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## January 2021

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*Welcome to the January Edition  
of the Winster Village Magazine*

December - the last month of the year, the Christmas and New Year's eve month, has arrived! This year many of us really practised taking each month, or basically every day as it comes. If you feel very anxious about life and the future at the moment, why not pause watching the daily news for a bit or at least reduce the times you check on the latest facts and figures, in order to improve your mental wellbeing - you're much more likely to make a positive difference to the situation once you are feeling better. Maybe it's time for some good news: by the time I am writing this, the Covid-19 vaccination programme is in full flow and the elderly and vulnerable will be the ones that will receive it first. Having this vaccine is not only giving hope, it may also be the only chance right now for us to return to an open, more "normal" world again, where we can live, celebrate and work as we choose to. Speaking of "normal" - I hope you have a wonderful Christmas, as normal as it can be, and definitely as happy as it can be. May the new year take us all into a good and positive future, and may we be able to hug each other again!

Please email your signed articles, updates on groups, important dates and other items to:  
**mag@winster.org**

Send items by **18th of month by 6pm** for the following edition.

Exception: 11th December for X-mas edition.

Keep well,

*Gabi*



Readers' Letters & Noticeboard

What a beautiful "stained glass" shop window! Thank you to our wonderful window dressers. That leads me to say a big thank you also to all the volunteers who help in the shop in various capacities. And, of course, a huge thank you to Jayne and Katrina, their staff and the Board, who have all worked so very hard to keep the shop running in such challenging circumstances this year and looked after us all so well.

While I am at it, I'd like to thank the Bowling Green, the Miner's Standard, Leacroft Garage, Gabi who publishes this magazine - and everyone who works, paid or unpaid, in so many different ways to make this such a great place to live. The year 2020 has shone a light on the value of community life and we have it in shedloads here in Winster!

Judy Hinsliff

**Winster and Elton Luncheon Club** wish to say a big " Thank You" to David and Marilyn at the Bowling Green for their very generous gift of one hundred and fifty pounds.

This is in addition to their wonderful service of providing hot lunches, at low cost, delivered to their homes on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. As most of the members have to self isolate this has been something to look forward to, and they really appreciate the lovely meals.

Due to the current situation we cannot meet up as we normally do, at the Burton Institute on Mondays. We are keeping in touch with members through weekly phone calls, and they are supporting each other in the same way.

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*Janette and John would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a bright and hopeful new year*

## Winster Walking Group - 2021



2020 has been a very fractured year for the walking group – as indeed it has been for just about everything else in our lives this year. However, walking has been almost the only activity that has been consistently allowed, encouraged even, although for much of the year not with a group of friends.

So, I am hoping that next year we shall be able to resume our regular fortnightly walks once more, so long as the 'Rule of Six' applies. If we are more than six, we can split into two groups, setting off a few minutes apart, so long as we keep within the same group. Whereas in pre-Covid times we have always tried to use as few cars as possible, obviously now most people will prefer not to share transport. This means that we need to ensure that there is sufficient provision at the start of a walk for safe and considerate parking.

I'll be sending out proposed dates for next year's walks to all those on the mailing list and I look forward to being *overwhelmed* with offers to lead a walk, particularly during the early months!

For those who have not walked with us before, the walks tend to be approximately 5 miles, and are usually on the first and third Monday of the month. Back in the day, they usually ended with a pub lunch, but clearly that is unlikely to be the case at the moment, so you need to bring a picnic. Let's hope for happier days ahead.

**Please email me if you would like to join us –  
[judy.hinsliff@gmail.com](mailto:judy.hinsliff@gmail.com)**



This wonderful wall hanging **Christmas quilt** (also on cover page) is for sale in Winster shop.

Crafted by a Winster resident all proceeds will go to Jigsaw Food Bank and Winster Village Shop.

Many thanks for this beautiful gift.

Sealed bids to the shop by 20 December please.

