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Hello friends,

The Christmas time is coming. Needles have a pleasant smell, sweets are baked in the ovens and Christmas presents are hidden deep in the wardrobes. May be you need some inspiration or relaxation, so your Hamster is here.

I wish you a merry Christmas and happy New Year!

Your Hamster



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Christmas

Christmas in the Czech Republic



We celebrate Christmas on 24th, 25th and 26th December. On 25th December we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas is a Christian celebration.

The 24th December is Christmas Eve. People in the Czech Republic visit their families and they give each other presents. People stay at home and prepare Christmas dinner in the evening. The typical dinner on Christmas Eve is a carp with potato salad. Sweets are typical for Christmas too.

People unwrap their presents after dinner. People decorate a Christmas tree for example with some decorations and lights.

Popular modern customs of this holiday include gift-giving, carols, an exchange of greeting cards, church masses, a special meal, and the display of various decorations; including Christmas trees, lights, garlands, mistletoe, nativity scenes, and holly. In addition, several similar mythological figures, known as Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas and Santa Claus among other names, are associated with bringing gifts to children during the Christmas season.

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Christmas in English-speaking countries

Christmas is the biggest annual festival in the calendar. Christmas traditions in English-speaking countries include singing carols, exchanging presents and decorating a Christmas tree. In Britain it's common to pull „crackers“ after the Christmas meal – these are made from wrapped paper and can be pulled apart. Inside is a small present and a piece of paper with a joke on it. The Christmas meal is eaten at lunchtime on 25th December. This is usually an entire roast turkey, with stuffing inside, cranberry sauce and roast potatoes. It's sometimes followed by Christmas pudding.



Christmas in Hawaii

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The custom in Hawaii is very strange – people bring an aquarium with the triggerfish at Christmas. The original name of this fish is: „humu-humu-nuku-nuku-a-pua-a“ :-)

Christmas in Italy

The main symbol of Christmas in Italy are cribs instead of the Christmas tree. The Italian families have the cribs at home and in churches there are life-size cribs. People unwrap their presents on 24th in the evening or on 25th December in the morning. They go to church after breakfast. The typical Italian Christmas food is pansy (cake) with raisins, lamb with rosemary-potatoes and artichokes. On 6th January they celebrate the festival Epifanie. The witch Befena gets through a chimney into a house and she gives presents to children. People burn her big marionette at the end of this festival.

Santa Claus, Father Christmas or Ježíšek?

The typical figure of Christmas is a man who has a red coat and Christmas cap. Every country has its typical man – Santa Claus is typical for Great Britain and Australia, Missers are in Denmark, Ježíšek is in our republic, St Nicholas in Germany or for example in France is Papa Noel. „This man“ brings children presents.

Eva

Meeting before Christmas

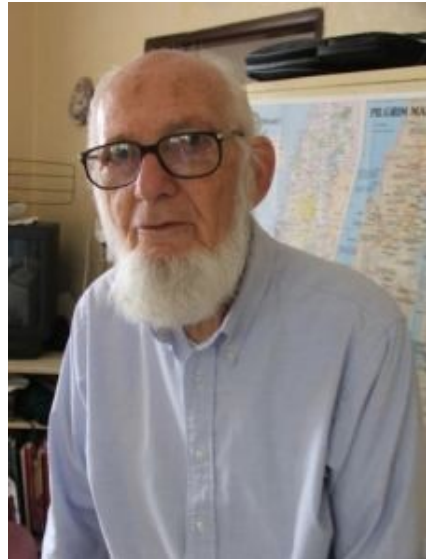
On Friday December 3rd we had the honour to meet Mr Tomas Graumann. His life story is so sad and admirable at the same time that we have decided to write about him a few words in our magazine.

Who was Tomas Graumann?

He was a Czech Jew, naturalized American, Christian missionary to the Philippines and one of the 669 children rescued by Nicholas Winton.

His story:

He was born in Brno in 1931 to a Jewish family. His father made and sold shoes. His parents soon divorced. His mother remarried and moved with his younger brother Tony to a castle in Těšany. In 1938, Hitler began to occupy Austria. Nazi cars drove through the town. The castle housed a few Germans. Things began to happen that he did not



understand. Nazi soldiers attacked people for no reason. They destroyed shops and attacked Jews and Czechs. In

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the first months of the Protectorate the priest in Těšany helped to organize T.Graumann's departure for Scotland. In August 1939 his mother and aunt took him to the station and sat him on the train. He had only two bags, a board with a number around his neck and was excited about the train journey. He knew where he was going but he did not know that he would never see anyone from his family again. All his relatives died in concentration camps. He arrived by train in the Scottish town of Selkirk, where an adoptive family was waiting for him. In Scotland, he began to believe in God.

After graduating from high school he went to study nursing school. He became a missionary in the Philippines, where he also met his wife, Caroline. After the revolution in 1989 he decided to return to the Czech Republic. He passes on his interesting story.

Who was Nicholas Winton?

