

**Monthly General Meetings are held: in St Lukes Church,
Hedge End, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.30 pm**

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Welcome to your Christmas 2021 Newsletter – we hope you enjoy it.
Let's start with a **Christmas treat**:

Christmas Truffles – pop these easy to make treats in a pretty box to give as a gift. They take about half an hour to make and a few hours to chill – and two minutes to enjoy!!!

Ingredients:

150g dark chocolate, chopped

150g milk chocolate, chopped

150ml double cream

50g unsalted butter

Cocoa powder, sprinkles, lustre powder, icing sugar, chopped nuts for coating

Flavourless oil (eg: sunflower) for shaping

Step 1: Put dark and milk chocolate in a bowl. Put cream and butter in a pan and bring to a simmer. Pour the hot cream over the chocolate and stir until melted. Leave to cool and then chill in the fridge for about 7 hours.

Step 2: Put your coatings into separate bowls. Rub your hands withy flavourless oil and roll teaspoons of the truffle mix between your palms to shape. Messy!

Step 3: Gently roll the truffles in your chosen coating, then put in a box and chill.



Store in the fridge in an airtight container for three days or freeze for up to a month. Defrost in the fridge overnight.

Michele Doran

Serve with a Christmas joke:

What does Santa do when his elves misbehave? *He gives them the sack!*

Who is a Christmas tree's favourite singer? *Spruce Springsteen! (Jo Fennell)*



(contributed by
Diane Franklin)

AND NOW FOR A BRAIN TEASER: From the list of initials below can you work out the titles of these well-known Christmas Songs and Carols. *(Margaret Duff)* *answers on page 4*

SHNN		SCICTT	
THATI		ISMKSC	
WC		MAW	
RTRNR		FTS	
DTKIC?		JB	
RATCT		AIAM	
OLTOB		LD	
OCAYF		DDMOH	
ISTSCSI		DTH	
TTDOC		IWICBCE	

Are you ready for some CHRISTMAS ANAGRAMS?

(Alison Baker)

answers on page 4

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| 1 CONGRESS LIAR (5,7) | 2. CAN ASSAULT (5,5) |
| 3. REFRESHED ERUDITE LONDONER (6,3,3,4,8). | 4 IN THE GLINTS (6,5) |
| 5. SMART HERETICS (9,4) | 6 IN ACTION SLASH (5,8) |
| 7. GAP PAWN RIPPER (8,5) | 8 VICARS THEMES (9,3) |

Snuggle back with a drink for A Christmas Story

Tom and Aileen were glad they had treated themselves to a big car as they drove through the country lanes. Somehow it still kept the holiday feeling going despite the lashing rain and the inky black night.

At last they saw the twinkling of lights threaded through the trees that was their sign to turn into the drive of the weekend cottage.

The drive swept round to a big house and they saw that the big oak door was slightly open. They entered a big hall and immediately saw a man in an old-fashioned smoking jacket waiting by a door. "Come in, come in and get warm," he said. He led them into a sitting room with a roaring log fire, and soon they had a generous drink in their hands.

They listened enthralled as the man told them stories of Christmases past, with grand balls followed by long dinners.

Suddenly a couple arrived. "Who are you", the man asked. Tom and Aileen showed them the booking confirmation for their 4-day weekend at Church House. "Church House is the cottage at the start of the drive," they explained. "This is Charlton Manor". Tom and Aileen turned in embarrassment to their host, but he had gone. The couple looked at each other and led Tom and Aileen back into the entrance hall. "Was that him?" they asked, pointing at a painting of Lord Charlton, 1805-1871. And it was!

(Pauline Willson)

A Pretty Hard Word Search (contributed by **Bob Baker**).

See how many you can find – Good luck



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| ADVENT | CHRISTMAS PUDDING | MISTLETOE | SCROOGE |
| ANGELS | CRACKERS | MULLED WINE | SHEPHERDS |
| BAUBLES | ELVES | PARTY | SNOWMAN |
| BELLS | FAMILY | PRESENTS | STAR |
| BIRTH OF JESUS | FOOD | QUEEN'S SPEECH | TINSEL |
| BOXING DAY | HOLIDAYS | REINDEER | TURKEY |
| CAROL SINGING | HOLLY | ROBIN | WISEMEN |
| CHIMNEY | IVY | RUDOLPH | WRAPPING PAPER |
| CHRISTMAS CAKE | MINCE PIES | SANTA CLAUS | YULE LOG |

And one MORE ??? - see page 4

*Winter is the king of showmen,
Turning tree stumps into snow men
And houses into birthday cakes
And spreading sugar over lakes.
Smooth and clean and frosty white,
The world looks good enough to bite.
That's the season to be young,
Catching snowflakes on your tongue!
Snow is snowy when it's snowing.
I'm sorry it's slushy when it's going*

Ogden Nash



Contributed by **Sheila Richards**



Hamble Valley Committee wishes you all
a safe and happy Christmas.

Christmas Anagrams -

1. Carol Singers; 2 Santa Claus; 3 Rudolf the Red
Nose Reindeer; 4. Silent Night
5. Christmas Tree; 6. Saint Nicholas; 7. Wrapping
Paper; 8. Christmas Eve

Word Search -

Missing Word – CHRISTMAS TREE

Answers to Song and Carol Initials

SNHN — Silent Night Holy Night

THATI — The Holy and the Ivy

WC — White Christmas

RTRNR — Rudolph the Red—Nosed Reindeer

DTKIC? — Do They Know it's Christmas?

RATCT — Rocking Around the Christmas Tree

OLTOB — O Little Town of Bethlehem

OCAFY — O Come All Ye Faithful

ISTSCSI — | Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In

TTDOC — The Twelve Days of Christmas

SCICTT — Santa Claus is Coming to Town

ISMKSC — | Saw Mummy Kissing Santa Claus

MAW — Mistletoe and Wine

FFS — Frosty the Snowman

JB — Jingle Bells

AIAM — Away in a Manger

LD — Little Donkey

DDMOH — Ding Dong Merrily on High

DTH — Deck the Halls

IWICBCE — I Wish it Could Be Christmas Everyday