

	<p>The first recipe of that special Christmas delicacy dates back to an 1850s-era English cookbook. By the mid-17th century, people reportedly began associating them with Christmas. At the time, they were traditionally filled with a mixture of pork, or another kind of meat, with sage and other spices. Nowadays, they are filled with dried fruits and powdered with sugar.</p>		<p>While Super Bowl ones are highly scrutinized in the US, Brits pay just as close attention to their own. Not only is the John Lewis ad, or "advert," a Christmas tradition, but almost every supermarket and clothing brand tries to get in on the buzz with their own video.</p>
	<p>You might remember a scene from the first "Harry Potter" movie in which Ron wishes it to Harry. While this may sound strange to an American, saying it is commonplace in the UK, as opposed to "Merry Christmas."</p>		<p>Thanksgiving weekend is seen as an opportunity in the United States for students to reunite with friends from high school or middle school. In the UK, it's a tradition for school friends to come together on Christmas Eve, often at the local bar or pub.</p>
	<p>It is typically referred to as the British Black Friday, but there are a couple of differences between the holidays. It falls the day after Christmas and also has a rich cultural history in Great Britain. Originating in the mid-1600s, the day was traditionally a day off for servants. On this day, servants would receive a "Christmas Box," or gift, from their master. The servants would then return home to give "Christmas Boxes" to their families.</p>		<p>It has been a tradition for over half a century. Starting in 1952, the top song on the British singles chart has been a coveted spot every year. The Beatles, Queen, Ed Sheeran or the Spice Girls achieved it.</p>
	<p>They are humorous plays performed for the whole family. They are sometimes based on a famous fairy tale or story, like "Cinderella," "Peter Pan," or "The Wizard of Oz." Often a villain will sneak up on the protagonist intermittently throughout the play. It's then the role of the audience to scream, "He's behind you!" to the main character — while he or she struggles to figure out what's going on.</p>		<p>They are often pulled at the start of the meal, and the paper hats found inside are worn throughout the meal. Also inside is a "banger," which makes a loud pop when it is pulled, a joke, and a small prize. The jokes are usually cheesy and festive.</p>
	<p>It's thought that this tradition commemorates the birth of Christ date all the way back to the 4th and 5th centuries. However, it wasn't until the 12th century where Saint Francis of Assisi incorporated upbeat Latin hymns into Christmas services. The best ones such as <i>Good King Wenceslas</i> were written in the Victorian period. This is because Queen Victoria wanted happier, more upbeat carols to sing at Christmas.</p>		<p>This message is always one of the most watched programs on TV on Christmas Day. A whopping 6.5 million people tuned in last year. The tradition was actually started by the Queen's grandfather, King George V, when he delivered the first address over the radio in 1932. George V's first message was written by English writer Rudyard Kipling and transmitted live from a studio that was created for him at Sandringham estate. The tradition carried on, and in 1957, the Queen gave the first televised Christmas speech. This year, it will be delivered by the new King.</p>
	<p>All around the country, on the morning of Christmas Day, people dress up in fancy dress and go for an icy dip in the sea. It's a great event that really brings the community together at Xmas. Brighton Swimming Club's annual event began in 1860. If you fancy giving it a go yourself, head to Brighton beach early on Christmas morning!</p>		<p>They are very popular and part of the culture in British schools. They are plays that recount the story of Jesus's birth. In the popular British Christmas movie, "Love Actually," the characters even attend one.</p>