He was a British stockbroker and an aid worker, who in 1939 rescued 669 mostly Jewish children from Czechoslovakia before the threatened deportation to concentration camps by helping them secure a train in the United Kingdom. He is sometimes called the British Schindler by some journalists.

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Interesting Info about Nicholas Winton:

- Nicholas Winton did not regard his action as heroic. His wife sent the materials concerning the rescued children to a journalist who organized a meeting of N.W. in the TV show „That is life” on the BBC.
- The director Matthew Mináč presented T.Graumann’s story in the film, "All my loved ones"- „Všichni moji blízcí“.
- In 1998 he was awarded in Prague by the president Václav Havel.
- The so called Winton train drove off on 1st September 2009 at 9.01 from Prague's main train station
- Nicholas Winton has never received the Nobel Peace Prize.



Jani

Christmas dishes

Fried carp with potato salad belongs to the Czech Christmas as well as gifts and carols.

There are many ways to prepare potato salad. We have chosen one of them for you.

Fried carp with potato salad

Fried carp

Ingredients :

4 pieces of carp
smooth flour
2 eggs
2 spoon of milk
fat or oil
lemon
breadcrumbs
salt



Method:

Salt the carp, coat it in flour then in eggs with milk and then in breadcrumbs. Fry the carp on both sides until it is golden. Put slices of lemon on the carp. The carp is served with potato salad.

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Potato salad

ingredients:

1 kg of potatoes
¼ kg of carrots
¼ kg of celery
vinegar
canned peas
150 g of pickles
4 – 6 spoon of mayonnaise
pepper
salt

Method:

Cook unpeeled potatoes in water with salt. Let them cool down. Peel them and cut them into cubes. Peel the carrots and celery and cook them with vinegar for about 15 minutes. Let them cool down and then cut them and pickles into cubes. Put the potatoes and vegetables into a bowl and mix them. Add mayonnaise and season with salt and pepper.



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English Christmas dinner is different from our dinner. English dinner begins with pea soup with ham. The main dish is roast turkey with a chestnut stuffing and as a dessert fruit and a plum pudding or an apple pie.

TURKEY WITH CHESTNUT STUFFING

Ingredients:

1 turkey

salt

parsley

1 teaspoon of muscat

1 ½ dl milk

175 g butter

2 eggs

200 g chestnuts

200 g white bread

Wash the turkey and salt it. With a sharp knife cut a cross on the flat side of each chestnut. Simmer, enucleate and shred the chestnuts. Cut the white bread into small pieces and dip them in milk. 50 g butter mix with salt, add yolks, parsley, muscat, chestnuts, white bread and finally beat up the egg white. Fill the turkey with the stuffing and sew in an aperture with cotton.

Put the turkey into a roasting pan with butter and water. Bake the turkey for about 120 minutes and sometimes turn it and baste it.

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Typical American dessert is an apple pie. This is a recipe for you.

APPLE PIE

Ingredients:

250 g flour

3 g salt

115 g butter

120 ml water

8 apples

200 g sugar

3 g cinnamon



Mix flour and salt. Add butter and water. Make dough, separate it into 2 parts and let it spell for 4 hours in the fridge. Put the first part of the dough into a form. In another bowl mix apples cut-up into slices, sugar and one spoon of flour and cinnamon. Put this mixture on the dough and cover the mixture with the other part of the dough. Bake it in the oven at 200 degrees Celsius for about 1 hour.

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CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Ingredients:

240 g currant

240 g raisins

120 g lemon peel

240 g bread (cut into pieces)

240 g suet

240 g brown sugar

120 g flour

1 big carrot

30 g milled almonds

½ teaspoon of spice –
cinnamon, rose-apple, ginger
and muscat

4 eggs

2 spoons of black molasses

118 ml brandy

237 ml black beer



Stir all “dry” ingredients – currant, raisins, lemon peel, bread, suet, sugar, flour, almonds, spice and salt. Peel a carrot, shred it and add it to the mixture. Beat up an egg with brandy and molasses and with black beer add it to the mixture. Stir the mixture and let it spell for a moment spell. Put the mixture in a form and cover it with a foil wrapper. Cook the pudding in steam for 8 – 9 hours or in a digester 2,5 hours. After cooking keep the pudding in a cool and dark place.

Denisa a Janča

Music

Tips under the Christmas tree

The Big 4 Live From Sofia, Bulgaria DVD Box Set:

A recording of a concert of The Big 4 of a thrash metal (Metallica, Megadeth, Slayer and Anthrax) from their tour from this year. The box includes 2 DVDs with the concert, 5 CDs with all the music from the concert, a 24 page booklet, a poster, photos of each band and a Big 4 guitar pick. You can get it for example on bontonland.cz for 1,519 CZK or on hudba.vltava.cz for 1,394 CZK.



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Rockové Vánoce:

Do you like Christmas songs? And would you like to hear them in a little bit different way? For example in a rock version? Then you can buy a CD Rockové Vánoce, which includes 17 well-known Christmas songs in a rock arrangement sang by famous Czech artists, for example Honza Toužimský, Ladislav Křížek, Viktor Dyk or band Alkehol.



