



Merry Christmas

Taunton Deane Bowling Club would like to wish all its members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2025 and most of all, enjoy your bowling.



The first commercially available card was commissioned by Sir Henry Cole and designed by John Callcott Horsley in London 1843. The central picture showed three generations of a family raising a toast to the card's recipient, on either side were scenes of charity, with food and clothing being given to the poor.

Probably, one of the first shortening of the word Christmas to Xmasse, (bottom right). Known now as Xmas and dreaded by anyone who appreciates and works with type.



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Restaurant Christmas Menu

Wednesday - December 11th - 1:00 For 1:15
Friday - December 20th - 1:00 For 1:15
Book Early - Seating for 52 only per session
A Glass of Mulled Wine upon arrival

Menu

Traditional Farmhouse Roast
With a choice of :-

- 1** - Turkey Breast with Cranberry Sauce
- 2** - Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding

Choose Fat Roast Potatoes, Festive Homemade Sausage meat, Cranberry and Apricot Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Fresh Festive Vegetables, Brussel Sprouts, Cauliflower Cheese, Honey Roast Parsnips, Carrots & Peas, Homemade Turkey or Beef Gravy

Santa's Sweet Delights

- A** - Traditional Christmas Pudding served with Brandy Sauce and Clotted Cream
- B** - Tiramisu with Clotted Cream
- C** - Baileys & Chocolate Cheesecake with Cream
- D** - Lemon & White Chocolate Meringue
- E** - Trio Cheese, Biscuits, Grapes & Chutney

Fresh Brewed Tea or Coffee with a Mince Pie or Christmas Cake

£21:00

Special Dietary needs can be catered for upon request prior to bookings







TAUNTON DEANE BOWLING CLUB LTD

**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING
OF THE COMPANY**

Tuesday 17 December 2024 at 6.00pm

FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL TO REPLACE THE DITCH
SURROUNDING THE OUTDOOR GREEN AS THE CLUB NEEDS THE
AGREEMENT OF THE MEMBERS WHEN SPENDING OVER £10,000

The EGM is held solely to pass this motion



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As advised in the GMC meeting, SBA have requested that we notify all members of the vacancies at the SBA committee as follows:-

The following Somerset Bowls Association committee positions will become vacant next year:-

General Secretary

Championship/Competition Secretary

Treasurer

Anybody interested should contact Ross Turnbull at SBA

Paul Frost - Development Officer



Competitions Update

The early rounds of all competitions have now been completed and the next play by date for most of the competitions is 4th January 2025.

Please arrange your matches early due to the upcoming Christmas break and remember to enter your match result into bowlr.

If for any reason you have to drop out of a singles or doubles competition, please let me know as there are reserves available who may be able to fill in for you.

Plans are in place to hold an internal open triples competition in March 2025 with the final being played during the finals weekend in April – further details will be published in the new year.

Happy bowling.

Karl Greenhoff - Competitions & Tournaments



Disabled Parking Area TDBC

Club members who use the disabled parking area at TDBC are reminded that they should display their Blue Badge at all times.

Mike Westlake - Director



The Christmas and New Year period is considered by many as a joyous, family orientated time, but from a safeguarding point of view is this really true?

It can provide additional challenges to families, individuals, adults at risk and children as well as additional challenges for statutory services monitoring the wellbeing of children and adults who are already known to be at risk.

December always sees a spike in safeguarding issues and every year the NSPCC reports increasing numbers of children calling them for help with large numbers being exposed to domestic and substance abuse. It is common over the festive period for children to be abused by a relative, other children or family friends who visit. Statistics have shown over time that extended periods of time together can result in increased reports of domestic abuse.

Some of the key issues faced include

Increased stress and family tensions – financial strain, family pressures or emotional stress can exacerbate existing family tensions leading to increased risk of neglect, abuse or harm.

Disruption of routine – School holidays can leave children with more unstructured or unsupervised periods of time which can result in them spending more time in potentially unsafe environments, including online or with individuals that may pose a risk to their safety. For some, especially for those with neuro divergency, the lack of structure and increase in unfamiliar or unknown faces can cause enormous stress leading to behaviour changes and the potential for aggression. Both children and adults can feel cut off from their usual support networks of trusted friends and carers and this can result in extreme loneliness, anxiety or depression.

Increased vulnerability – during this period family may face financial and emotional strain, mental wellbeing and mental health issues or substance abuse usually through the increased use of alcohol.

Reduced access to support services - often regular support groups and services are closed or operating at a reduced capacity thus limiting resources available to children and adults who may need help or intervention.





