

# Why Did Mrs Gale Cancel Christmas Card Sort **Answers**

## 1. 22nd December

The Met Office has issued a severe weather warning of strong winds and very heavy rain over the next few days. Weather chart for 22nd December 2013.

## 2. 23rd December

Many major roads have been flooded or blocked by fallen trees in Kent, Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex and Cornwall. Some people have died in road accidents owing to the poor driving conditions.

## 3. 24th December 10am

The Met Office has recorded 66.7mm of rainfall in Salisbury in the past 24 hours. This is the highest recorded rainfall since 1931. Wind gusts of over 75 miles per hour have been recorded in some coastal areas.

## 4. 24th December 1.30pm

Mrs Gale receives a text from her son who works for the London Fire Service.

'Sorry mum. Have to work tomorrow. Nearly one thousand 999 calls last night owing to the flooding! John.'

## 5. 24th December 4pm

Thousands of passengers are stranded and 26 flights have been cancelled at Gatwick Airport owing to high winds, flooding and power shortages. Mrs Gale's husband was meant to be flying back to the UK this evening.

## 6. 24th December 4.45pm

Mrs Gale receives a text from her daughter.

Car has broken down in a flood. Am being towed home. Loads of roads are flooded around us and have been closed by the police. Cars abandoned everywhere. Not going to make it to you. Sorry. Katie

## 7. 24th December 4.50pm

The wind is very strong. Mrs Gale's fence has blown down and some roof tiles have lifted in the wind. She calls her insurance company to report the damage but it put on hold for an hour owing to the number of calls!

## 8. 24th December 5pm

More than 6,000 homes are without power in East Anglia, hundreds of homes have no power in Somerset and 50,000 homes in Hampshire and on the Isle of Wight are also cut off.

9. 24th December 5.30pm

The Environment Agency has now issued almost 370 flood warnings and alerts. Many rivers have flooded nearby properties and businesses. Several people have died in fast flowing rivers.

10. 24th December 8.45pm.

Mrs Gale receives a text from her youngest son who is travelling up from Taunton, Somerset.

Mum, our train has stopped as the railway line is completely flooded. Not sure that I will get to you! Love Tom.

11. 25th December 7am

Mrs Gale wakes up early to switch the oven on roast the turkey but the oven does not work. There is no electricity! The storm has caused a power cut across southern and eastern England.

12. 25th December 8am.

Mrs Gale sends a text to her family.

Christmas is cancelled!