



TDBC Would like to wish all its members a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

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Club Voucher Schemes

Would members please note that vouchers previously awarded to competition and league winners and runners up will expire at the end of December '21 and therefore need to be spent by the 31 December. They can be used in the Club shop, at the bar and for rink fees.

The £1 food vouchers (a voucher introduced because of Covid) are being phased out immediately and can be exchanged for cash at Reception again by 31 December.

David Horton

Members are requested that if they are the last on the rink and no one else is waiting to play. Could they please **TURN OFF** the rink lights. There have been many occasions where the rinks are not in use and lights have been left on. Every little bit helps.

Thank you

Trevor Keates



League Committee

So far the leagues have been running very well and currently there are only 2 outstanding matches. They are both from the Friday evening Men's triples on 5 November.

Keith Williams v Alan Jenkins and Dennis Clarke v Mike Beale

We are aware that the iPads have not always been available to enter the scores after matches. If this is the case please report the problem to either Jane Evans or Bob Standing together with the result of the match. And importantly please do not try to sort them out – recently one of the iPads had its settings changed and the power cable pulled out which meant the iPad had to be re-configured.

Bob and Jane

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The away side at Street. Both teams lost at Street, Tony Foxwell by only 4 shots in a very close game, and Lee Batten losing by 12 shots in a very strong rink set up by Street, where their skip got them out of trouble numerous times when the Deane were holding shot woods. **Kevin Cottrell**



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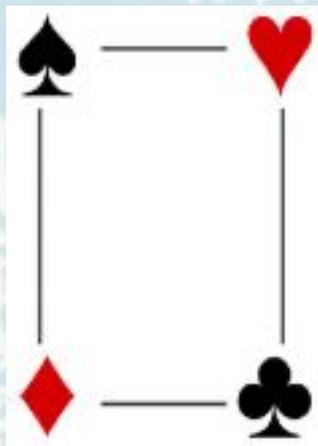
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Whist Drive Start 6:30pm Tickets £2:50 On The Night

3rd December
17th December
7th January 2022
21st January 2022



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A **Hot Shot** was scored against Ilminster in the Egham Cup.

Players were
Kevin Cottrell lead
Wendy Merchant second
Jackie Hedger third
Stan Hedger skip.

We were two up and on the second end we gained a eight shot hot shot. Which gave us a 10/0 start after two ends. We ended up winning our match comfortably.

Kevin Cottrell

Update on our away game against Minehead 22/11/21, in the **Somerset County League.**

We managed to win on one rink and lost on the other rink away. With both rinks at home winning. 10 points overall.

Away at Minehead was played in a very pleasant atmosphere, we were made very welcome.and enjoyed a very nice lunch after the match. Scores away - Tony Foxwell, Gerry, Kevin Cottrell & Rod Ellis, Losing 20/25
Brian Southward, Trevor Keates, Brian Hawkins, Andy Williams, Winning 25/14

Home results both winning - Stan Hedger 26/13, Colin Day 19/18

Kevin Cottrell





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Yetton Plate - Taunton Deane v Taunton (Vivary)

Two teams of ladies played at home and away. A total of 84 ends were played and at the end the score was 84-84! An extra end was played at Taunton with a win for Taunton by 1 shot. Well done everyone.

We so nearly did it! It was nail biting for us at Taunton Deane waiting to hear the result of the extra end.



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Yetton Plate





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**Summer Bowling Outdoors 2022.
County and National Tournaments.**

Somerset Bowls Association.

Entry forms for these are in the foyer.

Please return to reception with payment by 31st December.

Bowls England Competitions.

Men's Senior Singles.(over 55)

Men's Senior Pairs.(over 55)

Women's Senior Singles.(over 55)

Women's Senior Pairs. (over 55)

Mixed Pairs.

Mixed Fours.

Family Pairs.

The entry details for these are on the Bowls England Website. There is a small discount for entries received by 17th December.