Anthea

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*Children of Winster we need your help!*

*16 little red reindeers have been hidden by a naughty elf*



*It costs nothing to play, just a smile*

*A bit of patience (it may take a while)*

*The elf has hidden the deer high and low*

*In trees, bushes and where apples grow*

*She's hidden deer where children slide*

*And when visiting family and soldiers who died*

*Hidden where they can hear the school bell*

*And inhale wafts of fish and chip smells*

*The cheeky elf likes fizzy pop*

*Could she have visited our village shop?*

*If you find a red reindeer - **please don't touch** -*

*leave him be for other children to find and see*

*They're here 'til **Christmas Eve**, then off with the elves they'll go*

*Back to the North Pole to their snowy grotto...*

*If you'd like to download a sheet to print at home to track the reindeers you find, please head to the Winster Covid19 or Village Mag Facebook pages.*

***CLUE - All of the reindeer are small, red and sparkly. They're hidden between the Churchyard, via the Orchard and the school / adjacent park.***

*Thank you*

*Mrs C, Elf Associate, Derbyshire Division*

## Recipe Corner — Easy Christmas Pudding Ice Cream

Well, last month's recipe was an experimental disaster and did not make it to press. (As anyone following the mag's Facebook page may have seen.) So this month thankfully we have reader Gwyneth Grove's tried and tested recipe for a perfect festive treat. It's easy to make, hugely calorific and utterly delicious. Firstly select suitable music whilst making this indulgent pud: I suggest Albatross by Fleetwood Mac. Whip a large carton of double jersey cream to soft peaks, add a small pinch of mixed spice, half a jar of sweet mincemeat and a tin of custard. Mix together. Spoon the mixture into a plastic container, put it into the freezer. Remove after 30 minutes, gently stir before putting it back into the freezer. Repeat after a further 30 minutes and again after another 30 minutes. By this time it will be smooth and creamy. I challenge you not to "Mmmmm" (Nigella style) when testing. Gwyneth states the ice-cream will keep well into the New Year, if you have any remaining uneaten for that long. To serve, try it with brandy snaps or mince pies. All ingredients are available from the shop. Not just any shop, Winster Village Shop.



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### **Christmas Services at St John's**

There will be a family service at **4pm** on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. Please note this is earlier than normal.

Unfortunately the congregation won't be able to sing but carols will be provided by a small local choir. Children are very welcome and don't need to wear masks, unlike the adults!

The Christmas Eve communion service is also earlier this year, at 6pm on the 24<sup>th</sup>. All are very welcome.  
Marion Bowler

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TUES 22 DEC	9am - 12.30	1.30 - 5pm
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FRI 25 DEC	BANK HOLIDAY	
SAT 26 DEC	BANK HOLIDAY	
SUN 27 DEC	CLOSED	
MON 28 DEC	BANK HOLIDAY	
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### **Winster Guisers**

**We would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas  
and a prosperous New Year.**

**The Guisers will not be out and about this festive season.**

**This is the first time we have been unable to perform for  
over 40 years.**

**We hope to be able to entertain all our friends and  
supporters next Christmas.**

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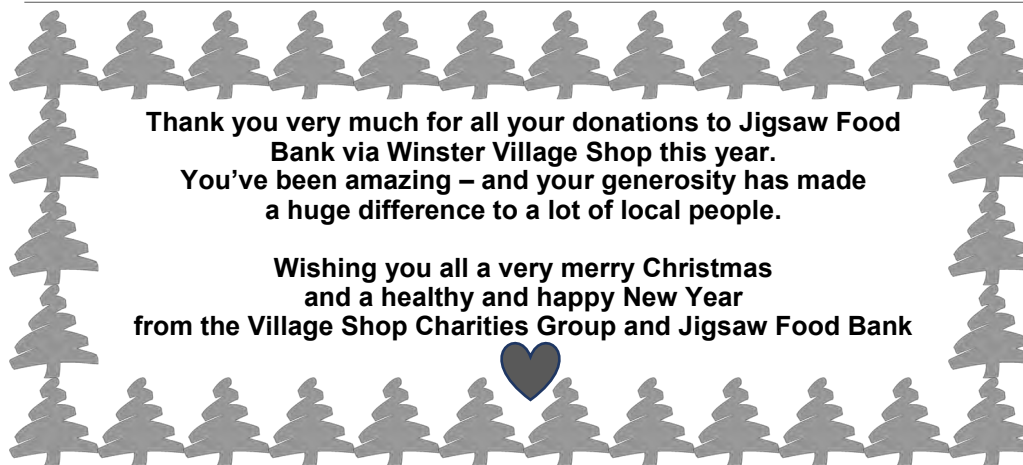
## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Here's a reminder of our opening times over the Christmas period:

