

Guildford PC User Group — Christmas Quiz 2002

Answers

Questions (with answers)	Circle legibly the number in the column on the right with your answer	
<p>1. The first instrument on which the carol Silent Night was played was: 4. A guitar The carol was first sung as part of a church service in Oberndorf, Austria. The unusual choice of guitar for the accompaniment rather than the traditional church organ has given rise to a number of picturesque stories (the organ bellows had been damaged by mice; the organ had been sabotaged; etc.), but in fact it was simply a matter of preference on the part of the author, Joseph Mohr.</p>	<p>A harp A church organ A trumpet A guitar</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
<p>2. In 1647 parliament passed a law that: 3. Made Christmas illegal Christmas festivities were banned by Oliver Cromwell, who considered feasting and revelry on what was supposed to be a holy day to be immoral. The ban was lifted only when the Puritans lost power in 1660.</p>	<p>Recognized Christmas as an official holiday Freed prisoners to spend Christmas Day at home Made Christmas illegal Forbade work of any kind on Christmas day</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
<p>3. In Greek legend, malicious creatures called Kallikantzaroí sometimes play troublesome pranks at Christmas time. To get rid of them, you should: 2. Burn either salt or an old shoe Apparently the stench of the burning shoe (or salt) drives off the Kallikantzaroí. Other effective methods include hanging a pig's jawbone by the door and keeping a large fire so they can't sneak down the chimney.</p>	<p>Placate them with gifts of spiced rice pudding Burn either salt or an old shoe Ask a priest to sprinkle Ouzo whilst chanting prayers in a loud voice Nail a cross on the front door</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
<p>4. The name of Scrooge's deceased business partner in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol was: 4. Jacob Marley Jacob Marley's spirit was the first of four to appear to Scrooge on Christmas Eve.</p>	<p>Bob Cratchit Silas Marner Bill Sykes Jacob Marley</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
<p>5. Which name does <i>not</i> belong to one of Santa's reindeer? 4. Klaxon A klaxon is actually an electric horn.</p>	<p>Comet Prancer Blitzen Klaxon</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
<p>6. Which of the following was <i>not</i> one of the Three Kings? 4. Teleost Teleost is actually a bony fish.</p>	<p>Caspar Balthazar Teleost Melchior</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
<p>7. In Armenia, the traditional Christmas Eve meal consists of: 2. Fried fish, lettuce and spinach The meal was eaten after the Christmas Eve service, in commemoration of the supper eaten by Mary on the evening before Christ's birth.</p>	<p>A pie made of Camel meat Fried fish, lettuce and spinach Boiled partridges with gooseberry sauce Turkey and pancakes</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
<p>8. Boxing Day, 26th December is also the holy day of which saint? 4. St. Stephen Named in the Bible (Acts 6-8) as the first Christian to be martyred for his faith.</p>	<p>St. Eustace of Smyrna St. Agnes St. Nicholas St. Stephen</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
<p>9. A boar's head is a traditional Christmas dish. According to a popular story, the unlucky boar whose head began the custom in the Middle Ages was killed by: 1. Choking to death on a book of Greek philosophy The story tells us that a university student saved himself from a charging boar by ramming a book of Aristotle's writings down its throat. He then cut off the boar's head and brought it back to his college.</p>	<p>Choking to death on a book of Greek philosophy King John, who speared it whilst out hunting A falling branch from a tree Remorse, after goring St. Nicholas</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
<p>10. When distributing gifts in Holland, St. Nicholas is accompanied by: 2. Black Peter, his servant Black Peter is responsible for actually dropping the presents down their recipients' chimneys, but he also punishes bad children by putting them in a sack and carrying them away to Spain.</p>	<p>Lucia, his wife Black Peter, his servant Twelve virgins St. Stephen</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>

