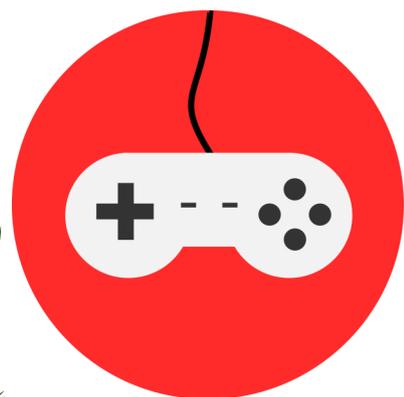
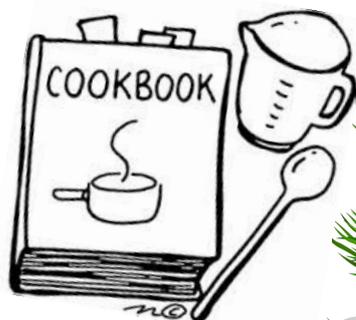


# THE CHACE CHRONICLE

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# Welcome!

The festive season is well underway, school is almost over, and Christmas is just around the corner. So what better time than now to get reading about the weird and wonderful things that are going on this Christmas? From football to gaming to cooking, we have got (nearly) everything to make your Christmas that little bit better (we can't make it snow unfortunately). So get ready for a Christmas special edition of the Chace Student Magazine!

**Bartek Cichowlas**

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# How you can give back this Christmas

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The festive season is well and truly upon us; twinkling Christmas lights dusting the streets and the belt of Mariah Carey blasting as you step foot into every shop. Excitement grows everyday at the thought of receiving that coveted gift - but spare a thought for those who wish for a roof over their heads this Christmas. According to CHAIN (Combined Homelessness and Information Network, a multi-agency database recording information about rough sleepers in London), a total of 8,855 rough sleepers were seen by outreach workers in London during 2018/19. Of this, 5,529 people (62% of the total) were seen sleeping rough for the first time in London. In light of this ever present and alarming modern issue, here are a few things you can do to give back to support those in need this Christmas time.

## CRISIS



For £28.87, you can reserve a place for someone in one of Crisis's Christmas centres across London, where much needed warmth, company and support is given to start rebuilding lives.

Crisis offer a range of services on top of a delicious hot meal - something we may take for granted - including health checks, clothing repair and employment, housing benefit and legal advice. Live entertainment and activities also spread the Christmas cheer.

For information on how to donate, visit [www.crisis.org.uk/get-involved/reserve-a-place-at-crisis-at-christmas](http://www.crisis.org.uk/get-involved/reserve-a-place-at-crisis-at-christmas)

# CENTREPOINT



86,000 young people asked their local council for help with homelessness in 2016/17. Centrepoint supports more than 10,000 vulnerable young adults a year, and they offer many ways for you to donate. For example, £5 can provide the essentials, a toothbrush, fresh towel, or clean bed sheets, in a hostel room, because at Christmas everyone should feel at home

For information on how to donate, visit [centrepoint.org.uk/donate](http://centrepoint.org.uk/donate)

Why not start a collection among friends and family, or maybe ask for a donation to your chosen charity as a gift?

Of course these are just a few of the hundreds of charities across the country aiming to combat homelessness. Visit [www.locallife.co.uk](http://www.locallife.co.uk) for more details and information about the many organisations you can support in Enfield.



## What else can you do?

- Have any clothes or belongings you know longer love or use? - Charity shops are always in need of new stock, and money is raised from your generosity.
- Spread the word! - Organisations remain active through public support and donations, part of this being through sharing their goals and messages - share this with family and friends.
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen - Helping out in homeless shelters is invaluable to charities who are striving to support as many people as possible.

# Recipe for the best festive biscuits

By Dabrowka Kornas

Christmas is just around the corner. Having so little time to enjoy the holiday spirit, we give into the Christmas rush, decorating, listening to the classic songs and frantically shopping to find the best gifts. One way for us to take a step-back from the rush of Christmas and enjoy the season is through baking. And what better way to relax than by baking gingerbread? Aromatic, tasty, and most importantly; really easy to bake, gingerbread biscuits are a necessary part of Christmas. Here's an easy recipe from BBC that you can use even today, to get into the Christmas spirit the right way.

