## Christmas prize quiz

- 1. Who saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus underneath the mistletoe? I did ('Jimmy' also accepted as the song was first recorded by Jimmy Boyd in 1952)
- You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout. Why?
  Because Santa Claus is comin' to town
- 3. Every band person knows Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride (with its virtuoso percussion parts brilliantly performed at last year's DCB Christmas Concert), but which Bradford-born composer of German extraction (first name Fred, who died in France in 1934) also wrote a Sleigh Ride? His most popular piece is probably On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring. Delius
- 4. Which British composer, also of German ancestry and who also died in 1934, wrote the beautiful carol *In the Bleak Midwinter* in 1904/05, about five or six years before two ever-popular band pieces? Holst
- 5. Who saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas morning? I did
- According to the well known *The Christmas Song*, what were roasting on an open fire?
  Chestnuts
- 7. Which oratorio, forever associated with Christmas, was actually first performed at Easter in 1742 in Dublin?

Handel's Messiah

- Which ballet, forever associated with Christmas, features a fairy in the Kingdom of sweets?
  The Nutcracker ballet by Tchaikovsky
- 9. Who is missing from the following list of characters: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen? Rudolph
- 10. What do the following composers have in common Bach, Corelli, Vivaldi, Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Gazunov, Rimsky-Korsakov, Prokoviev, Vaughan Williams, Mel Torme, Glyn Bragg? They all composed a piece with either 'Christmas' or 'winter' in the title

Bach - Christmas Oratorio Corelli - Christmas Concerto Vivaldi - Winter from the Four Seasons Schubert - Winterreise Song Cycle Tchaikovsky - Winter Daydreams Symphony no. 1 Gazunov - Winter from The Seasons Rimsky-Korsakov - Christmas Eve Opera Prokoviev - Winter Bonfire for Boys Choir Vaughan Williams - Fantasia on Christmas Carols Mel Torme - The Christmas Song



Glyn Bragg - Christmas in March (written a few years back for Scotland's leading concert band)

- 11. Where can you find 'a lowly cattle shed' at this time of the year? In Royal David's City
- 12. What is the destination of the vessels in Question 5? Bethlehem
- 13. Where and when will you soon be able to find a partridge?In a pear tree (on the first day of Christmas)
- 14. Which trio of musical instruments may appear a little later? Three French 'horns' (on the third day) (also accepted any other suitable trio of instruments)

## Saturday quiz part two - just for fun

## Can you name the places in Scotland?

- 1. Very small drinks **Shotts**
- 2. Stupid chips **Dumfries**
- 3. Won't find hot water here **Coldstream**
- 4. Two parts of your face **Eyemouth**
- 5. Trip outside the church **Falkirk**
- 6. One of your parents is fit and healthy **Motherwell**
- 7. Good looking card game **Bonnybridge**
- 8. Murder with a garden tool Kilsyth
- 9. Not in a medal position **Forth**
- 10. Can't live without this Ayr
- 11. Not staying Leven
- 12. Church surrounds Kirkwall
- 13. You and I are fit and healthy **Bothwell**
- 14. Use a spoon for this fish **Stirling**
- 15. Popular drink from the abbey **Buckie**
- 16. Adds up to 21 Dyce