11.	<p>"Little Jack Horner" in the nursery rhyme may refer to the man who was chief steward to the Abbot of Glastonbury in the early sixteenth century. If so, then the "plum" he pulled from his Christmas pie was actually</p> <p>4. A deed to a manor in Glastonbury</p> <p>The Abbot of Glastonbury, seeking favour with the king, sent Jack Horner to the palace with the gift of a pie in which had been placed twelve deeds to manor houses. When the King received the pie, there were only eleven deeds - the deed to the Manor of Mells was missing. The Horner family lives in the Manor of Mells to this day, but they have always denied that the rhyme refers to them.</p>	<p>A gem — a gift from the abbot for faithful service Six golden guineas An order banishing him from England A deed to a manor in Glastonbury</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
12.	<p>It wasn't until Victorian times that turkeys became popular birds for Christmas dinners. Then most turkeys were raised in Norfolk, and taken to market in London. To get them fresh to London, the turkeys were:</p> <p>4. Supplied with boots made of sacking or leather</p> <p>The turkeys were walked to market. The boots protected their feet from the frozen mud of the road. Boots were not used for geese: instead, their feet were protected with a covering of tar.</p>	<p>Encouraged to fly part of the journey by highly-trained and very skilful "turkey drovers" Conveyed in large railway wagons called "turkey-vans" Herded by sheep dogs Supplied with boots made of sacking or leather</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
13.	<p>Christmas is celebrated even at wizard school. On his first Christmas morning at <i>Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry</i>, Harry Potter receives a number of Christmas gifts, including:</p> <p>3. A hand-knitted sweater and a cloak of invisibility</p> <p>The kind Mrs. Weasley always knitted a sweater for each of her boys at Hogwarts. When her son Ron informed her that Harry wasn't expecting any presents, she knit him a bright emerald-green sweater. In fact, Harry received many presents, including the best of all, the cloak of invisibility that had been his father's.</p>	<p>A pair of gloves and a pointed hat A hairbrush and a wand of lightning A hand-knitted sweater and a cloak of invisibility A pet frog and a magic broomstick</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
14.	<p>Which Group / Band were announced last Sunday as the Christmas No.1?</p> <p>3. Girls Aloud</p>	<p>The Cheeky Girls Cliff Richard Girls Aloud One True Voice</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
15.	<p>The custom of hanging out stockings or setting out shoes in the hope of receiving Christmas gifts is said to have begun with:</p> <p>3. St. Nicholas supplying the gold for a dowry</p> <p>When St. Nicholas was the Bishop of Smyrna, he knew a poor family with three daughters. As each girl came of age, St. Nicholas provided her dowry by secretly throwing a bag of gold into the house. Some say the gold was dropped down the chimney and fell into a stocking hanging there to dry. Some say the gold fell into a shoe.</p>	<p>A promotional campaign by the Cobblers' Guild The traveller's practice of concealing valuable papers in one's stocking St. Nicholas supplying the gold for a dowry A method of avoiding a Christmas tax</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
16.	<p>After Scrooge has reformed his life at the end of Charles Dickens' <i>A Christmas Carol</i>, he proposes getting together with Bob Cratchit for some "Smoking Bishop", which was:</p> <p>3. A hot spiced drink</p> <p>Mulled wines were popular festive drinks in 19th-century London. They were undoubtedly much safer to drink than the untreated water. To make Smoking Bishop, take 6 bitter oranges and stick them with 6 cloves each. Put them in a bowl, cover with (cheap) red wine, and set in a warm place for a day. Squeeze the oranges into the wine and strain. Add port. Heat, and serve with a cinnamon stick.</p>	<p>A fast variation of chess popular in Victorian London A premium pipe tobacco A hot spiced drink A Christmas pudding, soaked in brandy and set alight</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
17.	<p>The real St. Nicholas lived:</p> <p>3. In Turkey</p> <p>St. Nicholas was bishop of the Turkish town of Smyrna in the early 4th century. It was the Dutch who first made him into a Christmas gift-giver, where his name eventually became the familiar Santa Claus. Claus, being the Dutch/German diminutive of Nicholas.</p>	<p>At the North Pole In Belgium In Turkey In Holland</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
18.	<p>Which is not an Osbourne?:</p> <p>3. Ziggy</p>	<p>Sharon Ozzy Ziggy Jack</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
19.	<p>Who sings the theme song of the latest James Bond film "<i>Die Another Day</i>"?</p> <p>4. Madonna</p>	<p>Robbie Williams Shirley Bassey Celine Dion Madonna</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p>
20.	<p>We all know English children put stockings out at Christmas time. In Holland Dutch children put out:</p> <p>3. Shoes</p> <p>Traditionally, the shoes used are wooden clogs or sabots.</p>	<p>Old hats Beer mugs Shoes Stockings, just like everybody else!</p>	<p>1A 2 3 4</p>