

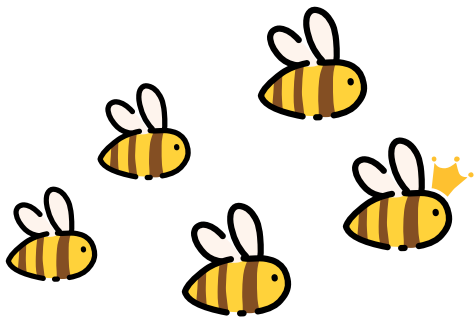
We
wish
you
a
Merry
Christmas

u3a
Barnsley & District

Happy
New Year

This is a Christmas and New Year Special Edition designed to offer a bit of relaxation over the festive period.

This is a message for all members of Barnsley & District u3a. Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 5th January 2026 at the Priory Campus Lundwood 1.30 - 3.00pm



**Our speaker is
James Ellson.**



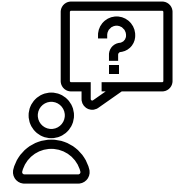
Apple trees, honey bees and humans.

James Ellson is a writer, smallholder, and speaker.

He lives in the Peak District, with bees and 90 varieties of apples on his smallholding.

Throughout the newsletter there will be a word repeated several times. Find the word!

Christmas Quiz 1
Answers at end of newsletter



1. Which country is credited with starting the tradition of the Christmas tree?
A) France B) United States C) Norway D) Germany

2. In the song The Twelve Days of Christmas, how many gifts are given in total?
A) 78 B) 364 C) 212 D) 144

3. Which reindeer's name begins with the letter V?
A) Velvet B) Vixen C) Vlad D) Victor

4. What is traditionally hidden inside a special Christmas pudding?
A) A wish note B) A silver coin C) A small toy D) A sprig of holly

5. Which special plant is commonly used as a Christmas decoration and is associated with kissing?
A) Poinsettia B) Mistletoe C) Ivy D) Holly

6. What is the name of the ballet traditionally performed at Christmas?
A) Swan Lake B) The Nutcracker C) Sleeping Beauty D) Giselle

7. In Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, what is the name of Scrooge's deceased business partner?
A) Jacob Marley B) Bob Cratchit C) Tiny Tim D) Fezziwig

8. Which country is famous for the tradition of the "Yule Goat"?
A) Sweden B) Finland C) Denmark D) Norway

9. What red plant is often used as a Christmas decoration and originates from Mexico?
A) Holly B) Poinsettia C) Amaryllis D) Rose

10. In the film Home Alone where are the McCallisters going on holiday when Kevin is left behind?
A) London B) Paris C) Rome D) New York

(If you really want to know what a Yule Goat is go to the end of the newsletter?)



Ceilidh (Special
Advance Notice)
The Rhythm Chaps
7th March 2026
Gilroyd Social Club
Tickets on sale from
January Monthly
meeting

Day trip to Lincoln

24th March

£23.00 on sale at Monthly meeting from 5th
January

Optional trip to *Aviation Museum* £10.50

**Spotlight 1 on Members' Special Christmas Traditions
and Memories**

*Christmas did not start until Jim Reeves 12 songs for Christmas
was played. Still play it today! (VO)*

*Midnight Mass - exciting to stay up that late and always expected to
see Santa and reindeers in the sky. The chat to friends after Mass
(PB)*

*Salvation Army brass band playing carols in town on a Saturday
afternoon. Christmas was then started ! (BS)*



Past Buzz 1 Special Thoughts: Winter

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it into a fruit salad



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Buzz Winter 2018***



**Spotlight 2 on Members Special
Christmas traditions and
memories.**



Most of us associate holly with Christmas, the red berries offset against strong green foliage being especially striking when many trees are bare and when there is snow or frost.

