



Bolton's Genie



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December's banner picture is of Barrow Bridge, (an industrial "model" village which was started by Thomas Bazley and Robert Gardner in the 1820s), in the November 28th snow , courtesy of BFHS member Trevor Massey. For those who might not be familiar with the area this website should help <https://www.bolton.org.uk/barrowbridge.html>

Welcome all to our last edition for 2020, and what a roller coaster of a year it has been. Perhaps, looking back, one of the main things that many of us have learned to do is adapt, carefully, but continue as best we can. I hope you will agree that we have been doing our best here in Bolton and in the MLFHS family, and thank you to the many folk who have joined us on this journey. We feel we are now seeing a little daylight at the end of the tunnel, and hopefully life will become more recognisable next year, albeit a new normal.

I must add though that we do need help. We are not superhumans here on the committee, but just doing our best. We continue to miss Jeanette who retired last month, and, (as well as her company), we are still finding more aspects of her contributions that we probably did not fully appreciate before. These include administering our Facebook page, and also managing our Eventbrite booking system. We would be extremely grateful if anyone could assist in these areas. We also have our AGM next February when all responsibilities in and out of the committee will be under review, and we would be very grateful particularly for clerical help, with the quarterly members journal and monthly all comers e-newsletter. These activities include writing reports on talks and events, contributing articles of interest, and planning the pages presentation. Our existing editors are both struggling physically with the use of the keyboard and mouse, and fitting it in with their other work, society and family duties,

Now on to greeting the Christmas festivities, with thoughts of food, drink, and a quiz. Enjoy.

LAST and NEXT MONTHLY ZOOMED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1st December 19:30 – 21:00 GMT Bolton FHS Zoomed Meeting –
 “Christmas food and drink through the ages” by Simon Fowler and Sylvia Levy



The talk started by mention of the Winter Solstice which links with the shortest day, Yule, New year and Twelfth Night (6th January). Many countries with many religions celebrate in many different ways, today's Christmas being a combination of Christianity and older religions.

Easter was once the most important Christian festival, with Christmas overtaking it, due in part to Charles Dickens and his novel “A Christmas Carol,” and Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, who introduced the idea of a Christmas Tree to England.

Christmas customs have of course evolved over the years, card sending became more prevalent in the 1840s when postage became fairly cheap, see <https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/cards.shtml> but Christmas Day post deliveries only finished in 1960. Now we see much commercialism, with Christmas markets etc.

Other nuggets of information include

- The date of Christmas (i.e., Christ's Mass) wasn't settled until the mid-4th century and Christmas wasn't just 25th December, it spread over the 12 days of Christmas until Twelfth Night, with presents, masters waiting on servants etc. The Feast of Fools was on 1st January. Advent was for fasting. William the First (the Conqueror) was crowned on Christmas Day 1066.
- A huge variety of meats boiled or roasted were usual. Stews and potages (a more liquid stew which was steamed in a rag) were eaten but not much sugar was available. All dishes were put on the table together. Boar's head was very popular, with the custom of bringing in the Boar's head to great acclaim. Pork was substituted if there were very few boar available. “Pyes” were popular in Tudor Times, with turkey first appearing in 1526. By that time, there were some potatoes, but the feast always started with a sweet dish.
- The first mince pies contained beef (not poultry) and lots of dried fruit and also spices although they were expensive. Mince pies were eaten at all times during the year, being firstly a main dish, but later became smaller. Mince pies without meat appeared in the 18th century but they still had suet in them.
- Puritans forbade the celebration of Christmas (but not Christmas itself). Samuel Pepys noted he had chicken, plum porridge and Christmas cake for Christmas Dinner. Ordinary families ate beef and plum pudding from the 17th to the 19th century, chicken was more expensive than red meat at the time. Goose was very popular though and people saved up for the goose all through the year.
- The Cratchit family (Christmas Carol) were planning to eat goose for Christmas Dinner, but Scrooge sent a turkey. A breeding programme for turkeys had started about that time, with turkeys and geese walking to market from Norfolk to London, clad in little bootees. The railways of course ceased this practice. Menus survive from 1788, so it seems that people (particularly men perhaps in transit), started to eat out at that time. Shop bought puddings became available sometime later.
- Food rationing was imposed during both World Wars. 2.5 million puddings were sent to troops during WW2, but the ship was torpedoed, and it sank. Rabbit became popular but turkey won through by the 1950s with carrots, parsnips, roast potatoes and bread sauce accompanying the meal.
- Cranberries appeared from America in the 1980s as did pigs in blankets from 1957. Sprouts were also eaten from the late 18th century, coming from the low countries and France.
- Empire pudding was very popular in the 1920s using ingredients to symbolise the unity of the Empire <https://tinyurl.com/ycka4unf> →



