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It's Christmas!

Christmas gifts, trees, jokes and more...



Still lots to do...

Five seasonal treats around Torbay

Christmas spirit

Frightful Christmas ghost films



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Welcome to StopPress



Another year draws to a close and we look back on a very successful time at the school. Bookings have been up, the teacher training department has gone from strength to strength, a new Summer School opened and the finishing touches are being put on the new LAL London school.

We've seen new nationalities come to the school and the return of several students for a second time or more.

Next year we look forward to building on these successes and being

able to offer you new courses and smaller class sizes in the off-peak season.

On behalf of myself and all the staff at LAL Torbay I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas, a happy holiday, a prosperous New Year and continued success in your English learning.

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News

It's nearly time for London...

LAL London opens in January 2010. It is a brand-new school for adults in Twickenham, just 25 minutes from central London.

We are offering 15 of our students in Torbay the opportunity to study in and experience London for part of their course for no additional cost.

- Experience a different side of English culture
- Enjoy the advantages, entertainment and excitement of our capital city
- Save money - the price of the course and accommodation in London is the same as you pay in Torbay.

Choose two, three or four week options without interruption to your course - our teachers in London know your study needs. You can change to LAL London at the end of the promotion for no additional booking fee, although higher course fees may apply.

Free door-to-door transfer to London on Sunday 3rd, 10th or 17th January and return from London.

Hats off to our knitters

As well as their usual teaching skills some of the LAL Torbay staff have also been displaying their expertise with the knitting needles.

One of our teachers saw a knitting pattern for hats for service personnel based at Royal Marines Base, Chivenor in North Devon,

who are in Afghanistan.

We then formed a knitting circle and made 12 hats which were collected by the British Legion.

The knitters from the Academic Department were Ana, Avril, Charlotte, Ilani, Lorraine, Nicola Murphy's mum and, from Reception, our very own Jane.

We felt it was a pleasure and privilege to do something for the troops.

Choose either host family half-board accommodation or B&B at the ★★★ St Giles Hotel in Feltham (www.stgiles.com) for the same price you are currently paying in host family or Hunters Lodge in Torbay. Transport from accommodation to school may require bus or train travel, at extra cost. A Travelcard currently costs £16.60/week.



Nick Pennington

It is with regret that we note the death of one of our teachers, Nick Pennington. He had worked for LAL since 1993 and was a valued member of the Academic Department, helping countless numbers of students to improve their English throughout his career, both here and in Italy, where he also spent some time working. He sadly lost his fight with illness last month and will be very much missed by his friends and colleagues.

A tree will be planted in Nick's memory in the garden of LAL Torbay.

E-English Online

Learn English at your own pace and in your own time: IELTS, LAL's language centres in Malta, have launched their English Online courses. This online English course was created by our very own highly experienced, certified native speaking teachers.

Our online course caters for all skill levels and needs. So whether you are a beginner, you need to brush up your English for work or simply enjoy learning, you will be able to do it with [e-englishonline.com](http://www.e-englishonline.com)!

The course consists of 6 levels, ranging from beginner to advanced (A1 to C1 of the Common European Framework). Visit www.e-englishonline.com.

Stocking Fillers

Looking for a little 'stocking filler' present for family or friends? Don't forget that our souvenirs are available at Reception at very reasonable prices, including mugs, teddies, keyrings and more. Prices start at just 50p.



I don't want that much for Christmas: ideas for gifts to take home

We thought you might like some ideas for things to take home as gifts for your family and friends, so we asked our staff for suggestions. Here's what they recommend - all, curiously, food and drink...

Shortbread

Shortbread is a type of biscuit. It is traditionally associated with Scotland, but it is widely eaten throughout Britain at Christmas time.

You can buy either individual biscuits or 'wheels' - large, round biscuits which are cut up into triangular pieces.

Shortbread is available from all good grocers and supermarkets.



Fudge

Fudge is a soft sweet made from butter, milk and sugar all heated together and whisked to make it soft and sticky. Fudge is a sweet that is particularly associated with Devon, because our green fields allow our cows to produce rich butter and cream that's ideal for this treat. One of the best places to buy fudge is from Roly's Pantry in Totnes, where fudge is made each day.



