



Christmas Crossword by Alisa

ACROSS

- 2 Bauble material (5)
- 6 Tool (3)
- 7 Not at home (3)
- 8 Permit (5)
- 9 Little town (9)
- 10 Fountain lady (2,5)

DOWN

- 1 One way to sing carols (2,11)
- 2 Bird table visitor (5,3)
- 3 Arctic footwear (4,4)
- 4 Jack's went into the Christmas pie (5)
- 5 With which the pudding is cooked (5)

Answers to the October crossword

ACROSS: 6 Radish 7 Tiller 8 Limpets 10 Coda 11 Restaurant 12 Pulse rates 15 Tyre 16 Invoice 18 Stroll 19 Gocart
DOWN: 1 Warborough 2 Pillar 3 Thames Travel 4 Closer 5 Dry 7 The Farthings 9 Canterbury 13 Sutton 14 Stench 17 Use
Apologies for the delay in publishing the answers.

ABINGDON AND DISTRICT MUSICAL SOCIETY
 17 Dec 7.30 pm Trinity Church, Conduit Road, Abingdon
Christmas Concert for Charity with carols for all
New members would be welcome to come and sing!
 Tickets £8 (£10 at the door), children £1 available from 01865 735182 or Modern Music, Abingdon.
New members always welcome www.tadms.org

Charity Concert
In aid of street children in the Philippines
Marcham All Saints Church
Saturday 17th December 7.30pm
 Carols and Readings for Christmas
 Vale Voice and Downwind
 £5 includes wine and mince pies.
 Tickets from Christine Wild Telephone 391270
 62 North Street, Marcham

NATURE WATCH

Home-made goodies

Have you noticed how active the birds are first thing and at dusk seeking food in these sub-zero frosty days? Involve the children in making **Fat Balls** (supervising young children).

Ingredients (you can use cheap own-brands):

6 oz lard, 12 oz flour, handful of mixed bird seed. Mix all together with enough water to make a rough ball. Pull off small pieces and roll in your hands to make little balls. If they are too big the magpies and crows pinch them first. Freeze, bag up and put out when the weather is really cold, loose on bird table or in nets (re-use supermarket packed fruit bags).

Cold Semolina – can be made with cold water. Very popular last spring though white-beaked blackbirds couldn't be located in the bird book!

When the ground is frozen, put out a shallow container of water and refresh it if when it turns to ice.

Hidey holes – are the children bored in the Christmas holidays? Make small piles of vegetation for insect, birds and mammals to hibernate in or keep warm at night: from twigs, fallen leaves, moss, small rolls and strips of corrugated cardboard, small balls of newspaper, seedheads, soil, some stones to stop pile from blowing away. Hide under hedge or in 'wild area'.

NB: check out which materials to use and a place for the hidey hole with CHIEF GARDENER first!

Have fun and write to Nature Watch with news of which birds came and ate your goodies!



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SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER

THE GUILDHALL ABINGDON AND MARKET PLACE

10 AM TO 2 PM

Contact Shirley on 01865 371297

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
TUBNEY CHURCH
Oxford Road (A420)

Saturday 3rd December
at 2 pm

❄ Cakes ❄ Gifts
 ❄ Books ❄ Raffle
 ❄ Refreshments

Free car parking in lane by church
Do come and enjoy the afternoon with your family and friends!