As a child, I recall every picture frame and pelmet being decorated with holly and its seasonal companion, ivy, by my father. He would assiduously walk what we called ‘the back road’ and gather them from the hedgerows. ‘The back road’ is now a busy route to Malahide Castle & Gardens, one of the must-see attractions for visitors to Dublin with coaches from Dublin city centre and a seasonal road train taking passengers from the nearby town centre of Malahide, which was in my childhood a small village and the castle the very very private residence of Lord Talbot. The Talbots of Malahide are a branch of the same family who owned Monk Bretton Priory for several centuries after the dissolution of the monasteries. It is funny how there are little odd coincidences in life – baby Niall never thinking he’d end up in Barnsley with historic echoes of the same landed family of my childhood. By the way, the road train (called Toots) is a summertime thing but the Castle demesne is a 365 destination. Their Christmas light experience will set you back 22 euros and if you so much as remove one bit of holly you will be thrown out on the spot! (NC)

Past Buzz Special 2 Winter 2017 Quiz: Where am I in Barnsley?



Unscramble the letters to name the areas of Barnsley.

Answers on the last page of the Newsletter

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| 1. WOODRHDT | 2. REDYNAK | 3. RIFTOOTAS |
| 4. GONESKINT | 5. MOGROOP | 6. DRELFALD |
| 7. TROONSY | 8. LLEMPALPEW | 9. AHYDOL |
| 10. EWNDELOG | 11. WOLLDREB | 12. THAWRONC |
| 13. BROKEROD | 14. HISSEMIT | 15. OPHEGMIRRET |
| 16. SONNWTIPE | 17. TROLCAN | 18. DUTCHROW |
| 19. SCARSTIONS | 20. SKINTOLES | |

Past Buzz Special 3 Winter 2004

A few things to ponder over the Christmas period:

How do you know when sour cream has gone off?

What's another name for thesaurus ?

What happens if you get scared to death twice?

If people dream in colour, is it just a pigment of their imagination?



Spotlight 3 on Members' Special Christmas Traditions and Memories



As a small child my mum, who was Burmese and brought up in a Catholic orphanage in Kolkata, was very traditional about Christmas and loved Midnight Mass. I remember being dressed up in a beautiful dress and coat from old army blankets she would make especially for me and my sister for Christmas Eve. She embellished the coats with colours of Mary and Christmas - blues, creams and reds with lace rounded embroidered collars. Still a favourite of mine. We would walk on a crisp night to meet the nuns and a very old special lady named Assumpta at Redcote Convent who befriended her when she arrived lonely in Southampton. We would sing hymns at church and my favourite was O' Little Town of Bethlehem as a child. I always remember coming out of church and looking up to see the bright stars and searching to see the brightest that would guide Mary. It is very poignant that the same hymn is so special today as my mother went to do voluntary work in Bethlehem and is buried there.(AH)

Past Buzz Special 4 Winter 2006/2021

Crack(er)ing jokes

Who hides in a bakery at Christmas? A mince spy

What d you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinsillitis

What is Rudolph's favourite day of the year? Red nose day

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? I t's Christmas , Eve!

I got home from Christmas shopping and found all the doors and windows open and everything gone. Who would do that to my advent calendar?

A man walked into Barnsley library and asked for a book on "pantomimes". The librarian said "It's behind you".

Past Buzz Special 5 Winter 2015

10 Reasons why English is weird

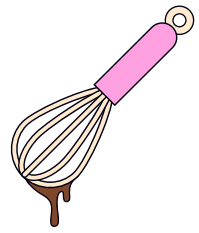


- 1. *The bandage was wound around the wound.***
- 2. *The farm was used to produce produce.***
- 3. *The dump was so full that it had to refuse refuse.***
- 4. *We must polish the Polish furniture.***
- 5. *He could lead if he could get the lead out.***
- 6. *The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.***
- 7. *Since there is no time like the present she thought it was time to present the present.***
- 8. *A bass was painted above the head of the bass drum.***
- 9. *When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.***
- 10. *I did not object to the object.***