- **Christmas Eve** - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 8.00 – 4.00
- **Christmas Day** - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30 – 12.30
- **Boxing Day** - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00 – 3.00
- **New Years Eve** - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 8.00 – 4.00
- **New Years Day** - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January – 9.00 – 3.00

Otherwise normal shop opening times

**From Jayne, Katrina, Staff and all the Volunteers**



Thank you very much for all your donations to Jigsaw Food Bank via Winsterville Village Shop this year.  
You've been amazing – and your generosity has made a huge difference to a lot of local people.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas  
and a healthy and happy New Year  
from the Village Shop Charities Group and Jigsaw Food Bank

## FOLKLORE CORNER with Richard Bradley, author of *Secret Matlock and Matlock Bath* (Amberley Books, 2018)

A festive custom in Derbyshire villages was the drinking of posset, usually on Christmas Eve, but sometimes on New Year's Eve – although in an age before the ready availability of medicines it was also used in the winter months as a general-purpose cold and flu remedy; it is known that the unfortunate plague victims of Eyam drank posset to try and stave off the disease (although in their case, it probably didn't work). Alison Uttley, the children's authoress who grew up at Castle Top Farm near Cromford (who repeatedly mined her upbringing there to produce several books of essays about country life around the turn of the previous century which are well worth reading if you're into local history) records in her book *Old Farmhouse Recipes* that as well as at Christmas and New Year, children were plied with posset when they were ill or "starved" - an old Derbyshire expression meaning frozen rather than hungry; during winters in an age before central heating, there must have been a lot of starved children around.

This is not the kind of posset you get for dessert in fancy restaurants these days, but a spiced hot drink made of curdled milk and ale.

The making of the posset was sometimes a communal affair, with various members of the village chipping in ingredients, as Fanny Thornhill Needham of Alport near Youlgrave recalled in a book about village life produced by the local WI:

"On Christmas Eve the farmers let you have a pint of milk. The Youlgrave people came at 6 a.m. with lanterns and Alport went at 9. They were given according to their families - good milk, not sour stuff. At the public house anyone was given beer for their posset and the grocers gave you sugar, nutmeg and ginger for it. At the baker's customers got two candles for a shilling loaf and one candle for a sixpenny loaf. You drank the posset on Christmas Eve and the candles were all decorated with cut paper." [Don't try this last bit at home unless you want a visit from the local Fire Brigade!]

Here at Winster, there's a couple of interesting local newspaper references that the late folklorist and former Winster Guiser/Morris dancer Dave Bathe turned up regarding communal posset ingredients that were provided for the villagers by the Brittlebanks up at Oddo.

From the *High Peak News* 'Echoes From Derbyshire Hills' column of 29th December 1883:

"On Christmas Eve the poorer inhabitants of Winster were regaled at Oddo Hall with the usual distribution to each person of a quartern loaf, a quart of ale, ½ lb sugar, and a nutmeg. Of this excellent dole there was enough to spare, and after the immediate claims of the vicinity were satisfied children came out of the adjoining villages and received the same hospitality. Mrs. Brittlebank's customary Christmas munificence was much appreciated." Another *High Peak News* report on the same 1883 Christmas event from the 5th January 1884 edition:



“WINSTER – CHRISTMAS – On Christmas Eve, with her accustomed open-handed liberality, Mrs. Brittlebank, of Oddo House, gave to the families of Winster and neighbourhood, the usual big loaf, ale, etc., each, without which the Christmas Eve “posset,” for which the village is famous, could not be made. The principle tradesmen also sat round that lady’s hospitable board to a capital spread of old English fare on Boxing Night. Brass bands, carol singers, and Christmas “guys” [i.e., Guisers] have been the order of the day and night.”

One of Dave Bathe’s respondents to his appeals for information in local papers, Mary Smedley of Bonsall, wrote to him,

“I can remember the Guisers coming on Christmas Eve when I was a girl. We used to give them wine or tea and mice pies and also we always had posset on Christmas Eve, that was an old custom. Some of the public houses used to make it as well. I made some one Christmas Eve, a young man came in to see us, I asked him if he would like some. He had never tasted it and the next day he came with a little bottle of beer and asked me to make him some more.”

