



Newsletter Christmas 2020



Welcome to our Christmas 2020 newsletter, keeping you in touch with what's happening at Stewartby Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society and our friends in other societies.

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We'll be back!

We still don't know what the state of affairs is going to be next year regarding coronavirus but the Stewartby Operatic Society committee have made the decision to re-start rehearsals from Thursday 21st January, 2021.

If the situation in the country changes, for better or for worse, the current plans may have to be adapted but members should expect to receive in the middle of January an email or postal reminder of the conditions for attendance. Full details will be included with the email/letter.

In the meantime, look after yourselves and enjoy Christmas as best you can. Please remember that the coronavirus is still very much with us. It is clear that the virus readily passes from person to person when they are in close proximity to one another. To avoid contracting Covid-19 the best thing to do is to avoid contact with or proximity to other people. Don't mix with other people indoors and stick to the rule of six outdoors. Simple!

Please enjoy this Christmas edition of the newsletter. Whilst you are reading it, enjoying the Christmassy content, you may think to yourself "oh, I was intending to send in a contribution but I forgot all about it". Do not worry. With one exception (thank you Margaret) so did everyone else!



The Three Kings sing a topical version of this popular carol.



The Mormon Tabernacle Choir sing The Carol of the Bells.



The Philharmonia Orchestra Christmas cards for the last eleven years.



A Big Production of the (self-titled) Best Christmas Song I've Ever Heard



Each of the images above links to a YouTube video. Stewartby Operatic Society has no control over and can not accept responsibility for the content of external web sites.

The Christmas General Knowledge Quiz part 1

How well do you know your stuff about Christmas? Answers on the last page.

1. Which scientist and fruit lover was born on Christmas day in 1642?
2. Which monarch gave the first Royal Christmas Day message?
3. What Christmas item did confectioner Tom Smith invent?
4. What is your star sign if you are born on Christmas Day?
5. Which current national leader was born on Christmas Day in 1971?



The Christmas Song Cryptic Quiz

Rearrange the answers to these clues to reveal the titles of Christmas carols and songs.

1. a long, audible exhalation; a man in armour; the period before Easter
2. immoral act; aged; relax on a chair; was victorious; insect pests; a drink; — of the Rovers
3. 19th letter; not bad; where from; girl; not sure about something; gaze at; monarch
4. job or task; indefinite article; horse's sound; measure in kg; public house; horse's hair
5. short, abrupt; definite article; half way through; gain a victory; first person singular of the verb to be; negative reply; the third letter
6. hammer or saw; illuminated; Christmas gift; thump repeatedly; male child
7. consume; not old; reasonable, even-handed; amorous feelings; minster city; beer
8. father; tumbled down; labourer of old; exists
9. Mr Columbus, to his friends; a pack of paper; red, green and blue light combined; outer leaves of a book or magazine; found a target; sphagnum, peat or reindeer; writing fluid
10. sea bird; juniper flavoured spirit; popular brand of whisky

The Christmas Quiz

Identify the phrase or word from these cryptic picture clues. They all have links to Christmas. Answers on the last page.



<p>1</p> <p>ni  ght</p>	<p>6</p> <p>hello, spring welcome, summer good day, autumn yo, winter</p>
<p>2</p> <p> our planet</p>	<p>7</p> <p>A3  A4</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Christmas</p>	<p>8</p> <p>spear shepherd's Polo cottage pepper apple</p>
<p>4</p> <p>toufrankch</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Tues  day</p>
<p>5</p> <p> L</p>	<p>10</p> <p>abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz</p> <p></p>

The Christmas General Knowledge Quiz part 2

How well do you know your stuff about Christmas? Answers on the last page.

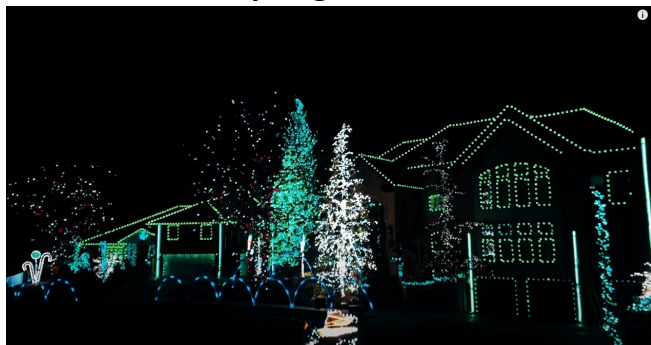
- Which hotel mogul was born on Christmas day in 1887?
- How many ghosts appear in Charles Dickens's story A Christmas Carol?
- Which country traditionally plays a Boxing Day test match each year?
- In which ocean do you find Christmas Island?
- Which Crossroads actor was born on Christmas Day in 1919?



Merry Christmas from Africa



I Saw Three Ships light show



White Christmas with Bing and Bublé



All I Want For Christmas is Lego



Thinking of family and friends at Christmas

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Quiz Answers

Christmas General Knowledge Quiz

1. Sir Isaac Newton, 2. King George V, 3. the Christmas cracker, 4. Capricorn, 5. Justin Trudeau, prime minister of Canada, 6. Conrad Hilton, 7. four and the ghost of Jacob Marley, 8. Australia, 9. Indian Ocean, 10. Noele Gordon

Christmas Song Cryptic Quiz

- (Jingle Bells)
10. gull; gin; Bells - rearrange to gin - gull - Bells
 9. Chris; ream; white; cover; aimed; moss; ink - rearrange to aimed - ream - ink - cover - white - Chris (I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas)
 8. dad; fell; navy; is - rearrange to fell - is - navy - dad (Feliz Navidad)
 7. eat; new; fair; love; York; ale - rearrange to fair - eat - new; fair; love; York (Fairytale of New York)
 6. tool; lit; myrrh; drum; boy - rearrange to lit - tool - drum - myrrh - boy (Little Drummer Boy)
 5. am - mid - the - win - terse - no (See Amid The Winter's Snow)
 4. chore; a; neigh; weigh; inn; mane - rearrange to a - weigh - inn - neigh - mane (Away In A Manger)
 3. s; good; whence; lass; doubt; look; king - rearrange to good - king - whence - lass - look - doubt (Good King Wenceslas Looked Out)
 2. sin; old; sit; won; aphids; tea; Roy - rearrange to won - sin - Roy - old - aphids - sit - tea (Once In Royal David's City)
 1. sigh; knight; Lent - rearrange to sigh - Lent - knight (Silent Night)

Christmas Quiz

1. midnight mass, 2. peas (peace) on Earth, 3. white Christmas, 4. frank in sense (frankincense), 5. tins L (tinsel), 6. seasons greetings, 7. wrap in (wrapping) paper, 8. mints (mince) pies, 9. box in (Boxing) day, 10. the first no L (nowell)