Closing date for entries is 1st March 2022.

Andy Williams Bowls Secretary.





Club Competitions

These are now online in the Bowlr system.

If you are the challenger you will need to offer date/s

Log in – Go to ‘My Account’ – ‘My Club Competition Matches’ and scroll down to the relevant match.

Select ‘Book a Slot’

Select Date/ Time/Rink in Diary and ‘Use This Slot’

‘Make Reservation’

We suggest you Offer and reserve 2 Slots and confirm 1.

Please do not book under Roll Up as this does not write back to the Bowlr system. For Men’s/Ladies Singles (EIBA Rules) You may need more than 2 Hours. You will be asked to book a double session ‘Choose Next Session’

You may also use the screen in the foyer to book your matches.

If you need help please phone Lynn Williams 01823 481469 or Helen Horton 07307 641905.

After your Match

If you have booked using the Bowlr system you will be able to enter your result using the club iPads. (As Leagues) Select ‘My Club Competitions’

Scorecards

Please ensure Completed Scorecards show All details of match including EXACT NAME OF MATCH and RETURNED TO THE HOLDER on the Notice Board.

Please write result on Notice Board.

Competition Formats

Details of all Competition Formats are on the Notice Board. Please check before starting each match.

Booking Matches

Rules for offering dates are on the back of your entry forms which have been returned to you via your Pigeon Hole.

We run more Club Competitions than any other club in our area.

To help with the smooth running of these we ask you to offer dates in plenty of time.

There will be no extensions to Play By dates, so don’t delay **Book Today.**

Good Luck to everyone and **Enjoy.**

Competitions Committee.

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Competitions Committee -
Lynn Williams, Andy
Williams, David Horton,
Helen Horton





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Juniors





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Maintenance

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Images showing the reclamation of materials from the area between the tennis courts and the outdoor green. Nothing is wasted. The goal of reclamation is to conserve and enhance biodiversity, protect the environment, and turn areas over to new and productive uses. This work can include establishing healthy wildlife areas or preparing for future recreational uses. Well done Mike.





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SPACE**

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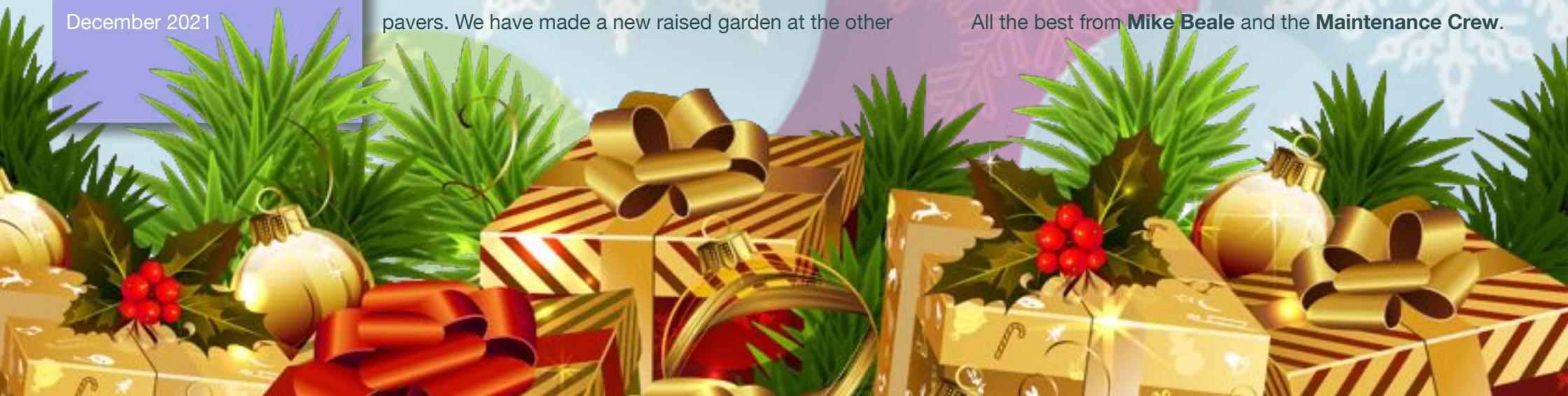
Hi All
I was not going to say anything this month but I thought I would bring you all up to date on the things we are doing outside other than what has been going on at the Tennis club end of the green.
My crew and I were upset to be told we had to take down the Jubilee Flower Bed of ten years standing, we had done a lot of work to improve it's appearance.
We now have a lot more materials with the old slabs and pavers. We have made a new raised garden at the other