The communal nature of the drink was also reflected by the fact that it was often taken from a two-handled 'posset pot' which was passed around the room from participant to participant (a thought which will now horrify most of us living through the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic). At Youlgrave and other villages an element of divination was introduced with the adding of the hostess's wedding ring to the drink. The assembled guests each took a spoonful and whoever fished out the ring would be "sure to be married before the year was out." Sometimes a silver ring was also added to the mixture, and spooning that out indicated prosperity for the coming year.

The Derbyshire writer Crichton Porteous notes in his *Ancient Customs of Derbyshire* of 1960 that one Two Dales octogenarian was a teetotaler the other 364 days of the year but insisted on drinking posset which contained alcohol at Christmas for the sake of properly upholding tradition.

Having given a talk on local customs and folklore to the Winster Local History Group in April 2018 which mentioned posset, one lady attendee approached me eagerly afterwards asking about posset and did I have a recipe for it as she was inspired to make some at Christmas for herself. I do hope she did; if you are feeling inspired having read this then plenty of recipes can be found online, including several examples on the website of Winster-based food historian Glyn Hughes at <http://www.foodsofengland.co.uk/posset.htm>.

(Regarding Dave Bathe, another error crept into last month’s article (and the *Derbyshire Life* article on which it was based). I had said he had studied at Sheffield University for a PhD; after the *Derbyshire Life* article appearing his former tutor and head of Folklore Studies at the University, retired professor John Widdowson got in touch to correct me: the qualification he obtained there was in fact a Certificate in English Cultural Tradition (at least I did him up, rather than doing him down!). Dave’s legacy of research remains an incredibly valuable record of folklore and tradition in Derbyshire).

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It may be a very different Christmas this year but thanks to the efforts of a group of Winster residents and one special visitor a Christmas tradition for Winster Children continued. Santa Claus visited the special Christmas lights on Leacroft Road to meet the children and hand out gifts. 39 children including 3 who zoomed in using new technology met and spoke with Santa and promised to be good for at least a short time. Special thanks to Dave and Mandy for providing the lights and venue, Anthea and Clive for organising & of course Mr and Mrs Santa Claus and their elf helper.

Don't forget to visit the spectacular lights display at no. 28 Leacroft



Road (first right down the cul-de-sac), which seems to get better every year, where Santa seems to be extremely pleased with his new companion. Donation box on site for Winster school. David Brown

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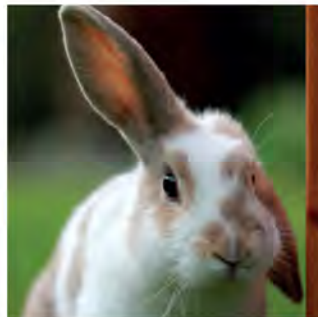
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Thanks a lot  
Rod and Jan

**Tel: 650523 e:janshiers@googlemail.com**

## January Musing from April Cottage - by Ali Carter

Listen! Listen carefully and you'll hear it. Throughout the Land, drifting on the air as it wafts from doors and windows. It's the desperate cry of the Hapless Homemaker... "Leave it alone! It's for Christmas!"

Whatever "it" is, it must not be touched until the tribe is gathered, food is served and Christmas can begin. It's already happening here. Today I've made the mince pies. I have also amassed some Christmas cake and some Stollen, oh, and some chocolates. Normally, all these little goodies would be forbidden and hidden and only used for when visitors come, but of course, this year we have opted to not have visitors so I think we shall be indulging ourselves greatly and somewhat early.

Indulgence? Yes, of course... It's Christmas, go ahead, it's ok, especially this year when we all feel in need of something lovely and happiness -inducing.. I've noticed so many more Christmas lights (including ours) up early in the month to cheer us through the winter: lighting our way with hope towards a vaccine and the sunshine of Spring and the new year.

As I'm writing this, I imagine most people, (dare I say women?) will be in the throes of present buying and wrapping, card writing, and meal planning, but you may not actually read this until it's all over and the batteries have all run out; the tree, having been up since early November, has lost its needles and is a glorified stick in a pot and the turkey is making its fifth, disguised appearance.

