

## CHRISTMAS DATES – Match the Date to the Clue

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". \_\_\_\_\_
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. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Christmas Day became a bank holiday in the UK. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Christmas Carol "Silent Night" was composed by Franz Xaver Gruber. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Queen had their first Christmas number one with "Bohemian Rhapsody". \_\_\_\_\_
6. The first ever Royal Christmas Broadcast. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The wordless children's picture book *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs was first published. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Christmas Day became a federal holiday in the United States. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Tom Smith of London invented Christmas crackers. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer first appeared in a book by Robert May. \_\_\_\_\_
11. A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens was first published. \_\_\_\_\_
12. The Bing Crosby song "White Christmas" was first released. \_\_\_\_\_
13. St. Francis of Assisi is credited with staging the first nativity scene. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Isaac Newton was born on Christmas Day. \_\_\_\_\_
15. The Royal Mail delivered letters and cards on a Christmas day in England for the last time. \_\_\_\_\_
16. The first Christmas Tree in the UK was set up at the Queen's Lodge, Windsor, by Queen Charlotte. \_\_\_\_\_
17. The popularity of Christmas was helped by the coronation of Charlemagne on Christmas Day. \_\_\_\_\_
18. The first year the city of Oslo sent a rather large Christmas tree to London. \_\_\_\_\_
19. Mrs. Beeton's mince-pie recipe was published in which minced beef was added to the mincemeat. \_\_\_\_\_
20. Mr. Blobby was the UK Christmas number one. \_\_\_\_\_