

It's the happiest time of year again, so I'll be doing a special Christmas monologue where I will be ranking the 17 best things about the holiday. Why 17? Because after doing some research there were just 17 to write about. As you'll see the first thing on the list is completely bizarre, but that's what the internet came up with. Almost unbelievable, so really there are 16. Let's go!

Valentine's day

So yeah, I'm not sure why Valentine's day appeared in a list of Christmas words, but it was at the very bottom at least, showing no one agreed. I'm guessing one nutter put the word there and then thumbed up his own comment. Covid is the second lowest word on the list. :S 'The word 'and' whilst low is still relatively high. Don't worry, it's not the only list I'm getting festive words from.

Chimneys

When Googling things associated with Christmas, chimneys also came up, I'm assuming because Xmas legend Santa gets into people's houses that way. I on the other hand have a very indifferent view of chimneys most of the time. I mean they're ALRIGHT, but yeah... hardly notice them. They're good for fires though. Obviously, you don't really want to start a fire anywhere else in your house, unless you're genuinely insane.

Carols

Carols have to be fairly low on the list. Not only do I not like them, I'm obliged to pay for them! Think of any other celebration where you have to pay for things you don't need OR like. Fortunately excessive Christmas cheer gets me through the someone unpleasant and bitter situation.

Christmas cards

When I was a child, I remember the house decorated with dozens and dozens of Christmas cards stuck to the walls. Sadly however, all those wanting to associate themselves with my family are either deluded or mental.

Advent Calendars

I still like these, but the last times I asked my dad for one, he talked me out of it. I don't think I need to grow up at all. What's childish about liking chocolates and looking for hidden numbers? Chocs combined with intellectual satisfaction? Sounds pretty cool to me.

Stockings

The presents you get in stockings are rarely as good as normal presents, but if you like a small bag of chocolate coins to start your day as I do, you're in luck! A preparation for the real oral assault your teeth will go through later on in the day. Bing, binge, binge!!

Candlemas

Google says candlemas (sic - it should be Candlemass) is Christmassy. Candlemass are a great band, but who listens to doom metal on Christmas? If Arnold Schwarzenegger can switch from violent action films to films about trying to find a hugely in demand seasonal toy, metalheads can listen to Slade for a day.

More traditional Christmas songs

I don't usually listen to pop music but again, I think Christmas pop music is better than doom metal on the happiest day of the year. I guess tales of people getting stuck inside huge monsters, trying to TNT themselves out, but failing and dying are for another time. Wait, that's not Candlemass, that's the band Unholy. :S

Christmas lights!

Whether they're put up by genuine Christmas lovers or psychopaths trying to appear normal, you have to love Christmas lights! And the neat patterns they do with different colours? Woohoo!

Snow

Is snow on Christmas day better than doom metal or even pop music? I think so, simply because the weather is so rare where I live. People always talk about the possibility of a white Christmas where I'm from. Hasn't happened in decades. And did you know it's classified as a white Christmas if just one snowflake falls? That's really stupid. It's like someone saying 'Do you want to have the best meal of all time? You'll get pizza, curry, Chinese food, you name it!' Then the other guy would be like 'No, really?? I haven't had a good meal in years!' Then the first guy would be like 'Yeah! But only one milligram. You won't even see it.' Is that something to be looked forward to?

Turkey, pigs in blankets, etc.

Other than Christmas pudding, I can think of no Christmas food that can't be improved with mustard and gravy. Does mustard and gravy go with curry or pizza? Probably not. Why? Not just a hot sauce but one filled with mystery, I think.

Christmas films

Jingle All the Way is a great film. Remember, it's not childish if it has an ex terminator in it. Home Alone 2 is a little harder to defend, but at the end of the day, it is IS ultra violence technically speaking.

Holidays

I don't really give myself too much of a holiday, but I do have days off on Christmas and the day I go Xmas shopping. (The reason being I simply get very bored if I don't have any work to do). And you know what? I like those two days. Very much so, in fact. Having to spend extra time with my dad is a downside, but luckily he's often

busy putting up lights.

Elves

A whole race that dedicate their lives to making presents for you and me? And what thanks do they get? Well, let's thank them here. And thanks for fending off orcs, no one wants to be clubbed on Christmas.

Reindeer

Can elves fly? I don't think so, so reindeer are better. Sorry elves.

Fruitcake

Mmmm. Joking of course, elves are clearly better. Got you! I still like fruitcake, though. I don't know why people SET FIRE to the foods though. I guess because it brings people together? By that I mean arsonists are usually shunned, but not on Christmas, a day where love is quite literally for everyone. Even nutters.

Father Christmas

Father Christmas, the myth the legend! Without him absolutely no one could get presents! And does HE get any thanks? Not really. Having said that, have you EVER heard anyone say that they don't respect him or indeed say they don't like anything about the man after meeting him? Me neither, not even once. Such a person would be labeled a freak, so maybe people like him a whole lot more than they are letting on. Or maybe they just don't believe in him - I get it, he travels fast. Would you believe I once knew a mental health nurse of all people who believed in him? Absolutely true. And rightly so. Because he does exist.

Done! So there are 17 good things about Christmas if for whatever reason you celebrate Valentine's day on the 25th of December. And of course there's just one bad thing about Christmas - covid. Interesting stuff. That's it! Bye!