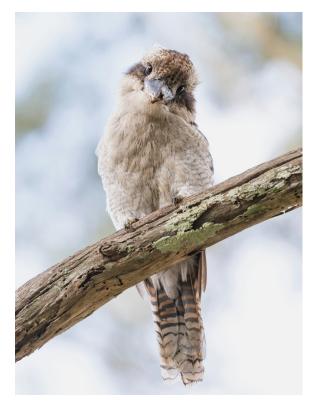
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What's on

What's on in February

Sunday, February 2nd Christingle Services

There will be Christingle services on Sunday, February 2nd, at St George's at 10am, and St Mark's at 11am. Come and learn about the symbolism of the Christingle and learn about Christ, the Light of the World.

(Note: There will be the usual Sung Communion Service at St Johns)

Tuesday February 4th—10:00 to 11:30 FREE Craft Café

FREE Craft Cafe run by Farnham Maltings at St George's. Come along and learn a new craft or bring your own.

It's every fortnight and absolutely free.

Wednesday, February 5th — 15:00 to 16:00 Contemplative Prayer

Our new weekly Contemplative Prayer group meets at St Mark's.
Please do join us to sit quietly before God.

Thursday, February 6th—10.30am-12pm. Coffee and Art and St Mark's

Join us for art and coffee (and cake) at St Mark's on the first and third Thursday of every month. No artistic skills needed!

Tuesday February 11th—10:00 to 11:30 Connections

A group for the over-50s meeting at St George's every fortnight. Just come along and enjoy a cup of coffee, some cake and various activities.

Wed'sday, February 12th —15:00 to 16:00 Contemplative Prayer

Our new weekly Contemplative Prayer group meets at St Mark's. Please do join us to sit quietly before God.

Thursday, February 13—10:00 to 12:00 St John's Thursday Café

Drop-in coffee morning taking place on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Sumner Room at 10am. There is tea, coffee, cake and biscuits and a chance to meet and chat with other people.

Friday, February 14th—19:00 to 22:00 Valentine's Day Parish Barn Dance

All dances will be 'called' and suitable for everyone to 'have a go'. Or just come along and enjoy the fabulous music by our band 'Dragon Scales'. Guest appearance by

Our regular church services are:

Every Sunday: 9.30am St John's;

10am St George's; and

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11am St Mark's.

Wednesday: 12pm St Mark's, Midweek Eucharist.

'Jackstraws Morris'.

BYO drinks & snacks. Donations towards church funds gratefully received.

Friday, February 14th—19:00 to 21:00 Friday Night Games Night

Join us for Friday Night Games at St Mark's. Meal, table tennis, games and lots of chat!

Tuesday February 18th—10:00 to 11:30 FREE Craft Café

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Wednesday, February 19th—15:00 to 16:00 Contemplative Prayer

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Thursday, February 20th—10.30am-12pm. Coffee and Art and St Mark's

Join us for art and coffee (and cake) at St Mark's on the first and third Thursday of every month. No artistic skills needed!

Monday February 24th — 17:00 CLOSING Date Farnham Poetry Comp

See details elsewhere in the magazine..

Tuesday February 25th —10:00 to 11:30 Connections

A group for the over-50s meeting at St George's every fortnight. Just come along and enjoy a cup of coffee, some cake and various activities.

Wednesday, February 26th—15:00 to 16:00 Contemplative Prayer

Our new weekly Contemplative Prayer group meets at St Mark's.
Please do join us to sit quietly before God.

Thursday, February 27—10:00 to 12:00 St John's Thursday Café

Drop-in coffee morning taking place on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Sumner Room at 10am. There is tea, coffee, cake and biscuits and a chance to meet and chat with other people.

Friday, February 28th—19:00 to 21:00 Friday Night Games Night

Join us for Friday Night Games at St Mark's. Meal, table tennis, games and lots of chat!

