CULTURE AND TRADITIONS

**CHRISTMAS**

The tradition of Christmas carols in England

In England, as in many Europeans countries, Christmas is the most awaited magic moment of the year.

The preparations start in November and finish on Christmas day.

Tradition is that every house guests a tree to decorate on Christmas Eve, the tree remain in the house only for 12 day for reasons of superstition.

There are many others traditions, but Christmas carols are the most important.

They sing “carols” around Christmas tree situated in the town square or in most of the churches.

Many people attend the midnight mass on the Christmas Eve, this mass in particular consist of Christmas carols. Almost all of the most popular carols were write in XIX century.

The custom of caroling in fact dates back to the Victorian era. The carolers were walking throught the more crowded town roads usually in groups of three people, the first played the violin, the second sang and the third sold scores. The passers stop to buy the music and sang some verses with the chorus.

They also stopped in front of houses and sang, hoping to be invited for a hot drink and receive a small donation.

Even today, groups of families go from house to house singing Christmas carols and receiving in exchange sweets and drinks.

Songs like Jingle Bells, Happy Christmas, White Christmas are famous all over the world and are sung along with traditional songs in various countries.