end of the green, which is still in progress with other ideas, and we are looking to save time and work cutting the grass around the green.

If any of you want to come outside when we are working don't be afraid, come and have a word with any of us as you can speak to us.

If I or my crew don't see you before the 25th we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a more Successful New Year.

All the best from **Mike Beale** and the **Maintenance Crew**.





Ho Ho Ho and a Merry Christmas from the Men's Indoor Captain. Ann, Terry and Eileen have just returned from food shopping for the festive meals and buying new decorations for the Club. I for one am really looking forward to the menu they are serving up. How wonderful that the Covid vaccines are giving most members the confidence and reassurance to return to bowling and to join in the Club's social activities. Whist evenings have returned and this Saturday Bob and his helpers are running the quiz night. On New Years Day there's the 'Hangover' bowling tournament for which notices are up and any bowlers can sign up for. Despite all the sad news with the continuing covid outbreaks life goes on and the Club is almost in 'full swing'.

Clubs have struggled, North Petherton found it hard to get 16 men to play away in the Somerset County League and have withdrawn. Thankfully our representative teams have enough support though I was disappointed we could not raise a mixed friendly side to play away at Madeira on Sat 13th. I'm sure the distance was a factor. They have cancelled the return fixture on the 4th December. Stuart has been very busy with all the

amendments to fixtures and has been doing a sterling job staying on top of all the changes. Good luck to the Men's Over 60's Double rink that won their first round match and now play R2 against St Andrews on the 30th. Good luck to the Ladies in the Mason's against local rivals Taunton on the 10th Dec. Great to see so many of our bowlers playing for both the senior County Men's and Ladies teams. Congrats David Horton on playing in the over 60's County side in the National knockout; his rink skipped by Barrie Forse of St Andrews won their match. Somerset lost overall by 6 shots against opponents Hampshire. I'm a proud Club member watching our bowlers play representative matches and sitting alongside our County President and past Club President Mike at Bristol was an enjoyable experience, even if we were runners up. Last Sunday, playing Taunton in the S&DL, my opposing skip was Harry Scragg. He told me years back he played in an evening league here at the Deane. He said it ran from 8-11pm. Sides from other Clubs entered and considered it a very high standard of bowls. There was a single League joining fee. This was way before my time joining the Deane. From what he told me I got a real sense of a hive of activity. I also understand at one time the Club did run two Leagues in the evenings as well as the daytime leagues. Do we want to go back to the way things were? Food for thought. Well, a couple of dates for your diaries are Feb 21st for the Bowls AGM. The Club AGM is planned for March 28th. I'll finish by thanking the bowlers who have put their names down for the Ladder and wishing all competitors in Club competitions good luck.

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Men's Indoor Captain -
Mark Reeve

Happy Bowling
Mark xx





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Partially Sighted Members



To view the full interview
click the link above and
double click the video to
watch.

“The difficulties visually impaired people have navigating our busy high streets...”





