

## ET4B's 'Old Chestnuts' 2015 Christmas Quiz

1. Which Christmas carol contains the line "Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither"?  
**Good King Wenceslas** (although apparently 'good', clearly he wasn't a total abstainer)
2. Charles Dickens is said to have considered the names Little Larry and Puny Pete for which character in his popular novel 'A Christmas Carol'?  
**Tiny Tim** (Cratchit)
3. Which Latin word meaning 'coming' or 'arrival' gives a still popular term associated with the expectation of Christmas?  
**Advent**
4. Which of the following applies to Pogues star Shane MacGowan: (a) he was co-author and singer of the classic 'Fairytale of New York', (b) he was born on Christmas Day, (c) his teeth were modelled on the broken tombstone scene in 'A Christmas Carol', and (d) all of the above?  
**(a) & (b) are correct,- but accept (c) and (d) too (it's Christmas)**
5. Christmas Island is a territory of which southern hemisphere state?  
**Australia**
6. Boy soprano Peter Auty originally sang the song Walking In The Air, in the perennially popular Channel 4 film The Snowman, but who had the hit single with it?  
**Aled Jones.**
7. Who wrote the book and did the original introduction and scene setting in the same film 'The Snowman'?  
**Raymond Briggs**
8. In 'Blackadder's Christmas Carol' which two members of 19th century nobility visit Ebenezer Blackadder on Christmas Eve?  
**Queen Victoria and Prince Albert**
9. Who was the star of the classic (1946) Christmas Eve redemption film 'It's a Wonderful Life'?  
**James (Jimmy) Stewart.**
10. What was Girls Aloud's 2002 UK Christmas number one single?  
**Sound of the Underground** (can't believe you forgot that one!)
11. What is the chemical formula of snow?  
**H<sub>2</sub>O** (did we trick you there?)
12. 'They said there'd be snow at Christmas, they said there'd be peace on earth, but instead it just kept on raining' are the rather disillusioned opening lyrics from which classic 1975 Christmas hit?  
**I believe in Father Christmas** (by Greg Lake – incidentally kept off the 1975 Christmas No 1 spot by Bohemian Rhapsody)
13. Which child star is said to have stopped believing in Santa Claus at the age of six, when he allegedly asked for her autograph?  
**Shirley Temple**
14. A pagan winter festival celebrated by archaic Scandinavian and Germanic people, is still referred to in what alternative word for the Christmas season?  
**Yule** (or Yuletide)
15. What brand of water do Del Boy and Rodney attempt to sell in their 1992 Christmas special?  
**Peckham Spring**

16. Who was crowned King of England on December 25th 1066?  
**William I** (aka 'the Conqueror')
17. Which Oscar winner played Kris Kringle in the 1994 remake of 'Miracle on 34th Street'?  
**Richard Attenborough** ('I've never seen anything like it' – to quote his song in *Dr Doolittle*)
18. Who occupied the 1955 Christmas No 1 slot with the song 'Christmas Alphabet'?  
**Dickie Valentine** (yes that's even before our time so if you don't remember it, we'll let you off!)
19. The song Santa Baby was covered by Kylie in 2007, but who had the first hit version back in the '50s?  
**Eartha Kitt** (who also sadly died 25 December 2008)
20. Which popular Christmas song was first heard sung by Judy Garland in the 1944 musical 'Meet Me In St. Louis'?  
**Have yourself a merry little Christmas**
21. Born Christmas day 1908, by what name was gay icon and author of The Naked Civil Servant Denis Charles Pratt popularly known?  
**Quentin Crisp**
22. 'She didn't see me creep down the stairs to have a peep' are some of the lyrics in which song?  
**I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus** (allegations of voyeurism went unproven)
23. In the Christmas-based film 'Love Actually', who played the downtrodden manager of the singer Billy Mack (the character played by Bill Nighy)?  
**Gregor Fisher**
24. Which slogan popularly referred to before each Christmas is understood to have been introduced by the charity Dogs Trust in 1978?  
**A Dog Is For Life, Not Just For Christmas**
25. Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem?  
**To pay their taxes** (HOORAY – some things never change, but let's be thankful we now have until 31 January eh!) – **as well as to attend a census.**