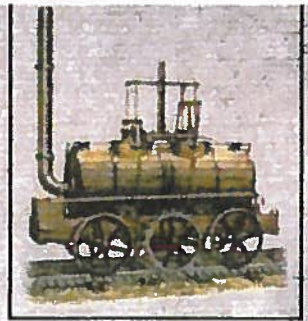




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The Press Pack

Christmas Special



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HOW IS
CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATED
AROUND THE
WORLD?

ARTICLE 14: THE RIGHT TO THINK
AND BELIEVE WHAT YOU WANT AND TO
PRACTISE YOUR RELIGION, AS LONG
AS YOU ARE NOT STOPPING OTHER
PEOPLE FROM ENJOYING THEIR
RIGHTS.
ARTICLE 30: THE RIGHT TO LEARN
AND USE THE LANGUAGE, CUSTOMS
AND RELIGION OF YOUR FAMILY,
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THESE
ARE SHARED BY THE MAJORITY OF
THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY WHERE I
LIVE.

A reply from a Buddhist temple...

Our tradition of Buddhism started off in 1977. Our teacher Geshe Kelsang Gyatso came to England from Tibet to teach us to understand Buddha's teachings. Since he came to England our tradition has grown worldwide. Although, remaining mostly within western countries. Therefore most of us have all grown up with the 'traditional' English Christmas. We still celebrate Christmas just the same, giving presents, spending time with friends and family, etc.

Article 14: The right to think and believe what you want and to practise your own religion.

Do you get presents?

Yes we would receive presents, also it is a Buddhist practice to give. So Christmas is a great time for us to practise giving.

Do you have Christmas Dinner?

Yes we would have a Christmas dinner. A lot of Buddhists are vegetarian so maybe they would swap the meat with some kind of alternative.

Do you go to church?

No, we wouldn't go to church. On the 25th of each month we have some prayers which we do anyway. So we would just do these prayers as normal. People may do those by themselves or might want to come to the Buddhist centre to do them. It is completely down to their choice though.

Do you spend time with family?

Yes, we would spend time with family. Christmas is lovely to spend time with your family.



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In conclusion, within this tradition of Buddhism most of us found it later in life and weren't born Buddhist. I would say most people still celebrate Christmas the same as they did growing

An interview with the Pals Project...

Article 14: The right to think and believe what you want and to practise your own religion.

We asked Swenja Ebeling and Melina Glagowski how people celebrate Christmas in Germany. This is what they said...

On the 24th of December

In the morning we go to church for a special Christmas service. In the afternoon we have Christmas dinner (some people eat potato salad and sausage). We can spend hours in the kitchen at this time. In the evening we open gifts.

On the 25th and 26th December

We give presents to our family and receive presents from them. Most people go to church even though they normally don't.

These days are holidays. The 26th is not called Boxing Day, 25th and the 26th are called:

Weihnachtstag



Christmas trees

We have huge Christmas trees straight from the forest.

Christmas Carols

We sing a lot of Christmas songs! Right from the beginning of December.

Finally...

On the 4 Sundays before Christmas, we light a candle (4 candles in all) for Adventskranz

