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Merry Christmas Mr. Dickens!

David Allen, Public Speaker and Storyteller

The December talk will feature the man who invented Christmas. This talk tells the story of Dickens' amazing life, including how the novella, 'A Christmas Carol', written at lightning speed, inspired aspects of the Victorian Christmas that have continued to this day. The talk will include dramatic readings from the great man's work.

David Allen speaks widely on a variety of subjects such as Victorian history, Agatha Christie and the Golden Age of Hollywood. His talks are both fun and thought-provoking, and are either taken from his own life experience as a solicitor and professional storyteller or are based on extensive historical research.