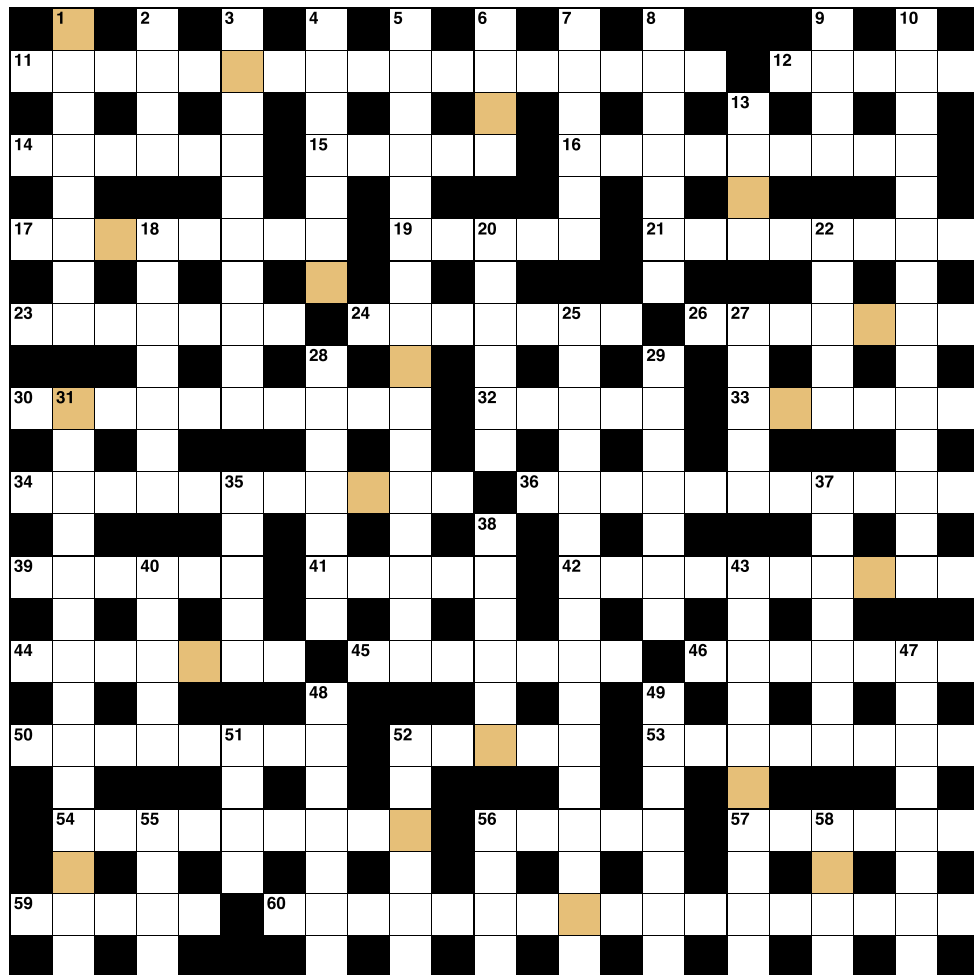




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PRIZE CLUES

ACROSS

- 11 Rainy day, shove hens out for festive song's second line (3,1,4,5,4)
- 12 Seasonal song girl (5)
- 14 Back of the neck of untidy person (6)
- 15 Lift recommendation, but not at first (5)
- 16 Late 1980s comedy article too bad if rescheduled (1,3,2,1,2)
- 17 Present retains unusual junction? (5,3)
- 19 Scrabble pieces lost in neckwear (5)
- 21 I mention alteration very soon (2,2,4)
- 23 Provokes those under the tree in December? (7)
- 24 A posh car taking carriers outside department store (7)
- 26 Bad actors keep right food for snowmen? (7)
- 30 The occult chocolates? (5,5)
- 32 Elicit with cut back lacking leader (5)
- 33 Old sitcom to conceal greeting (2-2-2)
- 34 As festive conventions, Italian trod awkwardly (11)
- 36 The States maybe pine for Madonna song (8,3)
- 39 Thermo-dynamic relation? (6)
- 41 Compare to plants on the radio (5)
- 42 Cooked Una starter at dining place (10)
- 44 In haste, phenomenal Boxing Day saint (7)
- 45 Justification for dregs? (7)
- 46 Time inside for exercise (7)
- 50 Put baubles on tree, a doc's coming out (8)
- 52 Rodent coup perhaps blocking end of Hogmanay (5)
- 53 Standard restraint at a festive get-together (8)
- 54 A lyre's put aside for vicar's call (3,2,4)
- 56 Animal arrived then left (5)
- 57 Small lass returns resources (6)
- 59 Stone set in shrubbery, literally (5)
- 60 Costly red app due to change following ninth castle in Provence? (11-2-4)

