

CHRISTMAS DATES – Answers

800 – 1818 – 1960 – 1992 – 1847 – 1975 – 1843 - 1670 – 1932 – 1942 – 1978

1861 – 1947 – 1939 – 1642 – 1834 – 1800 – 1223 – 1993 – 1870

1. The Queen had an "annus horribilis". **1992**
2. Candy cane was invented by a German choirmaster at Cologne Cathedral who wished to keep the children in his cathedral quiet on Christmas Eve. **1670**
3. Christmas Day became a bank holiday in the UK. **1834**
4. The Christmas Carol "Silent Night" was composed by Franz Xaver Gruber. **1818**
5. Queen had their first Christmas number one with "Bohemian Rhapsody". **1975**
6. The first ever Royal Christmas Broadcast. **1932**
7. The wordless children's picture book *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs was first published. **1978**
8. Christmas Day became a federal holiday in the United States. **1870**
9. Tom Smith of London invented Christmas crackers. **1847**
10. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer first appeared in a book by Robert Lewis May. **1939**
11. A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens was first published. **1843**
12. The Bing Crosby song "White Christmas" was first released. **1942**
13. St. Francis of Assisi is credited with staging the first nativity scene. **1223**
14. Isaac Newton was born on Christmas Day. **1642**
15. The Royal Mail delivered letters and cards on a Christmas day in England for the last time. **1960**
16. The first Christmas Tree in the UK was set up at the Queen's Lodge, Windsor, by Queen Charlotte. **1800**
17. The popularity of Christmas was helped by the coronation of Charlemagne on Christmas Day. **800**
18. The first year the city of Oslo sent a rather large Christmas tree to London. **1947**
19. Mrs. Beeton's mince-pie recipe was published in which minced beef was added to the mincemeat. **1861**
20. Mr. Blobby was the UK Christmas number one. **1993**