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LOOK-IN called round a number of your favourite TV personalities to see if they had any Christmas comments to make. Here are their answers . . .

Ed Stewart (right) *Do you know the most exciting thing that happened to me last Christmas? A WHITE CHRISTMAS. Every December 25th, we play all your requests and messages from the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, in London. Christmas Eve I'd gone to bed early, pinned my little stocking on to the end of the bed, and dreamt of all the presents Father Christmas was going to squash in. Of course—when I woke up—nothing! I haven't got a chimney. I decided to walk the mile-and-a-half to the hospital, and that is something you should do if you get the chance. Fur hat to keep my ears warm, long maxicoat and thick gloves, I felt like an Arctic explorer following his huskies and sleigh through the freezing blizzard. When I arrived at the hospital, a choir of murses was singing Christmas carols. Matron was waiting with a hot cup of tea and all the children in the ward were opening their presents. For, me, this is what

Gillian Blake ★ I hate Christmas pudding—so I always have to sit there with an empty plate when it comes to that part of the meal. This year I'm going to Switzerland. I hope they don't have Christmas pud there too!

Christmas is all about.



Jimmy Tarbuck (above, with James junior, Cheryl and Liza) ★ I give up everything to be with my family at Christmas. One Christmas Eve I walked into the parlour and my brother was there with his girlfriend. He said 'Hello, and what do you want for Christmas?' I told him 'I wanna watch'. He said 'Okay, draw up a chair and keep quiet!'

Peter Noone ★ I like Christmas—I usually do a pantomime and that's a lot of fun. I've only had one bad Christmas and that was a couple of years ago. I was at New York airport due to come home. It was snowing very heavily and the planes couldn't take off. Then I found out the taxi drivers wouldn't take me into town either. So there I was, stuck at the airport all night—not what you might call a merry Christmas! Still, this year I'm looking forward to a much happier time.

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Benny Hill (below) \bigstar A little boy wrote to Father Christmas asking for £5 to buy a train set. The postmen sorting the letters were so touched by his letter, they had a collection but could only raise £4. They sent it off. Then a few days later, they were sorting the letters and saw a note to Father Christmas from the same little boy. It said 'Thank you very much for sending the £4. I know you really sent £5 but that lot at the post office stole the other £1!' You just can't win, can you?





Susan Stranks

★ With all the talk of Women's Liberation this year, perhaps it's time we had a Mother Christmas!

Tony Bastable

★ While you're having lots of fun this Christmas, spare some time to think of the people who live alone and are feeling especially lonely this time. Better still, try to pay them a visit.

Michael Mackenzie

(below, with his wife, actress Ann Holloway) ★On the whole I'm disappointed with the way Christmas is celebrated. All the television commercials and the shops full of gifts months beforehand, make me feel angry. Christmas should be a private, warm family occasion.

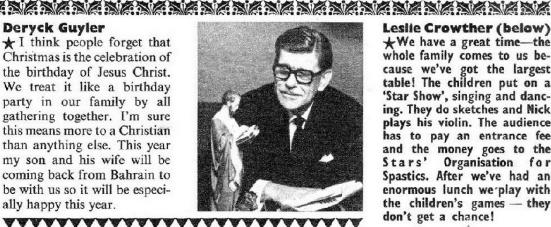


Douglas Rae

★ Whilst other Magpie team members are sitting cosily round their Yule logs, I'll be in the Cairngorm Mountains. I'll be trying to teach ski-ing to beginners.

Deryck Guyler

★ I think people forget that Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of Jesus Christ. We treat it like a birthday party in our family by all gathering together. I'm sure this means more to a Christian than anything else. This year my son and his wife will be coming back from Bahrain to be with us so it will be especially happy this year.



444444444444 Colin Willock * Here is a special Christmas survival warning -beware of crystallised fruit or they'll surely get you. There are some especially devious ones that come with a wire fork to help you make a beast of yourself. I was savaged by a box of these at the age of eight and since then I've never been able to look a crystallised fruit in the eye!



Mike and Bernie Winters (above, with Harry Corbett, Sooty, Sweep and friends) * Bernie: One year I was so excited about Christmas that I dreamt I was eating cornflakes in the night. When I awoke I discovered I was eating the mattress. Mike: I love Christmas-but sometimes I wish it fell at another time of the year—why? Because the shops are so full, of course!

Charlie Drake (left)

On Christmas Day a young lad from Sidcop, Was given a lovely sweet shop.

He sat on a seat, And the sweets he did eat; Hiccupped, and then went off Pop!

Spencer Banks * We get all the family together - parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. I've a younger brother of six

who's a treat to watch opening his presents. We all have an enormous feed and then flop down in front of the telly.

