

## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2020



### MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!

Here is our Christmas newsletter and it is full of activities for you to do including colouring pages, a lovely Christmas biscuit recipe for you to make and a sheet of decoration shapes for you to cut out, decorate and put on your tree.

We hope you have lots of fun making them and please take some photos and send them to us, as we would love to see your work!

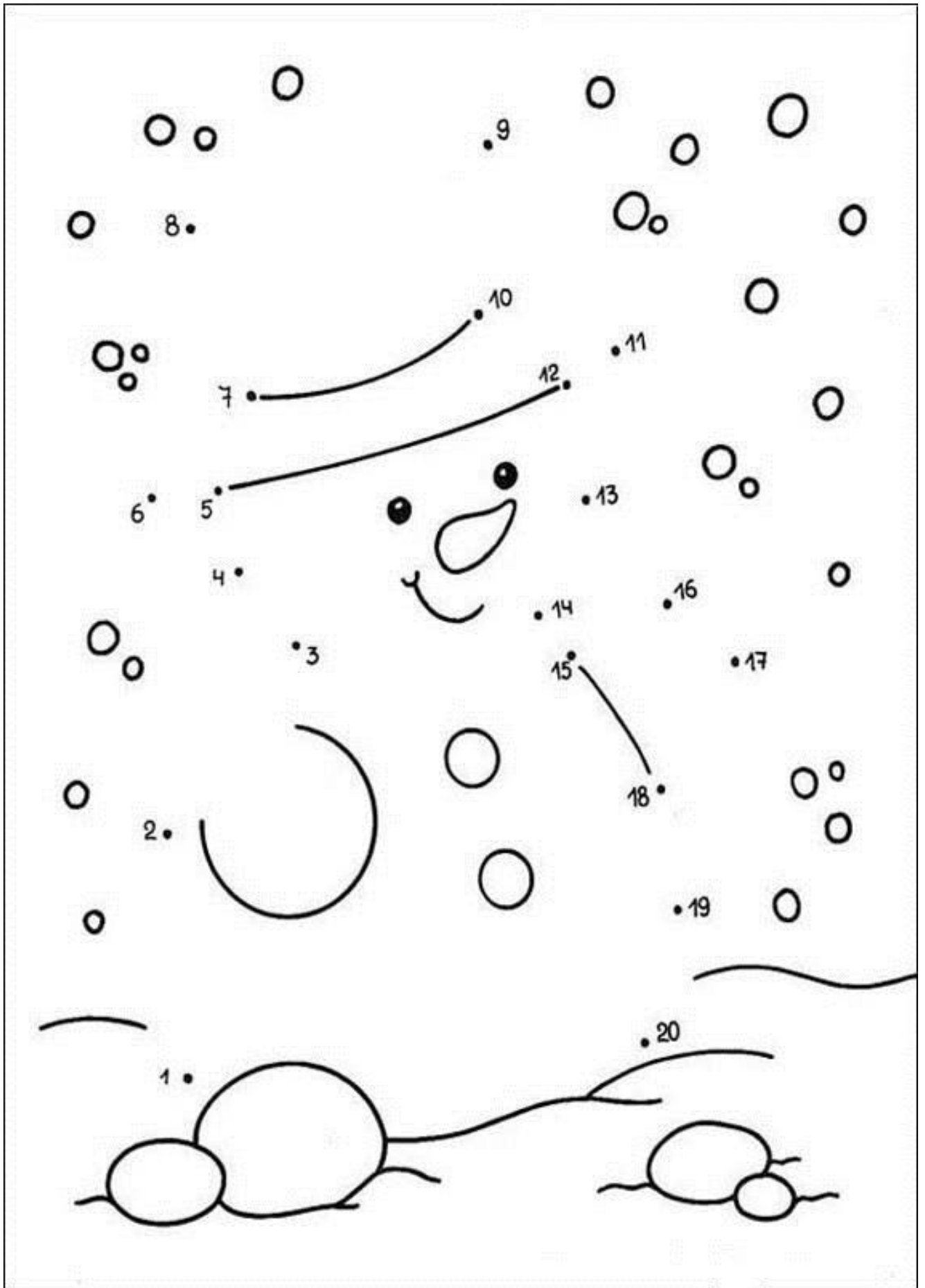
It has been a strange year hasn't it? We know that many of you have been in Lockdown because of COVID-19, but we hope that you will be able to see some of your family and friends at Christmas time and that you have lots of fun.

It has been wonderful to see some of you at the weekly Zoom meetings, where you have joined us for interactive quizzes, music and dance, as well as having lots of jokes and laughter. We really hope that we will be able to get back together again for our club night sessions sometime next year - fingers crossed!

