

Freddie Stoye

Christmas tree.

Tell me about the Christmas tree.

Well the prison authorities used to send a Christmas tree out every Christmas and generally they were cut, no roots to them, but that year, in 1924 it had lovely roots and we'd had the Christmas party in the school, and it had been decorated, we always had a Christmas party, the Christmas tree was decorated by my parents and they used to have a tea and little gifts of some kind or other, but as soon as it was over he said, 'right, plant that one in the garden', it happened to be a time when there was no frost, just right, it went bang in and there it stayed.

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