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**Christmas Myths – or are they?**

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| **HartsdownLogoMyth** | **True** | **False** | **Not Proved** |
| 1. Jesus was born on December 25th |  |  |  |
| 2. The Bible says that exactly three wise men travelled from afar on camels to visit the infant Jesus as he lay in the manger. |  |  |  |
| 3. Two of Santa's reindeer were originally named 'Dunder' and 'Blixem,' not 'Donner' and 'Blitzen.' |  |  |  |
| 4. Poinsettia plants are poisonous to humans. |  |  |  |
| 5. The name of Boxing Day comes from the need to rid the house of empty boxes the day after Christmas. |  |  |  |
| 6. Christmas cards date to 1843. |  |  |  |
| 7. The tradition of the Christmas tree dates back to the days of the Egyptians, Romans, and Druids. |  |  |  |
| 8. Rudolph was one of Santa's original reindeer |  |  |  |
| 9. The term 'Xmas' is an abbreviation of Christmas. It has no other meaning. |  |  |  |
| 10. The Original Father Christmas was Christian |  |  |  |
| 11. The red and white striped candy canes represent a shepherd's crook |  |  |  |
| 12. The word 'carol' originally referred to a ring-dance which meant a song that could be danced to |  |  |  |
| 13. Father Christmas is the same as Santa Claus |  |  |  |
| 14 Holly is a traditional decoration at Christmas because its spikes are meant to represent the Crown of Thorns |  |  |  |
| 15. Some people dread Christmas because they suffer from 'Pogonophobia' - a fear of beards. |  |  |  |