## Ingredients:

- 175g dark muscovado sugar
- 85g golden syrup
- 100g butter
- 350g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 egg



Note from editor; your biscuits will not look may not look like this on your first attempt

## Method:

Put the sugar, syrup, butter and a pinch of salt into a saucepan. Bubble for 1 to 2 mins, mixing to combine. Set aside to cool a little. Put the flour, bicarbonate of soda and spices in a bowl, add the warm syrup mixture and the egg, and stir to combine (it will feel a little soft now, but will firm up once chilled). Cover the bowl with cling film and chill for 30 minutes. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 and line 2 baking trays with parchment.

Dust your work surface with a little flour, then roll out the dough to the thickness of a £1 coin. Cut out as many men and ladies as you can – you should be able to get about 16 by re-rolling the dough. Place on the trays, then bake for 10-12 minutes until slightly risen and golden brown. While they are still warm, push a straw through the top of the gingerbread ladies, and just above where the legs meet on the gingerbread men, to make a hole for stringing up. Cool on a wire rack.

Find decorating tips on:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/gingerbread-bunting>

# Is the Christmas football schedule as bad as Klopp says it is?

By Bartek Cichowlas 13MNAT

Since the development of broadcast football, it has been changing football from the beautiful game we know and love into an industry where the only goal is to make money, no matter the costs. The Premier league in particular has seen a massive influence from corporations such as BT sports, Sky and more recently Amazon, who often dictate the logistics of league. Over the last decade, the argument against these institutions has grown louder and louder - should it be a major concern? Or should clubs 'man up' and get on with it?

It is difficult to deny the fact that the money brought in from television deals doesn't help football clubs prosper. Without the appropriate financial possibilities, it is practically impossible to improve in the world of football. The market prices are increasing, players are requiring higher wages and on a sporting level, to get to the next level, clubs such as Spurs have shown that it is very beneficial to invest in new training centres and stadiums.

But money doesn't grow on trees - and television is the perfect solution to this problem. Surely it makes everyone happy; fans are content because they are able to watch their favourite teams play more often; clubs are happy because they get more funding; and the television corporations are satisfied because they make money from advertising. So where's the catch?

Amidst all this business thinking, after supplying the football matches for the demand of football fans, we are forgetting one somewhat key piece in the puzzle - the players themselves.

It is very easy to say that "for the money they're getting, even I could put a shift in". But there are some aspects of life as a footballer it is impossible to avoid, no matter how much money you throw at it. The most important and prevalent of these are injuries. Thanks to the immense pressure from television to play two, sometimes three games in the space of 8/9 days causes strain on the bodies of even the most durable of footballers. This tight schedule, especially during the festive period, has been an issue raised by many managers and footballers, with Jurgen Klopp and Pep Guardiola at the forefront.



In Christmas 2017, there were 32 players absent between Boxing Day and the new year, with teams playing four games within 13 days. This season, a majority of teams will play 4 games in the space of 10 days, so we can now only imagine the consequences of the timetable this year. Health of the players is crucial to the prosperity of football as a sport, so it should not be that we value the financial benefits of the Christmas period more than the risk on the footballers' bodies.

The quality of football also deteriorates over this period. It is impossible for teams to train properly for the upcoming matches when two of the three day's break are spent on recovery from the previous match. Although to the impartial fan it may seem interesting, it is frustrating to say the least to a supporter of an underperforming team during the crucial end of year period.

The solution is simple; spread the games out, get rid of the pointless Carabao Cup and listen to the footballers and staff at football clubs. It is impossible to satisfy everyone, but we should always seek to improve the sport, rather than improve the number of pounds in the account of television corporations.

So Klopp and Guardiola should keep up the fight; the industrialisation of the beautiful game can only benefit it to an extent. When money becomes more important than health and entertainment, it is time to stop and rethink, and the time has come.



# Yogscast Jingle Jam 2019:

A company in Bristol, South West England under the name of Yogscast is raising money for charity this Christmas. The Yogscast are an entertainment company that primarily produce video gaming related videos on YouTube and Twitch. Already this company has raised £2.1 million in just 13 days of December. How, exactly, does such a warm-hearted endeavour work? If you're unfamiliar with the ways of the Jingle Jam, pretty much everyone's a winner.