Parish Register

Baptisms

8th December at St George's Church— Hannan Janjuaa

Burials of Ashes—10 December in Badshot Lea Cemetery

Amanda Jennings and Joy Handy

Funerals

13 January at Basingstoke Crematorium Julian Parrott

Senior Clergy visiting the Parish

As part of their support of the parish during our extended vacancy, Bishops Paul and Andrew and Archdeacon Catharine will be presiding in the parish during the spring. To allow everyone to

see each of them we will be holding combined services with them.

26th Jan Bishop Paul @ St Mark's
 16th Feb Bishop Andrew @ St George's
 2nd Mar Archdeacon Catharine @
 St John's

From the ministry team

A Journey through Uncertainty

We are in a time of uncertainty. I guess every season has its uncertain times but 2025 seems especially difficult. I am writing this before the inauguration of Donald Trump as President of the United States of America, at a time when a shaky ceasefire has begun in Gaza, when the future in Syria is unknown, while war still rages in Ukraine and in more than 100 places around the world.

Nearer home, while we are more fortunate than many and live in relative calm and safety, we are always affected by global events and who knows what impact these will have. And we have our own uncertainties, some of them personal – perhaps health, employment, relationships or finances – or shared. What will happen in the parish? Who will become our incumbent and how much longer must we wait, a year after the post became vacant? I don't suppose many of us enjoy uncertainty. There are often times when I think: 'why can't it all be easy?', but I have to accept that it isn't. And I don't suppose I am alone in finding it a challenge to follow Jesus' instruction 'Do not worry about tomorrow' (Matthew 6: 34). If I don't worry about tomorrow, then how will.... You can no doubt fill in the blank for yourself. As I have pondered this over many years, a couple of things have slowly dawned on me. The first is that the present moment is all we have. This idea is nothing new, but I haven't been able to take it in until recently. But the past is past and the future hasn't



arrived yet, so all we have is now, so focus on the now.

The second is that I can't overcome my tendency to worry on my own or immediately. It takes time, prayer and practice. Moreover, I don't think the prayer 'God help me to stop worrying and learn to trust' is necessarily the way forward. It's a start, but the way we learn to trust someone is by getting to know them so that we can feel safe in their presence. That is the same with God. By getting to know God we learn that God is there in the uncertainty and that we can be safe. Bad stuff may happen still, but somehow it is not as bad because we aren't alone. Someone has it sorted, even if we can't exactly tell in what way. Someone has us.

How do we get to know God? By showing up. By asking. By waiting. By being still and saying 'I'm here God', and quietly focusing on the presence of God, who is in us and around us whatever we may think or feel. That's why we have started a contempla-

tive prayer group in the parish – on Wednesdays from 3-4pm at St Mark's – and I encourage you to come, or if you can't, to find out more about contemplative prayer yourself. It's also known as centering prayer. There are books about it – Thomas Merton wrote a famous one or try Richard Rohr's books – and websites. One good one is contemplativeoutreach.org.uk.

Learning to trust and not worry is a journey. May God bless us all on it.

Rev Stella Wiseman

Vacancy Update

Thank you for your patience as we work through the vacancy, doing our best with limited resources. The PCC and Standing Committee all feel that we would like to do better, but it is important that we remind ourselves that we have lost two 'full-time staff' from the team, so even doing the same is a significant achievement.

We had no applicants in the last round of advertising which closed in December. The reality is that there is a shortage of available Incumbents simply because fewer are being trained than retiring. This is not a new problem but it is getting worse.

We are doing a new round of advertising starting at the end of January, leading to interviews at the end of March. We continue to pray that the right person will come to us at the right time.

Now that it is clear that we are "in vacancy" for the long term, the PCC has spent some time in the autumn looking at how we will manage things in 2025 if the situation remains unchanged, which is distinctly possible.

We have come to a number of conclusions:

- We feel that we have the skills and energy to do so, although extra help is always appreciated.
- Stella must be given the time and space to finish her training.
- We will run a small number of combined Parish communion services through the year and transport will be provided if requested.
- The venues of combined services will move around the Parish, but we will be mindful of parking and access issues at St John's.

