

Agenda: 11th December 2025

- U3A News
- Digital News
- Christmas Quiz
- Adjourn to The Gatekeeper
- Next meeting: 8th January, a discussion

U3A News

- Digital Matters Group
 - Iain will be the lead convener
 - BSc MBCS CITP
 - Iain's bias is the application of technology
 - David will be the supporting convener
 - We'll need your ideas and support

U3A News

- AGM on 9th December
 - Did you go ?
 - Who's the new Chair ?
 - Anyone on the new Committee ?

Digital News

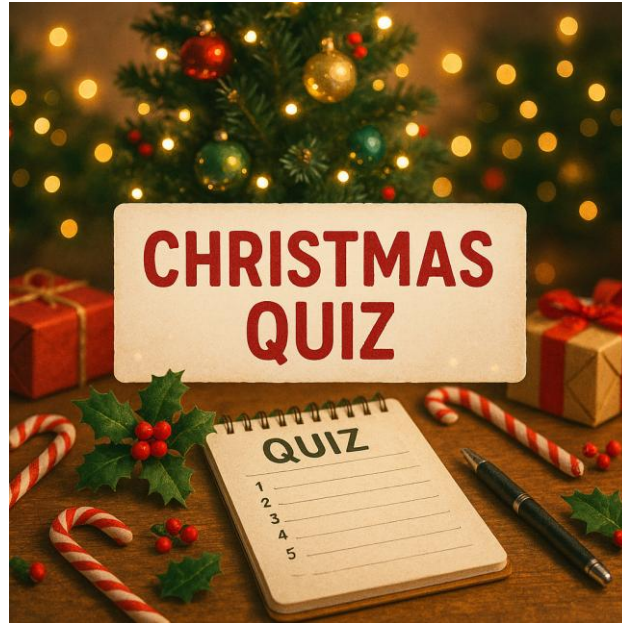
- Australia
 - Min. age of 16 to have a social media account
- Apple
 - How have you found iOS 26.1 ?
 - Reduced storage space / System Data
 - Phone call screening

Digital News

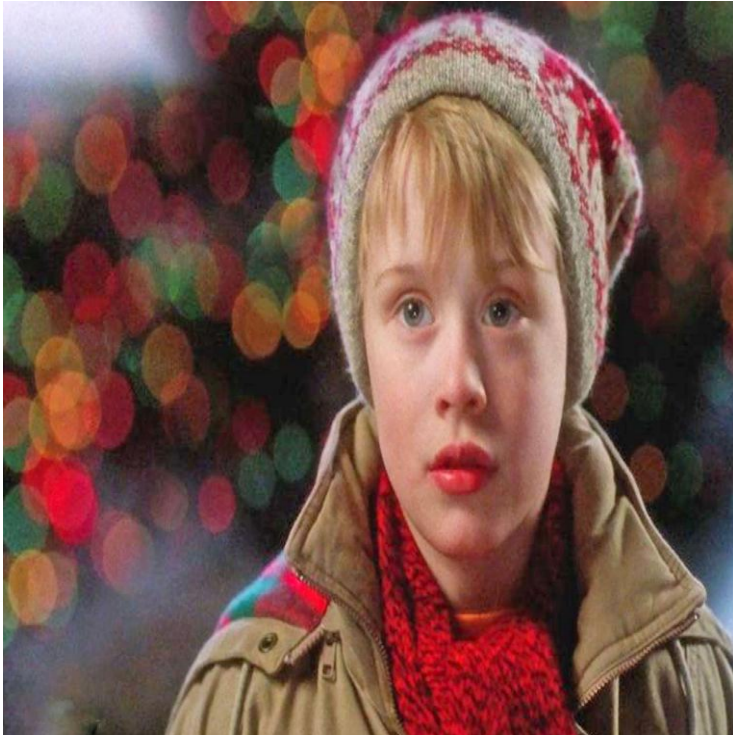
- Microsoft
 - See Signal for link to top six features in Windows 11 November update
- AI
 - Any comments ?
- Google
 - Any comments ?

