

# **HAMPSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DOWSERS**

## **Newsletter – December 2020**

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*Welcome to this, our third Newsletter of the autumn/winter. The end of 2020 is now in sight and what a year it has been for all of us. However, the Covid vaccine should be available soon and we just have to wait our turn. It sounds as if it might be Easter before we receive our jabs. So, whilst the pandemic has severely restricted HADs normal activities, nevertheless we have managed to keep going thanks to Don's 'History of Winchester' course, his talk to HADs on 22 October and our recent talk by Andy Skinner.*

*Our next event will, of course, be our fun-packed HADs Christmas Social on Thursday 10 December, starting at 7pm. Don will send out the Zoom link as usual. The Committee 'met' yesterday and the programme for the Social has now been finalised, as follows:-*

*No Fish & Chip Supper I am afraid on this occasion but I am sure you will all have appropriate nibbles and adequate liquid refreshment to hand. Don't forget the bright Christmassy clothes and Xmas hats.*

*I will act as your Master of Ceremonies and will open the event with some appropriate welcoming comments. There then follows a number of offerings by HADs member including Edwina, Alan (Quiz), Marilyn, Don, Jan, and Carol (Bryan). Many thanks to all our volunteers who have contributed to tonight's entertainment.*

*Then we will all sing along with the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' (Words herewith).*

*And finally –*

**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**

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*We had hoped it might be possible to arrange our usual pre-Christmas Dowsing Event but because of the continuing Covid restrictions that won't be possible. So our Christmas Social will be our last event of 2020 – the year we will all remember!*

*As for the future, we will reconvene via Zoom on 28 January with Don's talk on 'St Kilda – the Forgotten Island', followed by our 2021 Annual General Meeting on 25 February and then on 25 March Andy Skinner will be giving his second talk of the season with 'Southampton in the Age of Spas, Springs and Highwaymen'*

*And then, hopefully, we will soon restart our normal HADs spring activities.*

*Paul (Herbert), Chairman, HADs*

*4 December 2020*

# 12 Days of Christmas



On the first day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
A Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the second day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
Two Turtle Doves  
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the third day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
Three French Hens  
Two Turtle Doves  
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the fourth day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two Turtle Doves  
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the fifth day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
Five Golden Rings  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two Turtle Doves  
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the sixth day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
Six Geese a Laying  
Five Golden Rings  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two Turtle Doves  
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the seventh day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
Seven Swans a Swimming  
Six Geese a Laying  
Five Golden Rings  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two Turtle Doves  
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the eighth day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
Eight Maids a Milking  
Seven Swans a Swimming  
Six Geese a Laying  
Five Golden Rings  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two Turtle Doves  
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the ninth day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
Nine Ladies Dancing  
Eight Maids a Milking  
Seven Swans a Swimming  
Six Geese a Laying  
Five Golden Rings  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two Turtle Doves  
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the tenth day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
Ten Lords a Leaping  
Nine Ladies Dancing  
Eight Maids a Milking  
Seven Swans a Swimming  
Six Geese a Laying  
Five Golden Rings  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two Turtle Doves  
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the eleventh day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
Eleven Pipers Piping  
Ten Lords a Leaping  
Nine Ladies Dancing  
Eight Maids a Milking  
Seven Swans a Swimming  
Six Geese a Laying  
Five Golden Rings  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two Turtle Doves  
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the twelfth day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me:  
12 Drummers Drumming  
Eleven Pipers Piping  
Ten Lords a Leaping  
Nine Ladies Dancing  
Eight Maids a Milking  
Seven Swans a Swimming  
Six Geese a Laying  
Five Golden Rings  
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