Spotlight 4 on Special Members' Christmas Traditions and Memories



When I was a child, Christmas day was just another working day. The family waited for Dad to come home from the pit to show him our presents! The really poor family at the end of our street being visited by the Sally Army benevolent people. Scotland did not have religious holidays- the shops were all open- a million years ago! (JC)



**Past Buzz Special 6 Winter 2021
Cookery Corner
Whisky Christmas Cake**

If you haven't already made your Christmas cake try this:

***1 cup butter 4 large eggs 1 cup dried fruit
lemon juice nuts 1 bottle whisky 1 cup sugar
1 tsp baking soda 1 tsp salt***

Sample the whisky to test for quality. Take a large bowl. Check the whisky again to absolutely sure it is of the highest quality.

Pour a level cup and drink. Repeat.

Turn on the electric mixer, beat 1 cup butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one spoontea of baking soda and beat again. Make sure whisky is still OK.

Cry another tup and turn off the mixer.

Break 2 legs and add to the bowl, then chuck in the dried fruit.

Mix on the turner. If the fruit gets stuck to the beaters, prise it off with a screwdriver.

Sample the whiccisky again to check tonsistency. Now sift tro cups of salt or something, who cares? Check the whisky again.

Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts.

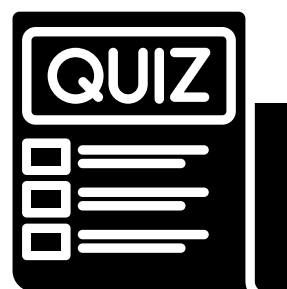
Add 1 babblespoon of brown sugar, or what ever colour you can find. Wix mell. Grease the oven and turn the cakepan on up to 250 gredees. Throw the bowl out the window.

**Check the wiksy again and bo to ged
(Ken Brown The Buzz Winter 2021)**

Past Buzz Special 7

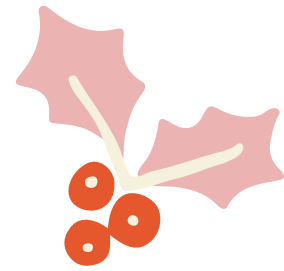
Christmas Quiz Winter 2014

Answers at the end of the newsletter



- 1. What is the chemical formula for snow?**
- 2. US President Franklin Peirce introduced what to the White House?**
- 3. Which charity in 1949 was the first to produce a Christmas card?**
- 4. What red blooming Christmas plant came originally from Mexico?**
- 5. Which famous comedy double act partner made the first ever UK mobile phone call on New Year's Day 1985?**
- 6. White Christmas, a cake made of coconut, crisped rice and dried fruit, is popular in which country?**
- 7. Choirboy Peter Auty sang the film version of which song later recorded as a hit by Aled Jones?**
- 8. What creature, noted for feeding on its berries, is linked by its name to the mistletoe plant?**
- 9. What is the birth sign of people born on 25th December?**
- 10. Which poem written Clement Moore was originally titled A Visit from Saint Nicholas?**
- 11. Christmas Crackers was the first Christmas edition of which popular UK comedy series?**
- 12. Which hugely popular actor was born on Christmas Day 1899?**
- 13. What is a baby turkey more correctly called, other a chick?**
- 14. What Christmas-time song did James Pierrepont compose in 1857?**
- 15. What is the title of the biggest selling Christmas single, globally?**
- 16. What Christmas item takes its name from the old French word, estincelle, meaning spark?**
- 17. Before the tradition of hanging stocking up at Christmas, what did Dutch children hang by the fireside**
- 18. Who wrote the songs for the 1954 film White Christmas?**
- 19. In the song The 12 days of Christmas, how many pipers are there?**
- 20. What did Scottish students take from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1950?**

Spotlight 5 on Members' Special Traditions and Memories



Santa's letters thrown into the fire so that the fairies could take them to Santa.

Christmas Tree - always just real one and always with the same decorations every year.

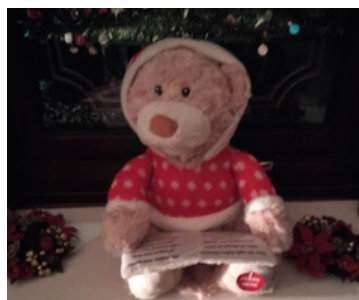
On Christmas Eve: Dad's socks placed at the end of our beds for nuts, tangerines and chocolate coins for when we woke up and pillowcases under the tree for the main presents.

Mince pie, sherry left for Santa and carrot for Rudolf left on the table.

Christmas morning: "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas" by Bing Crosby playing on the record player whilst we opened our main presents under the tree.

Traditional Christmas dinner.(CO)

As a child I was bought a little book with the poem Twas the Night before Christmas. I read it until I learned it. This was my go to party piece. My husband even bought me a bear and when you squeeze his hand he recites it. Even now as an oldie it is still part of my Christmas ritual.(CW)



**Just a few photos of the winter season
Everything still looks beautiful although
shouldn't that bee be hibernating?**





Some Bu3a Information

The YAHR summer school is open for bookings

The Yorkshire and Humber Region u3a Summer School embodies the u3a Learn, Laugh, Live motto. It will be held at Hawkhill near Thirsk from the afternoon of Monday August 24th to the lunchtime of Thursday 27th. Details are on the Yorkshire and Humber Region u3a website and booking is now open. Two of the courses are being run by Bu3a members.

There are ten courses to choose from offering a wide variety of topics across science, arts, language and culture. There is Britain of the 1960s through speeches, art and culture, crime fiction from Sherlock to Vera, improvised drama, fungi and lichens, hands on geology, conversational Spanish, the changing English language, outdoor painting and sketching and stained glass in English Churches.

This year's school will likely prove as popular as previous years with demand for some courses expected to exceed places available, so do check the YAHR website for details and book early.

Spotlight 6 on Members ' Special Traditions and Memories



This time of the year I remember our Christmas tree with lighted candles. We always went to the market square on Christmas Eve and bought the tree. Set it up in the same place next to the piano and clipped the candle holders to the branches slotted in the candles and lit them from the fire with a 'spill' from the shiny brass holders on the mantelpiece. It's a lovely warm and cosy memory. (JE)

I so remember every year at school and at home making yards and yards of paper chains for decorations. We were wondering why this was a yearly thing, why weren't they kept, but they were probably so dirty from constant coal fires and cigarette smoke (At home).

At school it probably kept a school full of kids quiet!! (VL)



It is my birthday on Christmas Eve and it is my cousins on Boxing Day, so our Christmas parties lasted for three days. (SR)



A Christmas Poem for Darfield Museum

The snow was falling on the museum roof,
If you listened closely, you may hear the stomp of a
hoof
The Volunteers were all tucked up safe in their beds,
In cosy pyjamas and night caps on their heads
The Christmas tree was up, lights all a-glistening
Tiny mouse in the skirting, little paws a-skittering
Soft sounds of carolling floated on the night air,
But no one saw the jolly man all in red standing there
He smiled when he saw all the work that had been
done,
Decorations and mince pies, and for him a delicious
bun,
He ate it with relish and gave a contented sigh,
Then took up the reins and flew off into the sky
With just the soft jingle of a reindeer bell
And in the museum, all was well
'Merry Christmas to all', he called out and 'Be of good
cheer',
'Well done all the Volunteers – I will call again next
year!'

**Winner of the Maurice Dobson Library Competition
Susan Wilson (age 70 and 11 months)**



The u3a “Very Scientific” Christmas Quiz

A little bit tongue in cheek!

Q: If you walk into a room and forget why you're there, what should you do?

A: Join the u3a memory group in January.