Talking of the New Year, I doubt there will be much in the way of parties this time but we could still make our New Year Resolutions.

Congratulations to all the people who made them last year and who kept them. With my track record my resolutions have just become a to-do list for the first of January. They normally consist of the same three items...

1. Get in shape. Well obviously, I chose round.
2. Start the diet. This is most often completed by eleven am. Ooh, is that cake?
3. Stop procrastinating. Oh, I'll finish this tomorrow...



My real goal for 2021 is to accomplish all the goals I had for 2020, which I should have done in 2019 because I promised to do them in 2018, having planned them in 2017 and so it goes on. After all a New Year Resolution is just something which goes in one year and out the other! This year I resolve not to make any resolutions, that way I can be sure of keeping them. A New Year is on the way and the possibilities are so much better than they were nine months ago. We can see that welcome glimmer of light, help is on the way and we have hope for the future again. While browsing on t'internet I came across this piece of wisdom and food for thought – “We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.”

Stirring stuff, but I prefer this:

1. Stop making lists
- B. Be more consistent
7. Learn to count

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### **Festive Fun Animal Facts For Christmas**

1. Reindeer have a relatively new association with Christmas, they appear in stories from the late 1800s, after the publication of the famous poem 'Twas the night before Christmas' by Clement Clarke Moore. Rudolph the red nosed reindeer appears even later, in 1939. He was created by Robert L. May as a marketing campaign for the department store Montgomery Ward
2. Test your family—how many of the Reindeers can you name ? Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and of course, Rudolph
3. Almost all donkeys have a cross on their backs. In Christian tradition it's believed to be a symbol of the cross carried by the donkey through the streets of Jerusalem in preparation for Christ's Crucifixion. The donkey is of course known as the noble little beast who carried a heavily pregnant Mary to Bethlehem. The story of the journey is the subject of the famous 1959 carol "Little donkey" by Eric Boswell

**Pet of the Month is expanding, you can still nominate your pet , or share any animal antics, top tips , care advice or tales. As serious or light-hearted as you like! Please send submissions to [Rachel@winster.org](mailto:Rachel@winster.org). Featured pets of the months can collect a treat prize from our sponsors : Derwent Valley Vets in Matlock.**

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# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR Waste & Recycling Collections 2020/21

Usual day	Christmas/New Year collection days
Monday	Monday 21 December Monday 28 December
Tuesday	Tuesday 22 December Tuesday 29 December
Wednesday	Wednesday 23 December Wednesday 30 December
Thursday	Thursday 24 December Thursday 31 December
Friday	Saturday 19 December Saturday 2 January

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** collections are unchanged. The **Friday** collection scheduled for Christmas Day itself, will take place on **Saturday 19 December** and the **Friday** collection scheduled for New Year's Day will be on **Saturday 2 January**.

- **Garden waste** collections will be suspended from Saturday 19 December to Saturday 2 January inclusive
- **Food waste** will be collected weekly



Details of which containers to put out and a downloadable calendar are online at: [w: derbysdales.gov.uk/mycollection](http://w:derbysdales.gov.uk/mycollection)

**Please note we are not able to collect any additional household waste**  
Make sure your household waste is contained in your grey bin or in four black sacks if you are on a sack collection.

Recycle your real Christmas tree. Place at the edge of your property on your green/recycling day between 4 and 29 January

Our administrative offices are closed from **25 Dec to 4 Jan**. Report missed collections online at [w: derbysdales.gov.uk/missedb](http://w:derbysdales.gov.uk/missedb)



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# FUN & PUZZLE CORNER

## Find The Words Below! Xmas decorations

ANGEL CANDLE SNOW- POINSET-  
WREATH BELLS FLAKES TIA  
STOCKING BOUGH GIFTS TINSEL

Hidden words may run horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forwards and backwards!