Leslie Crowther (below) ★We have a great time—the whole family comes to us because we've got the largest table! The children put on a 'Star Show', singing and dancing. They do sketches and Nick plays his violin. The audience has to pay an entrance fee and the money goes to the Organisation for Stars' Spastics. After we've had an enormous lunch we play with the children's games — they



Cheryl Burfield

★ I have three younger brothers and Christmas with them is really a good time. We gorge ourselves on nuts and sweets -and I've only recently developed a sweet tooth. Happy Christmas to LOOK-IN readers.



Michael Robbins home, with his family) ★ We have a big family and we always try to invite somebody who otherwise wouldn't have a Christmas. I think if everyone did that, Christmas would be a happier time for many people.

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Anita Harris (above)

★Like most people in the entertainment business, I'm nearly always away from home at Christmas working in a pantomime. So, my family and friends come to me wherever I'm appearing. I'm nuts about open fireplaces and logs burning in the grate. It's a really beautiful time for me—especially with the Christmas pud etc.

Peter Cleall

every

year!

★ I hate turkey, so I'm going to get away from it all and spend Christmas in the Canary Isles. Lucky me!

John Alderton (below)

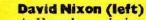
Christmas should be funthis year because my wife is due to have our baby any day then. I hope it doesn't arrive on Christmas day—that means it'll only get one set of presents

Roger Moore (right)

★ I usually keep to a strict diet throughout the year because I have to keep in shape — but come Christmas all that goes by the board. I mean, in the festive season everyone has to enjoy a nice plump turkey. That's one of the reasons I like it. The other is being with my children—I really enjoy that.

Robert Harbin

I'm usually doing my cabaret show on Christmas day itself. I remember one year I had been invited to perform at a large country house in England. I thought I was brilliant and carried out all my sensational feats perfectly. The lady of the house swept towards me after the show. "Oh, Mr. Harbin," she said, "I did so enjoy your little puzzles?" I felt as small as a mouse!



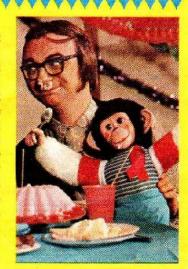
★ I've always had a special liking for Christmas because I take a size twelve shoe. This means, of course, that I have a very large stocking to pinup, and that means more goodies! Here is a Christmas trick you might like to try. Challenge someone to light a candle underwater. Can't be done? Yes it can! You light it whilst holding a glass of water over it. Your friends might say that's a bit of a cheat—but it is Christmas.



Jack Margreaves & Christmas in the countryside was a marvellous time when I was a boy. We always had a goose. On Boxing Day, whilst the women were clearing up from the previous day's celebration, we would go ferret hunting with the men folk. I can still vividly recall the thrill of these expeditions.

Roy Hudd (right)

* Marvellous Christmas last year - great, big turkey. Brought it home. Plucked it, popped it in the oven. Then the wife and I went out to the pub for a drink. Came back at half-past two. "I'll have a look at the bird," said the Missus. She opened the cooker door - the turkey looked back at her and said "Listen, either light the flippin' gas or put my feathers back on - it's freezing in here!" Scriously, thoughhappy Christmas to you all



THE FREEWHEELERS ARE HELPING COLONEL BUCHAN AND DR. JO BELL TO RESCUE A SCIENTIST WHO HAS BEEN IMPRISONED FOR YEARS IN A HOSTILE COUNTRY. AFTER A DANGEROUS ESCAPE FROM A LOFTY TOWER, COLONEL BUCHAN MAKES A STARTLING DISCOVERY...







AT THIS MOMENT PREPARATIONS
ARE BEING MADE TO TAKE THE
PROFESSOR TO A PLACE YOUR
STUPID AGENTS WOULD NEVER
SUSPECT!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, COLONEL? IT'S SIMPLE WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LET THEM GET TOO FAR WITH STINESKY. THEY MUST LEAVE THE FORTRESS SOONER OR LATER. YOU AND I MUST KEEP WATCH, MIKE!





JO, TAKE CARE OF
OUR FRIEND A WESTERN
JAIL WILL TEACH
HIM NOT TO TRICK
US! STEVE, SUE—
YOU WAIT HERE UNTIL
WE SIGNAL!





MOVING DOWNSTREAM, THE COLONEL AND MIKE RE-CROSS THE RIVER. LATER...



WHEN THE CONVOY HAS PASSED, MIKE AND BUCHAN DESCEND TO THE GROUND.



YOU'RE RIGHT, COLONEL...THEY'VE CHOSEN A QUIET ROUTE. WHAT DO WE DO-SET AN AMBUSH..?





'Boars' heads and toasted sparrows were eaten at the monarch's banquet' Magpie looks at food...