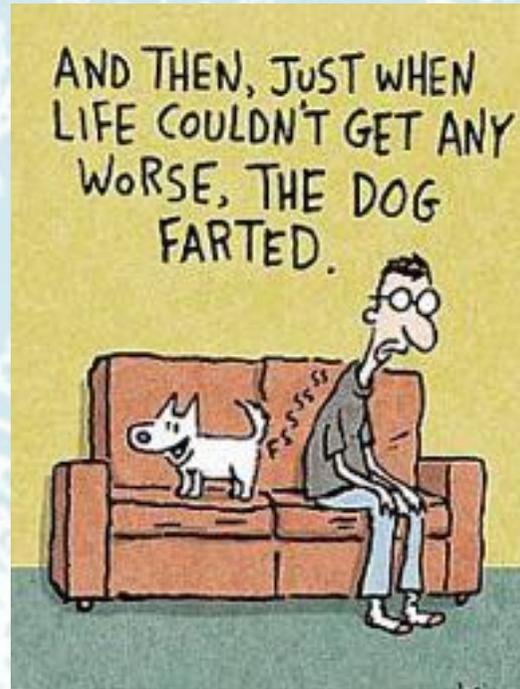
**Tea Pot Terry and
Milk Maid Meryl.**
Always willing to serve.
Terry just needs to work on his smile.