Q: Is it acceptable to nap during the Christmas film?

A: Yes. Consider it practical homework for the u3a relaxation group.

Q: How many times can you mention that Quality Street tins were definitely bigger in the 80s and more purple ones?

A: As often as you like. It counts as u3a oral history.

Q: If you've eaten all the good chocolates, what should you do?

A: Hide the evidence. Then let the u3a forensics group investigate.

Q: Does turning the TV up several notches count as exercise?

A: Certainly. Excellent wrist and hand training for active u3a members.

Q: Should you leave the sofa on Christmas Day?

A: Only if the kettle, chocolates, or loo call you. This is elite u3a time management.

Q: Is beginning a sentence with “Back in my day...” allowed?

A: Yes. It's valuable intergenerational u3a outreach.

Q: How many Christmas jumpers is too many?

A: According to u3a guidelines there is no upper limit.

Q: Is a sausage roll a balanced Christmas Day meal?

A: Absolutely. Especially when paired with a u3a approved mince pie.

Q: Is dancing in the kitchen while cooking scientifically proven to improve flavour?

A: Yes. The u3a dance group has confirmed it.

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Spotlight 7 on Members' Special Traditions and Memories

I am fascinated by Memory; Melvin Bragg has an episode of In Our Time on it: “Is it a repository of events waiting to be plucked to consciousness?”

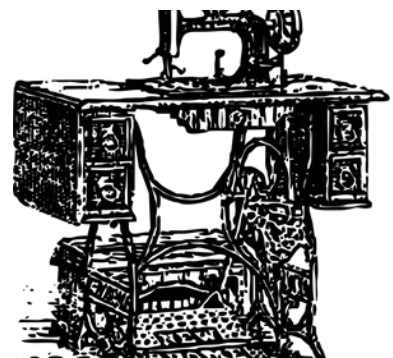
There’s no doubt that when two people pluck the same event into consciousness the story can be subtly or widely different. My first memory is a Christmas memory that my elder sister tells me is mistaken. Her story of the event is different, this is mine.

I’m a couple of months before my third birthday, the time is December 1943 and perhaps bombs are still falling on Manchester, the city of my birth. My grandmother had won a turkey raffle; not an actual turkey but the option to buy a turkey from the Co-op butcher. The family must have scraped together the money because there was a turkey for dinner that Christmas and, plucked like the turkey, it is stuffed into my consciousness because I, in the age of the terrible twos, had a tantrum and was chastised for it.

The kitchen must have been full of delicious aroma and talk of how to share the rare delight.

Mam, bringing the small child into the conversation, “Grandma can have a leg and so can Grandad.”

That must be good and so I want one, too. I was denied and so I cried and howled and crept into the treadle space of the Singer sewing machine until I was dragged out by the scruff and told what was what. But the what I wasn’t told, I remember, was that, unlike next door’s cat, the turkey didn’t have four legs. (JH)



Holly.

Holly is easy to grow. It isn't fussy about the soil you put it in, how much sun it has or whatever. There are many different cultivars to choose from, many low growing dwarf varieties as well as trees. If you want berries check the label or check what your neighbours have so pollination occurs.

Not all of them have thorns either and not all have red berries or even green leaves. My mum grew hollies in her garden - these however, remained relatively unscathed at Christmas. By the time she downsized from the family home there was, if not a forest, certainly a decent copse of twelve large holly trees and shrubs. She has nevertheless several hollies on the balcony of her apartment – although they are dwarf, they are definitely hollies as you can see in the picture. No matter how small a space you have there is room for plants, even trees – little trees. (NC)

Bu3a thoughts from Buzz 2002,2004,2006,2007

If it is a scientifically proven fact that you get shorter as you get older, why are your feet further away when you put your socks on?

Your mind works like lightening. One brilliant flash and it's gone.

The human brain starts working the moment you are born, and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

Gardening rule: When weeding , the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not valuable plant ,is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

Spotlight 8 on Members' Special Traditions and Memories



Dear Mrs Claus,

We were poor.

So poor we expected nothing.

Sometimes we were lucky and find some nuts and a tangerine in our sock - couldn't afford a stocking- in a good year there might be our very own toothbrush!

Ohh I could go on.....

Regards,
The pauper. (FB)



In common with most of our generation my Christmas didn't start in November! My Mum's birthday was on December 20th, our family tradition was to put the decorations up on that day. Always a real tree in the window, paper chains and other decorations which came out year after year. Happy memories! (MS)

Christmas Cookery Corner

Boodle's orange fool.

Victory in the Kitchen.

The Life of Churchill's Cook. Annie Gray.

This dessert was a favourite of Winston Churchill during WW2 and was developed at Boodle's during the 1920s I have recently read Victory in the Kitchen and Annie Gray describes the life of Churchills cook, Georgina Landemare. She includes a version of the orange fool recipe.

Domestic and estate produce was not subject to rationing so Churchill would have had access to cream from Chartwell. Apparently, the US air force flew in fresh oranges for Winston's breakfast. A regular and personal gift from President Roosevelt. I made the orange fool for Christmas Day and it was sharp and lovely. Also easy to make. Serves 6

6 sponge cakes cut into slices, lengthways. I used pieces of Coop

Madeira cake

4 oranges. I used blood oranges for extra colour

2 lemons

400 – 420 ml double cream, whipped until just stiff

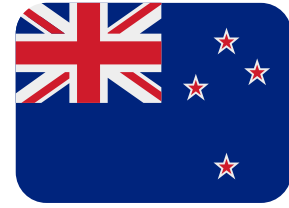
½ tbs caster sugar to taste

Arrange the sponges in individual dishes

(HL)



Spotlight 9 on Members' Special Christmas Traditions and Memories



Hi, I was born and grew up in New Zealand, so Christmas morning it was always a cup of tea and a mince pie, then to the beach for early morning swim before returning to open presents. Still have my cuppa and mince pie but swim alas no longer. Get straight to opening the pressies. (JT)

My mam stuck to the 12 days of Christmas theme and the decorations went up 12 days before and came down 12 days after. My birthday is the 13th December so every year when I came home from school it was to a magical Christmas world and it made my birthday really special. Mam left the tree decorating until after we got home and Dad would lift me up to put the angel on top - magical!

I try to stick to the timing even now but it has to fit in with other demands but I still love Christmas! (SW)



Past Buzz Funnies Winter 2021

If Bennie and Bjorn had been called Sven and Dag, the group would have been called ASDA. *(Modified)*

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning. "Windows frozen, won't open! Husband texts back:" Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and the gently tap with a hammer."

Wife texts back 10 minutes later: " Computer really messed up now"



**Winter
Photos -
cold but
beautiful**



**Guess what
the plants are:
Cyclamen
Holly
Garrya
Witch Hazel
Snowdrops**

Winter Gardening Care

Gardening in mid-winter can appear dull, difficult. It need not be so, indeed it should not be so! Many plants are at their best in winter! Overwintering plants can seem a challenge. Anything that's in a pot is more likely to die of wet than cold even if it isn't especially delicate. Raise it onto some bricks to help drainage and move it into the lee of the house where any shelter can make all the difference.

Plants which need to be frost free need to be kept just frost free but never in a centrally heated house which will see them off quicker than a touch of frost. A frost free shed, garage or porch is infinitely better. Otherwise just grow hardy plants and there is no shame and lots of pleasure in that. However, nothing is likely to bring more joy than something which is flowering in the winter. Think of a focal point or two near your door or that place you look at when you get out of your car.. Somewhere which catches the winter sun, should there be any, but ideally misses the very first sun of the day. This enables frost to thaw before the sun hits, preventing scorching.