FIT FOR A KING

The afternoon of Christmas Day: all over Britain, mothers face a mountain of dirty dishes, fathers call for indigestion tablets and children begin to work up

an appetite for the goodies yet to come. But before you award yourself a marzipan medal for eating your twentieth mince-

the same way, but lesser birds found their way into the 'Grete Pye' or 'Grete Tartez', the ancestor of both the Christmas pudding and the



'Above: a scene from the 'Private Life of Henry VIII' -depicting a typical royal banquet of the era.

pie, think back to the gluttony of your ancestors.

At the court of Henry VIII in the sixteenth century, the feasting began at ten o'clock on Christmas morning and went on for twelve days! No turkeys graced the monarch's table—the bird was not introduced into Europe (from America not Turkey) until the late 1600s-but instead there were peacocks, roasted whole and then sewn back into their plumage, which was finally decorated with thin sheets of real gold.

Roast swans were served in

mince pie. This was begun by pounding beef into a paste which was used to line a pastry shell. Then, in went capons, hens, rabbits, mallards, woodcocks, teal and other small fowl', with a topping of 'chopped marrow, egg yolks, currants, prunes, dates and spices'.

Custard Comic

The monster pie, after baking, was dragged piping-hot to the King's table with an escort of musicians. At one feast in Henry's time, a huge bowl of custard was served with the pie-but this led to



spending his royal Christmas in Westminster Hall.

disaster: a jester, carried away by the general rejoicing, leaped wildly over the heads of the diners and into the custard, ruining the finery of all who sat near.





That kind of surprise was not the only one in store, for there was no telling what might come out of the 'subtleties', which were huge hollow cakes built on a framework of pasteboard. A 16th-century recipe gives directions for preparing a pasteboard stag with its body full of red wine, surrounded by pies containing live birds and frogs. When the pies were opened, according to the recipe, the birds 'flying at the lights will put out the candles, so that flying birds and skipping frogs will cause much delight and pleasure.' What price four-and-twenty







blackbirds?

Immense quantities meat, from boars' heads to toasted sparrows, were eaten at these banquets-but very few vegetables. Most vegetables we know today, apart from the potato, were known in Tudor times but they were generally considered fit only for the poorer people. Had you been a servant at Henry VIII's feast, you might have found yourself sitting down later to boiled cabbage and Umble Pie, made from the 'umbles', or offal, of the deer that gave the noblemen their venison (and which has given

us the expression 'to eat [h] umble pie').

The old Christmas customs were finally put down by the Puritans in the 17th cenwhen Christmas tury, celebrations of all kinds were considered to be 'ungodly'. There was to be no more dancing and play-acting in church; no more Twelfth Night revels, when the lucky finder of the single bean in the Twelfth Night simnel-cake could claim kisses from the ladies and forfeits from the gentlemen; no more banquets like that given by Henry IV in 1399, which included such dishes as pokokkys (peacocks), egretez (herons), graunt luces (pike), crustarde lumbarde (custard pie), and venyson en furmently (venison in a porridge of cream, wheat and eggs).

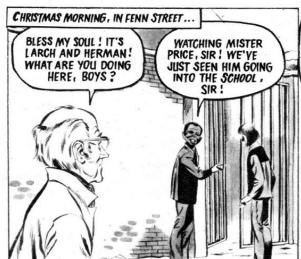
We are less gluttonous than



Above: another film-shot of Henry VIII-plus drumstick!

our ancestors—and certainly more sober. In these days of 5 purified water and pasteurised @ milk, children are no longer g served with 'small beer' at § every meal, and gentlemen like the nineteenth-century Lord Hastings no longer breakfast off mackerel stewed in gin. But most of us manage a Christmas feast; so look out for frogs in the mince pies.

* This year, the Magpie team are spending their Christmas in Georgian style as guests of ? the Duke and Duchess of Bedford in Buckinghamshire's stately Woburn Abbey.



HE WAS TALKIN'
TO HIMSELF, SIR.
'E SAID - 'FANCY
A BLOKE 'AVIN' TO
COME 'ERE ON
PERISHIN' CHRISTMAS
DAY'...

THEN HE
WENT INTO
THE BOILERHOUSE AND
TURNED ON
THE HEATING,
SIR!





NO USE APPROACHING
HIM DIRECT. HE'S A PROUD
MAN. NO, I HAVE A BETTER
IDEA. WE SHALL BRING
CHRISTMAS TO HIM,
BOYS!



SO, LATER...

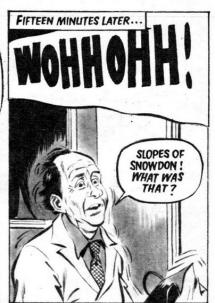
GIVE US HALF THE PUDDING AND A COUPLE OF CRACKERS, RUBY! GOODWILL IS IN THE AIR!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT, NORMAN!