Tea

The drink that cheers but does not make you drunk: tea is a mainstay of the English kitchen, and we drink more tea than we drink plain water in Britain. In fact we drink 165,000,000 cups of tea each day! English tea is very different to tea sold overseas - it



has a much deeper flavour and even our 'ordinary' teas tend to be of higher quality. One of the best 'ordinary' teas is Yorkshire Tea from Taylors of Harrogate, which has a great taste. If you prefer a 'fancy' tea, Twinings sell a range of flavours such as Earl Grey, Darjeeling and Lapsang Souchong, available at all supermarkets. If you visit Totnes, we recommend the Earl Grey blended by Greenlife stores in Fore Street.

Honey

Because honey is made by bees from local flowers, every honey is different. A jar of local honey is ideal on bread or toast or oozing through hot, buttered crumpets. You can buy local honey at the New Cheeseboard & Creamery in Hyde Road or from the house next door to LAL Torbay - there's a sign in the window.



Chocolate coins

Take home some British coins in chocolate. It's a bit difficult to find coins that aren't Euros these days (most are made on the continent) but the Superdrug chemist sells chocolate coins with UK coinage - plus the odd old European currency too.

Mince Pies

These would need careful packing, but Mince Pies are a truly typical Christmas food. They don't contain minced meat any more, just a mix of vine fruits and alcohol in a light pastry case. Don't buy the cheapest - buy the best you can afford. Christmas is only once a year...





BABBACOMBE MODEL VILLAGE

5 things to do in December



ELENI SHOIJETAS

Totnes Late Night Shopping

Every Tuesday until Christmas the historic town of Totnes, a short bus ride from Paignton, opens its doors late into the evening for last-minute shopping. As well as the town's unique shops – few chains and plenty of quirky things to buy – there are open-air stalls and a market, food, drink and entertainment in the streets. It's a great chance to find an unusual present and a great way to experience Totnes's 'vibe'.

LAL Torbay will be running an evening excursion to this event on Tuesday, 15th December, price £5.

» 15 & 22 December, from 6pm

LAL evening excursion on 15 December, £5

By public transport on 22 December, take First bus service X80 or X81 from Paignton bus station to Totnes. Buses to Totnes leave at 1750, 1820, 1850 and return from Totnes Royal Seven stars at 1910, 2040 and 2215.

Winter Wonderland at the Model Village, Torquay

Experience the real magic of winter!

Amazingly realistic snow effects, as used by the makers of TV and Hollywood films, cover the model landscapes, picturesque thatched villages and gardens. A beautiful winter wonderland landscape stretches out before you and picture-postcard snow scenes evoke nostalgic charm.

Enchanting illuminations and animated lights transform the winter scene from dusk into a magical wonderland. Deep in the snow covered gardens you will discover 'Santa's Icy World' - wander in to the ice cave, walk through the snow, and discover Santa's snowbound log cabin. Our Alpine ski area gives young children the chance to try on real skis and experience the fun of alpine skiing!

» Babbacombe Model Village, Torquay
Open 10.30 to 18.30
Admission £9.50

www.babbacombeodelvillage.co.uk

Ice Skating in Torquay

Take the chance to slip and slide on Torbay's only Artificial Ice Rink this Christmas at the Riviera International Conference Centre. The Ice Rink will be open to the public from the 15th December - 3rd January and two fully qualified instructors will be available for group and private lessons at some of the sessions. For more information please contact the event organiser Richard Lambert on 07981 839897.

» Riviera International Centre, Torquay
15th December - 3rd January (including Christmas day)
From £6
www.christmasskatingrink.co.uk



Jack and the Beanstalk

It's Pantomime time - oh yes it is! - and this year the Palace Theatre in Paignton is producing Jack and the Beanstalk. Can Jack save his mother from financial ruin with only a handful of his magic beans? Can he keep the old cow? Just how big is his beanstalk? Can he escape the evil giant? Find out in this traditional tale as you boo the baddies, cheer the goodies and join in the songs. Not sure if you want to? Oh yes, you do!