Miloš Dodo Doležal & Tina Doležalová, Honza Toužimský, Ladislav Křížek, Lešek Semelka, Viktor Dyk, Petr Herych & G. Bod, Alkehol, Doctor P.P., Zuzana Kolářová & Ivana Jirěšová, Arzen, Filip Daniel, Lucie Roubíčková & V.A.R., Evarest, Funckce sroubu, Pork soda, Pop – porn, Psychoradio

Advent concerts

For the twentieth time, Czech television will broadcast four advent concerts and it will be always on Sunday from 17:00. All of these concerts will be moderated by Marta Kubišová, Táňa Fišerová and Jan Kačer. The first one was on 28th November in Tereziánský sál of Břevnovský klášter, the second one was on 5th December from Bazilika sv. Jiří on Pražský hrad, the third one will be on 12th December in Loreta and the fourth will be on 19th December in Chrám sv. Mikuláše. Each of those concerts will be also a charitable concert and you can support those charities by sending a text message DMS ADVENT on phone number 87777, one message costs 30 CZK.

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The world of movie

Deck the Halls



This is a holiday comedy. It's about two men (Matthew Broderick), (Danny DeVito) who fight for the best Christmas decoration. DeVito thinks that he will have better decoration and he wants to have so many lights that they will be seen from the space. What does Broderick prepare for the winning of this fight in this comedy, Christmas time movie? Let's see.

Christmas Carol

This animated movie Christmas carol tells us the story about an old selfish man (Jim Carrey). On the Christmas day he sees a ghost of a dead businessman and he warns him of his destiny. There is only one way for his redemption - a visit of three ghosts. The ghost of the past, the ghost of the present and the ghost of the future.



Miša

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Christmas jokes

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: Snowflakes.



Q: Why is Christmas just like a day at the office?

A: You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

Q: What's a good holiday tip?

A: Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter.

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

(Claustrophobic!)

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

(Can you smell carrot?)

What Christmas carol is a favourite of parents?

(Silent Night!)

What do you call an old snowman?

(Water!)

What goes: "now you see me, now you don't, now you see me, now you don't"?

(A snowman on a zebra crossing!)

Marcela

December horoscope 2010



(Dec. 22- Jan. 20)

In December you will find out permanent values and certainty about your future. Even though at the end of the month you won't feel good, you will enjoy the end of the year with a loved person. You will think about your life, feelings and love.



(Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

During the whole month you will feel fine and you will have success. Even in love you will be successful, because you can point out your perfection and hide your shortcomings. The end of the year will be a little bit hectic but it will give you strength.



(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

In November you were overcommitted. But in December you will enjoy friendliness of the others. The first decade of the month you will have to think about things, which you can achieve and carry out in your life. The end of the year will be good and you will feel fresh aspiration in New Year.

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(Mar. 21- Apr. 20)

Prepare your smile and good temper in December although nothing will be as good as you imagine. At the beginning of the month you will have to pay your debts, the following two weeks you'll be all quiet. But at the end of the month don't waste your money.



(Apr. 21- May 21)

At the beginning of the month you will get some news, but you won't be happy about it. Constraint on your work-load will be large. The end of the month will be wonderful, you will be with your family and with somebody who loves you.



(May 22-June 21)

You have back your personal charisma and with this advantage you come into the last month of this year. In the first half of December you will have to deal with indirectness of other people. But if you are careful, you will have a good time in the second half of the month.

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(June 21 – July 22)

Your sexual life won't be good this month but you will be the only one in your partner's heart. You do not need to get great gifts, you will be happy with your family.



(July 23 – Aug. 22)

Love before your career. That's how you do it. But it will get better in the second half of the month. You could work on a baby during Christmas holiday. And 31st December will be your best day in this month.



(Aug. 23- Sep. 22)

Hard time in your job is coming but the money for your endeavour will be the best you have ever got. The presents for your friend should be bought earlier.

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(Sep. 23 – Oct. 22)

At the beginning of the month it would be good to meet someone interesting. You will shine at your work. And Christmas will be the best celebration in the recent time.



(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)

You will decide for an important step in your partnership and the jealousy will come to an end. You will also try to succeed in your job. However, there is no point in it.



(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

Last month you earned enough money so you can buy many present for your friends this month. But in the middle of this month you will have some problems in your job.

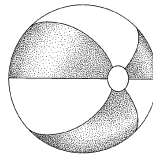
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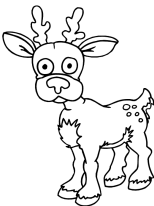
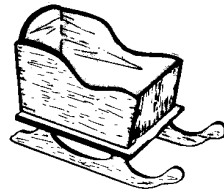
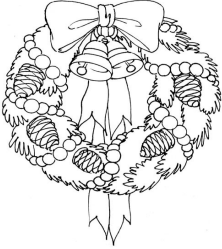
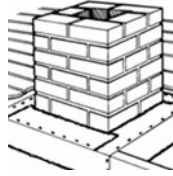
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