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Next week: resolution time!



Here is an unusual picture of us all taken at this week's 'Lift Off' rehearsals. On the very right of the picture is Miss Young, our Producer—the other faces will probably be familiar to you. (Ollie Beak had gone out to get some bird-seed at the time—so much to his annoyance we took the opportunity to have a picture taken in his absence.)



The 'Lift Off' team.

This week I am very excited as the I have a new record released on the M.A.M. label—it's called of Old Fashioned Love Song' and I'll be singing it for the first time on our Christmas Eve 'Lift Off'.

Wally Whyton has a lovely L.P. out this Christmas. It's on the Fontana label (No. STL 5535). So all you Wally fans who have written in asking about his recording career hurry up and buy it.

And now a record issued for Christmas with a jolly tune—but a serious message! It's called The Ballad Of Bill Blinky'. It's a comedy disc about a Belisha beacon. It is well worth bearing in mind the words of this song—cespecially when you're rushing around the busy streets buying Christmas presents at the last minute. Have a great time over the holiday. Bye for now.



GOOD GRACIOUS! Christmas is catching up with me so fast, that I'm sure I'll be doing my usual trick of buying all my Christmas presents on Christmas Eve in a last minute rush. Have you finished buying yours yet? Yes, I know you have mum's and dad's but I bet you've forgotten Aunt Agatha. You haven't? Good for you! But are you sure she wants a jumping spider? And is it really fair to buy her that soap that'll make her face black when she washes with it?

thought about things you can buy with your Christmas present money—always supposing you get some? Apart from all the books and toys I've suggested, how about taking a bit of the burden off your mum's housekeeping and buy yourself a tee-shirt? I've got a super one with Rupert Bear on itand before you jump in saying: 'That'll be far too big for me,

Stewpot,' I'll tell you that they are made in sizes to fit anybody from baby to grandpa, including Clive Dunn. As well as Rupert Bear, you can get tee-shirts with Pink Panther, Bugs Bunny and all those other cartoon characters you like watching.

To go back to Christmas

presents last year, Aunt Agatha, who's a very nice auntie and always buys me super presents. Well, Mike and I were

Eve, I went out with

Mike Lennox to get

some last minute

-Mike had bought his sister the new sweater that he wanted, so he could borrow it, and I'd bought my sister a set of lovely dusters so that she could clean my flat up when she comes to stay with me. We both splashed out on perfume for our mums, and then we went to search for Aunt Agatha's present. We looked at all sorts of things, from bedsocks to garden rollers (green fingers? She's green right up to her shoulders, poor soul) when inspiration struck-Mike,

not me-'Buy her a tea-set, Stewpot,' he said, generously helping me spend my hardearned money. But as time was getting short, I allowed myself to be led to the china department. On the stand by the entrance was just the thing-white china with blue flowers on it. I rushed up to the nearest assistant and said: 'Quick, quick, I want to buy that tea-set' and rushed off again with her following behind me. Then it happened-as I passed a large

display of heavy stone jars, I didn't notice that someone had moved one slightly into the gangway. Yes . . . my foot touched it. The jar

fell over and started to roll, and because I was going so fast, I stepped on it as it was rolling and went straight into the stand which had Aunt Agatha's tea-set on it! When I'd picked myself up, there was only one cup left and that had no handle! It was the only one they had-and that's why Aunt Agatha got bed-socks after all! By the way, Mike was still laughing on Christmas morning-especially as he didn't have to pay for the damage!

********* Still, it taught me a lesson and, this year, I'm going to finish my Christmas shopping on the day before Christmas Eve.

Have a lovely time-help mum with the washing up-don't overcat (though I always do!) and remember to spend at least part of Boxing Day writing your thankyou letters. Happy Christmas.

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YOUR VIEW

Roy Hudd, now appearing in 'Dick Whittington' at the Bristol Hippodrome, selects this week's winning entries from the Look-IN Postbag—including the special £2 Star Letter . . .



STAR LETTER

I am very fond of animals and have often wondered what it must be like to be hunted. I made up a poem from the animal's point of view.

In the dark of night, In the heart of the wood, Something stirred. Old Tom the poacher's stealthy foot, Crept on his wicked way, To bait his traps and cast his line. Rabbit or fish he hopes to find, Though nought will be his on this cold night. From behind the clouds the moon shines bright. The gamekeeper on his nightly rounds, Looking after his master's grounds, Spies old Tom behind the bush, Goes after him in a mighty rush. The tables are turned, the hunter is hunted, He goes down the path panting and grunting, We animals are safe for another night, We all can play in the bright moonlight.