**We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to the wonderful volunteers who have joined in with all of the Lockdown Zoom sessions. It has been terrific for the members to see you all taking part and has only added to their sense of wellbeing and enjoyment, to be able to have that contact with you during such difficult times. THANK YOU all so very much Paul, Layla, Lucy, Faith, Megan, Recep, John and Lorna!!!!**

Lastly, thank you to everyone who sent in their wonderful photos for the 2021 calendar. We hope you enjoy seeing them all when your calendar arrives. It really is beautiful!!







## Jokes Jokes Jokes!!!



What do monkeys sing at Christmas? **Jungle Bells, Jungle Bells!!!!**

Who gives puppies at Christmas? **Santa Paws!!!!**

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas? **Santa Jaws!!!!**

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? **A mince spy!!!!**

What is white and goes up? **A confused snowflake!!!!**

What goes Ho Ho whoosh, Ho Ho whoosh? **Santa caught in a revolving door!!!!**

What did Santa say to Mrs Claus when he looked out of the window?

**It looks like reindeer!!**

What happens if you eat too many Christmas Tree decorations?  
**You get Tinsel-it is!!!**





## OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

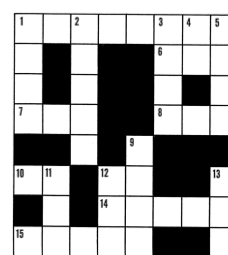
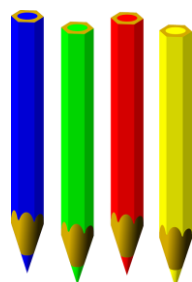
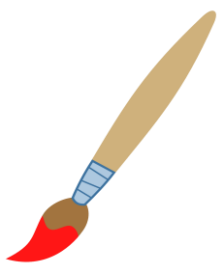


Have you been looking at our Bath Gateway Out & About Facebook Page? No??!! Why not??!!

Every week Barry puts lots of information on our Facebook page to let you know what will be happening at the Zoom meetings that week. We also take lots of pictures of the Zoom meetings and post them on Facebook afterwards, so that you can see yourselves and all of your friends. Please like the page and use Facebook to see what everyone is up to and keep in touch with us all at Bath Gateway Out and About!! We are looking forward to seeing you there!! You can get on to it with the link below:

[www.facebook.com/Bath-Gateway-Out-and-About-297355700455247/](https://www.facebook.com/Bath-Gateway-Out-and-About-297355700455247/)

## Mencap Website - Keep Busy During COVID-19!!



We just wanted to remind you about the Mencap Website which has a “Keep Busy During COVID-19” page with lots of resources and activities for you to do.

There are planners and timetables to organise your week and fun activities to do and make if you are feeling bored. There is also lots of helpful advice about how to stay safe and well whilst the Covid-19 virus is still affecting us.

This is the link:

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-ways-keep-busy>

# Christmas Biscuit Recipe

Get your Christmas biscuit cutters out for this one and send us a photo of your biscuits!!