Cultural or religious factors – may impact how families celebrate the holidays potentially influencing the ways in which vulnerable children and adults are supervised and cared for.

Expense – not managing expectations or having an unrealistic approach, in this cost-of-living crisis, can lead to debt and the associated factors of managing into the new year. For people on low income the 'heat or eat' debate.

Experience – for many this period is not a happy one whether there is loss involved or loneliness.

There is a list of various helpline numbers on the safeguarding notice board in the club. Various training is available via Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP). They have a week of free training about online issues 2-6 December 2024.

Any concerns regarding safeguarding can be reported at safeguarding@tdbowls.com.

Liz Dicks - Safeguarding





Education is key to unlocking a world of bigger and better clubs with fantastic, confident volunteers.

Looking to better your own knowledge on a topic or get some advice on how to make your club the best club it can be? Look no further – our education platform has FREE training and educational resources to help volunteers and clubs reach their potential.

This is an ever-expanding area for the BDA so make sure you check back or follow our social media platforms to be the first to find out about our new resources.

***** Booking Now OPEN! ***** Week of Learning - January 2025

Book online at Bowls Development Alliance Education

These free webinars are open to any club affiliated to Bowls England, English Indoor Bowling Association, English Short Mat Bowling Association or British Crown Green Bowling Association.

Places for each webinar are limited and bookings will close three days prior to each event. If you miss the cut off date but would still like to attend please email: clubdevelopment@bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com and we will do our best to fit you onto the workshop.

Creating a Marketing Strategy

Improve engagement and awareness of your club or organisation through impactful marketing. This course will help you to understand the key principles of a marketing strategy, how to develop one, establish marketing goals and identify different marketing channels to help you deliver your aspirations.

What will you achieve?

By the end of this session, you will be able to:

- understand the key principles of a marketing strategy
- describe how to develop a marketing strategy using a simple framework
- understand how to monitor and evaluate your marketing strategy

Monday 20-1-25 10.00-11.30

Thursday 23-1-25 18.00-19.30

How to Complete the Club Health Checker

This session will delve into the Club Health Checker, a free online self-assessment tool designed to uncover challenges your bowls club might face and pinpoint areas for targeted growth.

What you will achieve:

- What the Club Health Checker is
- What club knowledge is required to complete the Club Health Checker
- A step by step example Club Health Checker completed in the session

By completing this session, you'll gain valuable insights into how the Club Health Checker works and what is required for you to complete it.

Monday 20-1-25 14.00-15.00 Club Health Checker





SSCP December Forum Week: Being Online - Whats the harm?

Date & Time:

Monday 2 December 2024 (13:00 - 14:00)

[Tell me about future dates of this event](#)

Venue:

ONLINE,

Detail:



The SSCP Forum week on Online Safety will give you the opportunity to:

- Increase your awareness
- Hear the voice of Somerset's young people
- Understand the range of Apps available
- Learn how to identify and respond to the risks within online usage
- Gain skills and knowledge to tackle bullying
- Learn how to set up devices to protect children and young people
- Develop knowledge and resources to help support families, children and young people.

Booking:

[More Information & Booking- 27289](#)

Further Information:

Provider:

Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership

Gemma Whiting

SSCPTraining@somerset.gov.uk

Trainer:

SSCP

Venue Details:

ONLINE,





Safeguarding: Children and Young People

signs and indications of abuse and how to report concerns about children.

What you will achieve:

- Confidence to respond to and report concerns
- How to find out about the resources on offer to your club, and how you can use them to keep children and young people safe
- Ideas on how to listen to children and young people in your club.
- A greater knowledge of abuse that can affect children and young people

Monday 20-1-25 17.00-18.00

Wednesday 22-1-25 10.00-11.00

Funding: What funding do you need and why?

This session will allow for discussion about what you are hoping to obtain funding for and why you need it.

What will you achieve?

- A better understanding of whether your requirements will be considered by funding providers.

Tuesday 21-1-25 10.00-11.30

Funding: How to put a funding bid together

This session will allow for discussion about what you are hoping to obtain funding for and why you need it.

What will you achieve?

- A better understanding of whether your requirements will be considered by funding providers.

Tuesday 21-1-25 13.00-14.30

Engaging Your Communities

This course will explore how to better connect, understand and engage with your local community.

What will you achieve?

By the end of this session, you will be able to:

- understand the key principles of community engagement
- explore the benefits of community engagement
- explore how your club or organisation can meet the needs of your local community and identified how to engage with them
- identify actions to improve your club or organisations community engagement efforts.