> Janet Wallace, High Wycombe, Bucks.

★ £2 for a splendid poem, Janet.



"Can't you read?"

A Reader,
Chichester, Sussex.

TICKLED TO LIFE

We have two goldfish called Sam and Pete. One day my mother came in, looked in the fish tank and saw that Pete was in there, but she couldn't see where Sam had got to. Then my dad came along and he looked high and low. Finally he saw him, hardly breathing, lying in the fruit bowl. He'd jumped out of the tank. We put Sam in a clean bowl of water and my dad tickled his fins with a tiny paint-brush. Sam started to breathe and eventually survived, Other goldfish owners might be glad to learn of this way of giving artificial respiration.

S. Wright, London, E.2.

I'll bet Sam's still smiling!



"... you'd think on a hot day like this, they'd prefer a salad!"

> Janet Rothwell, Stockport, Cheshire.

LOST WAGE

I live on a farm and one day, whilst feeding my father's sheep with locust beans, I heard something tinkle out of the bag. I looked into the trough and saw a Nigerian shilling lying there. It made me wonder how long some native would have had to work for that shilling and his grief at losing it.

Frank Mattison, Trout Beck Farm, Carlisle, Cumberland.

★ A Nigerian shilling at the present time is worth about five new pence. An agricultural labourer in Nigeria earns about twelve shillings a day. So whoever lost that shilling lost an hour's work.

WHEN AND WHERE?

Please could you tell me when the Independent Television Authority was formed and which region it first broadcast over?

Adam Patt, London, N.W.4.

★ The ITA was first formed in 1954 and transmitted over three main areas; London, the Midlands and the North. Now there are fifteen companies operating throughout the country under the control of the ITA.

FAN CLUB

Please could you tell me the fan club address of Jack Lord who stars in 'Hawaii Five-O'?

> Elizabeth Guest, Hertford, Herts.

★ Certainly! Write to Jack Lord. c/o CBS Television, Villiers House, Strand, London W.C.2.

READER'S REQUEST

My sister and I think that Kenneth Williams and Sidney James are really funny. Please would you print a photograph of them to add to our collection of favourite television stars?

> Deborah Curi, Portchester, Hants.

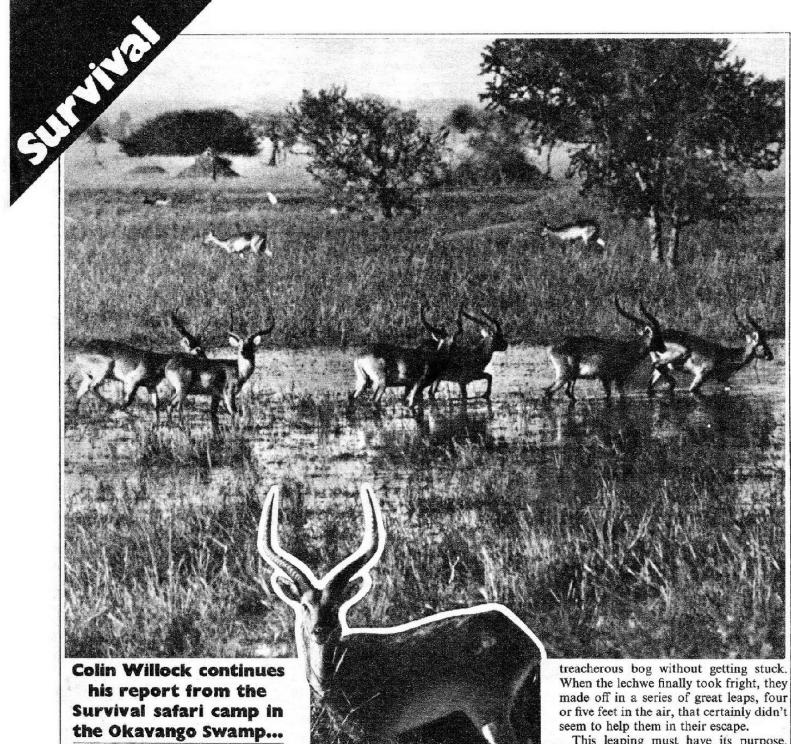
★ Here they are, carrying on—this time 'Up the Khyber'.



Win £2 for the Star Letter, £1 for any other letter or joke, plus a special signed photograph of the Your View star. Write to Your View, LOOK-IN, 247 Tottenham Court Road, London WIP OAU. Remember when you write to include a list of your six favourite features in order of preference.







AM now convinced that the Okavango Swamp in Botswana is the most fabulous wildlife area I've ever visited. What makes it so wonderful is that there are vast tracts of dry land between the swampy areas, the whole thing spreading across the face of Botswana until it's as broad and long as Wales.