» Palace Theatre, Paignton
22nd December to 13th January 19.30
Adults £10.50 (£8.50 on 22nd/23rd December)
01803 665800
www.creativetorbay.com



Masquerade Ball

The Grand Hotel is hosting a New Year's Eve Masked Ball. Glamour and a bit of mystery - what a lovely way to start the year 2010!

Arrive and get into a party mood with a welcoming glass of sparkling wine then tuck into a Gala 4-course Dinner followed with music and dancing until 1.30 AM.

» Grand Hotel, Torquay
Tickets £60 per person
www.grandtorquay.com



JOSE FERNANDO CARLI



ANDRAS DEAK

Oh!

Christmas tree

It's the time of year when the scent of pine and the pitter-patter of falling needles fills many a living room as the Christmas tree is brought in for the festive season. Real or plastic, the tree is the centrepiece of decorations in many houses. We look at the story behind the spruce in the corner.

All over the world people are rushing around searching for the perfect tree to put up in their house or enter their dark, cobweb-filled lofts trying to remember where they put it. Long strings of lights are being untangled and many a rude word is being said as 'dead' light-bulbs are tracked down and twisted to see if they will work.

But why do we go through this madness every year? In this article we look at the story behind this very traditional Christmas custom...

As with most of the Christmas traditions the origins of the Christmas Tree can be found in the dark and distant past, in the pagan days before Christianity. The Yule Log was originally a huge piece of wood brought into the great halls for the celebration of Yule, the heat and light it produced kept the villagers safe and warm for the duration of the festival. Today the Yule Log is represented as a very unhealthy chocolate dessert eaten at Christmas.

It was not until the 16th century that the use of living trees first recorded example was in Northern Germany, though there are also claims that this first happened in Latvia, and Estonia. Large trees were displayed outside Guildhalls where they were decorated with bags of nuts, apples, dates, pretzels and paper flowers.

By the 18th century the people of the Rhineland decided to go one step further and, ignoring all the Health and Safety regulations, they brought their trees into the house and decorated them with candles. The Catholic Church, not happy about losing its control over how people celebrate, was not amused with this custom and refused to recognise it until eventually trees became so popular throughout the country that the Church was unable to stop people enjoying themselves.

By the 19th century the Russian royal family had copied the idea and the word spread through all the best dinner-parties and social gatherings. Very soon the

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tradition had spread to the finest houses of Austria and France. It was at this time that the Christmas Tree crossed The Channel and came to Britain with 'mad' King George III and his Hanoverian family, but the 'common' people were unaware of the tradition until the time of Queen Victoria when a picture of the British Royal family was published in the Illustrated London News. Suddenly everyone wanted to be like the Queen and have a Christmas Tree in their house.

At first the trees were decorated with home-made ornaments, nuts and fruit. In the 1880s German glassmakers began to produce glass ornaments for Christmas trees, and they quickly became popular in the towns that surrounded the factories. It was Frank Woolworth's department stores which made glass ornaments mass-market by the 1890s, and Woolworths stores continued to sell cheap and cheerful decorations right up until last year.

With the invention of the electric light-bulb the annual Christmas fire-threat was reduced as candles were replaced with lights, though this has led to an increase in Christmas frustration and bad moods as the expectation and excitement is ruined when the lights are turned on...and nothing happens.

Christmas is a time for giving, and every year the Christmas tree in Trafalgar square in London is given to London by the city of Oslo in Norway, in thanks for help we gave them in the 1940s. But most Christmas trees are bought by each family to decorate at home and place presents underneath. That needs a lot of trees – 50,000 grow just outside Torbay at the Marldon Christmas Tree farm ready to be cut down for Christmas. **AT**





It's a cracker

Christmas crackers were invented in Britain in 1847. They are now a traditional sight on our tables on Christmas Day, and are infamous for useless 'gifts' and bad jokes that everyone's heard before - just like these!

Why was the turkey in the pop group?

Because he was the only one with drum-sticks!

What's Tarzan's favourite Christmas song?

Jungle Bells!

What happens to you at Christmas?

Yule be happy!