DOWN

- 1 Earner's upset about cold wine (8)
- 2 Sauce brought in for a guest (4)
- 3 Appear to grasp North Pole helper and set off with dignity (4-6)
- 4 Moisten the yard carelessly (7)
- 5 Festive old TV series? It gets pulled in December (9,7)
- 6 Bet it's in advance in lantern (4)
- 7 Is lawn cultivated for Yuletide visitors? (2-4)
- 8 Hopin' for a hangover cure? (7)
- 9 A short holiday, up for some bubbly? (4)
- 10 From Noah, ointment or bad news for Mary and Joseph (2,4,2,3,3)
- 13 Good to possess frock for 53 Across? (4)
- 18 Brought on papers to keep dunce worried (7)
- 20 Extra food here for Noel? (6)
- 22 In 20 Down I turned back when weary (5)
- 25 Twelfth day activity? (8,8)
- 27 Orally count up wine as and when (2,3)
- 28 Shameful goblin altered direction (7)
- 29 Fed up without a festive dish? Thaw out (7)
- 31 Foretold elfish novel, 1950s novel (4,2,3,5)
- 35 You biblically grab right amount of gift-bearers (5)
- 37 Look after really empty room for baby (7)
- 38 Working regarding tax (2,4)
- 40 Trendy river animal (5)
- 43 Dessert taken around electoral district, but not yet! (10)
- 47 Not cheap to build memorial (8)
- 48 Husband wearing suit for firesides (7)
- 49 Give a big hand for mobile extra allusion (7)
- 51 Not even allusion to boot (4)
- 52 Bashful memo with no heading for wild animal (6)
- 55 Starting to open your small kids' presents (4)
- 56 Pass round a less common winter fuel (4)
- 58 Regularly slip past with drinks (4)

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EASY CLUES

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Across 11 Strictly judge (5,5,7) 12 Easy to carry (5) 14 Picture puzzle (6) 15 Bedtime drink (5) 16 Display of pictures from a carousel (5,4) 17 Circulated scented air (8) 19 Describe again (5) 21 Christian feast celebrated on 6 January (8) 23 Barrel of hidden presents (4,3) 24 Circus gymnast (7) 26 Flavouring of Pernod (7) 30 Expert in military tactics (10) 32 Loosen the string (5) 33 Most self-conscious (6) 34 Oscar-winning film starring Tom Hanks (7,4) 36 Having all sides the same length (11) 39 Egg and cheese flan (6) 41 Actor in a crowd scene (5) 42 Made financial savings (10) 44 Item on cheeseboard (7) 45 Get hold of, obtain (7) 46 With courage and energy (7) 50 One of the Three Wise Men (8) 52 Make of Vauxhall car (5) 53 Stimulant in hot beverages (8) 54 Well-informed (2,3,4) 56 Concreted garden area (5)

57 Festive glitter (6) 59 Santa's facial growth (5) 60 Words that follow Gloria in Ding Dong Merrily on High (7,2,8)

Down 1 More clever (8) 2 Sub-mistletoe greeting? (4) 3 Dark food topping (5,5) 4 Pear-shaped fruit (7) 5 Gauge for measuring energy (11,5) 6 Carbonated drink (4) 7 Admits guilt (4,2) 8 Evergreen tree (7) 9 Satellite receiver (4) 10 Shakespeare play (3,7,4) 13 The abominable snowman (4) 18 Travelling amusement rides (7) 20 Repeated part of a carol (6) 22 Arctic sledge dog (5) 25 Competitive collectables series (8,4,4) 27 Ruth Jones's character in Gavin & Stacey (5) 28 Advertisement tunes (with bells?) (7) 29 Type of meat (7) 31 Festive gift on the second day (3,6,5) 35 Take care of (3,2) 37 Enjoyer of good food (7) 38 One of Santa's reindeer (6) 40 Baby's tummy-ache (5) 43 Unavailable to buy (3,2,5) 47 Store's underwear department (8) 48 Act of betrayal (7) 49 Freeze up (3,4) 51 Notion, thought (4) 52 Wine vault (6) 55 Jam-filled pastry (4) 56 Christmas tree type (4) 58 Africa's longest river (4)

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