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Refreshments

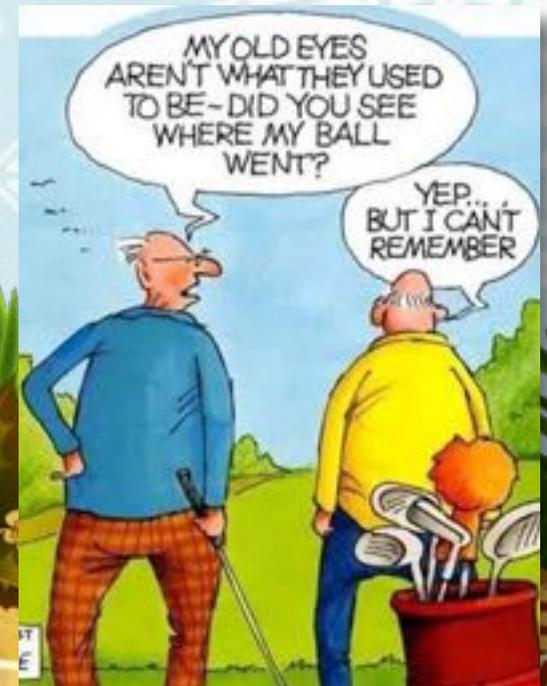


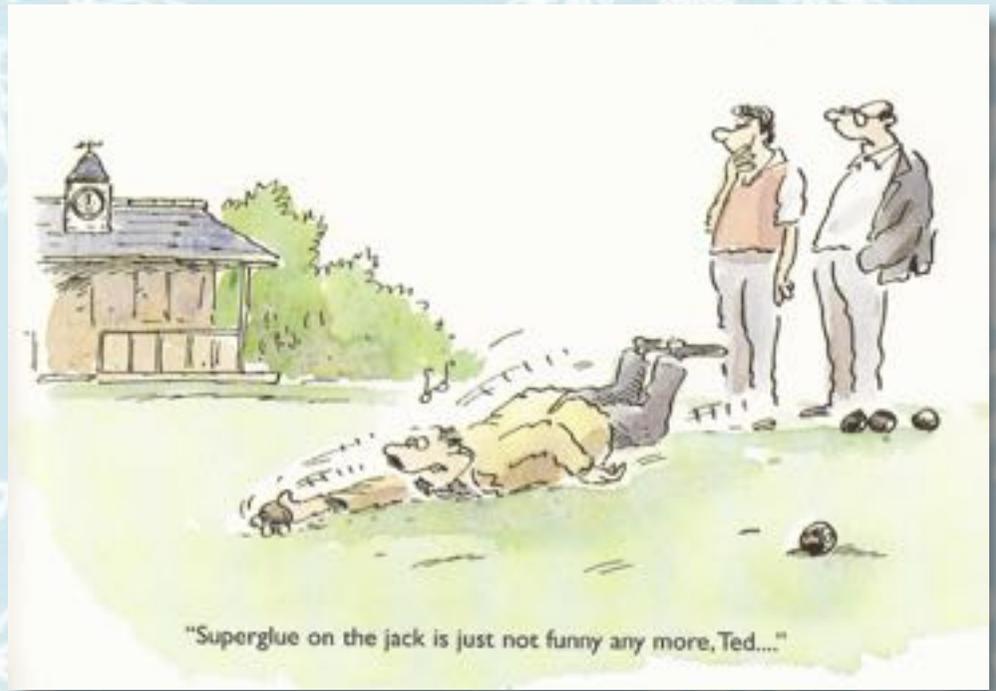
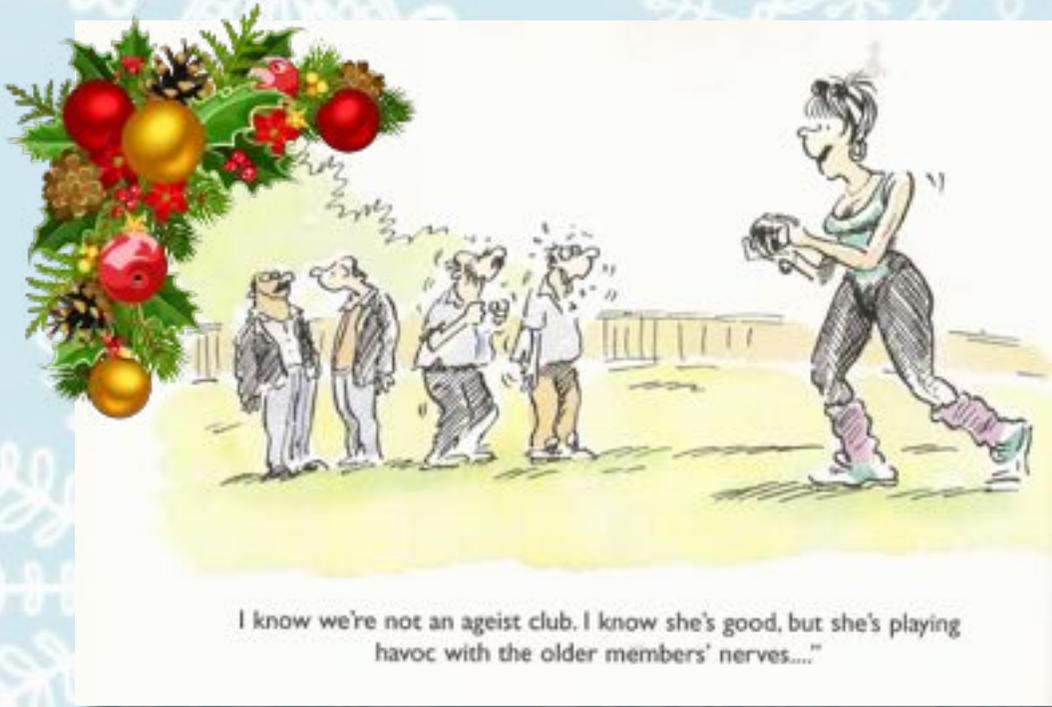


Laughter is the best medicine



"Welcome back, sir. Are you planning on being our guest for one night only, or will this be your usual extended stay?"





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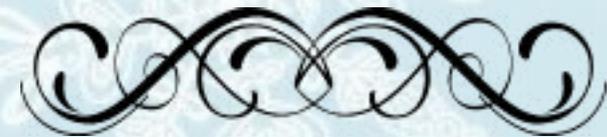


Our Condolences

If anyone has any information regarding the passing of any club member could they please inform Linda Dodden in the first instance. Thank you.

Linda Dodden - 01823 432160

e-mail - diary2205@gmail.com



It is with deep regret that we wish to inform you of the passing of the following former member(s) of the Club:

**Dick Routley and
Sid Chorley**

Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy go out to family and friends.