What do you get if you hang from Father Christmas' roof?

Tired arms!

What did the fireman's wife get for Christmas?

A ladder in her stocking!

What was the tortoise doing on the motorway?

About 1 mph.

What do you call a man wearing ear-muffs?

Anything you like - he can't hear you!

Did you hear about the stupid turkey?

It was looking forward to Christmas!

What are small, brown and creep around the house?

Mince spies!

How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

Deep pan, crisp and even!

What do you get if you cross Father Christmas with a duck?

A Christmas Quacker!

What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas ?

Cross mouse cards !

How do sheep greet each other at Christmas ?

A Merry Christmas to ewe!

Christmas Spirits

From the time of Charles Dickens's ever-popular "A Christmas Carol," ghost stories have been important in our celebration of this festival in the Anglo-Saxon world. Kevin Ryland looks at films that celebrate the spirits of Christmas.

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From the time of Charles Dickens's ever-popular "A Christmas Carol," ghost stories have been important in our celebration of this festival in the Anglo-Saxon world. I myself have written some stories to be read by my friends and, I hope, enjoyed.

Although I have never seen ghosts myself, I keep an open mind and am always willing to read and hear accounts of unexplainable and mysterious phenomena. A friend of mine at Cambridge University told me that he had seen a figure floating, as it were, through his room which he could not explain and other people I have spoken to have given me accounts of strange and eerie experiences, at least two at Berry Pomeroy Castle (near Paignton). I have been there myself on many occasions, including dead of night, but nothing has ever revealed itself to me.

I thought that this month, as the last article in the series I have been writing on the cinema, I would concern myself with filmic recreations of ghostly phenomena as opposed to horror. So many horror

films are crude and badly made, like cheap fairground thrills, whereas the two films I propose to write about are cleverly and subtly-made classics.

In 1961, "The Innocents" (directed by Jack Clayton) appeared on our cinema screens and it is truly memorable (It is now happily available on an excellent British Film Institute DVD). Set in mid-Victorian England it makes beautiful use of black and white wide-screen to create a remarkable world of shadow, mystery and half-seen things. Matters are suggested and left to our imagination and the spirits (with one exception) are always seen from a distance or in the corner of our eye which makes them truly chilling and the atmosphere powerful.

The story is based on the American Henry James's spooky "The Turn of the Screw" (James, incidentally, was fond of Torquay and a regular visitor) and concerns itself with the ghostly and evil possession of two seemingly "innocent" children and the intervention of their repressed governess. We are left unsure, finally, as to whether the phantoms "exist" or are projections of her sexually frustrated nature. Their appearances never fail to give one goose flesh, such is the impressive control by the director and the very fine Victorian atmosphere.

The other masterly ghost story film, also made in England, is Robert Wise's 1963 "The Haunting" about a house in New England (U.S.A.) with a horrible reputation. Wise and his remarkable cameraman, Davis Boulton, and the designers make brilliant use of the wide screen suggesting the presence of evil in the very fabric of the house and the way the characters are corrupted by this. This version is far superior to the silly, overcooked remake

(with Catherine Zeta-Jones) which mistakenly overstates things and resorts to cliché and overuse of special effects destroying any power. Generally, colour does not aid films in creating ghostly atmosphere and neither does noisy Dolby stereo.

The climax of the 1963 film, when the spirit is abroad in the house and one hears sinister noises and the door of one room bulges under the pressure of untold malevolence, is a high point and very frightening. Wise, like Clayton, understood the importance of understatement and the building of tension, something modern directors (and audiences) seem increasingly unable to manage.

BBC TV has brought us a couple of short classics for Christmas from stories by Dickens ('The Signalman'), about a haunted railway line, and the old master story-teller M.R. James ('Whistle and I'll Come to You') about the danger of disturbing tomb-guarding ancient spirits. Both can be bought on DVD and should be viewed by anyone who wishes to see how skill and imagination can overcome any limitations of budget. Even a modern, very good ghost film like Amenábar's "The Others" (2001) does not, in my estimation, equal the films I have mentioned above. However, Guillermo del Toro's masterly "The Devil's Backbone," (also 2001) set in the time of the Spanish Civil War is a modern classic and shows that, despite my caveat, colour can be atmospheric in the right hands. It is a very creepy film indeed.

