

# CAROLS UNDER THE STARS

## WELLINGTON MONUMENT

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 7PM





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This event is an opportunity for us to gather together as a community, enjoy the beauty of the Blackdown Hills at night, and kick off the festive season with a good old sing-song!

Despite all its challenges, this year has given us cause to celebrate...

It is 30 years since Blackdown Hills was designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a designation which has enabled us to do so much more to conserve and enhance this special landscape, support local communities and encourage people to visit and enjoy the area.

In August this year, the National Trust completed its restoration of the Wellington Monument. This £3.1m project has restored the Monument to better condition than when first completed and people are now able to climb to the top once more. (Bookings will reopen in the spring). As well as receiving funds from major donors, the local community played a huge part in raising money and providing volunteer support. A big thank you if you were involved!

Wellington Monument was built as a tribute to the Duke of Wellington and his victory at the Battle of Waterloo. At around 175 feet (53m) it is the world's tallest three-sided obelisk!

### **Blackdown Community Choir**

Leading the carols tonight is the Blackdown Community Choir, an informal choir of 50-70 members which meets in Wellington on Thursdays. The choir sings rousing songs in glorious unaccompanied harmony, for the sheer joy of singing! All kinds of songs from around the world are sung, as well as traditional songs from these shores - from folk to French, American to African, Georgian to gospel and even pop.

<http://blackdowncommunitychoir.co.uk>



## PROGRAMME

6.45-7pm CHOIR: Warm up as people are gathering

*Dona Nobis Pacem / Confetimini Domino*

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7pm: A brief welcome by Tim Youngs, Blackdown Hills AONB Manager

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**ALL: The holly and the ivy**

CHOIR: *O lay la loyla*

**ALL: In the bleak mid winter**

CHOIR: *Rollin downwards*

**ALL: Good King Wenceslas**

**ALL: We three kings**

CHOIR: *May you see diamonds*

**ALL: God rest ye merry gentlemen**

**ALL: O little town of Bethlehem**

CHOIR: *Tourdion*

**ALL: The first noel**

CHOIR: *Hark the herald angels sing*

**ALL: Silent night**

**ALL: Ding dong merrily on high**

CHOIR: *Sweet chiming bells*

**ALL: O come all ye faithful**

CHOIR: *Dunster carol*

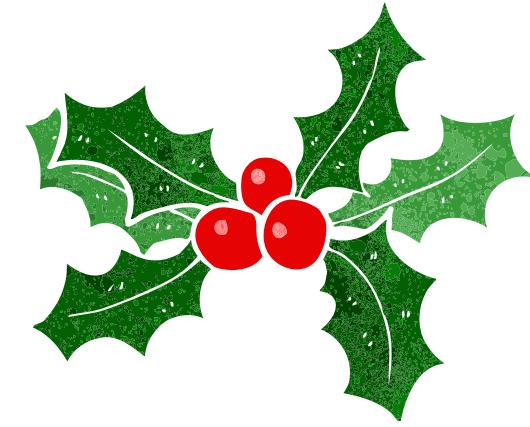
**ALL: Deck the halls**

**ALL: We wish you a merry Christmas**

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8pm Finish

Please leave the carpark by 8.30pm

# The Holly and the Ivy



1.

The holly and the ivy,  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood  
The holly bears the crown  
*O the rising of the sun*  
*And the running of the deer*  
*The playing of the merry organ*  
*Sweet singing of the choir*

2.

The holly bears a blossom  
As white as lily flower  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To be our sweet Saviour  
*O the rising of the sun*  
*And the running of the deer*  
*The playing of the merry organ*  
*Sweet singing of the choir*

3.

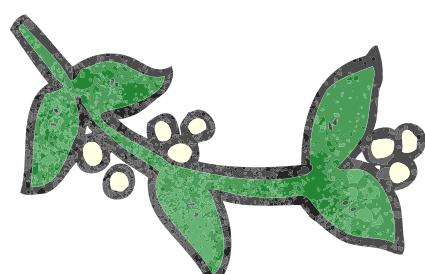
The holly bears a berry  
As red as any blood  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To do poor sinners good  
*O the rising of the sun*  
*And the running of the deer*  
*The playing of the merry organ*  
*Sweet singing of the choir*

4.

The holly bears a prickle  
As sharp as any thorn;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
On Christmas Day in the morn.  
*O the rising of the sun*  
*And the running of the deer*  
*The playing of the merry organ*  
*Sweet singing of the choir*

5.

The holly and the ivy  
Now both are full well grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown.  
*O the rising of the sun*  
*And the running of the deer*  
*The playing of the merry organ*  
*Sweet singing of the choir*





## In The Bleak Mid-Winter

**1.**

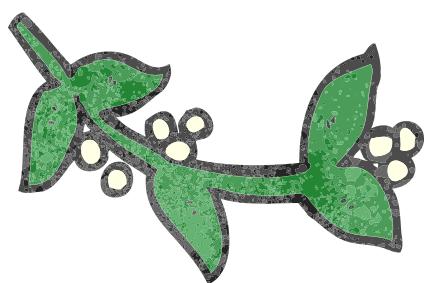
In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan;  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.

**3.**

Angels and Archangels  
May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air;  
But only His Mother  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss.

**2.**

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain,  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty –  
Jesus Christ.



## Good King Wenceslas



1.

Good King Wenceslas last looked out  
On the Feast of Stephen  
When the snow lay 'round about  
Deep and crisp and even  
Brightly shone the moon that night  
Though the frost was cruel  
When a poor man came in sight  
Gath'ring winter fuel

2.

