

Boxing day quiz

One clue to Boxing Day's origins is in the song "Good King Wenceslas."

The Christmas carol is about a King called Wenceslas, who was Duke of Bohemia in the early 10th century. He was looking out from his balcony onto his land on St. Stephen's Day — Dec. 26 — when he saw a poor man gathering wood in the middle of a snowstorm.

The King gathered up the food and wine that remained from Christmas day and carried them through the snow to the poor man's house.

Giving presents has always been a tradition at Christmas but King Wenceslas' good deed came the day after Christmas, when the English poor received most of their charity.

The Church of England During Advent (the 24 days before Christmas asked churchgoers to put their money in a box in the church.

On the day after Christmas, the boxes were opened and the money shared with the poor,

There's another possible story about the holiday's origin. The day after Christmas was

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also the traditional day on which rich people gave presents (boxes) to their servants staff — a type of Christmas-bonus

The servants returned home, opened their boxes and had a second Christmas on what became known as Boxing Day.