On the financial side there are a few key things to note:

- We have made a small surplus on the year against a budgeted small loss.
 This is due to the generosity in time and money of many people for which we are very grateful.
- 2025 has a couple of significant challenges in that we fall out of fixed price utility bills and will be hit by the price rises most of us have experienced domestically over recent years.
 Secondly we have lost a couple of significant donors during the year.
- Our budget for 2025 has been agreed with a small deficit.
- From February, in recognition of our being in vacancy for more than a year the month amount that we pay the diocese reduces by a small but significant amount. We are planning to use this windfall wisely.

Dave Walter, PCC Lay-Vice Chair

Prayer page



There is an Irish custom on

St Brigid's Day (1 February)

to make cross out of rushes

or reeds.

And this is said to be one of

her prayers

St Brigid's Prayer

I would like the angels of Heaven to be among us.

I would like an abundance of peace.

I would like full vessels of charity.

I would like rich treasures of mercy.

I would like cheerfulness to preside over all.

I would like Jesus to be present.

I would like the three Marys of illustrious renown to be with us.

I would like the friends of Heaven to be gathered around us from all parts.

I would like a great lake of beer for the King of Kings.

I would like to be watching Heaven's family drinking it through all eternity. Amen



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY



9am - 11am Mondays

St Mark's Community Centre
St Mark's Church
Upper Hale, Farnham GU9 0LT

Good condition clothing donations received.

All clothing for free to our community for personal use.



For donation drop-offs and enquiries please contact Rev'd Stella Wiseman 07842 761919

St John's Tower update

The St John's tower: another fundraising push

Like a beloved grandmother, St John's Church in Hale is beautiful, much-loved, but showing her age. In fact, she's just turned 180 so it isn't surprising.

It's her tower which is suffering the most and is in greatest need of repair and we are determined to do this, so ensuring that this historic centre of worship can stay open for many more years to come, and that the bell can once more ring to call people in Hale to services. (At the moment the bell is silent as vibrations from ringing it risk more damage to the tower).

Unfortunately, but inevitably, this will cost money - at least £30,000. We are applying for grants for this but also need to raise part of the money ourselves. We've already had some generous donations and thank you to everyone who has given money.

We've now opened a new fundraising page, this time with GoFundMe and invite everyone to give something - even a few pounds will make a difference. To do so visit www.gofundme.com/f/restoring-st-johns-bell-tower

St John's 12th Night Lunch

The 12th Night Lunch at St John's on a very chilly winter day, was very much enjoyed.

Hot, homemade soup went down well, followed by a variety of desserts.

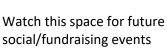
While enjoying tea and coffee, we were wonderfully en-

tertained with music from the Carrington family.

Our thanks go to them and all who helped and came along, braving the cold.

We raised £400 plus a £100 donation - towards the church tower restoration fund.

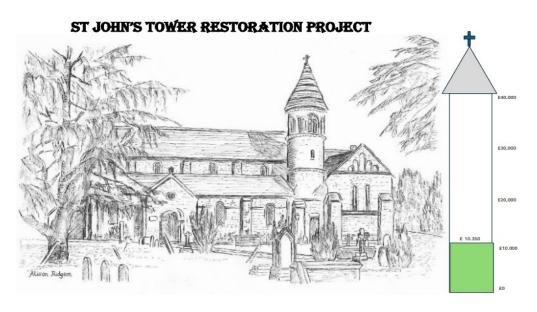
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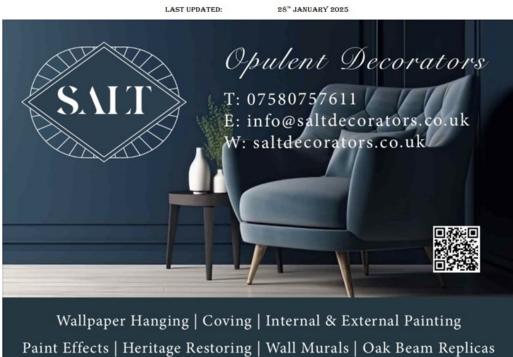






St John's Choir





Parish of Badshot Lea and Hale

Christingle Services Sunday 2nd February

Explore the symbolism of the Christingle

St George's Church 10am St Mark's Church 11am



Jesus is the Light of the World

Valentine Barn Dance St George's Church



Badshot Lea
Friday 14th Feb
7:00pm

Caller **Kris Lawrence**Great music by

Dragon Scales
to dance or just tap your
feet to

No entrance charge – just come and have fun! BYO Drinks & Snacks.

