

## **CHRISTMAS DATES**

**Can you name the years in which these famous events occurred in the Christmas period?**

1	<i>Shane Warne becomes the first cricketer to take 700 wickets in Test Matches.</i>	<i>December 26th</i>	<i>2006</i>	
2	<i>Galileo first observes Neptune.</i>	<i>December 28th</i>	<i>1612</i>	
3	<i>Graham Hill wins his first F1 World Drivers Championship</i>	<i>December 29th</i>	<i>1962</i>	
4	<i>Ottawa becomes the capital of Canada.</i>	<i>December 31st</i>	<i>1857</i>	
5	<i>President Truman officially declares the end of WW2.</i>	<i>December 31st</i>	<i>1946</i>	
6	<i>St Paul's Cathedral finished after 35 years.</i>	<i>December 25th</i>	<i>1711</i>	
7	<i>Kevin Keegan awarded his second Balloon D'Or.</i>	<i>December 25th</i>	<i>1979</i>	
8	<i>Coronation stone stolen from Westminster Abbey.</i>	<i>December 25th</i>	<i>1950</i>	
9	<i>Gilbert &amp; Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" premieres.</i>	<i>December 30th</i>	<i>1879</i>	
10	<i>Samuel Pepys starts his diary.</i>	<i>January 1st</i>	<i>1660</i>	
11	<i>The Euro becomes legal tender in 12 EC countries.</i>	<i>January 1st</i>	<i>2002</i>	
12	<i>William I crowned King of England.</i>	<i>December 25th</i>	<i>1066</i>	
13	<i>Marie Curie wins second Nobel Prize.</i>	<i>December 31st</i>	<i>1911</i>	
14	<i>Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein" first published.</i>	<i>January 1st</i>	<i>1881</i>	
15	<i>Persia renamed as Iran.</i>	<i>December 27th</i>	<i>1934</i>	
16	<i>International Monetary Fund founded.</i>	<i>December 27th</i>	<i>1945</i>	
17	<i>President Gorbachev of USSR resigns.</i>	<i>December 25th</i>	<i>1991</i>	
18	<i>Rings Starr receives drum kit as Christmas present.</i>	<i>December 25th</i>	<i>1957</i>	
19	<i>King George V's chair collapses during Christmas speech.</i>	<i>December 25th</i>	<i>1932</i>	
20	<i>Ted Hughes is appointed Poet Laureate.</i>	<i>December 28th</i>	<i>1984</i>	
21	<i>The Bond movie "Thunderball" released in UK.</i>	<i>December 29th</i>	<i>1965</i>	
22	<i>"The Sting" receives its premiere in Los Angeles &amp; New York.</i>	<i>December 25th</i>	<i>1973</i>	
23	<i>First performance of "King Lear" at court of James I.</i>	<i>December 26th</i>	<i>1606</i>	
24	<i>Thomas Beckett assassinated.</i>	<i>December 29th</i>	<i>1170</i>	
25	<i>Paul McCartney files law suit to dissolve The Beatles.</i>	<i>December 31st</i>	<i>1970</i>	

CHOOSE FROM THESE DATES:- 1066, 1170, 1606, 1612, 1660, 1711, 1857, 1879, 1881, 1911, 1932, 1934, 1945, 1946, 1950, 1957, 1962, 1965, 1970, 1973, 1979, 1984, 1991, 2002 or 2006.