I shall be presenting a ghost story film or two at the LAL Film Club in December. Don't miss them!

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Christmas Word Search

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- Baby
- Bauble
- Boxing day
- Brandy butter
- Bread sauce
- Cards
- Carols
- Chestnuts
- Christingle
- Crackers

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- Gifts
- Goose
- Gravy
- Holly
- Ivy
- Joseph
- Manger
- Mary
- Mince pies
- Mistletoe

- Mulled wine
- Norway spruce
- Pantomime
- Paper chains
- Party
- Plum pudding
- Punch
- Queen's speech
- Robin
- Sack
- Shepherd

- Sprouts
- Stable
- Star
- Stocking
- Stuffing
- Tangerines
- Three wise men
- Tinsel
- Turkey
- Wreath
- Yule log

Grammar Spod: How about this?



Dear friends of
the English
language,

As
Christmas
is getting
closer and
we are all
in a festive
mood, enjoying
mince pies,
Christmas puddings
and mulled wine, I
thought I'd keep this
month a bit lighter than usual.

We will be looking at how and various
words it can be combined with (lexical
phrases). But I don't want to bore you with a lengthy
explanation so let's get right to it:

● **how + about/are/do/far/fast/high/long/much/tall**

Practice

Complete the questions with how and a word from the box above:

- 1) A: How _____ is your house from the North Pole, Father Christmas?
B: About one mile.
- 2) A: How _____ coming to my house for dinner on Christmas Eve?
B: Sorry, I'm away that evening.
- 3) A: How _____ did those earrings cost?
B: I don't know. My mum gave them to me as a present last Christmas.
- 4) A: How _____ you spell that reindeer's name?
B: D-A-S-H-E-R.

- 5) A: How _____ have the elves been working on these presents?
B: Just over a month.
- 6) A: How _____ was he driving when he crashed his sleigh?
B: Only about fifty miles an hour.
- 7) A: How _____ you feeling now, Rudolph?
B: Much better, thanks.
- 8) A: How _____ is Father Christmas? Will he fit down our chimney?
B: He is about six foot two inches.
- 9) A: Tom, I'd like you to meet Father Christmas.
B: How _____ you do, Santa Claus? It's nice to meet you.
- 10) A: How _____ is this Christmas tree?
B: Over 2 m.

You can check your answers on page 14.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Until 2010 – yours sincerely,

Countess Grammar  AM

Puzzle

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Word finder

How many words of three letters or more can you make from the letters in this grid? There are at least 150 words, including one nine letter word.

What's on

5th – 23rd December

Winter Wonderland at the Model Village, Torquay

Experience the real magic of winter! Amazingly realistic snow effects, as used by the makers of TV and Hollywood films, cover the model landscapes, picturesque thatched villages and gardens. A beautiful winter wonderland landscape stretches out before you and picture-postcard snow scenes evoke nostalgic charm. Enchanting illuminations and animated lights transform the winter scene from dusk into a magical wonderland.

THE ENCHANTED FOREST - A magical indoor trail past the glowing elves workshop, through the enchanted light forest and finishing with 'A Dream of Christmas' in 4D. Illuminated throughout the day.

Babbacombe Model Village
Hampton Avenue, Torquay
01803 315315

www.babbacombeodelvillage.co.uk

11th – 24th December

Santa in the Caves
Kents Cavern

A magical place to meet Father Christmas

Santa returns to the caves with his troop of helpers to offer a magical and memorable Christmas visit.

www.kents-cavern.co.uk

11th December

Imperial Ball

This historic Christmas ball is one not to be missed! Held in the beautiful Barcelo Imperial Hotel, the Imperial Ball is a fabulous social event that should be firmly penciled into everyone's Christmas calendar. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Tel: 01803 295433 (Linda Dickinson)

15th December – 3rd January

Ice Rink

Take the chance to slip and slide on Torbay's only Artificial Ice Rink this Christmas at the Riviera International Conference Centre. The Ice Rink will be open to the public from the 15th December - 3rd January and two fully qualified instructors will be available for group and private lessons at some of the sessions.