Guest appearance by **Jackstraws Morris**. Raffle.

Donations towards church funds welcome.



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Farnham Assist Regular Events

Pie & Pint Club

Gentlemen are invited to join this group for a hearty pub meal and conversation on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Monday of the month at 12.15pm:

1st Monday *The Royal Arms*172 Farnborough Road,
Heath End. GU9 9AX

2nd Monday The Six BellsGuildford Road,
Farnham, GU9 9QJ

3rd & 4th Monday Shepherd and Flock Moor Park Lane, GU9 9JB

Attendees choose from the menu and pay on the day, typically between £10.00 and £15.00.



Ladies Pub Lunch

Ladies meet at 12.15pm on the 4th Monday of the month at a local pub restaurant. (With the exception of May) Attendees choose from the menu and pay on the day, typically

Roast Lunches

We bring together older people living alone, or carers, for a traditional roast lunch at the weekends. Two options are available:

Farnham Memorial Hall West Street, Farnham, GU9 OQA

Sunday 12th January, 9th February, 9th March, 6th April, 11th May, 8th June at 1pm

£8 per person

for two courses and coffee.

Bethel Baptist Church Rushden Way, Upper Hale, GU9 OQA

Saturday 18th January, 15th February, 15th March, 12th April, 17th May, 14th June at 12.30pm

£8 per person for two courses and coffee.

We can help with transport to any of the above events with an additional charge of £3.50 per person. This must be organised at least one week in advance.

Should you wish to find out more or book for any of these events, in the first instance please contact the office on **01252 717710**.

Farnham Assist Regular Events

Knit 'N' Natter

The group generally meet on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month from 2.15pm - 3.45pm (excludes bank holidays) at The Memorial Hall, West Street, GU9 OQA. This friendly group offer friendship and support while enjoying knitting and a cup of tea or coffee.

Should you wish to find out more about this group, in the first instance please contact the office on **01252 717710**.



One to One

If you are housebound, living on your own and would welcome some company we will look to match you with a volunteer befriender who will visit on a weekly basis. Our 'One to One' Co-ordinator carefully matches clients with volunteers and all appropriate safety and security checks are made prior to any visit taking place.

Should you wish to find out more about having a 'One to One' befriender, in the first instance please contact the office on 01252 717710.

Special Church Services for Farnham ASSIST

Throughout the year we look to hold special services at churches in central Farnham.

We are planning a 'Daffodil Service' on Thursday 20th February and a special 'Easter Service' on Monday 14th April both at 3pm at Spire Church in central Farnham. These events are done in partnership with local churches.

We can help with transport if required. Should you wish to attend please contact the office on **01252 717710**.





The Badshot Leader January 2025

Editorial

Back in 1977 the original Badshot Leader was a regular news sheet, delivered to every house in Badshot Lea to publicise the work involved in building and developing the village hall. Several years ago, it was revived in a small way by the Badshot Lea Community Association to keep residents informed on planning developments and other local issues. The association committee, consisting of the regular few, are always looking for new members and would be pleased to hear from volunteers. Also, if you have any (non-party political) issues to raise, or an article to submit, please come forward. As there is currently a lull in major planning applications, this issue is mainly concerned with the local wildlife situation.

For over 50 years I have been researching and writing about the history of Badshot Lea. If you are interested in the subject, my three books on the village can be found on the Community Association website, under history. As I am getting near the end of my work, I have also collected all my other articles, photos and research sources and deposited bound copies in the Museum of Farnham and Surrey History Centre.

Maurice Hewins

Tice's Meadow affected by climate change.

One only has to look at the list of birds recently recorded at Tice's Meadow Nature Reserve to see that our avian population is rapidly changing in response to climate change. Species that rely on a niche or specialist diet or habitat are disappearing as they struggle to adapt to our changing climate, whilst opportunist species are moving in from southern Europe as our

climate warms.