What to plant – just a few ideas:

Snowdrops – always snowdrops and more snowdrops in clumps: these will flower from December into Spring.

Hellebore (Lenten Rose) – in a wide range of colours attracting brave bees when it's sunny, even in December. Go for the older varieties with their flower heads pointing down. Less prone to rain damage, they protect feeding bees and you have the pleasure of turning them up to view the centres.

Cyclamen – not the gaudy floppy ones but the hardy ones called Cyclamen coum. These grow tight to the ground and have flowers in pinks and whites held above green and silver mottled foliage.

Shrubs – maybe *Sarcococca orientalis* – Chinese sweet box, readily available in most garden centres. A small shrub, flowers in the winter and has sweet scent which carries if not miles, certainly across a garden. For even more whiff and a larger shrub, maybe *Daphne odora*.

Hamamelis or Witch hazel – a larger shrub with spidery flowers which would look nice viewing from a window. Flower colours range from pale lemon yellows through all the shades of orange up to deep reds.

Or you may want to put the garden to bed, perhaps visit a local garden like Wentworth, Elsecar or the one at Stainborough where Bu3a maintains part of the Union Jack Garden and we're working on winter interest for 2026. (NC)

A Special Christmas Story

It was Christmas Eve 1947. A baby was born in Whittington Hospital on Highgate's hill in North London. The baby would be the first grandchild on both sides of the family.

On that night it was extremely cold, and it was snowing heavily. In the hospital, the nurses were touring the wards singing traditional Christmas carols. As they reached the maternity ward, the carol they were singing was Once in Royal David's City. The parents decided that if the baby was a boy, his name would be David ...but the baby was a girl.

There were few buses running and the baby's four aunts and uncles walked several miles through the snow to pay a visit. They bought the new baby a teddy bear.

Highgate Hill is famous for being the place where Dick Whittington heard the bells of Bow Church ringing. The bells told him to turn back and that he would become Lord Mayor of London. He did turn back, and he did become Lord Mayor of London, not once, but three times. There is a statue commemorating the event on top of a stone near the hospital, but there is nothing nearby to commemorate the baby's birth!

It was getting late and the family had to return home. They weren't looking forward to another long, cold walk, when, just as they reached a bus stop, one of the famous red London buses appeared out of the gloomy darkness.. They hailed the bus and got on it. They had just settled down for the journey when they noticed who was driving the bus. It was their dad, the baby's grandfather who was returning his bus to the garage for the final time before Christmas Day



Money Quiz Christmas 2025

1. “Money makes the world go around” is featured in which musical?
2. Who had a hit in 1979 with the song “Money (that’s what I want)”?
3. Which racecourse hosts the 1000 Guineas?
4. In which musical does the song with the lyrics “tuppence a bag” appear?
5. Who had a hit in 1983 with “She works hard for the money”?
6. What was the 1964 spaghetti western film starring Clint Eastwood with musical score by Ennio Morricone?
7. Which group had a hit with “Moneys too tight (to mention)” in 1985?
8. Who wrote the 1978 BBC Drama “Pennies from Heaven” ?
9. Which duo had a hit with “Rich Girl” in 1976?
10. Which is the world’s wealthiest organisation at around 25 billion USD?
11. What was Shirley Bassey’s huge hit from the musical “Sweet Charity” called?
12. First performed in 1965, who wrote the play “Loot”?
13. Which 2014 Martin Scorsese film told of stockbroker Jordan Belfort - broker-cum-conman?
14. Name the Dire Straits song, taken from Brothers in Arms which ends “and chicks for free”
15. Why was the guinea withdrawn from circulation?
16. Name the musical film based on the novel, Kipps, by H G Wells starring Tommy Steele
17. Which 1976 Abba song ends with the words “it’s a rich man’s world”?
18. Which group sang “Mirror, mirror” in 1981?
19. In Fiddler on the Roof, Topol’s character Teyve bemoans his poverty in which song?
20. Name the 1986 film directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Paul Newman as Fast Eddie Felson alongside a young Tom Cruise

BU3A GROUPS & Activities

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Find the following 34 words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden up, down, across and diagonal

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MOTORBIKES	LITERATURE	BADMINTON		
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Christmas Quiz 1: Answers.