On the dry land live great herds of elephant and impala as well as buffalo that charge through the marsh grasses, sending up great cascades of spray as they stampede.

Yesterday we went in search of an antelope that likes to live its life in water. It is called a lechwe. It's a really remarkable creature with long raked-back horns, a reddish, shaggy coat and very

Leaping Lechwes

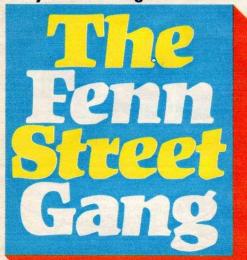
big hooves that enable it to run at great speed across the swamps without sinking below the surface.

We drew very close to a large herd, thanks to our amazing vehicle called a 'Unimog' that can drive across the most This leaping must have its purpose. There's usually a reason for everything that happens in nature. My guess is that the lechwe know that big crocodiles lurk in the very swamps in which they feed.

When the herd is just walking around feeding, they have time to spot the danger. But when they're panicked into flight, they leap high in the air to make sure they aren't going to land on top of a hungry croe!

The lechwe stampede was certainly one of the most wonderful sights I witnessed.

Next week, I'll be talking about an age-old creature from the Okavango, whose awesome looks have carned it fame on the cinema screen!















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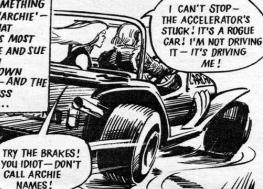




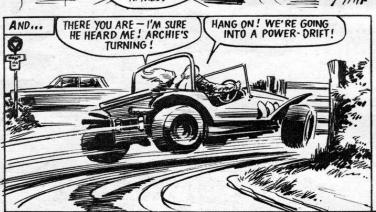




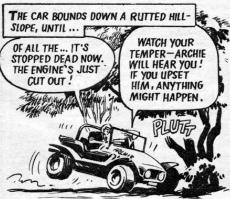






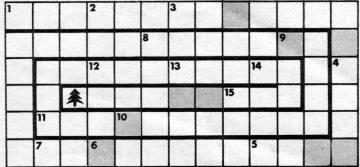












Here's a new type of puzzle, mostly concerning Christmas personalities that you can either see on television or in LOOK-IN.

Start from No. 1 and work your way to the Christmas Tree in the centre, always travelling Start from No. I data work your way to the Christinus tree in the centre, aways revening clockwise. The end letters of one answer form the start of the next one. You can tell how many letters overlap by looking at the number of letters given in brackets after each line. When you've finished and worked out all the answers, jumble up the letters on the shaded squares and you will get what we hope is a very happy time for you all.

- 1. Singer Harris from our Look-In with the stars (5). Comedian Jimmy (7).

- Palace for the Queen (10). Nationality of Christmas Day singing star, Howard Keel (8).
- 5. Irish personality in This Is
- Your Life (7).
- 6. French singer Distel can be seen in the same show as Howard Keel (5).
- 7. 'Hallo, my Darlings' is his catch phrase (7, 5).
- 8. Carry On comedian Connor (7).



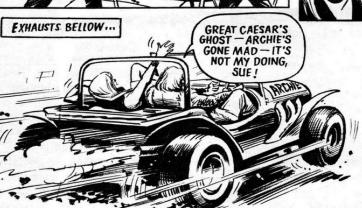




WE OUGHT TO WE WILL -ONCE I GET ARCHIE STARTED AGAIN THEN I'M REPORT THIS TO THE POLICE : DRIVING BACK TO THE GARAGE. I'VE HAD ENOUGH SHOCKS FOR ONE DAY !

AS IF BY A MIRACLE, ARCHIE'S ENGINE RESTARTS AT THE FIRST TOUCH ... GOOD OLD ARCHIE! YOU KNOW, I BET HE BROUGHT US HERE DELIBERATELY. HE WANTED US TO SEE THAT PLANE! ALL COINCIDENCE CARS CAN'T THINK,

Y' KNOW !









- 9. Irish singing group—they're on on Christmas Day (3, 9).

 10. Father Christmas (5).
- Elsie of Coronation Street, used to be a sixpence (6).
- Duffy of Fenn Street Gang (4).
- 13. Seasonal song (5).
- Beak from Lift Off (5).
- 15. First name of 5 (6).

1. Anita. 2. Tarbuck. 3. Buckingham. 4. American. 5. Andrews. 6. Sacha. 7. Charlie Drake. 8. Kenneth. 9. The Bachelors. 10. Santa. 11. Tanner. 12. Eric. 13. Carol. 14. Ollie. 15. Eamonn. Hidden word: Christmas.