Christmas Quiz: David

Christmas Quiz



Picture round 1



Picture round 2



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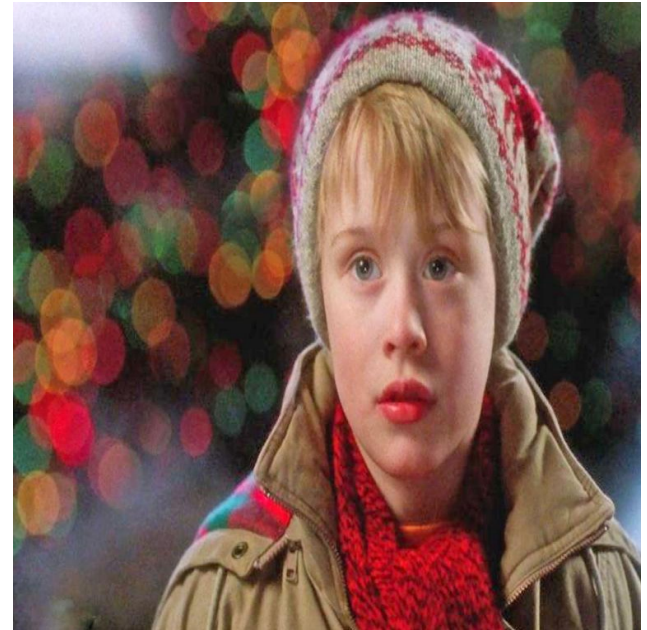
Christmas General Knowledge

- In which country did the tradition of the Christmas tree *originate*?
 - Germany
- What is the name of the reindeer with a glowing red nose?
 - Rudolph
- According to the song, what did “my true love give to me” on the 5th day of Christmas?
 - Five gold rings



Christmas General Knowledge

- Which plant, popular at Christmas, is known for being poisonous to pets?
 - Poinsettia
- Which Christmas film has taken the most money at the box office ?
 - Home Alone



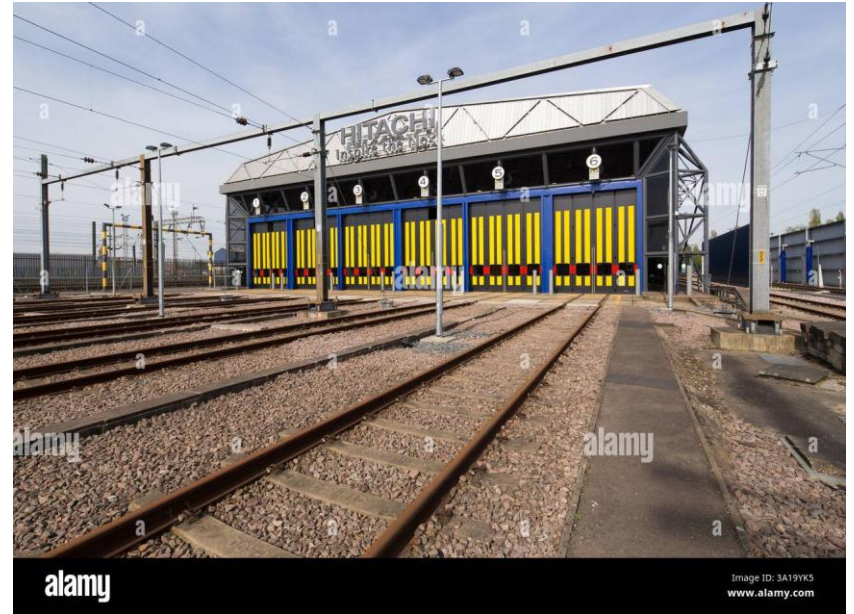
Christmas General Knowledge

- What is traditionally left out for Santa in the UK?
 - Mince pie and milk (not in my house !)
- In “A Christmas Carol,” what is Scrooge’s first name?
 - Ebenezer
- What type of pie is traditionally eaten at Christmas in the UK?
 - Mince pie



Christmas General Knowledge

- Who wrote the song “*Last Christmas*”?
 - George Michael of Wham
- Where is North Pole railway maintenance depot ?
 - Old Oak Common on the way to Paddington



Technical Tidbits

- Where would you find a SIM ?
 - In your phone. It's the Subscriber Identification Module
- Have you added a PIN to your SIM ?
 - I would hope so !
- In computing, what does "AI" stand for?
 - Artificial Intelligence



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Technical Tidbits

- What was the first commercially successful video game?
 - Pong
- What does the “i” in iPhone originally stand for ?
 - Internet
- Which social media platform is known for posts limited to short messages?
 - X (previously Twitter)



Technical Tidbits

- What was the first widely used web browser?
 - Netscape Navigator
- What does “Wi-Fi” stand for?
 - Nothing – it’s not an official acronym
- Which company developed the virtual assistant named “Alexa”?
 - Amazon



Christmas and Technology

- In what year was the first digital Christmas card sent by email ?
 - 1994
- What is the NORAD Tracks Santa website ?
 - North American Aerospace Defence Command Christmas fun
- Which Christmas song was first played 1 billion times on Spotify ?
 - All I Want for Christmas is You by Mariah Carey



Christmas True or False

- Cooking a turkey in a microwave oven cooks it evenly
 - False
- Bluetooth is named after a Danish king
 - True – King Harald “Bluetooth” Gormsson
- Deleting apps on your phone makes it run faster
 - False -



Next meeting: 8th January

- Discussion