This was in evidence in September when nine Cattle Egrets spent the day picking flies off of the cattle in the meadow. Cattle Egrets are a bird that was until recently most likely to be encountered in the Mediterranean, and only first bred in the UK in 2008 in Somerset. The count of nine was a new Surrey record count, and the birds delighted many local birdwatchers.



Cattle Egrets. Photo by Dina Burford.

With a warming climate comes increased and more intensive rainfall, and a wet 2024 has seen the main lake on the site reach the second-highest level recorded, with the bird hide under water for the whole year for the first time, and many paths flooded. Sadly, the islands designed for nesting gulls, terns and wildfowl have now been under water during the breeding season for the past five years. Every new local development appears to send its floodwaters to Tice's Meadow, so unfortunately the situation for breeding birds and visiting residents is only going to get worse.

Mark Elsoffer

Nature versus housing

Fifty years ago, the village pond was saved from being built on, and in the 1990s the village was up in arms about possible heavy lorries passing through when the gravel pits along the Blackwater Valley were announced. There had already been extensive sand extraction at Runfold. However, before gravel digging was allowed, the Blackwater Relief Road was pushed through. The Farnham bypass dual carriageway had already obliterated the old railway line and hump-back bridge at St George's Road, Runfold. New housing in the last ten years has swallowed up much former productive farmland, but on the credit side, it has been good to see new families moving in, with a high proportion of local families. The question is, what priority has gone into space for wild life and in particular biodiversity? Yes, we see plenty of deer, foxes and sparrows, but what about once-common frogs, slow worms, hedgehogs and red admiral butterflies.

Well, apart from the jewel in the crown, the nationally important Tice's Meadow, where the proximity of the Angling Society ponds is helpful to many bird species, what else has been achieved? There are well managed nature reserves at Rowhills, Runfold Woods and Weybourne Recreation Ground. Restoration of the massive sand pits at Runfold is almost complete, and wildlife is returning. Sheep now graze over your buried rubbish. Take a walk and see for yourselves.

Surrey County Council have also made excellent progress with re-wilding strips of land left over from road building, particularly behind Sainsburys and the cut off section of the old St George's Road. New native trees have been established, and leaving roadside verges to be cut until after flowering has created corridors for small mammals, and areas for seeds and insects to mature as food for birds to eat. The old orchard at Goslings Place has possibilities for sensitive management. Even the neglected land in developers' land banks can result in some useful re-wilding. It is not quite all bad news.

Maurice Hewins



The first volunteer working party at the pond 1978

The Village Pond

The village pond, originally known as Pepelespool (the people's pond) in the 1500s was probably constructed in the 14th century as a fish pond for the mediaeval house that once stood on the site that is now the Badshot Park play area and community orchard. The pond was surrounded by rough unimproved grassland, which was grazed by the commoners' livestock. The higher, betterdrained land was good for growing crops, while the wetter lands were used as meadow and for making hay. Sited to the west was Park Farm, which was sold in the 1960s for housing. Follow-

ing a campaign to save it the pond was taken over by Waverley Borough Council in the late 1970s.

Landscape

Whilst the surrounding landscape has witnessed a great deal of change over the last 100 years, the pond still retains some original rural characteristics, including the four veteran willow trees, reedbed habitat and a floating duck house has been added. Village ponds are, and always were, a landscape feature that fed, watered and sustained, remaining for centuries as a focal point.

Flora and fauna.

The pond contains a small area of reedbeds, although these would have been more extensive in the past. The pond provides refuge and homes for wildlife including common frogs and smooth newt, shoals of young fish and birds such as moorhens, ducks, and occasionally herons and kingfishers are seen. (Unfortunately, one of our resident geese was recently killed by vandals. Ed)

Part of the area round the pond is left uncut to encourage wildflowers, which provide sources of nectar for native invertebrates. Wildflower species include meadow buttercup, speedwell, oxeye daisy, ragged robin and germander speedwell. The small wooded area to the north of the pond provides suitable nesting sites for birds including tits, robins and wrens.