- Thanks to Rita Greenwood for this report

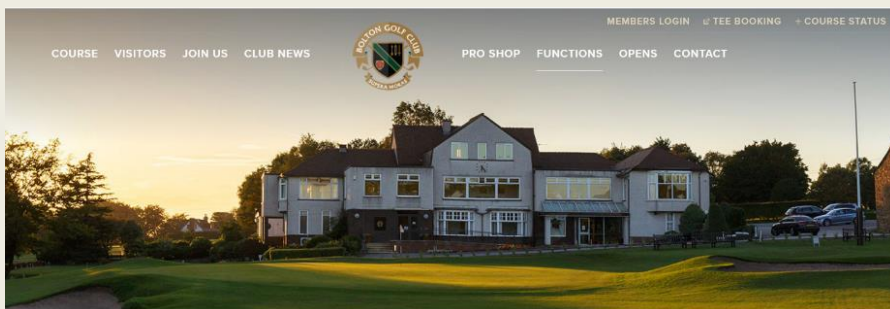
This is a Zoomed follow up to last August's very popular talk, "Birth and Death Registration." And discusses What Makes a marriage? – Rules & Records by Antony Marr

A photograph of a green, textured book cover. The title "REGISTER OF MARRIAGES" is printed in gold, serif, all-caps font, centered on the cover. The book is resting on a wooden surface.

Meetings from our other branches are also available and free to all members. Just scroll down the page of this link <https://www.mlfhs.uk/> , and select an event. Visitors are welcome for a small charge.

BUT ALSO (Drum roll please)

We can now announce the confirmation of our new venue from April 2022 as being Bolton Golf Club (BGC) on Chorley New Road, (note NOT our previous venue the Old Links Golf Club which was on Chorley Old Road). This is just beyond the Horwich boundary at Lostock Park, Bolton, BL6 4AJ . Picture courtesy of their website. →



As David Baker our Chairman explained last month, it had become evident that we needed a new venue as the fees for the Old Links had increased, and would increase further when the current club house is demolished and a new one erected next year.

It seems, certainly to my surprise, that in a manner of speaking we have gone full circle, as both the BGC, and ourselves apparently spent some of our early years at Green Lane, Farnworth. We are not quite so old as we only started in 1982. (Yes, we will be celebrating our 40th anniversary next year as well, but nobody can remember the actual date it all happened). The BGC's website tells us on their history page

<https://tinyurl.com/4ncuft5a> that

"Bolton Golf Club was founded in 1891 when an enthusiastic band of golfers formed the first club on land in Green Lane, Farnworth, adjoining Bolton Cricket Club with the cricket pavilion being used as a temporary clubhouse---", but they outgrew it.

It is an interesting story. I wonder if anyone had family involved in the golf club at this time and if they would like to tell us about it ???

How many of you even remember our days at the Bolton Cricket Club? →



We left after our party in December 2015, and our first talk at the Old Links was downstairs in January 2016. We had a full house when Jacqui Crosby → came to tell us about the Hulton collection that Lancashire Archives had just managed to buy after much fund raising including a nominal contribution from MLFHS, and thus keeping it in Lancashire. See the Jan 2016 newsletter, <https://tinyurl.com/9f5t52mw>, (and how that has changed).

We moved upstairs a few months later as our numbers expanded.



This new venue is also using a room upstairs but does have a lift, nearby disabled parking facilities, a good Wi-Fi system, a bar, and they are happy to provide catering when we require it. We plan to progress to what is called “hybrid” talks which involves continuing Zooming to those who are unable to attend in person, but to have the speaker either physically in our room, or speaking to us live on a big screen from their homes, as in a small cinema. We will probably continue booking via Eventbrite so that we can control the number of physical and Zoom attendees and comply with the advice of the time. Final details will be confirmed and passed on later.

- **When?**

Bolton’s Zoomed meetings are currently 7.15pm for 7.30pm start on the first Wednesday of most months. Physical will open a bit earlier, maybe 7pm to start at 7.30pm.