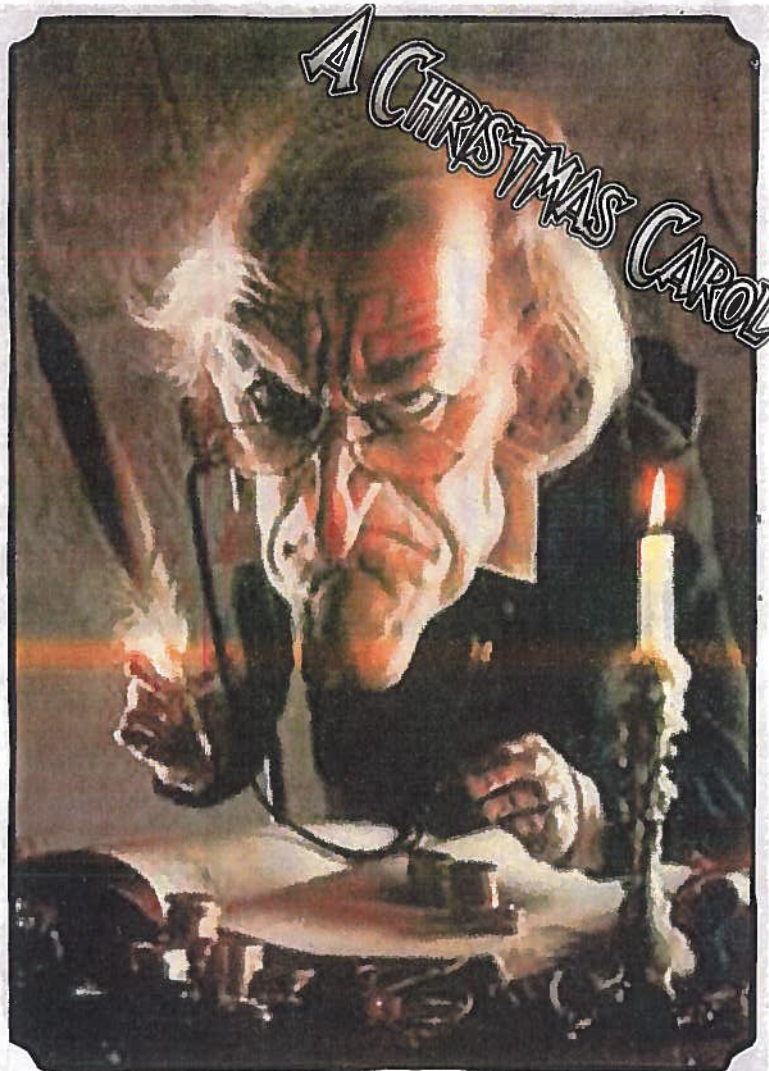


Scrooge was a cold, hard man who loved money more than people. For him, the worst part of the year was Christmas Eve. After rejecting his nephew's invitation to Christmas dinner, Scrooge was visited by two kind gentlemen who are collecting money for the poor. Not only did he refuse to give them any, he also suggested that poor people should be kept in prisons and workhouses. After dinner he received another visit, that of his long dead partner, Marley. Marley warned him that his miserly behaviour will make him suffer for eternity, unless he follows the advice of three ghosts that will come to see him very soon.

The first ghost, that of Past Christmases, showed him scenes from his life as a schoolboy and a young man. He had a sad, lonely childhood, but he had won the heart of a lovely woman whom he lost through his greater love for money.

The second ghost, the Ghost of Christmas Now, showed Scrooge that people can spend a happy Christmas day even without much money. He showed him Fred, his nephew, and Bob his employee, enjoying Christmas with their families. However, the ghost also showed him two sad sights: Bob's ailing son and that of two other children who represent all the poor children in the world.

The third ghost, the Ghost of Future Christmases, showed Scrooge scenes after his death. Everybody was happy that he had died.. Only the Crochet family was sad - their son Tiny Tim had passed away. It was then that Scrooge begged the ghost to let him change such a horrible future.



When Scrooge woke up after the visits had ended, he realised it was only Christmas morning. He ordered a large goose to be sent to the Cratchits, promised to help the poor and dined at his nephew's house. Scrooge, now a changed man, became a second father to Tiny Tim, who, fortunately, did not die young.

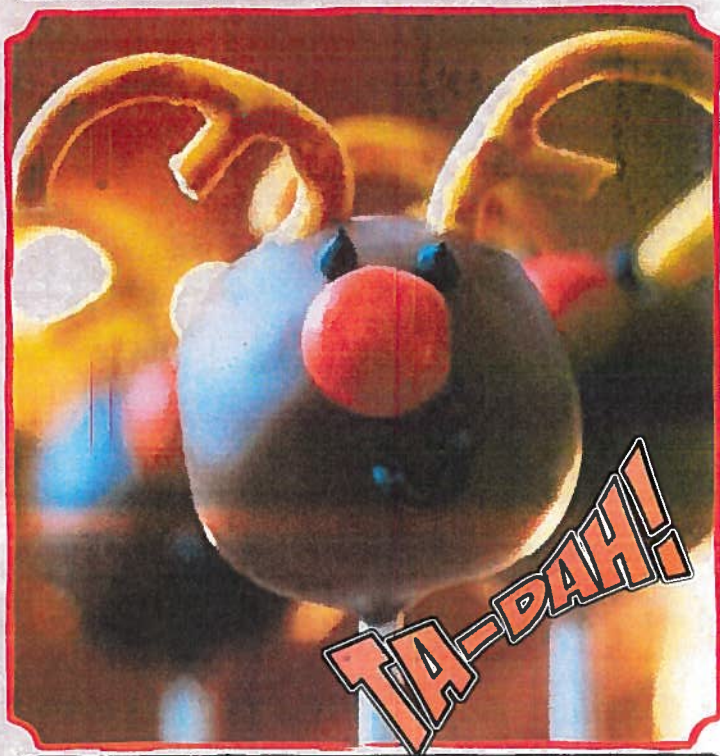
Mr Charles Dickens

A Christmas Carol was first published in 1843 in England and is the most popular of all his Christmas stories.