Look out for next week's Look in

★ TV's stargazer Maurice Woodruff gives you your own horoscopes for 1972. * Plus: Some of your favourite TV personalities state their opinions of the Signs of the Zodiac—and their predictions for the coming year. *Plus: All your regulars join you in the new year.

It's all in next week's DOKTO order your copy now!



Tour Christ

Look-in presents a selection of special holiday programmes that are Unless otherwise mentioned, these programmes are shown in all ITV

Thursday December 23rd.

Sooty's Christmas Show



Harry Corbett and Sooty introduce their own show with guest stars Clive Dunn and Gerry Marsden (of Gerry and the Pacemakers fame). In between Sooty's amusing sketches, Clive and Gerry sing and play games with children from an invited audience. Clive will present for the first time, his latest record 'My Lady (Nana)' and it all ends up with 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. (All regions except Anglia, Ulster, Westward, Border and Grampian).

Friday December 24th.

Christmas Eve

Tarzan goes to India



Another jungle adventure from the legendary Tarzan. Join him as he leaps through the undergrowth in pursuit of danger.

(All regions except Scottish).

Junior Showtime Special

Special pantomime edition called 'Little Glyn and the Giant'. Glyn Poole stars as Little Glyn, Bobby Bennett as Baron Brain and Joe Baker as the Giant in this slight variation of the traditional Jack and the Beanstalk story.

Anita in Jumbleland



Anita Harris introduces this special Christmas edition of her show. Look out for a real sleigh appearing with her, and a magic car! (All regions except Grampian, Ulster, Border, Scottish and Southern).

Lift Off

Ayshea introduces the fantastically popular Jack Wild on her show, who'll be singing, dancing and chatting along with Kim Jones, a twelve year old 'discovery' and the group 'Middle of the Road'.

Saturday
December 25th.
Christmas Day

Merry Morning



Party time for the young patients and staff of Woodlands Orthopaedic Hospital, Rawdon, Yorks. John Alderton and one or two friends (including Daisy May and Saveen) drop in to make Christmas in hospital a more festive time for everyone.

Christmas Singalong

The Bachelors introduce an

all star guest line-up for this family music show. Appearing with The Bachelors will be Moira Anderson, Sacha Distel, Howard Keel and Andee Silver. The first half will be devoted especially to younger viewers and will include songs like 'Unicorn,' 'When I See A Elephant Fly' and 'Jolly Holiday'.

Captain Sindbad

An exciting fantasy for the whole family. A spell-binding story of adventure and astounding feats of magic suggested by the hero of the 'Tales of the Arabian Nights'—all in an exotic oriental setting! Stars Gwyn Williams, Heidi Bruhl and Pedro Armendariz.

Kelvin Hall Circus

All the thrills of the sawdust ring! For many people, Christmas without a circus is like peaches without the cream, so all circus fanatics, tune in!





lined up to make your Christmas viewing a really festive time. areas, but for full regional information, check with the TV Times.

Variety of Varney



Reg Varney appears in this special show that allows him to break away from his 'On the Buses' role to provide sixty-five minutes of entertainment without a double-decker breathing down his neck!

King Solomon's Mines

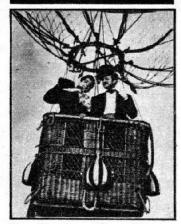
Deborah Kerr and Stewart Granger star in this adventure film that tells the story of a man who is persuaded to go on an African safari that leads to danger and excitement on the open plains!

Mike and Bernie Winters All Star Comedy Carnival

Sunday December 26th. Heidi

A two-and-a-half-hour spectacular show featuring the Winters brothers but bringing to the screen a whole menu of sketches made up of all the popular television series. These will include Please Sir, Fenn Street Gang, Father, Dear Father, and Doctor at Large.

********** Around the World in 80 Days



Rex Harrison, Terry Thomas and David Niven appear in this full length feature film of H. G. Wells story of adventure in an air balloon. A fun movie to round off the day, if you're not too tired after all the eating and excitement!

The classic film story of a little orphaned Swiss girl, who finds love and happiness with her grandfather, despite the disapproval of the Alpine locals and their attempts to part them. Shirley Temple made this film when she was only nine years old.



****** Queen's Hall Circus

Boxing dogs, and a set of performing liberty pigs are two of the highlights of this second Christmas circus coming from the Queen's Hall, Leeds.

***** Oklahoma!



On the Buses

It is Boxing Day at the depot, and Stan and Arthur are waiting to meet Arthur's mother and sister, Linda.

High Society

A very famous comedy musical that stars Bing Crosby. Frank Sinatra, Grace Kelly and Louis Armstrong. The setting is a jazz festival.

***** Monday December 27th **Boxing Day**

Ken Goodwin Show

It's been Ken Goodwin's year, with two Royal Variety Shows, the series 'The Comedians', pantomime, and now an L.P. record. An invited children's audience sing along with Ken, The Black Arrows and Elaine Del Mar.