## Ingredients

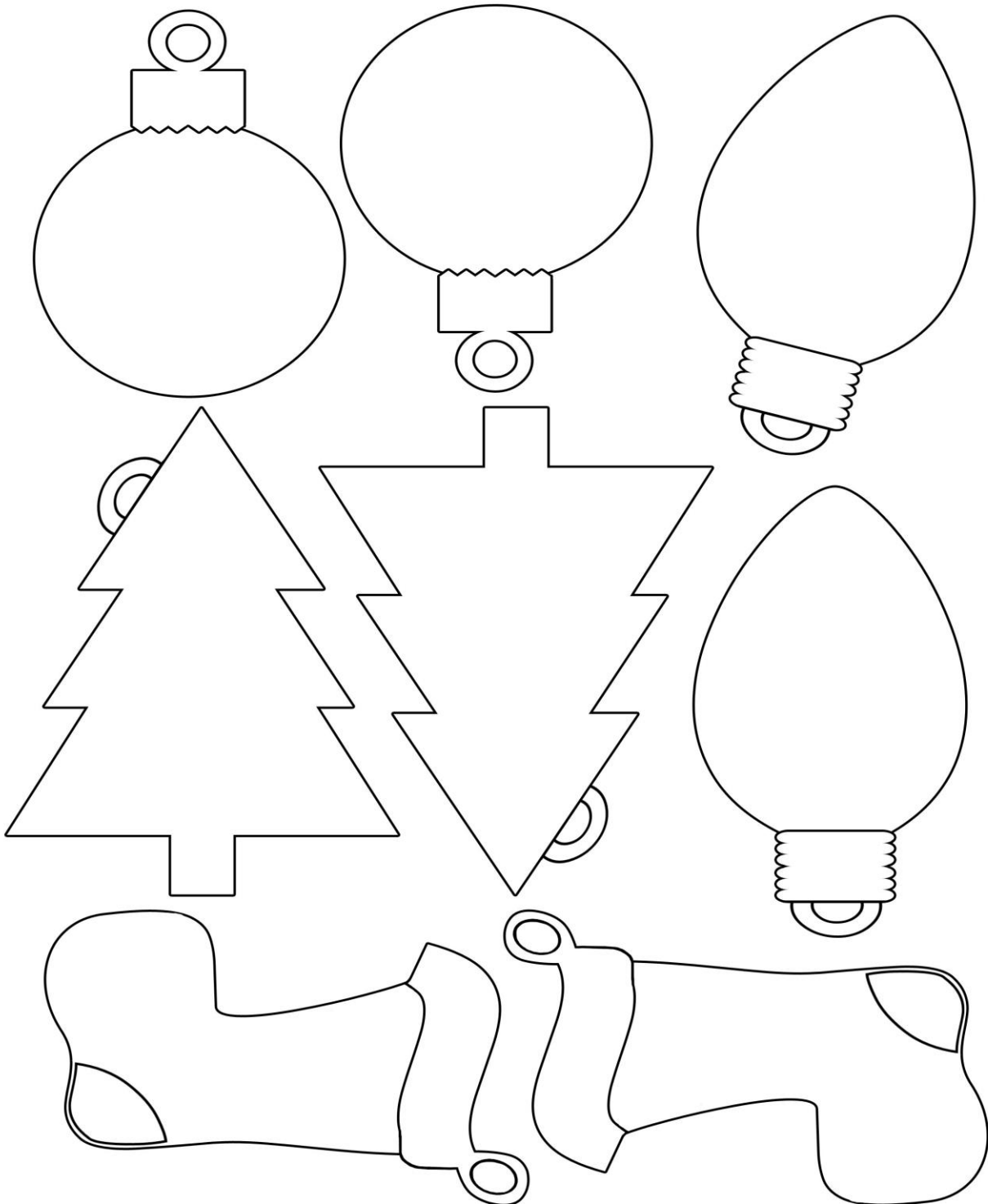
- 470g plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 225g butter or cooking margarine
- 300g caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

