

“Awake, awake, come shout and sing” Hampshire Carols Day

Come and join a special workshop day for singers and instrumentalists to learn, sing and play carols from Hampshire.

Saturday 14th November 2026 09:30 – 16:00

The Warren Centre, Micheldever Station, SO21 3AR

The Warren Centre is an easy short walk from Micheldever Station, which is a local station on the Weymouth to Waterloo main line, served by stopping trains. It is near to the M3, A34 and A303. There is a large car park at the hall.

Researches by Sarah Lewin, Linda Champ, Ros Clements and Mike Bailey have identified about 100 carols in manuscripts from Nether Wallop, Eversley, Hannington, Portsmouth, Southsea, Winchester, the Candovers and more. Many of these date from the 18th and early 19th centuries, and were sung in harmony.

George Gardiner in the early 1900s collected melodies from the singing of people in the New Forest, Twyford (Winchester), Portsmouth workhouse, St Denys (Southampton) and more. His collection is now in the Vaughan Williams Music Library and thanks to the English Folk Dance and Song Society is online for all to see. We have been able to connect some of these with harmonised manuscript and printed sources.

The anthology will contain more carols than we can fit into the day. We might run another such day if there is a demand. You are welcome to sing these carols elsewhere, acknowledging The Madding Crowd, but not for profit.

Doors open 09:30. Welcome with tea/coffee/biscuits

Morning 10:00 – 12:30 with a break

Lunch: Bring your own food. Tea & coffee will be available.

No alcohol in the Warren Centre, but the The Dove is just across the road.

Afternoon 13:30 – 16:00 with a break

Cost: £15 to include refreshments and a substantial anthology of carols to keep and use with your choir or friends.

Booking and more details:

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