

October 2023

After a gap of five years, and thanks to the hard work of Roger Lindley, Avening celebrated Pig Face Day on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Planning started in June when interested parties met in Roger's garden – Avening WI were asked if they could help with refreshments. Of course we could! The traditional food was a Hog Roast so we decided on pulled pork rolls with roasted vegetables for vegetarians. Various WI members roasted vegetables and slow cooked joints of pork which we shredded. We also made apple sauce from home grown apples. The main celebrations were held in the Memorial Hall and, while some children from the School performed a short play written by Roger explaining the story of Pig Face Day, we were busy getting ready to serve the food. The rolls were very well received and we were extremely busy. Helen and Liz did the initial buying/organising but thank you to everyone who helped cook the pork, make apple sauce and special thanks go to Frances and Sandra for all their help serving on the day. It was a very successful event and we look forward to being involved again in a couple of years. Helen and Frances looked amazing in their medieval costumes – next time we do it we must all try to enter into the spirit of the day and dress up. Liz



Well done to Helen and Liz who served over 100 pulled pork or roasted vegetable rolls!



**Amaretti biscuits** – makes 50 (served at the Group Meeting)

4 large egg whites

350g caster sugar

350g ground almonds

30ml amaretto liqueur/almond essence

1. Preheat oven to 170/ gas 3 and line 2 baking sheets
2. In a bowl, whisk the egg whites until firm. Gently fold in the sugar, almonds and essence.
3. Using a teaspoon, place dollops of the mix on the trays 2cm apart
4. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes until lightly golden. Transfer to rack to cool.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10 for 10.30**

**GFWI Walks led by AWI**

**2m 4m 6m**

**Social Club Light lunch**

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.30 Book Club**

**Blue Diamond**

**'Hamnet' by Maggie O'Farrell**

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Oct AWI running the**

**Community Café**

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm**

**Skittles final v Kilcot&Gorsley**

**Hardwick British Legion Club**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 7 for 7.30 Quiz**

**Social Club Tables of 4**

**£5 per head to include**

**Ploughman's supper. Profits to**

**Allsorts Gloucestershire**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Trip to Worcester**

**Victorian Christmas Market**

**9.15 bus stop opposite Mem.**

**Hall. Leave Worcester 3.30/4pm**

**£15 members £20 non members**

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.30**

**AWI Christmas Lunch.**

**The Crown Minchinhampton**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 – 2pm**

**Wreath making workshop**

**Social Club. Bring and share**

**lunch.**

**2024**

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Incinerator Tour**

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May Westminster**

**Abbey Tour with Purcell Club**

**(a few places available £110)**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OCTOBER BIRTHDAY GIRLS**

**Gwyneth Simpson**

**Gill Thomas**

Avening WI President:

Liz Knowles

Treasurer:

Wendy Jennings

Secretary:

Helen Haiselden

Website:

http://  
aveningwi.wordpress.com



Avening WI

meets in the Memorial Hall  
on the  
second Thursday of every month

Visitors are always welcome!

**Wanted....a volunteer to organise a Theatre Group.**

We had a very successful visit to the Barn Theatre earlier this year and would like to arrange more local theatre trips. However, the committee members are really busy and can't take this on at present. If one, or two of you are interested in doing this, please speak to Helen or Liz. The committee would give support if needed.

**NEXT MEETING  
November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Tricks of the Mind  
Nick Brunger**

**AGM**

**Refreshments:  
Jean C Margaret J**

**Flower of Month Raffle**

**'Spooly Bird' Workshop.**

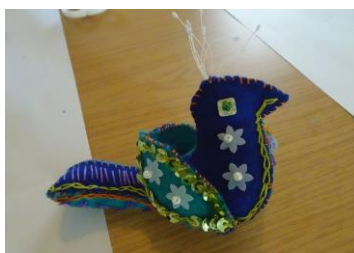
**by Sarah Rind**

Twelve of us gathered at Cherington Village Hall where we all sat in a square of tables facing Sue Green who is a freelance textile and mixed media artist based at the Cowshed Studio in Chalford. In front of us were templates of a bird and on a separate table squares of coloured felt, lots of coloured embroidery threads and lots and lots of pots with multi coloured sequins, beads and all sorts of wonderful sparkly shapes for us to choose from. Sue gave us some background history of the concept of the birds which were originally conceived in Russia. She then showed us some birds she had made which were exquisite and explained how to cut, decorate and sew the birds. She then quietly sat in the background while we all chose our felt and thread and rummaged through all the beautiful beads and sequins, but always ready with a helpful suggestion when anyone was stuck.

Although it was surprisingly calm and relaxing, we all worked really hard and everyone created gorgeous birds which were all very different. We were helped along with lots of chat, funny anecdotes and memories of childhood and children and grandchildren.

A bring and share lunch was enjoyed by everyone washed down with lots of cups of coffee and tea!

Thank you to the committee for arranging such a brilliant workshop! I think we were all very pleased with our efforts and most of us inspired to make more!



**Christmas collections for:  
Foodbank**

- Boxes of chocolates
- Boxes of savoury crackers
- Large packets of crisps
- Nuts
- Cranberry sauce/pickles
- Tinned ham
- Christmas cake
- Christmas pudding
- Christmas biscuits
- Hot chocolate

**Please bring your donations to the NOVEMBER meeting or drop them off to a committee member.**

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**COBALT Sue Osborne**  
**Card sales and donations for September were £35**

**Suggested Christmas gifts for the families at Stroud Women's Refuge:**

- Face wipes
- Hairbrushes
- Hair bobbles
- Warm socks
- Shower pouffes
- Biscuits
- Nice instant coffee/tea bags
- Hot Chocolate
- Vouchers (love to shop, Tesco etc)

For Children –  
Children's toiletries (bubble bath, shampoo etc)

- Socks
- Pants & knickers
- Pyjamas
- Small toys (Lego etc)