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E S P M X N Q D D G L G Y W S  
V O B D S S E T A I C G B E I  
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A V Z J Z H S T O C K I N G P

**What** do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?  
A Christmas Quacker!

**What's** Santa's favourite type of music?  
Wrap!

**What** does Santa clean his sleigh with?  
Santatiser!

**What** type of Shoes does Santa wear when he travels on a train?  
Platforms!

**What** do elves eat for breakfast?  
Frosted Flakes or Ice Crispies!

**Who** hides in the bakery at Christmas?  
A mince spy!



## Sudoku

Don't forget a move is invalid if:

- ◆ Any row contains more than one of the same number from 1 to 9
- ◆ Any column contains more than one of the same number from 1 to 9
- ◆ Any 3x3 grid contains more than one of the same number from 1 to 9

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## St. John The Baptist Church Winsters

### NEW YEAR THOUGHT

*It is always darkest just before the day dawneth.* - Many people have said this but it was first said by Thomas Fuller.

Happy New Year may sound slightly hollow at the moment. In these dark days of illness which touch every part of our lives and dreams. It may be that you feel you've nothing to celebrate after a horrendous 2020. But I'd like us to think about hope, that great Christian virtue. Now, please understand Christian hope is very different to 'worldly' hope - for example, I hope I lose weight as I eat my seventh cream cake!! Or I hope to retire soon as I buy a lottery ticket! I hope to get fitter as I watch the footie on the TV. I'm sure we could add to the list. This hope is often rooted in denial. Christian hope is truly acknowledging the reality of our situation, yet we also have faith and hope in a deeper reality. A personal example for me is 5 years ago I went to see a surgeon in regards to a fourth major spinal operation to try simply to relieve pain and discomfort. As I sat in his office he said something like: I'm sorry but the pre-op test suggests that the condition/disease has progressed too far and is inoperable. I'll be honest my first reaction was an equal feeling of depression and anger. Then I moved to bargain, God if you do this then I'll do that!! Then I need to throw myself fit and beat this. Finally, after a while - I realized that my hope was in God. My hope consisted of I'd be as mobile, as I could be. I'd do what I could do and accept that was fine. I'd not run marathons or climb mountains (walking around Winsters is enough for me!!). My hope was not that, like magic, my condition would disappear overnight. No, my hope was twofold: 1. I would do all I could do and accept that was OK. 2. My Hope was that no condition defined me. My Hope was in Christ and my Hope was that God loved me as I was. My Hope was I am not ok, but that's ok!! This is my Hope for you. In 2021 we don't know what the future holds. But My belief, my hope, the thing which my life is rooted on is God looks at our community, and indeed our world, and as an anonymous author wrote: "You'll never look into the eyes of someone God does not love." In 2021 - that is where my hope and where most Christians Hope is found. In a God who loves all people. God doesn't love following creed, colour, religion, political party. God loves all people. So in the difficulties to come and in the joys and normalisation ahead may our hope rest in that love. That's why I can wish you a very happy, peaceful and healthy New Year. God bless you all. What I'm trying to say is summed up by St. Thomas Aquinas. *"Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand."*

With my love and prayers for you all.

Revd. Stephen Monk.  
(Rector Darley Dale, South Darley & Winsters)



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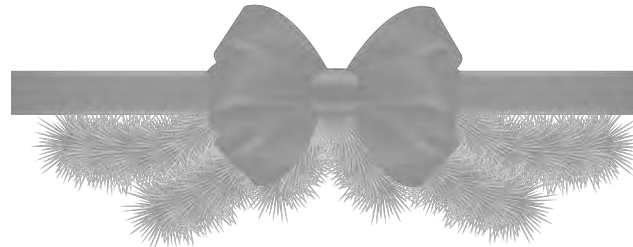



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### Oh Christmas Tree.. Oh Christmas tree!



Winster School have been getting into the Christmas spirit decorating their real tree in the playground. It was a real group effort to decorate it and all decorations had been donated by families at the school.

This also served as a perfect backdrop for our outdoor virtual nativity. The younger children have been acting, whilst we all performed as carol singers and our oldest children retold the Nativity story in rhyme.



It is safe to say, this is not a normal Christmas but it is certainly unique and equally special.

We would like to leave you with a prayer Maisie in Year 5 wrote this week:

*Dear Lord,  
We feel that the true meaning of Christmas has been forgotten. The trust and perseverance is in Mary and Joseph's heart as they make the journey. As they kept faith and love in their mind even when the inn was full. But let us be grateful to the inn-keeper that let the saviour of us all into our lives. Thank you for the care that you have over us. Amen.*