You can donate on an online store known as Humble Bundle which is a digital storefront for video games, which grew out of its original offering of collections of games sold at a price determined by the purchaser and with a portion of the price going towards charity and the rest split between the game developers. If you donate \$5 you get a quick shout out from the yogscast crew themselves during one of their streams on Twitch and a calling card for Call of Duty: Modern Warfare. However, if you donate \$30 you unlock full access of an advent calendar reward system in which you are rewarded with a game or DLC for 20 days straight the developer of the games are fully collaborated with this charity event as is Humble Bundle. The charities that are receiving the donations are as follows:

**Access Sport:** A charity that meets the urgent need to improve children and young people's health and wellbeing, working solely with young people in deprived communities and with a strong emphasis on helping young disabled people.

**Stand Up To Cancer:** attempts to speed up life-saving cancer research by taking developments in the lab and accelerating them into new tests and treatments for cancer patients who need them.

**Mental Health Foundation:** their vision is to assist in making a world with good mental health for all. They aim to help people understand, to protect and sustain

people's mental health. Prevention is at the heart of what they do.

**Call of Duty Endowment:** aims to help veterans find high quality careers and jobs by supporting groups that prepare them for the job market and by raising awareness of the value vets bring to the workplace.

**Special Effect:** specializes in helping physically disabled people play video games. The organization works with developers to create specialized game control devices as well as make their games more accessible.

**The Grand Appeal:** pioneer research and help innovate life-saving equipment. They also do family accommodation and have specialist support staff, they provide care, support and a lifeline to enable a family to cope with what may lie ahead.

**WDC:** Whale and Dolphin Conservation is a wildlife charity that is dedicated solely to the worldwide conservation and welfare of all whales, dolphins and porpoises.

**War Child:** aids children in areas experiencing conflict and the aftermath of conflict.

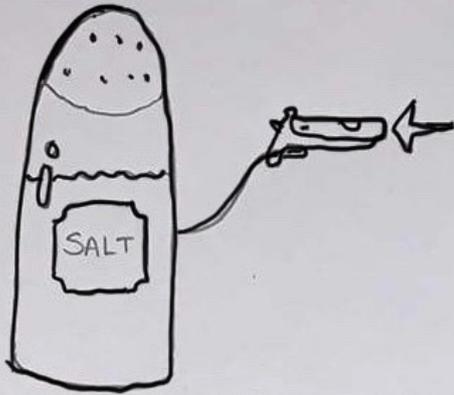
"The Jingle Jam brings to life all the best parts of the gaming community on Twitch and that is why we are once again delighted to support the charity drive efforts from Yogscast," stated Twitch's Director of Partnerships, Pontus Eskilsson.



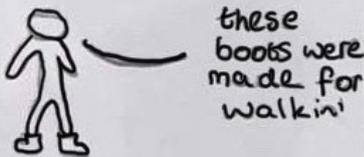
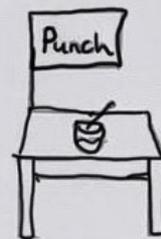
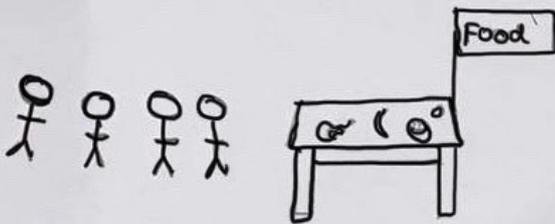
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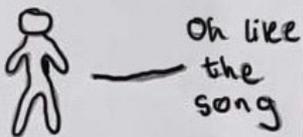
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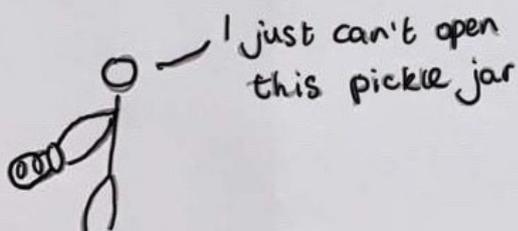
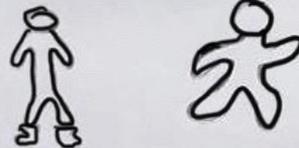
these boots were made for walkin'



A bear we have to run



Oh like the song



I just can't open this pickle jar



\*opens jar



Well I guess if anyone can Ghengis Khan

**Thank you for reading!**

**Make sure you are nice this Christmas; giving back doesn't always mean money or gifts. It is equally important to be kind and positive, so this year, let's smile, and put a smile on as many people's faces as possible :)**

**Merry Christmas!**