Edward Woodward Hour

Edward Woodward's second music and comedy show in which he again proves his ability as an all-round entertainer. Backed by Geoff Love's Orchestra, his guests are Margaret and Julia Lockwood, Russell Hunter and Peter Jones.















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DOORSTEP!



Arthur's demonstration gives Olive a 'mechanical' soaking!

























Chesney

did Boxing Day get its name?

Anne Donaghy, Banbridge. Northern Ireland.

The 'Box' is a Christmas Box. Most churches have boxes in which worshippers or visitors drop money. In former times these boxes were opened on Christmas Day and the contents distributed around the parish to suitable people the next day-Boxing Day. Also on this day, apprentices used to go around calling on their masters' customers and present them with boxes in which they were expected to place suitable sums! The Christmas Box custom has not died out, though those who get small sums, like postmen, no longer expect it on Boxing Day, as it is now a Bank Holiday!

M did Santa Claus get his name and where did he originate?



Santa Claus is a shortened form of St. Nicholas, who is thought to have been a bishop in Minor (now Turkey) around A.D. 300. He is the patron saint of children-and also of Russia, scholars, sailors and thieves!

did the game of basketball originate and who invented it?

Paul Shephard, Enfield, Middlesex.



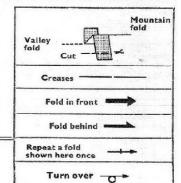
Just for once we can actually say who invented a game, Paul. Usually, the origins of sports are lost in the mists of time! Though the Mexicans played a game something like basketball in the 16th century, the modern game was invented by a Canadian-born physical education instructor named James A. Naismith at a Y.M.C.A. training school, now called Springfield College, in Massachusetts, U.S.A. The date was 1891.

He thought up the idea when the head of his department asked him to invent an indoor game. By the turn of the century basketball had caught on and by 1936 it had become an Olympic sport.

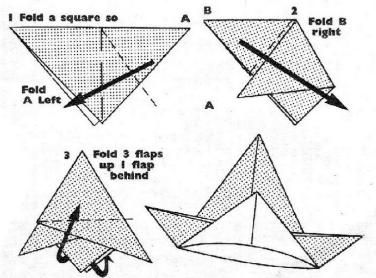
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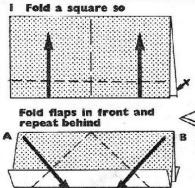
£1 Prize offer!

If you feel you can invent a new Origami model, write down the details (together with your name and address) and send them to Do-It-Yourself Origami, LOOK-IN, 247 Tottenham Court Road, London WIP OAU, I will send a £1 postal order for any item I select to publish.

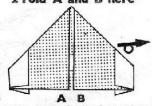


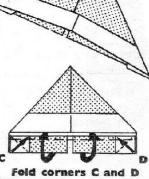
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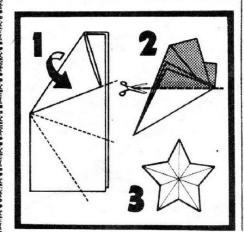
Performing Pip



If there are grapes in your Christmas fruit bowl, be sure to save some of the pips for this mysterious trick. You will also need a tumbler full of fizzy soda water. Drop one pip into the soda water. First it sinks, then in a few moments rises to the top, then sinks again, then rises-and so on. If you watch carefully you can judge when the seed is about to rise or fall. Just snap your fingers in command to give the impression that you are controlling its movements.

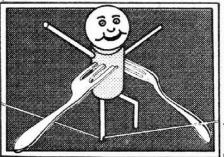
Christmas Star

Here's how to make a perfect fivepointed star with only one snip of the scissors. Take a square piece of paper and fold it in half. Then carefully fold it into five equal sections, as indicated by the dotted lines in Figure 1. Cut away the shaded portion shown in Figure 2, and there will be your five-pointed star.



Balancing Billy

There are usually a few corks popping around at Christmas time, and you'll need the largest one you can find to make this clever little balancing man (in the Illustration). Use a ping-pong ball for his head and cocktail sticks for his arms and legs. One important point is to make a notch in the end of the straight leg. Two forks stuck into the body as shown complete his balancing equipment. By placing the notched leg on a tightly stretched string or wire, you can make him balance just like a real tightropewalker. And if you lightly grease the wire you can actually make him walk along it.



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Here is the coded message that I gave you to decipher last week.

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All you have to do is replace each letter by the one that comes before it in the alphabet, i.e. A instead of B, V instead of W and so on. So the first two words become 'A VERY'—I'll leave you to work out the rest yourselves.

For your new problem, copy this shape on §