- **How?**

We use the Eventbrite booking system, so all you need to do is open this page <https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/events> , select the talk you wish to attend, left click and follow the booking instructions.



GENIE’S TIPS for December 2021



Kirk session records <https://tinyurl.com/n7sv2uyj>

I was lucky enough to catch the recent Zoomed talk by Robin Urquhart for the Anglo Scottish branch last Saturday November 20th when he gave the first of three planned talks explaining how to use these documents to the best advantage. I hadn’t realised that so many of these records are freely available via Scotlands People . This is well worth a read if you have pre civil registration Scottish ancestry because it seems this is how to find the records if they exist.



Lancashire Councils Digital archives <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/digital-library/?page=5>

Well, I saved this link this time last year, and thought I would try it out again. It still works for me anyway. I have just managed to access my Ancestry and Findmypast accounts this way, and there are lots of other interesting looking links. Please let us know if it works for you.

MISCELLANEOUS



Bolton Family History Society “Workshops for Family Historians Intermediate Level”

Bolton History Centre, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton For genealogists who have hit the proverbial brick wall

Four Workshops

Saturdays 5th , 12th , 19th and 26th March 2022 From 10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

£25.00 per head for the course (includes refreshments and study material). A cheque for £25.00 will secure a place.

Please contact 01204 525472



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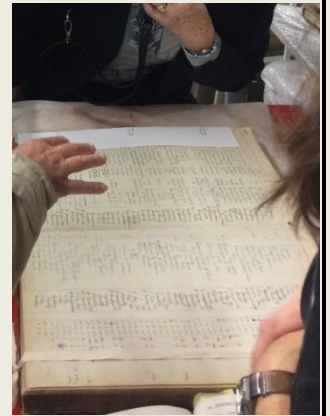
MLFHS: A "transcribing at home" opportunity.

Bolton FHS members have transcribed 46,156 lines of data from the Bolton Workhouse Creed Registers which not only have the inmates religious affiliations but also the dates of admission and departure and often other relevant details such as family and friends.

We are now looking for more assistance to finish this mammoth job.

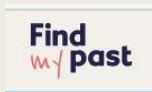
If you are interested in assisting, please email bolton@mlfhs.org.uk and I will send you details of the work including an example of the register pages and the excel spreadsheet that you would be completing.

Graham Holt BFHS Research Officer



NB after posting this on the MLFHS forum we already have four new volunteers, including at least one from overseas. It is of course something that can be done from anywhere in the world, in your own time, and it offers a chance to see some of our original raw data. I am told even more would be good. There is no specific timetable for completion of the work.

New Military Records became available from the Indian sub-continent in time for the 2021 Remembrance Day .

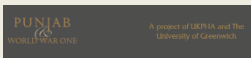


Indian Army Records Of Service 1900-1947 <https://tinyurl.com/xva2t9m>

and



Wednesday 10 Nov 2021 "Records of 320,000 Punjab soldiers from first world war uncovered. Military files of Indian troops left unread in Pakistan museum for 97 years go online " The Guardian <https://tinyurl.com/4f5wethk> by Rajeev Syal



For those researching this area this must be wonderful news . This is the link. Please let us know if you have found anyone here. <http://punjabww1.com/>



MOD warns transfer of Army service records to National Archives may cause further delays to orders By Sarah Williams Published: November 23, 2021 WDYTyr Magazine

"The Ministry of Defence is to assign more staff to reducing the huge backlog of requests for military service records but warns that the transfer of records to Kew may delay some orders. All British military service records after 1920 are currently held by the MOD in Glasgow, although transfer of service records for the British Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy to The National Archives in Kew has begun and is expected to continue until 2027. Records of deceased servicemen and women are released to next of kin for a £30 fee after filling in and sending a postal application form.

THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire This is a real boon for anyone with Scottish ancestry



<http://goo.gl/I29JpL>



Lancs OPC <http://goo.gl/AN699Z> and left click on the "What's New" tab on the left



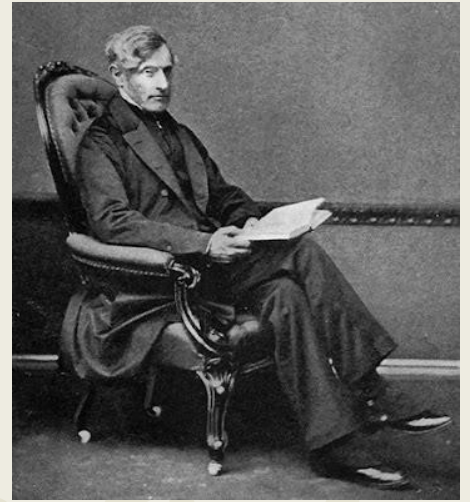
Lancashire Archives News and Events <https://goo.gl/H8UexE> for their latest newsletter and more

STORIES, and MEMORIES

"Canon Edward Girdlestone of Deane," Thanks to Lenn Nuttall who noticed a comment about an Edward Girdlestone in our write up re the October 2021 talk from David Tilsley about Researching Education Records . Edward had been highlighted for his teaching skills at Deane in Bolton during the first school inspectors report by Rev Frederick Watkins and his report of 1844 -1846 can be seen here <https://tinyurl.com/uhbe4zxh p176 to 204>, and here. The details re the Deane Church website <https://www.deanechurch.co.uk/88/88044.php> elaborate extensively about the history of schools in and around Bolton). It seems William Hulton of Peterloo fame, had recruited Edward to be tutor to his own children at Hulton Hall.

Lenn recalled seeing the unusual name discussed elsewhere in his own research, and low and behold here we are in pages 1 to 8 <https://halbertonhistorygroup.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Canon-Girdlestone-A4.pdf>

Another nationally known social reformer who had started much of his early years here in Bolton.



The Miners Crouch

I have recently been hearing a friend talk about when he first came to live in Farnworth with his grandad as a 7 year old in the late 40s . Whenever his Grandad met his mining mates when out and about, he remembers them crouching down to a position similar to how they would have been underground , to talk. It was their most comfortable position. I wonder if anyone else remembers this. I have never heard of it before. I posted this query on a local Facebook page where many miners lived and worked and received these responses.

- I have heard of this before; I believe it's called "Carding down"
- I used to see the miners waiting for the pit bus on Kearsley roundabout doing that. When I went down pit, did it myself a few times whist waiting for man rider.
- Yes, it was common in the old days in Farnworth or Bolton to see a group of men crouching down in a group, squatting you might say to chat and have a laugh. It would look odd now. Funnily enough, sometimes you see news video of groups of men in the Middle East or Afghanistan doing the same thing!
- This illustration has also been posted from a series of photos posted here on the website of The Coalmining History Resource Centre by Ian Winstanley, <https://www.cmhrc.co.uk/site/literature/minersday/index.html> The commentary says " a bath, then food, then sleep, Waiting for his bath the miner takes up his natural position, the crouch, either on his heels or a low stool."

A good shout Lenn. Well, spotted and thanks.

And now I couldn't resist this story for Christmas Eve , again from Prof Paul Salveson, historian, railway buff, and one of our first Zoom speakers as the lockdowns rolled out last year.

A bath, then food, then sleep. Waiting for his bath the miner takes up his natural position - the crouch, either on his heels or on a low stool.



A Christmas Ghost Story, "Who Signed The Book?" A Christmas railway ghost story" by Paul Salveson <https://tinyurl.com/hkh45wc9> from his website Lancashire Loominary <http://lancashireloominary.co.uk/index.html/> . Enjoy .

He introduces the tale with
"Originally published in ASLEF's Locomotive Journal in December 1985. This is a slightly updated version. Two years of my railway career were at Astley Bridge Junction signal box, Bolton, in the 1970s. The signal box is long gone – it was on the viaduct above Folds Road where the Halliwell branch diverted from the Bolton – Blackburn line.



COMING ACTIVITIES FROM OTHER MLFHS BRANCHES

Please note these events are all included free to subscribed MLFHS members, £3 to guests.



Manchester branch

Sat 29th January "The 1921 Census : What can we discover?" by Myko Clelland

Wed, 2nd February "Exploring the 1921 census" by Mary McKee

The Bad News is that both these talks provided courtesy of Findmypast, were fully booked within hours if not minutes of being advertised.

The Good News is that the "Management" were able to negotiate the recording of Mary's talk, which will be available in the 'members only' area of the website, for a limited period of time afterwards. (I heard Mary's similar talk about this at the Family History Federation "Really Useful show" in November. It was fascinating to hear the background story re how Findmypast won the contract for the transcription, and acquired the documents, and then spent over a year stabilizing, cleaning, and conserving them before they even started to transcribe them, doing much of it with very sophisticated machinery. They are now safely stored away in the bowels of the earth apparently, for posterity, and our descendants. It has been a mammoth job done by much the same teams who processed the 1939 Register publishing).



