

Social History – Family Christmas Memories

****(1960s) Taking the No. 715 Greenline bus from Hammersmith down the old A3 to grandparents in Guildford – wrapped in coat to hide chickenpox.

**** (1950s) Armenian Christmas on 6th January in Istanbul with extended family. Leg of lamb cooked in a baker's oven. It all ended peacefully! Church first, an important part. Little emphasis on presents. Also celebrated in English style.

****1940s and 1950's) Never had a family Christmas as we lived far apart, so neighbours were more important because they were nearby. Travel was difficult in those days.

****(1940's) House full of homemade paperchains. Stocking with orange and nuts, Dandy Annual. Roast chicken was the norm. In Hastings we had more White Christmases than we get now.

**** (1940s) Greek Orthodox but born in Jerusalem. Tree up on Christmas Eve with candles and tangerines as decorations. Meal was turkey, plucked by mother. Soup after attending Midnight Mass. Once in U.K., cooked for 25 people, many dishes in 1970s.