Nick Macfarlane. Waverley Countryside Warden

Sally's Tearoom

There's a delightful new café opened in Badshot Lea and a visit is highly recommended. You will find it in The Crown pub during the day. The Crown reverts to a pub in the evenings. From January the café will be open Tuesday to Friday, 10am-4pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

It is being run by Sally Dickinson whose family have lived in the Village for several generations. It has a cosy interior and friendly atmosphere. You can start the day with a tasty breakfast, or visit for something from the specials board for lunch. Besides this the most delicious cakes, with loose



leaf tea, or a cafetiere of coffee, are served all day. If you make a visit, you shouldn't be disappointed.

Judy Hewins

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS.

- "If you can't fly-climb."
- "Life is an opportunity for service, not as little as we dare, but as much as we can."—Dr. Westcott.
- "We must take things as we find them, but we must leave them better."—Edna Lyall.
- "Our grand business undoubtedly is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand."—Carlyle.

These are striking quotations, and I hope that we shall find some of them inspiring and helpful at the new year. One or more should appeal to everybody; even the first, which suggests that all can improve their manner of life, however bad their outward circumstances may be. Progress, onward and upward, should be the aim of everbody. To be indifferent on this point is fatal, and generally ends in a low standard of life. Many may have to contend with difficulties which others are quite free from, but all "can climb a little, even if they cannot fly."

The other quotations tell us how much we can all do to make at the world better, by living less for ourselves and more for other people. And if there are any who sometimes feel perplexed by the are facts of life, we must recollect that it is no use to dream all our time away in what we cannot understand, but to do what is clear and close to our hand, for this invigorates our character and drives away depression of mind.

The quotation from Bishop Westcott takes us to a higher level, for it reminds us of what our Christian profession involves. That every day we are trying to serve God, not as little as we dare, but as much as we can.



From the Parish Magazine 1905

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Poetry competition

United we... write poetry!

A poetry competition designed to unite us all

Calling all poets – beginners, experts and those who dabble from time to time. Get writing because the Farnham Poetry Competition is back again.

The competition, now in its fifth year (we started with a lockdown poetry competition in 2020), is run by the parish as part of the Farnham Literary Festival which takes place from March 6-16.

The 2025 poetry competition has the theme of Unity/Being Together and entrants are asked to write a poem about what unites people or what they wish would unite people, or what it means to be together.

There are four age categories this year: up to age seven, eights to 11s, 12s to 16s, and over 16s. Poems should be sent to poetry@badshotleaandhale.org or to St Mark's Church and Community Centre, Alma Lane, Farnham, GU9 0LT to arrive by 5pm on Monday, February 24.



Please include your name separately from your entry and, if entering the 16 and younger categories, add your age to the bottom of your poem.

The children's poetry competition is being judged by popular children's poet and author Coral Rumble, and the

adult one by poet Linda Daruvala. The competition is free to enter and there will be prizes for the first prize-winners and runners-up in all the categories. The winners will be announced at the poetry final evening on Saturday, March 15, at St Mark's Church, Upper Hale, at 5pm, when there will also be an open mic for anyone to share their poetry, and the two judges will also perform their work.

Entries should include name, contact details and age, if entering the 16 and under categories, but the name should not be written on the actual poem. There will be winners and runners-up in all categories and these will be announced at the awards ceremony and open mic on March 15.



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Pollinator Patch with Juliet from Hive Helpers



A little Aussie sunshine!

The last time I put pen to paper for this magazine, I was just about to head for sunnier climes to visit my sister in Australia. As I was also looking for bees (!), I thought a little digression from my usual ramblings might bring some muchneeded sunshine into your lives!