Its moral, which applies today, is that a change of heart is needed among those who are well-off regarding the less fortunate, and that there is no better season for it to take place than Christmas.

Article 30: The right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of your family.

REINDEER CAKE POPS



Ingredients

150g chocolate cake

25g soft butter

50g icing sugar

25g plain chocolate

100g milk chocolate

small pretzels, broken into large 'antler' shape pieces

8 small jelly sweets, red chocolate beans or Smarties

2 tbsp royal icing coloured black or purchased black writing icing

Equipment

8 cake pop sticks and a polystyrene block to stand up the cake pops

Kcalories	248
Fat	13g
Saturates	6g
Carbs	31g
Sugars	25g
Fibre	0.7g
Protein	3g
Salt	0.4g

Method

1. Crumble the cake into fine crumbs using your hands or in a food processor. Put into a bowl. In another bowl, beat together the butter and icing sugar until creamy.

2. Melt the plain chocolate in the microwave or in a bowl over a pan of barely simmering water. Add the melted chocolate to the butter mixture and combine well. Add this to the cake crumbs and mix thoroughly using your hands, until it sticks together. Divide the mixture into eight and shape each one into a smooth ball. Insert a cake pop stick, place on a tray lined with baking parchment and chill for at least 2 hours.

3. Melt the milk chocolate in the microwave or in a bowl over a pan of barely simmering water. Take a cake pop and dip in the chocolate. Shake gently until the excess has drained off. Push into a polystyrene block.

4. Make two holes in the top of the head and insert a pretzel 'antler' in each one. Press a sweetie nose onto the front and hold for a few seconds until attached. Repeat with all the other cake pops. Leave to set for about 20 mins and then using black icing, pipe on eyes and a mouth.

Prep Time: 45 mins (plus chilling and setting)

These chocolate cake lollipops are decorated in true festive fashion. Have fun making them with kids this Christmas.

Article 14: The right to think and believe what you want and to practise your own religion.
Article 24: The right to be healthy.
Article 30: The right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family.

ALL AROUND THE WORLD

CHORUS

ALL AROUND THE WORLD, ALL AROUND THE WORLD,
PEOPLE ARE CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS,
PEOPLE ARE GIVING THANKS TO GOD,
ALL AROUND THE WORLD, ALL AROUND THE WORLD,
PEOPLE ARE CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS,
ALL AROUND THE WORLD.



VERSE 1

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO AUSTRALIA,
TO THE SHORES OF BRAZIL,
FROM THE LAND OF CHINA TO SOUTH AFRICA,
TO THE STREETS OF SEVILLE,
ALL OVER THE U.S.A. ,
PHILADELPHIA TO L.A.,
EVERY NATION, EVERY TRIBE AND TONGUE,
COME GIVE HIM PRAISE.

VERSE 2

FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO INDONESIA
TO THE SHORES OF JAPAN,
FROM COLUMBIA TO MALAYSIA.
TO THE STREETS OF SUDAN,
ALL OVER THE WORLD TODAY,
PEOPLE CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL DAY,
EVERY NATION EVERY TRIBE AND TONGUE,
COME GIVE HIM PRAISE

CHORUS

OUTRO

CELEBRATE,
(Lift your hearts and sing as one.)
CELEBRATE,
(Every nation every tongue,)
THE COMING OF THE HOLY ONE,
ALL ROUND THE WORLD.
(Let the people of the world rejoice)
ALL AROUND THE WORLD.
(Every tribe every tongue,)
ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

(From north to the south,)
ALL AROUND THE WORLD.
(From the east to the west,)
ALL AROUND THE WORLD.
(Bringing peace and good will,)
ALL AROUND THE WORLD.
(Let the people rejoice,)
ALL AROUND THE WORLD.
(Every tribe every tongue,)
ALL AROUND THE WORLD D D D D D D D D D D.