And even better news announced



Tuesday 30 November 2021 Regional hubs to offer free online access to 1921 Census of England and Wales <https://tinyurl.com/2p889z2y>



"Today we can announce two regional hubs that will provide free online access to the 1921 Census of England and Wales from 6 January 2022.

The census will be available online via our commercial partner Findmypast and will be free to access in this way at The National Archives, in Kew.

In addition, visitors to the Manchester Central Library and the National Library of Wales will be able to access the 1921 Census of England and Wales via the Findmypast website for free following its publication next year.

Access at the Manchester Central Library, on St Peter's Square, Manchester, will be supported by the **Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society helpdesk** and the **Archives+ Team**.

The publication of the 1921 Census of England and Wales is the culmination of almost three years' work by Findmypast's highly skilled team of conservators, technicians and transcribers. --- It is the largest project ever completed by The National Archives and Findmypast, consisting of more than 30,000 bound volumes of original documents stored on 1.6 linear kilometres of shelving, as outlined in two special guest blogs exploring the vast digitisation and conservation project. Dr Valerie Johnson, Director of Research and Collections at The National Archives, said: 'I am pleased to announce these regional hubs for the north of England and for Wales which, along with our own hub at Kew, will offer free online access to the 1921 Census via the Findmypast website.'



Saturday, 8th January 2022 2pm – 3,30pm Oldham and District Branch
"Hanging the Pacifist: Margaret Ashton (1856-1937), Manchester's first woman councillor". A free, online talk, given by Dr Alison Ronan . <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events>



Anglo Scottish Branch <https://www.mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events> No December Meeting

OTHER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES



Halliwell Local History Society <http://goo.gl/8erYyr>
 Email margaretk@talktalk.net . Physical meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, at St Luke's Church, Chorley Old Road, BL1 3BE opposite Shepherd Cross St, Bolton, 21st December Roger Royle "Bolton's My Town" a musical evening



Turton Local History Society <https://goo.gl/adx4GM>
 . Illustrated talks and physical meetings are held from August to April inclusive on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Longsight Church Centre, Harwood BL2 3HX beginning at 7.30pm.



Westhoughton Local History Group – <http://goo.gl/XNugl5>
 Westhoughton Library closed on 1st November for work on the heating system, which is expected to take about three months, so the venue is now Westhoughton Methodist Church, Wigan Road, BL5 3RQ. Meetings are normally on the third Thursday of each month, but this months was the Dec 2nd.



Horwich Heritage Centre- <http://goo.gl/fSPsij>
 Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Horwich Resource Centre, Beaumont Road (off Longworth Road), Horwich BL6 7BG.

Tuesday 14th Dec 2021 Christmas Event - Sid Calderbank

2022 Speaker Programme

<https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/events/meetings>

Please note this web page is still being redesigned to show our new venue and may be a little out of date
 Our programme has been designed to accommodate the advice of the day re Covid precautions. Initially through the winter months we have opted for safety and Zoom meetings, and we have also been experimenting with and trialling our new venue and its Wi-Fi system etc.

We anticipate that by April as Spring approaches, we will be able to manage to open a window or two and resume physical "room" meetings whilst still streaming the talks to those unable to attend.

This method is described as a "hybrid" mixture of the two options.

We are hopeful that those who can, will attend though, and

all places by room or zoom will be prebooked and paid for via Eventbrite as they are at the moment.

This will avoid the handling of money on the night and allow us to control physical numbers to a safe level.

We are told we have a capacity of 70 in our new room.

As always, all our meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month, starting at 7.30pm until 9pm. Entrance will probably be 7pm onwards but to be confirmed. Zoom signing on from 7.15pm.

