



# REACH

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**IT'S BEGINNING TO FEEL A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS** - and at OPAL we are delighted to have been able to offer some of our more traditional events during this period. Members have been busy making Christmas decorations, enjoying delicious Christmas fayre and having a good old sing song (masks on of course!) to some familiar carols. Over the page is a snapshot of events that have taken place across our area.

**CELEBRATING IN STYLE** - earlier this month one of our members from the Malpas OPAL club celebrated her 103rd birthday. We hope you had a lovely day Ros! (pictured right)



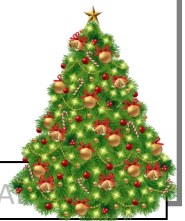
**CLUB AND SESSIONS** - will be taking a break over the Festive period. Your Organiser will confirm when your activity or club restarts in January but please remember they could be cancelled or rearranged at short notice due to COVID.

**FAREWELL** - REACH would like to say a big thank you to Sam Moggan, Editor of REACH, at the end of 2021. Sam has played a major role in the production of OPAL Reach since it began and the team and our readers will miss her.

GARDEN TIPS ANIMAL WATCH **THIS MONTH IN HISTORY** ANIMAL WATCH TECH TALK

**CHRISTMASTIME THROUGH HISTORY**—thank you Alan Gerrard for this compilation.

- 1066 William, the Duke of Normandy, was crowned King William I of England in Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day.
- 1642 Isacc Newton was born on Christmas Day at Woolsthorpe Manor.
- 1776 George Washington crossed the icy Delaware River on Christmas Day to win a surprise, morale boosting victory against the British Colonial Army.
- 1777 Captain James Cook discovered Christmas Island (Kiritimati) on Christmas Eve.
- 1914 There was a Christmas Day truce in the trenches of the First World War when British, French and German troops came together to exchange gifts and play football.
- 1932 King George V made the first royal Christmas broadcast in a three-minute wireless message penned for him by poet & writer Rudyard Kipling.
- 1968 Apollo 8 orbited the Moon on the night before Christmas.
- 1989 Leonard Bernstein conducted Beethoven's 9th Symphony in East Berlin on Christmas Day to celebrate the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- 2004 A 9.3 magnitude earthquake created a Boxing Day tsunami which devastated Sri Lanka and affected other Indian Ocean countries.



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**KEEPING SAFE**—sadly OPAL have been made aware that there have been some unscrupulous builders offering to fix houses following the awful storms we have had lately. Please be extremely careful of cold callers and companies who make contact with you and never hand over payment for any work until it has been completed to your satisfaction.

### USEFUL NUMBERS

**EMERGENCY** Police, Fire, Ambulance - 999

Cheshire Police non-emergency — 101

Floodline - 0345 988 1188

National Grid Gas - 0800 111999

**SP Energy Networks (Electricity)** - 0800 001 5400

**United Utilities** - 0800 330033

**Welsh Water** - 0800 085 3968

## FUN & QUIZZES

## NAME THE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

### XMAS DINGBATS—GUESS THE PHRASES

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Hello Spring! Hi Summer! Howdey Autumn! Yo! Winter	Night Night Night Night Night Night Night Night Night Night Night <b>Night</b>	<b>MISTLETOE</b>  <b>XXX</b>

- 1) J\_\_Y / T\_\_ / TH\_\_ /  
W\_\_RL\_\_ (4 words)
- 2) S\_\_L\_\_NT / N\_\_GHT  
(2 words)
- 3) W\_\_ / THR\_\_ /  
K\_\_NGS (3 words)
- 4) \_\_W\_\_Y / \_\_N / \_\_ / M  
\_\_NG\_\_R (4 words)

### CHRISTMAS DAY BIRTHDAY ANAGRAMS—CAN YOU NAME THESE FAMOUS PEOPLE?

1. EXILE NONNAN (SINGER)
2. RAG DAVNARE (ACTRESS)
3. LENSER CANSEETHINE (MODEL)
4. TAMHRPUR BEYHOG (ACTOR)

### SOME CHRISTMAS SPIRIT - A SNAPSHOT OF OPAL EVENTS OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS



**Team REACH would like to wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2022. We will return with a Belly Laugh edition in the New Year.**

LAST EDITION'S ANSWERS :1)Clouds, 2) Sian Lloyd, 3) 11, 4) Isobar, 5)Tokyo (a), 6) Low level, 7) Minus 40 degrees, 8) Wind speed. RIDDLES, A) An egg B) A candle C) The future D) A promise E) Your age

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*Think about me, not my age*