07981 839897.

17th – 20th December

Christmas Continental Market

The Continental Market returns to Torbay Road this Christmas. Make sure you don't miss out on any Christmas gift bargains.

Babbacombe Theatre, Torquay

9th, 16th, 26th & 28th December
Christmas Cracker variety show
Curtain up, cue the music, turn down the lights and join with us for a show that promises you a cracker full of comedic moments and musical treats for all the family this yuletide season.
Adults £16.00

Babbacombe Theatre, Babbacombe,
Torquay
Box Office 01803 328 385

Palace Theatre, Paignton

22nd December -13th January
Jack and the Beanstalk

It's Pantomime time - oh yes it is! - and this year the Palace Theatre in Paignton is producing Jack and the Beanstalk.

Can Jack save his mother from financial ruin with only a handful of his magic beans? Can he keep the old cow? Just how big is his beanstalk? Can he escape the evil giant? Find out in this traditional tale as you boo the baddies, cheer the goodies and join in the songs. Not sure if you want to? Oh yes, you do!

Box office: 01803 665800. The box office is open 10:30am - 5:30pm Monday to Saturday.

17th December

Christmas Dinner and Dance
Christmas Dinner and Dance with Dancing Duo Henry and Jeannie at the Livermead House Hotel on Torquay Seafront. Tickets in advance £25 each.
01803 325905

20th December

Torquay Christmas Market
For a truly festive experience get yourself down to the Torquay Christmas Market at Vaughan Parade, Torquay Harbour. Held on Sunday 29th November and Sunday 20th December, from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The market will consist of delicious food stalls and high quality gifts, perfect for those trying to find Christmas presents! The Salvation Army brass band will be in attendance to help get everyone in the festive spirit!

Grammar Spod answers: 1) far 2) about 3) much 4) do 5) long 6) fast 7) are 8) tall 9) do 10) high

Princess Theatre, Torquay

30th November – 12th December
Evita

Featuring some of the most famous and inspiring stage music ever written, including the classic songs 'Don't Cry For Me Argentina', 'On This Night of a Thousand Stars', 'Oh What a Circus', 'You Must Love Me' and 'Another Suitcase in Another Hall', Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's extraordinary musical Evita embarks on a spectacular national tour. Bringing to life the dynamic, larger-than-life persona of Eva Peron, wife of former Argentine dictator Juan Peron, Evita tells the story from her young and ambitious beginnings to the enormous wealth and power she gained and her ultimate rise to sainthood. With more than 20 major awards to its credit, including the Oscar-winning film version starring Madonna and Antonio Banderas, and featuring one of the most coveted roles in musical theatre, this brand-new production of the smash hit show truly promises to be The Theatrical event of the year!

13th December

Royal Marines Christmas Spectacular
19.30

The Band of HM Royal Marines Portsmouth present their 20th military Christmas concert. The Royal Marines Band, Portmouth perform live in concert with a hint of Christmas flavour, featuring the ever-popular Corps of Drums. As with all Royal Marines band concerts this is always a sell-out so be sure to book early.

17th December - 3rd January

Annual Pantomime: Cinderella
Recipe for Festive fun and Frolics
Ingredients

1 Fairy Godmother
1 cup of Buttons
1 Dandini
1 Handsome Prince
2 Ugly Sisters
1 Cinderella

Method

Take 1 Handsome Prince and 1 beautiful, kind and innocent girl,
Combine with 2 ugly step sisters, the worst in the world.

Sprinkle in the star dust of 1 Fairy Godmother and add a generous helping of Buttons.

Whisk until light and fluffy.

Bake at The Princess Theatre between 17th December and 3rd January alternating between 2pm and 7pm.

Put it together and what have you got? Bibbidi – Bobbidi – Boo!!!

Box Office Numbers:

Ticketmaster: 08702 414 120

Groups (10+ tickets): 01803 380 842

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See Reception for more information

Rear **Window**



A seagull watches two students throwing snowballs in a rare snow shower in 2009.