- **January 5th** A welcome return visit from Antony Carr, a former Police Officer for 30 years, and now a Genealogical & Family History Researcher, - **"The Hidden Secrets of Marriage Registration"** Zoom only
- **February 2nd** Another welcome return of a favourite speaker. Steve Gill has had a 50 year career as a qualified professional photographer, and qualified photography teacher and was recently awarded a Fellowship of the Royal Photographic Society and Accredited Senior in Imaging in the Creative Industries. The only photo-restorer to gain those awards.
This will be our **AGM** then talk about his new book **"Dating Photographs by Colour"** Zoom
- **March 2nd** Dave Burnham. Another favourite local historian and member of BFHS, returning to give us an update on his current project, **"Not Mass Observation Again! a Worktown Follow up"** Zoom
- **April 6th** Dr Alan Crosby, author, historian and long-time friend of BFHS comes to help us celebrate our return to physical meetings, and at our new venue. **"Finding Auntie Sara, reconstructing the family history and background of my Grandma's best friend"**, Hybrid
- **May 4th** Mark O'Neill, a speaker new to us and highly recommended, Lancs Archives Conservator **"Taking Care of the Past: Packaging and Handling Archives – an examination of how the storage and handling of archival documents is vital for their preservation"**. Hybrid
- **June 1st** . Jackie Depelle, Specialist Family History tutor, for just over twenty years, and one of our regular speakers **"Researching House History"** Hybrid
- **July 6th** Margaret Southgate joined the Guild of One-Name Studies in 2008, researching the surname CLOSE and variants, (Editor- Hooray!!!) and currently the Guild's representative for South and West Wales. Although she has lived in South Wales for many years, she maintains a keen interest in the Bolton area where she was born and grew up **"How can the Guild of One-Name Studies help me?"** Hybrid
- **August 3rd** Dr Peter Holme, Curator National Football Museum **"Was my grandfather a professional footballer?"** Hybrid.
- **September 7th** Jenny Mallin A Berkshire-based award-winning author and public speaker British Raj Ancestors **"My British Raj Family History"** Zoomed to Bolton Golf club and your home
- **October 5th** Julie Lamara Collections Access Officer-Local Studies, Bolton History Centre, **"A Voice and a Vote, How the Suffragists contributed to the WW1 Effort"** Hybrid
- **November 2nd** James Hutton has had an interest in both military and political history for many years. He recently retired from the NHS, and he is now undertaking volunteer roles with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission both as a speaker and visiting and conducting surveys and simple maintenance of War Graves and memorials. **"CWGC Research and records using the CWGC Archives"** Hybrid
- **December 7th** Geoff Scargill a retired headteacher and magistrate, lover of music, cricket, politics and history, and a distant relative of Arthur! Also, the chair of the Watkin Society, (and more), and fund raiser for Cancer Research **'Christmas Words and Music'** Hybrid

BOLTON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2021

(ANSWERS AVAILABLE FACEBOOK DEC 25TH AND JAN 2022 NEWSLETTER)

1. Which journalist, writer and poet wrote the first ever King's Christmas message for George V in 1932
2. What did Tom Smith of London invent in 1847 after getting the idea on a trip to Paris
3. What is the name of Bob Cratchit's youngest child in the book "A Christmas Carol"
4. The modern Santa Claus was based on traditions surrounding which fourth-century Greek bishop
5. If you were born on Christmas Day, what is your star sign
6. Which song plays out the end credits of the film "Die Hard"
7. What, with parts called "lametta" was invented in Nuremburg, Germany in 1610
8. Who were the French Protestants in the 16th and 17th centuries that objected to celebrating Christmas
9. What do Americans call reindeer
10. At what time on Christmas Day does the Queen broadcast to the nation
11. What cake is offered typically during Christmas throughout Italy
12. Which item of clothing brought Frosty the Snowman back to life
13. Which Christmas carol is noted for the Latin line "Gloria Hosanna in excelsis"
14. What did Henry Cole give us in 1843
15. Eating a Kentucky Fried Chicken Meal is a Christmas tradition in which country
16. Which American state's Spanish translation literally means "covered in snow"
17. Which festive song is the biggest selling single in UK chart history not to reach number one
18. What was the name of the lady who was handed divorce papers on Christmas Day 1986
19. Who married Alice Fitzwarren
20. Who first appeared in a 1939 booklet written by Robert L. May
21. The General Post Office stopped delivering letters on Christmas Day in which year – 1940, 1950, 1960 or 1970
22. Often used in Christmas floral displays, what is Euphorbia pulcherrima

23. Which British scientist was born on Christmas Day 1642

24. On Christmas Day in 1800AD, who was crowned Holy Roman Emperor

25. On Christmas Day in 1926, who was crowned the 124th emperor of Japan

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