Lovely though it was to see sunshine and blue skies every day, after our wet spring and wetter summer, I was initially disappointed not to see more bees, given that there are over 2.000 native bees in Australia! There were, of course, honey bees (the European variety (Apis mellifera) doing a great job of pollinating crops in this vast country), but no bumblebees on the mainland (the European bumblebee (Bombus terrestris) only being found in Tasmania). I didn't see any other bees in and around where my sister lives on the Northern Beaches of Sydney (ok, it's a big country!). Things got better when I went to lunch at a friend's house, and after listening to me

drone on about the many varieties of wild pollinators which visited my garden back home, she said the magic words: "Would you like to see our bees?" But these bees were unlike any bees I'd ever seen - more like a swarm of angry flying ants! They were harmless though, being native stingless bees (Tetragonula), tiny social bees which live in colonies like honey bees and produce small quantities of a tangy honey called 'sugarbag'. They were living in a small hive given to our friend, and we found another free-living colony in a nearby tree stump. Once I got my eye in, I saw many more stingless bees on my travels.



Peacock carpenter bee (c) Tony Bush (CC BY-NC)

I had to wait until we visited my sister's small farm further north, some five-hours drive from Sydney, before I found my next bee, the beautiful peacock carpenter bee (*Xylocopa*

bombylans), one of

the largest and most spectacular of Australia's native bees. We heard it first, a deep droning noise like a bluebottle, and then we saw it on a yellow flower, a jewel of an insect. The flower looked a bit like *Hypericum* but was in fact *Hibbertia scandens*, a sprawling climber.

I was keen to find the common bluebanded bee (*Amegilla cingulata*), a lovely bee with its vivid iridescent

blue stripes, apparently a regular visitor to gardens in Sydney, but I saw my first one in the Northern Tablelands,



Blue-banded bee (c) Dianne Clarke (CC BY-NC)

close to the Queensland border. They are easy to spot but are never still! The blue-banded bee was voted Australian bee of the year whilst I was there, during Australian Pollinator Week, which raises awareness of the importance of pollinators for food production. The main focus is on honey bees, but they also highlight the importance of native bees as pollinators, with less reliance on imported bees.

Pollinator plant of the month – snowdrop

Back in our colder climes, the snow-drop (*Galanthus nivalis*) is one of the first flowers to bravely show its head in the chilly month of Febru-

ary. We inherited the snowdrops in our garden and they have spread everywhere over the years, sometimes naturally, but we also divided them to plant out in other parts of the garden and gave them away 'in the green' by the bagful!

Galanthophiles (snowdrop collectors) pay big money to secure special varieties, but I am happy with our plucky common ones which never fail to delight in the depths of winter. They are a useful source of nectar and pollen for early flying pollinators.

February plants for pollinators

Crocus, too, are very early-flowering so good for early pollinators - the lovely pale lilac species *crocus tom-masinianus* is the best to plant and will spread naturally.

Goat willow, or pussy willow (Salix caprea) is a top attraction in February; its furry catkins not only contain nectar, but masses of pollen which you will see as the male catkins turn from silvery-grey to bright yellow. A magnet for huge queen bumblebees and some early solitary bees.

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The Church Cat

Taking the Plunge

@Churchcatblah

I have taken the plunge. I have decided to join the world of social media. I felt that more people out there need to benefit from my pearls of wisdom (don't give me that look, Curate!) so I have created an Instagram profile.

I am Sprout the Cat, @thechurchcatblah and I aim to become a top influencer, at least of my humans who need to step up with some decent meals. Maybe I will be named one of the 'Top 20 bad*** grandmas on Instagram'. Yes, such lists exist. As a cat I watch you humans with detached amusement - unless I want something – and I have noticed just how easy it is for you to get riled up. You should see the Curate sometimes. Social media is the place where much of the riling goes on. It's full of people with strong opinions and not necessarily a lot of facts. Plus ca change, eh. But it is all amplified on social media as the normal filters aren't there so people say things they'd never dare say to another's face. Plus you don't get to see facial expressions or hear tones of voice.

So why am I joining, you ask? There are a few reasons really. The first is that social media is here to stay and plenty of people receive their information from it, so if you want to share information you'd better join in. The second is that I can listen to all sorts of opinions, not just those of intelligent cats like I am. Why, I'm even following a few... dare I say it.... dogs. One of them is called Sprout, just like I am, so I need to keep an eye on him. I'm not big on empathy, being a cat and all that, but if I listen to other opinions I might at least learn something. And, of course, I can teach them a thing or too as well.



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