The Christmas Tree is a ubiquitous element of festive celebrations across the globe. Today, having a Christmas tree in one's home is an expected form of celebrating, often involving a gathering, various forms of decoration and eventually displaying the abundance of presents to be opened on Christmas morning. In pre-Christmas pagan practices, the Vikings and Saxons of northern Europe worshipped trees. The use and symbolism of trees would continue throughout the centuries in Europe, marking the crossover between pagan festivities and the later established Christian traditions we are familiar with today. In the early years, trees were often displayed upside down, hung from the ceiling using chains or a chandelier. Whilst the fir tree was the most commonly used, others were used such as hawthorn or even just a few branches. Much of the festivities were dependent on what people were able to afford, with some replicating the tree with a pyramid shaped out of wood and decorated with apples and other available items. The pyramid shape was intended to replicate the Paradise Trees which prevailed in medieval German Miracle Plays. The tree had by now gained a significant status as a tool for celebrating during the Christmas period, whether they were large or small, decorated or replicated. All across northern Europe the tree became synonymous with celebration. Today, the source of the Christmas tree in northern Europe is still disputed between Estonia and Latvia, both claiming to have had the first. The act of celebrating Christmas in the home with a tree was instigated by Protestant Germans. From there, the tradition spread across Lutheran territories of Germany and further afield. By the nineteenth century, Christmas trees could be found displayed in





homes across northern Europe, although at first the festivities were mainly restricted to the elites.

Today, decorating the tree can take on great personal significance with many families having their own traditions and styles. In the eighteenth century the most common form of decoration was the candle, the precursor to the electric lights. The use of light in order to illuminate the tree and display it in all its grandeur has often been associated with Martin Luther, the Protestant reformer who, it was claimed, added candles to an evergreen tree in an act of celebration back in the sixteenth century.

In Germany, the Christmas tree was a custom strongly associated to Protestantism but eventually the tradition spread to a wider audience in the early 1800's, thanks largely to a group of Prussian officials who emigrated and spread the tradition. In the nineteenth century, the Christmas tree became an enduring symbol of German culture, a legacy which would be spread to the rest of the continent.

Across the English Channel, Britain had not been using trees to celebrate Christmas, although the custom of decorating churches using evergreens had been practised for a long time. It was the German-born wife of George III who first displayed the decoration in Britain. Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz held a party in 1800 in which the tree had become the centrepiece of the festivities. So much so that a young Victoria had a Christmas tree in her room every year in December, decorated with lights and sugared ornaments.

When she grew up, Queen Victoria married her cousin, Prince Albert and the tradition continued. In 1848 a drawing was published of the "Queen's Christmas tree at Windsor





Castle”, a crucial factor in spreading the popularity of the decorative tree across the country. Very soon, the tree had been embraced by wealthy upper-middle class families across Britain, although it would take a few more years before these festivities would spread to the lower classes.

In the 1920’s the Christmas tree would enter the living rooms of people across the nation, no longer seen as an exclusive tradition of only the wealthy and elite.

Throughout the years, the popularity the tree would continue to endure and garner great commercial success across the globe.

In the United Kingdom the use of trees in festive celebrations became more widespread, particularly in public spaces such as town squares. To this day, one of the most famous trees, a gift given by Norway to the UK, is proudly displayed in Trafalgar Square, a token of goodwill after the Second World War.

The Christmas tree has continued to endure throughout the decades: whilst decorations and styles have changed, the symbolism and significance remains. Whilst the Victorians decorated their trees with candles, the Edwardians would decorate with ostrich feathers in a variety of colours. In the following decades fashions and trends would come and go, with the growing popularity of artificial trees and tinsel. Today, decorations have become much more varied and individual with families producing their own Christmas traditions.

The Christmas tree is an enduring legacy from pre-Christian traditions. Its symbolism and significance prevails despite the changing trends. The tree is a permanent example of traditions, culture and celebration.

Steve Browning

