

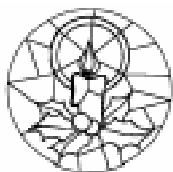


Christmas Carols in the Avenues

Hearty singing voices are once more required to join the annual carol singing around the Avenues which this year will take place on Friday, 21st December setting off at 6.00 pm from the Park Avenue fountain. Carol sheets will be provided but please bring your own Christmas lantern or torch.

People preferring to stay at home and listen are asked to give generously to the caller at the front door. The charity that will benefit from this year's collection will be the **NSPCC**. Last year the carol singing raised £184.95 for charity.

A warm Christmas drink and mince pie will be waiting for all who take part and survive the cold until the end.



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www.kidsdomain.com

www.kshs.org (the Kansas State Historical Society)

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Avenues Skills Bank

This most interesting scheme has not yet attracted the number of participants that its proposers, Chris Cook and Mike Holden, had hoped.

The Skillsbank is a database of people offering their skills eg computer training, cake-making, which are available on an exchange basis, not for money.

To register, ring the Skills Bank on:
3 4 2 0 3 3

Charity jump appeal

Avenues student Jack's bid to raise £350 pounds for **MIND** with a sponsored parachute jump is going really well.

The jump is going to take place on 19/20 January 2002, in Bridlington.

He still needs sponsors, to reach his final target, so please, keep your pledges coming in. Any amount will be gratefully accepted.

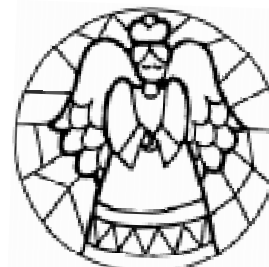
Contact Jack (evenings only) on:
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APPRA needs new Treasurer

Many thanks to Colin Webster for his work as APPRA's Treasurer. He announced his resignation at the AGM this year, and so far, no one has come forward to replace him. The post of Treasurer is vital to a voluntary organisation, but doesn't require accountancy skills! Please contact Stephanie or Adrian if you are interested and would like more details of what the post involves.

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The newsletter of the Avenues and Pearson Park Residents Association



From Stephanie Wilson

APPRA Chair

Continuing with the subject of 96 Park Avenue, we have had a full report, from the Development Management Section, of the decision making process. Although the number of letters against the proposal (49 plus 2 late entries, 2 petitions and the residents' committee's own responses) is

mentioned, they don't seem to be relevant in the arguments from the planning framework. We think that "change of use" applications should therefore go to a different committee and are investigating. The report says, interestingly, "Of the 1000+ houses in the Avenues, less than 20 are in institutional use". We tend to think there are more, and must check.

Highways and Traffic are consulting us fully over the proposed tree felling this winter, and are wonderfully flexible where residents wish to retain "their" tree.

We have requested a variety of stumps—again, *with consultation*—for carving.

Wyke Area Office has contributed generously, from the Ward budget, to the repair of the Angel.

See you—whether singing or listening—at the carol singing!

APPRA exists to help retain the unique character of the Avenues and Pearson Park Conservation area and to support the strong community spirit which exists in the neighbourhood.

The trees to be left as stumps are outside 118 and 220 Westbourne, 112/114 Park, 221 Victoria and possibly 282 Victoria. The trees to be completely felled are outside 156, 124, 157 Marlborough, 236 Park, 11/13 Richmond.

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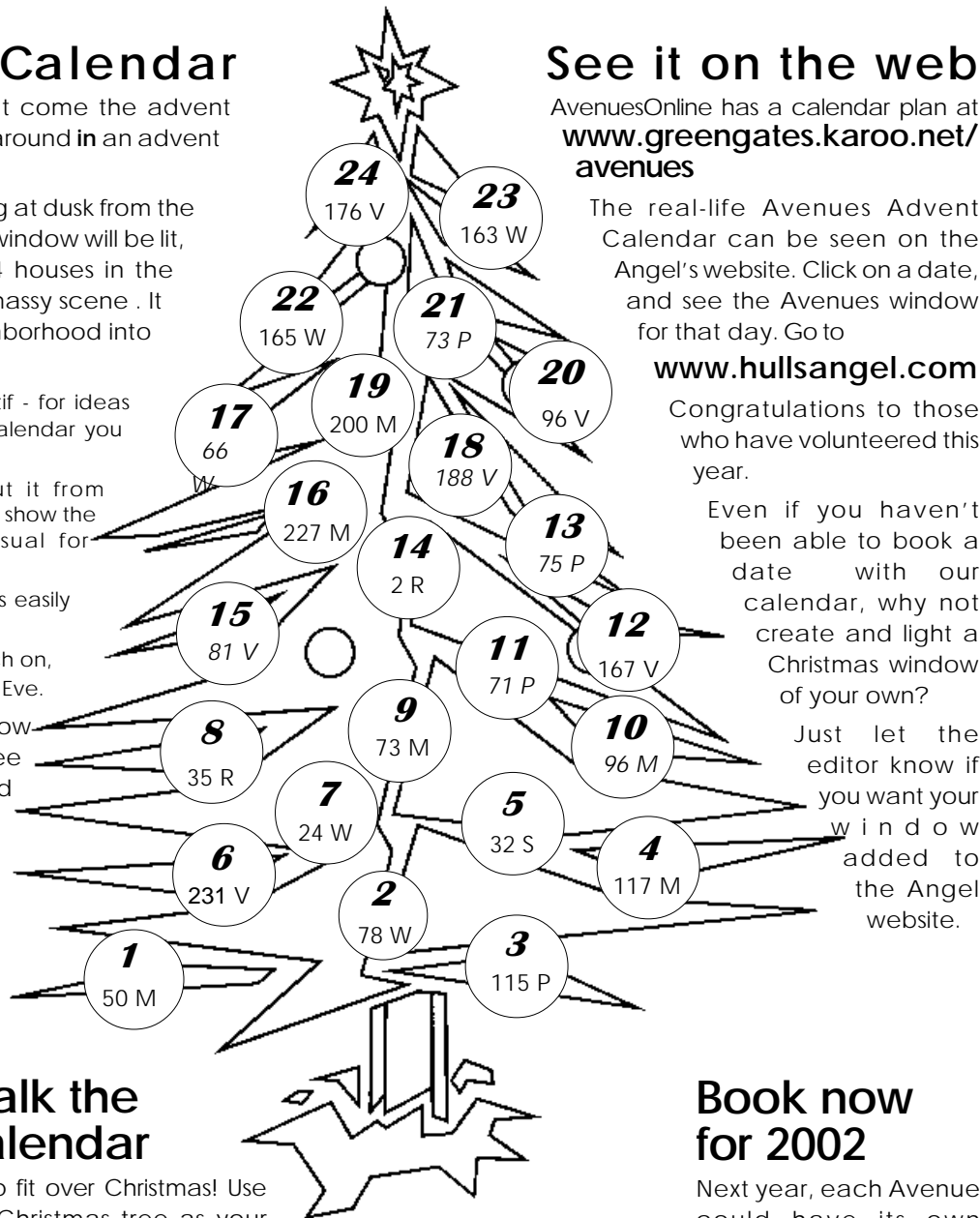
Living Advent Calendar

Christmas is coming... and with it come the advent calendars. Now imagine walking around in an advent calendar!

Here 's how it works: every evening at dusk from the 1st to the 24th December, a new window will be lit, until there are 24 windows in 24 houses in the Avenues, each showing a Christmassy scene . It is that easy to transform our neighborhood into a walk-in calendar!

- First, think of an appropriate motif - for ideas just remember the last advent calendar you have seen or ask your children
- then, rig the scene up or cut it from translucent paper (Don't forget to show the date in your window as is usual for calendars)
- next, put it into a window which is easily seen from the street
- finally, on your chosen night, switch on, and do this every day to Christmas Eve.

All the dates for this year have now been booked. Our Christmas tree here shows where they are and when each window will first be lit.



Key to location
 M..... Marlborough
 P..... Park
 R..... Richmond
 S..... Salisbury
 V..... Victoria
 W.... Westbourne

See it on the web

AvenuesOnline has a calendar plan at www.greengates.karoo.net/avenues

The real-life Avenues Advent Calendar can be seen on the Angel's website. Click on a date, and see the Avenues window for that day. Go to

www.hullsangel.com

Congratulations to those who have volunteered this year.

Even if you haven't been able to book a date with our calendar, why not create and light a Christmas window of your own?

Just let the editor know if you want your window added to the Angel website.

Where mermaids dance

Last year, residents welcoming the New Year in the traditional way, around the Westbourne Avenue fountain, had a moving experience. One wrote to the Hull Daily Mail:

"Many readers will be aware of the ancient legend which says that the mermaids on the fountains come alive once a year at midnight and dance in the streets. I, and at least 200 other people, can confirm that it is no myth, for we saw it happen as we celebrated the arrival of the New Year around the Westbourne

Avenue fountain. Not only did we see a living, dancing mermaid, but this year, even Neptune himself braved the cold and snow to put in an appearance."

This account was confirmed by many other people who were equally amazed and delighted to see the fountain come to life!

Will the mermaids dance again this year? Will Neptune be there?

Dare you be there?

Fountain Rescue Team

Chris Ketchell (Local History Unit) is campaigning for the restoration of the Pearson Park drinking fountain, which is in a poor state. He is promising some direct action in the new year. If you would like to join the Team, contact the editor.

Looking for a book?

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Walk the calendar

Keep fit over Christmas! Use our Christmas tree as your guide, and walk the Avenues Advent Calendar.

Media interest: from Radio Humberside and Look North so far. The Hull Daily Mail plus other media are being contacted.

Book now for 2002

Next year, each Avenue could have its own advent calendar, if enough enterprising people volunteer.

So come on! Start booking your windows now for December 2002.

Jane Clappison

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