Tuesday 21-1-25 18.00-19.30

Friday 24-1-25 10.00-11.30

Engaging Your Communities

Tuesday 21st January - 6pm-7:30pm





7th December 2024

Christmas quiz with Bob

Tickets £6

7:00pm start

11th December 2024

Christmas Lunch

Tickets £21

13:00 for 13:15 Start

20th December 2024

Christmas Lunch

Tickets £21

13:00 for 13:15 Start

31st December 2024

New Years Eve - Sapphire

Tickets £16:50

8:00pm start

8th March 2025

Chris Chaplin Entertainer

Tickets £14

7:00pm start

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS



Scot of the Antarctic

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December 24th

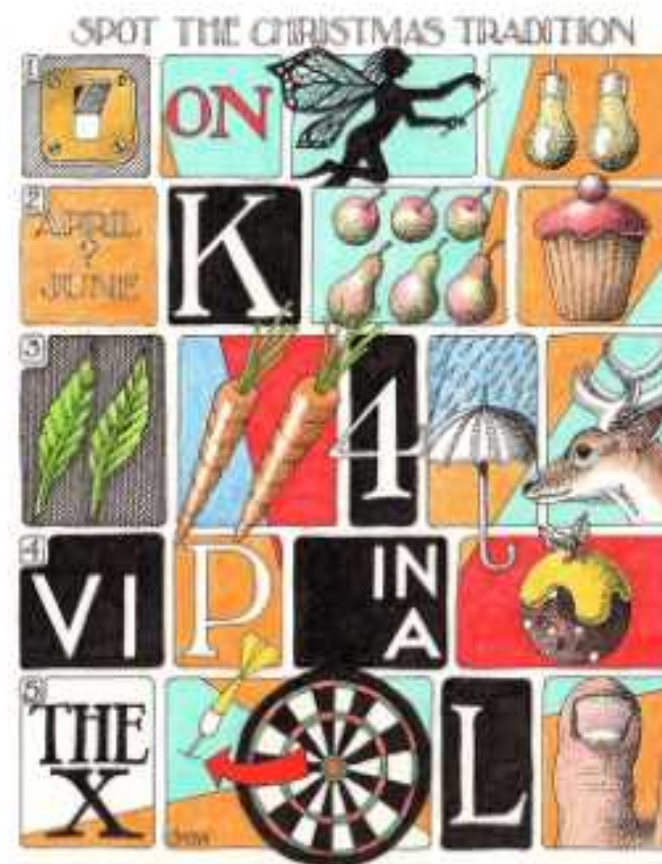
The Three Wise Men play poolsticks on their way to Bethlehem

MERRY CHRISTMAS



have a ball

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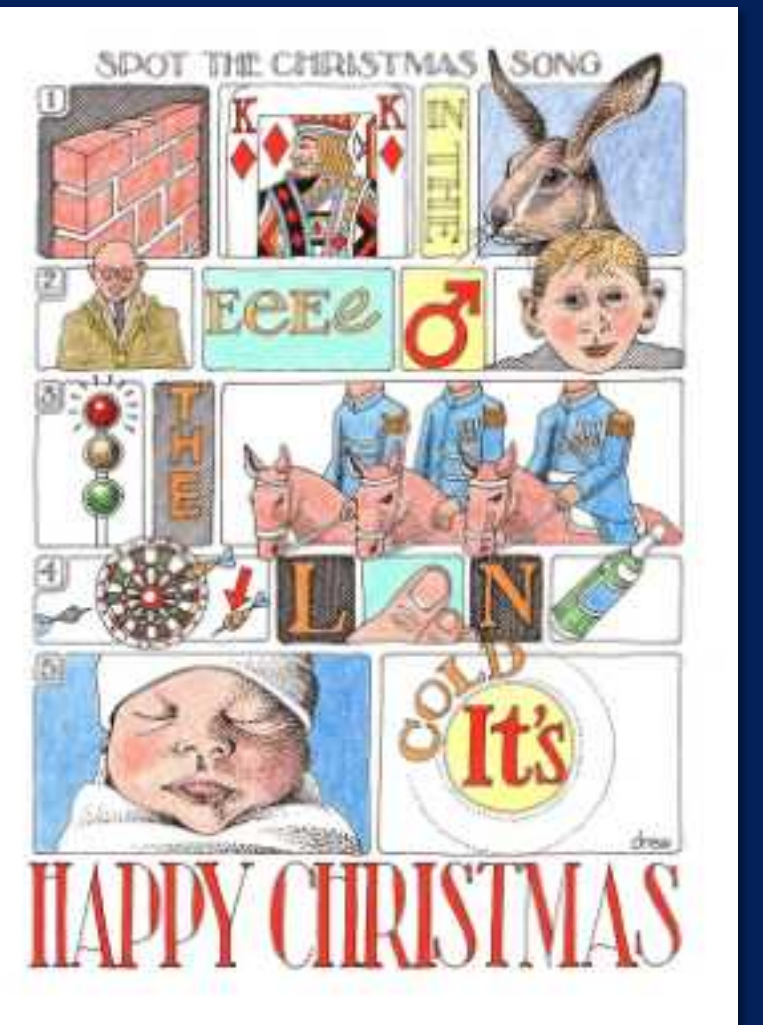
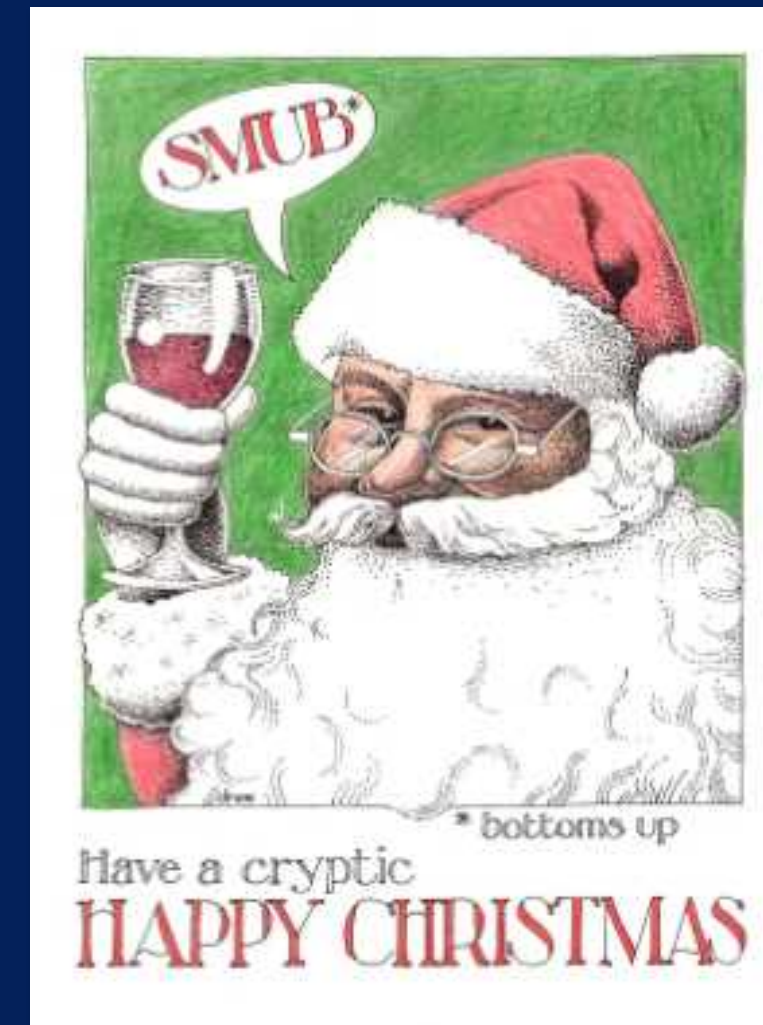
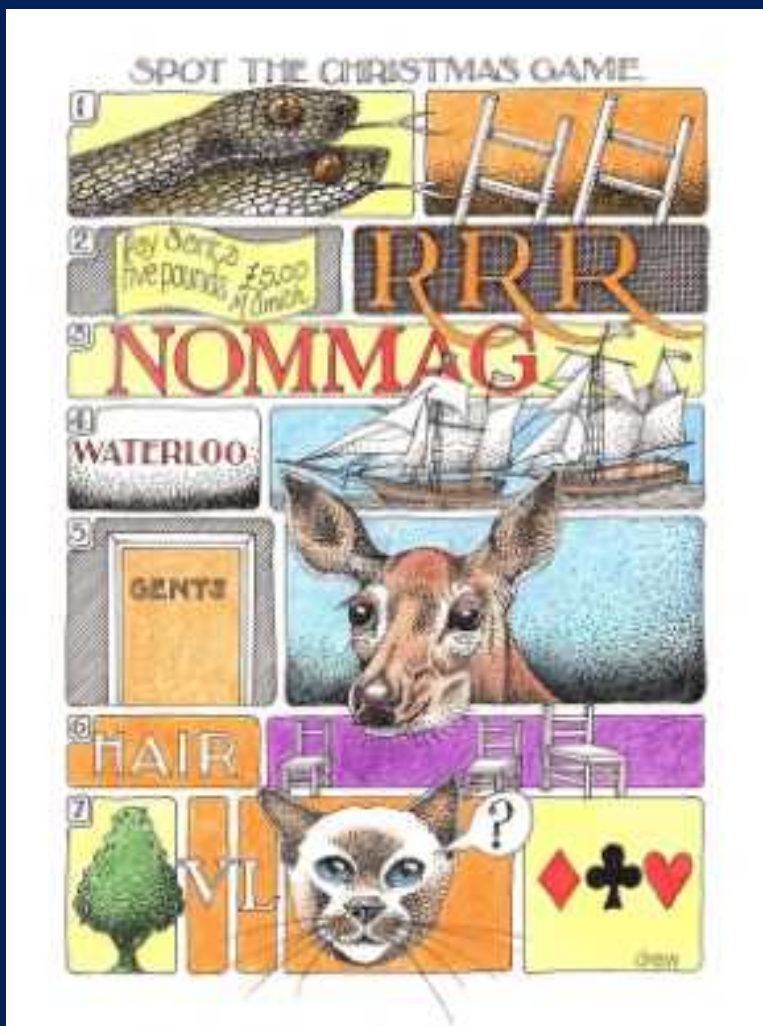
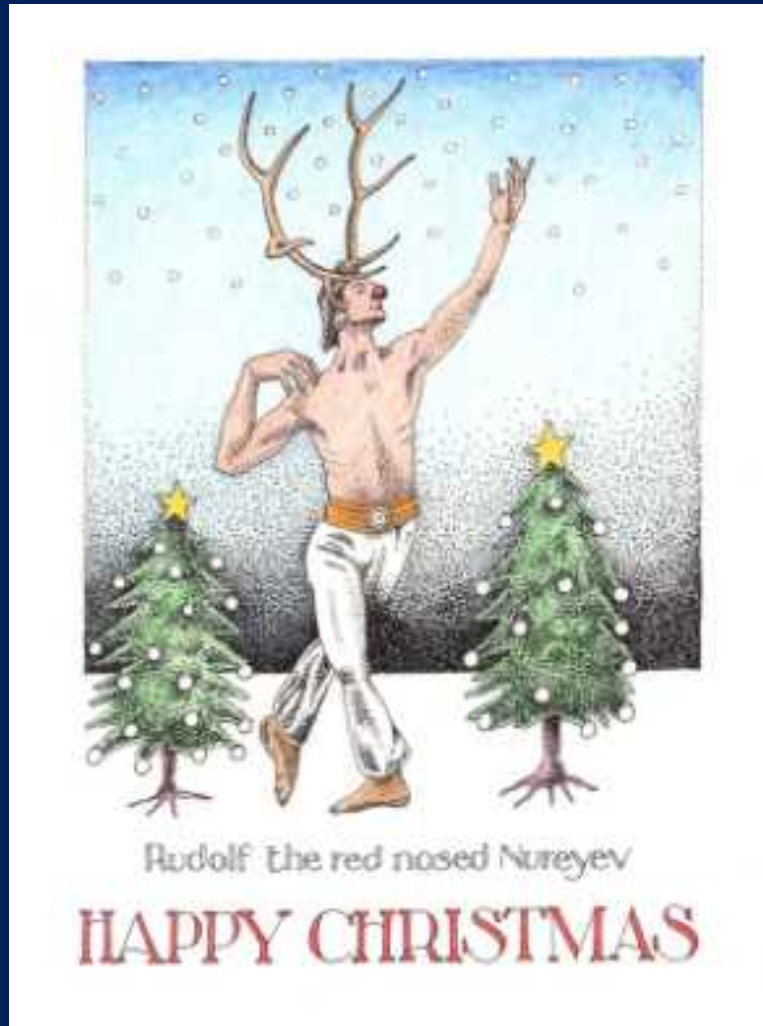
Christmas is a magical time of year. Every year I watch my money magically disappear.

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Music

Nothing can bring people together like the coveted Christmas number one.

Whether it's all getting behind a beloved X Factor winner, joining a campaign to stop an X Factor winner from achieving the top spot ever again, or inexplicably buying the self-titled Mr Blobby, it's often a time when people truly unite.

Here's my rundown of over half a century of Christmas number ones, from the top of the pops, to the top of the flops.

50s

The history of the Christmas number one, now one of the great festive traditions, begins with Al Martino and his ballad Here In My Heart. This topped the charts in 1952 and was not only the first Christmas number one, but also the first ever UK number one.

It was a couple of years until we had a tailor-made festive tune though. Dickie Valentine's Christmas Alphabet led the way in 1955.

With the exception of Mary's Boy Child in 1957, the next few years were dominated by huge stars such as Elvis, The Beatles and Tom Jones.

60s

Christmas number ones in the 1960s weren't very festive at all, there wasn't a single 'Christmassy' tune that topped the charts during the whole decade.

The Beatles ruled the roost with three consecutive number ones from 1963 to 1965. The first was I Want To Hold Your Hand, the second I Feel Fine and the third Day Tripper/We Can Work It Out. Not long later, they bagged a fourth: Hello, Goodbye in 1967.

1968 was another good year for a McCartney, but not the one you might expect. Mike McCartney (or Mike McGear, as he was known professionally) was one third of the trio Scaffold, who shot to number one with their folk parody Lily The Pink at Christmas that year. This is also thought to be the first ever novelty song to become a Christmas number one.





70s

The 1970s were quite gloomy in many ways, but they did produce the glam-rock sensation Slade and their hit single Merry Xmas Everyone. It topped the charts in the Christmas of 1973 and has since been voted the most popular Christmas song of all time in numerous polls.

In 1975, Queen stormed to number one with their controversial hit single Bohemian Rhapsody. Whilst initial reaction in the press was mixed, it went on to become Queen's most popular song ever. This was made clear in 1991, as it reached Christmas number one again after Freddie Mercury's death and is the only song to have ever hit the top spot at Christmas twice.

80s

Then came the 1980s, and Band Aid along with them. Christmas is traditionally a time of thinking about those less fortunate than ourselves, and after seeing the devastation of the famine in Ethiopia, Bob Geldof decided to do something radical. He put together a band of superstars and recorded Do They Know It's Christmas?, which flew to the 1984 number one spot with ease, becoming the fastest-selling single ever at that time.

It even beat Wham's Last Christmas! In fact, quite a lot of our festive favourites from this decade never even made it to be Christmas number ones. Fairytale Of New York by The Pogues was beaten by The Pet Shop Boys with Always On My Mind in 1987, and Stop The Cavalry by Jona Lewie was trumped in 1980 by St Winifred's School Choir and their one-hit wonder There's No One Quite Like Grandma. Bet that one stung.

90s

Yes, he really did get a Christmas number one. No, I can't quite believe it either.

In 1993, Mr Blobby somehow became that year's Christmas number one and has since been consistently voted the 'most annoying' Christmas song ever released. It's not hard to see why.

The late 1990s however were all about girl-power. The Spice Girls were the first band since The Beatles to secure three Christmas number ones.





00s

You may not know this, but Simon Cowell produced Mr Blobby's one hit wonder. It seems Mr Cowell got a taste for the Christmas top spot, as the mid-to-late 2000s were dominated by X Factor winners. Starting with Shayne Ward's debut single That's My Goal, X Factor winners took the Christmas number one slot four years in a row.

The public eventually got fed up of X Factor's monopoly though and a couple called Jon and Tracy Morter started a social media campaign to get Rage Against The Machine's single Killing In The Name to number one on Christmas Day in 2009. The campaign was cuttingly called Rage Against X Factor and it succeeded, securing the top spot and officially ending the X Factor's four year reign.

10s

Over the next few years lots of charity singles achieved the coveted title, such as the Military Wives Choir with their single Wherever You Are in 2012, The Justice Collective's He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother (a song that raised money for those affected by the Hillsborough disaster) in 2012, and A Bridge Over You, sung by the Lewisham & Greenwich NHS choir in 2015.

Next, it was Youtuber LadBaby who was crowned Christmas number one winner with his parody of We Built This City (otherwise known as The Sausage Roll Song. A bookies' favourite had been Ariana Grande's Thank u, Next, which recently broke Youtube's record for most views on a video in 24 hours.

But as the crazy Christmas charts have shown over the years, you never can tell!

Whatever you're listening to over the festive season, enjoy, and be thankful that Mr Blobby doesn't make a surprise comeback. Although... there is always plenty of time.



To listen to the Top 100 Christmas Songs by British Artist click the link to the left:-







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