween party where they danced to the Timewarp! They made some beautiful splash painting bonfire night pictures and some paper curling rockets on bonfire night.



On We really enjoyed taking part in Diwali, the Festival of Lights. The children danced with sticks and scarves to Indian music, created some beautiful rangoli chalk pictures and made some Indian sweets.

November 16<sup>th</sup> the children (and staff!) jointed in with Avening School and wore pyjamas and brought a teddy to playgroup to raise money for Children in Need - much fun was had by all!

The children have been delighted with the new farm set, work bench and playpeople hat we have been able to purchase following recent fundraising events. Thank you to everyone who helped with these.

At the time of writing this we are busy preparing for our biggest annual fundraiser - the famous Avening Playgroup Bazaar. The bazaar will be held in the village hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 2pm to 4pm and Santa has promised to come so it is not to be missed!

If you have a child who becomes three before the end of August and would like them to come to Avening Playgroup you are welcome to come and look around any week day morning or phone Debbie on 01453 832695.

All the staff and children wish you all a very merry Christmas.



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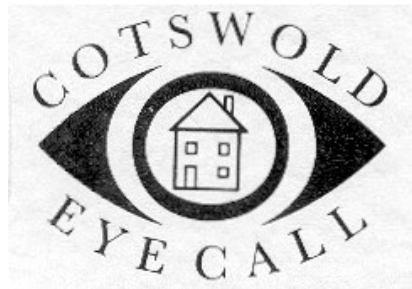
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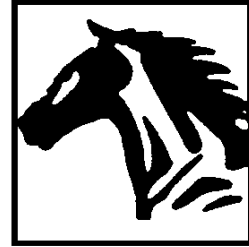
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# *Cherington Parish Council*

## **Christmas & New Year Waste & Recycling Collections**

There will be no garden waste collections from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2008 inclusive.

### **Thursday Collections**

Your weekly black bin bags and fortnightly recycling collections will continue as usual during the Christmas fortnight.

**Sports Session Coaching for Youngsters** will take place at Tetbury Leisure Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> December.

To book and for details of other venues phone 01285 623447.

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next meeting of Cherington Parish Council will be on:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008 at 6.30 pm

at The Old Rectory, Cherington.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

***Sue Russell***

*Clerk to Cherington Parish Council*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
December 1st	Playgroup Christmas Bazaar	Village Hall	2-4 pm
December 7th	Cricket Club Prize Bingo	Social Club	8 pm
December 16th	Carol Service	Avening Church	6.00 pm
December 19th	Over 65s Tea Party	Avening Park	
December 23rd	Carol Service	Cherington Church	5.00 pm
December 24th	Crib Service	Avening Church	4.00 pm
January 4th & 5th	Women of Bethlehem	Avening Church	7.30 pm

**THE MOBILE POLICE STATION**  
will visit Avening on  
December 5th & 17th

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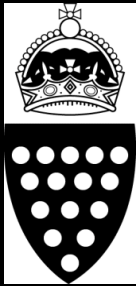
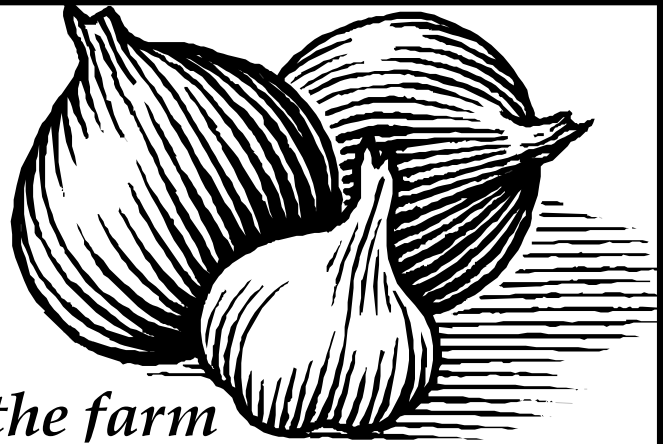


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