- 1. Which country is credited with starting the tradition of the Christmas tree? D) Germany**
- 2. In the song The Twelve Days of Christmas, how many gifts are given in total? B) 364**
- 3. Which reindeer's name begins with the letter V? B) Vixen**
- 4. What is traditionally hidden inside a special Christmas pudding?
B) A silver coin**
- 5. Which special plant is commonly used as a Christmas decoration and is associated with kissing? B) Mistletoe**
- 6. What is the name of the ballet traditionally performed at Christmas? B) The Nutcracker**
- 7. In Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, what is the name of Scrooge's deceased business partner? A) Jacob Marley .**
- 8. Which country is famous for the tradition of the "Yule Goat"?
A) Sweden .**
- 9. What red plant is often used as a Christmas decoration and originates from Mexico? B) Poinsetta**
- 10. In the film Home Alone where are the McCallister's going on holiday when Kevin is left behind? B) Paris**

(A Yule Goat: Scandinavian symbol and tradition. Originated from Norse mythology. Thor was said to have a flying chariot driven by 2 goats).

WHERE IN BARNESLEY QUIZ ANSWERS

1.DODWORTH

2.KENDRAY

3.STAIRFOOT

4. KINGSTONE

5.POGMOOR

6.DARFIELD

7.ROYSTON

8.MAPPLEWELL

9.HOYLAND

10.NEW LODGE

11.BIRDWELL

12.CAWTHORNE

13.REDBROOK

14.SMITHIES

15.GRIMETHORPE

16.PENISTONE

17.CARLTON

18.CUDWORTH

19.STAINCROSS

20.SILKSTONE

The word repeated several times is

SPECIAL

About 15 times (I think!)

SPECIAL



Winter 2014 Christmas Quiz answers

- 1. H2O**
- 2. Christmas tree**
- 3. Unicef (Originally the UN International Children's Emergency Fund)**
- 4. Poinsetta (Euphorbia Pulcherrima)**
- 5. Ernie Wise**
- 6. Australia**
- 7. Walking in the Air - from The Snowman**
- 8. Mistle Thrush**
- 9. Capricorn**
- 10. The Night before Christmas**
- 11. Only fools and Horses**
- 12. Humphrey Bogart**
- 13. Poult**
- 14. Jingle Bells or One Horse Open Sleigh**
- 15. White Christmas by Bing Crosby**
- 16. Tinsel**
- 17. Shoes**
- 18. Irving Berlin**
- 19. Eleven**
- 20. The Coronation Stone or Stone of Destiny**

Money Christmas Quiz 2025: Answer Sheet

- 1. Cabaret**
- 2. The Flying Lizards**
- 3. Newmarket**
- 4. Mary Poppins – Feed the Birds**
- 5. Donna Summer**
- 6. A Fistful of Dollars**
- 7. Dennis Potter**
- 8. Simply Red**
- 9. Daryl Hall and John Oates**
- 10. Roman Catholic Church**
- 11. Big Spender**
- 12. Joe Orton**
- 13. The Wolf of Wall Street**
- 14. Money for Nothing**
- 15. The guinea contained $\frac{1}{4}$ oz of gold which increased in value to more than 21 shillings**
- 16. Half a Sixpence**
- 17. Money, money, money**
- 18. Dollar**
- 19. If I was a rich man**
- 20. The Colour of Money**

Wordsearch answers

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Merry
Christmas

HAVE A LOVELY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

LOOKING FORWARDS TO
SEEING YOU AT THE NEXT
MONTHLY MEETING ON 5TH
JANUARY 2026.

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Happy New Year!

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