

More House Library – Christmas Quiz 2011

The first known English Christmas Tree was erected at Queen's Lodge, Windsor, by Queen Charlotte, the German born wife of George III, for a party she held on Christmas Day, 1800, for the children of the leading families in Windsor.

1 However, decorating trees is not new - During the mid-winter festival of Saturnalia who adorned trees with trinkets and candles?

Romans Anglo Saxons Egyptians

2 In which year did Prince Albert and Queen Victoria posed with their children and a Christmas Tree for a Christmas press photograph.

1748 1848 1948

3 The Trafalgar Square Christmas tree has been an annual gift to the people of London by which city each year since 1947 as a token of gratitude for British support of Norway during the Second World War.

Birmingham Paris Oslo

Turkeys were first brought over to the British Isles in 1526 by Yorkshire man William Strickland who acquired six birds from American Indian traders on his travels and sold them for two pence each in Bristol. Before eating turkey became traditional at Christmas wealthy people ate roast swan, pheasants and peacocks

4. Which of these birds belong, in theory, to our Queen?

Peacocks Pheasants Swans

5 Mince Pies were originally filled with

Meat Marzipan Marmalade

6 Christmas Pudding dates back to mediaeval times - how is it cooked?

Steamed Baked Fried

We are told that Christmas carols in English first appear in a 1426 work of John Awdlay, a priest in Shropshire, who lists twenty five "caroles of Cristemas"

7 Charles Wesley wrote texts for at least three Christmas carols, of which the best known was originally entitled *Hark! How All the Welkin Rings*, later altered to -

We wish you a Merry Welkin Hark! the Herald Angels Sing God Rest you Merry Welkin

8 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came* refers to

The Annunciation

The Assumption

The Adoration of the Shepherds

A Visit from St. Nicholas, also known as *The Night Before Christmas* and *Twas the Night Before Christmas* from its first line, is a poem first published anonymously in 1823 and generally attributed to Clement Clarke Moore, although the claim has also been made that it was written by Henry Livingston, Jr.

9 Which name is **not** used for one the reindeer in this poem?

Dancer

Prancer

Skipper

10 What visions danced in the childrens' heads?

Sugar Cakes

Sugar Plums

Sugar Mice

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL