



The KeyWay



Benjamin, a four-year-old lad was asked to say 'grace' before Christmas lunch

The whole family bowed their heads in preparation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mummy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grannie, Grampy, and all his aunts and uncles. Benjamin then began to thank God for the food.

He gave thanks for the turkey, the chipolatas, the cranberry sauce, the bread sauce, the Christmas pudding, the Yule log, the roast potatoes and even the brandy butter. Benjamin paused, and everyone waitedand waited.

After a long silence, he looked up at his mother and asked, 'If I thank God for the Brussels sprouts, won't he know that I'm lying?'

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Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

*'I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!
- Longfellow*

*'I will honour Christmas in my heart, and
try to keep it all the year.'
- Charles Dickens*

Father Christmas Calls

Alex was five; all his Christmas presents were always signed, 'from Father Christmas.'

A little while after Alex had opened all his presents on Christmas morning, we became aware that he was looking quite down in the mouth for no obvious reason.

'What's the matter, Al?' I asked.

'Ummmm', replied Alex slowly, 'I really hoped that you and Mummy would give me something for Christmas!'

Birthdays

1-Jan. Rhonda Twigge

Anniversaries

1-Jan. Sheanagh & Stephen Noles

2-Jan. Pam & Bob Mackie

Christmas Tree



Italy: Italy probably has the longest Christmas lunch, it's not uncommon for the feast to last 5 hours. Most families will have about 8 courses including *antipasti*, a small portion of pasta, a roast meal, followed by 2 salads and 2 sweet puddings - then cheese fruit, brandy and chocolates.

Ukraine: An artificial spider and web are often included in the decorations on Ukrainian Christmas trees. A spider web found on Christmas morning is believed to bring good luck.

Christmas crackers:

It is claimed that Tom Smith, a baker of wedding cakes from London, invented the Christmas cracker probably in the 1840's. On a visit to Paris he saw some sugar almonds [*bon-bons*] wrapped in twisted paper. On his return to England Tom designed a cracker shape; also inspired by the sound of logs crackling in a fire, and founded a cracker manufacturer in 1847, which still exists today - possibly the largest manufacturer in the world.

Global Warming - Evidence Against



Ultimate Snow Hat



The Turkey - A most difficult bird to cook

Martha was away from home on Christmas Day for the first time and she was missing her home and family desperately. Martha decided to cook a turkey herself, just like her Mum used to, so that she could feel closer to her family.

Martha returned home for the New Year celebrations and recounted her experience to her Mum saying, 'Mum. it was so difficult to eat the turkey.'

'Why was that, dear?' asked Mum in a concerned way, 'was it not cooked properly?'

'How would I know?' responded Martha, 'it wouldn't sit still.'