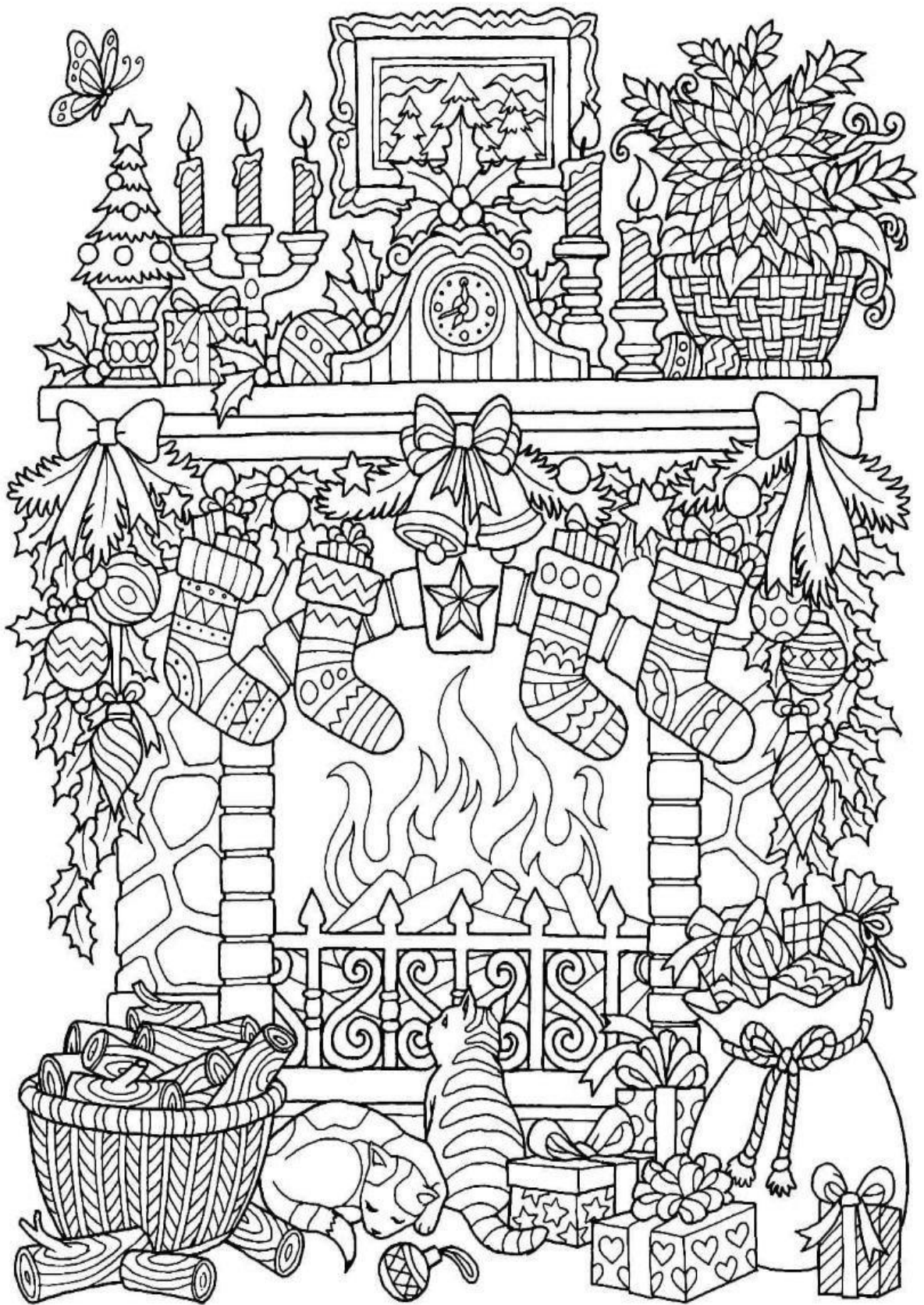
## Method

1. Preheat oven to 200 C / Gas 6 and lightly grease two baking trays or line with parchment.
2. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together; set aside.
3. In a large bowl, cream together the butter or margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Gradually blend in the sifted flour until evenly mixed. Cover dough and refrigerate for 2 hours.
4. On a floured surface, roll out portions of dough to 5mm thickness. Cut out a tree shape using a knife or use a variety of Christmas biscuit cutters. If you are going to hang some of your biscuits on your Christmas tree, make sure you cut a small hole in them before they go in the oven!
5. Bake for 6 to 8 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are golden brown. Transfer from baking tray to wire cooling racks. Decorate with icing when completely cool.

## Make your own Christmas Tree Decorations

1. Print this page
2. Use a glue stick to stick it onto a piece of cardboard. You could use the side of a cereal box.
3. When the glue has dried, carefully cut around the shapes and make a hole at the top for hanging your decorations
4. Thread a piece of string, cotton, or wool through the hole
5. Decorate them to make them as colourful and sparkly as possible
6. Hang them on the tree!





# Christmas Shopping Online with Amazon Smile

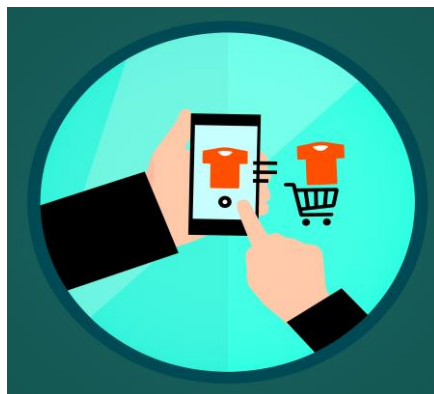


You may already know that each time you buy something on Amazon, you can make a donation to Bath Gateway Out and About, by shopping on AmazonSmile.

Simply shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1135771-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1135771-0) (put this in your browser) or with AmazonSmile **ON** in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to Bath Gateway Out & About.

So, if you are planning some Christmas Amazon purchases; shop on AmazonSmile and AmazonSmile will donate to Bath Gateway Out and About at no cost to you.

**Thank you for thinking of us!!**



## Donations and Subscriptions to the Club

Following Becky's email about donating to the club during the current COVID-19 restrictions, if you would like to make a donation, please follow the instructions given below. **In addition to making a one-off donation, you can also set up a monthly direct debit to provide a regular amount that really helps us plan for the future.** If you would like to donate, you can do this via one our charity sites online; the links are listed below, and you just have to click on them:



<https://localgiving.org/charity/gatewayoutandabout/>



<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/charity?charityId=1008807>



<https://www.facebook.com/Bath-Gateway-Out-and-About-297355700455247/> (click Donate button near top of page)

Or you can send a cheque made payable to Bath Gateway Out and About, to Becky at the address on the last page of this newsletter. As we said in the last Newsletter; other clubs have continued to collect subscriptions during COVID-19 and several people within our clubs had suggested that we should be doing the same. However, it is of course up to you to decide how you would like to respond and what you feel is appropriate.

## Weekly Zoom Meetings

We hope to see Paul back in his role as 2nd Club Leader for the 2nd Wednesday Club on Zoom at the beginning of December.

In the meantime, if you want to know what we have planned for upcoming sessions, check out our Facebook page which is updated weekly.



**Finally, we would like to wish everybody an extremely wonderful Christmas, and our very best wishes to you all for 2021!**



Don't forget to keep in touch with our Facebook Page. Search for us and give us a like to join in with the chat and to share your photos.

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