"Hither, page, and stand by me,  
If thou know'st it, telling  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?"  
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,  
Underneath the mountain  
Right against the forest fence  
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

4.

"Sire, the night is darker now  
And the wind blows stronger  
Fails my heart, I know not how  
I can go no longer."  
"Mark my footsteps, good my page  
Tread thou in them boldly  
Thou shall find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

3.

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine  
Bring me pine-logs hither  
Thou and I shall see him dine  
When we bear them thither."  
Page and monarch, forth they went  
Forth they went together  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather.

5.

In his master's step he trod  
Where the snow lay dinted  
Heat was in the very sod  
Which the Saint had printed  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure  
Wealth or rank possessing  
Ye, who now will bless the poor  
Shall yourselves find blessing.





## We Three Kings

1.

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

*O star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

2.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to rein

*O star of wonder...*

3.

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Pray'r and praising, all men raising  
Worship Him, God most high

*O star of wonder*

4.

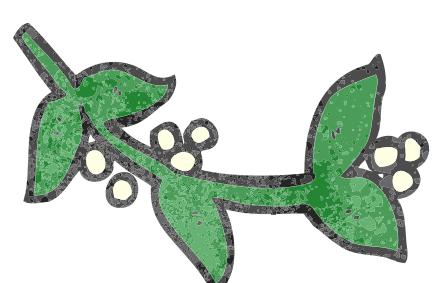
Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes of life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

*O star of wonder...*

5.

Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Earth to heav'n replies

*O Star of wonder...*





## **God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen**

**1.**

God rest ye, merry gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our saviour  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save our souls from Satan's  
power,  
When we were gone astray.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy*  
*Comfort and joy*  
*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

**2.**

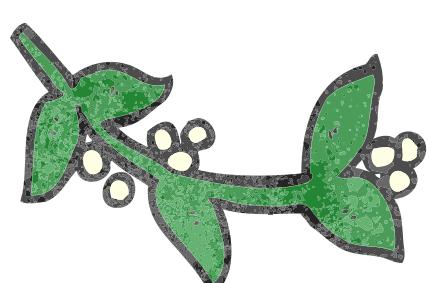
From God our heavenly father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
A son of God by name.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy...*

**3.**

The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
In tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem  
straightway,  
The son of God to find.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy...*

**4.**

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and  
brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth deface  
*O tidings of comfort and joy...*



## **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**1.**

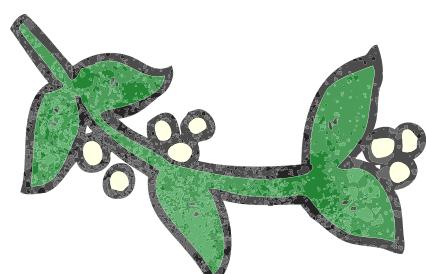
Oh little town of Bethlehem, how  
still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless  
sleep the silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the  
everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

**2.**

For Christ is born of Mary, and  
gathered all above  
While mortals sleep the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love  
Oh morning stars together, proclaim  
thy holy birth.  
And praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to men on earth.

**3.**

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how  
still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless  
sleep the silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the  
everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.



## **The First Noel**

**1.**

The first Noel, the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in  
fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping  
their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so  
deep.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!*

**2.**

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and  
night.

*Noel, Noel...*

**3.**

This star drew nigh to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both Pause and stay  
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.  
*Noel, Noel...*

**4.**

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and earth  
of nought  
And with his blood mankind has  
bought.  
*Noel, Noel...*

## Silent Night

1.

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace (2x)

2.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born

3.

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth



## Ding-Dong Merrily on High

1.

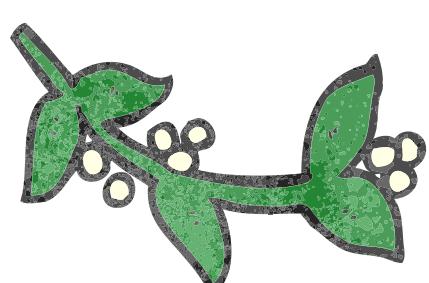
Ding dong merrily on high,  
In heav'n the bells are ringing:  
Ding dong! verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angel singing  
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

2.

E'en so here below, below,  
Let steeple bells be swungen,  
And "Io, io, io!"  
By priest and people sungen  
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

3.

Pray you, dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers,  
May you beautifully rhyme  
Your eve'time song, ye singers  
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!





## O, Come All Ye Faithful

1.

O, come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him,  
Born the King of angels;

*O, come, let us adore him;  
O, come, let us adore him;  
O, come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.*

2.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God,  
Glory in the highest;

*O, come, let us adore him...*

## Deck the Halls

1.

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.  
Troll the ancient Yule tide carol,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

2.

See the blazing Yule before us,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Strike the harp and join the chorus.  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Follow me in merry measure,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
While I tell of Yule tide treasure,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

3.

Fast away the old year passes,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Sing we joyous, all together,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Heedless of the wind and weather,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.



## We Wish You A Merry Christmas

**1.**

We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas,  
And a Happy New Year!

*Glad tidings we bring to you  
and your kin;  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!*

**2.**

Now bring us some figgy pudding,  
Now bring us some figgy pudding,  
Now bring us some figgy pudding,  
And a cup of good cheer!

*Glad tidings we bring to you  
and your kin;  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!*





## **Do come again!**

We hope you enjoyed this evening of carols and that tonight will inspire you to get out and experience the beauty of the Blackdown Hills during the festive season and beyond.

For information about forthcoming events, places to visit and more than 50 self-guided walks and rides in the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty visit [www.blackdownhills.org.uk](http://www.blackdownhills.org.uk)

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