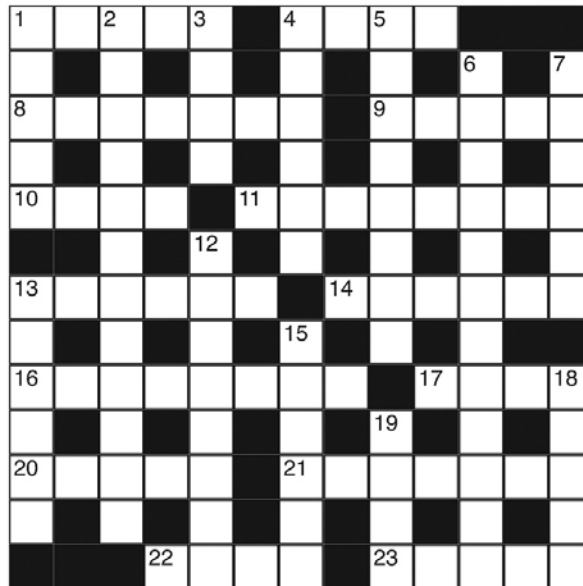


Double Chance Crossword

CRYPTIC & QUICK
But the answers are the same
for both clues

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Morally weak American woman (5)
- 4 Wax precious stone (4)
- 8 Release one's hold on one French, cold, long snake (7)
- 9 Germaine contributes to meagre erudition (5)
- 10 People in authority start to tax heavily each year (4)
- 11 Defective iron's adverse publicity (3,5)
- 13 Central court shows some heart! (6)
- 14 The clergy love Greek deity! (6)
- 16 Embarrassing display in important part of play (3,5)
- 17 Good name for city on Rhine (4)
- 20 Entice casual office worker to be ahead of time (5)
- 21 Wriggling viper we see before it's released (7)
- 22 Appeal? Yes, it's organized ignoring leading couple (4)
- 23 Girl found in shop at Tyburn (5)



Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Apples and pears (5)
- 2 EEC remaining moved by French political system before 1789 (6,6)
- 3 Vegetable, we hear, has water coming out of it (4)
- 4 Woodcutter (6)
- 5 A prime example of 1 Down somewhere in America (3,5)

- 6 Inspect tie or buckles of hotel employee (12)
- 7 Newly produced, unfinished, Japanese drama in Californian city (6)
- 12 Alec must produce sweet wine (8)
- 13 Heads of all Benedictine brothers overseeing their society (6)
- 15 Sightlessness results from some Abyssinian opiates (6)
- 18 Recently unfamiliar outskirts of Lydney (5)
- 19 Profound river pollution's beginning (4)

Quick Clues Across

- 1 Delicate (5)
- 4 Red gem (4)
- 8 Release fastening (7)
- 9 Woman's name or surname (5)
- 10 People in general (4)
- 11 Critical comments in papers (3,5)
- 13 Upper cavity of heart (6)
- 14 One of the Fates (6)
- 16 Dramatic section of film (3,5)
- 17 German city (4)
- 20 Lead someone astray (5)
- 21 Show play before official opening (7)
- 22 Urgent request (4)
- 23 Patricia (diminutive) (5)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Things grown in orchards (5)
- 2 Superseded government: menacing Eire (anag) (6,6)
- 3 Let slip secret information (4)
- 4 Carpenter's tool (6)
- 5 New York (3,5)
- 6 Office worker (12)
- 7 City in San Joaquin Valley (6)
- 12 Fortified wine: Mac's lute (anag) (8)
- 13 Heads of religious houses (6)
- 15 Blindness (6)
- 18 In a different manner: afresh (5)
- 19 Distant from batsman (4)

For solutions see pages 20 & 21

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HALSTEAD CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2018

Switch on of Christmas lights.

This will be performed by Mayor of Halstead, Cllr Andy Munday, with nominated children from each of the three Halstead Primary Schools. Switch on is to take place in the Halstead Public Gardens, Trinity Street, Halstead CO9 1JE at **4.30pm on Saturday 1 December 2018**. There is no charge for entry to this event. Further details can be obtained from Halstead Town Council Tel: 01787 476480. e-mail - reception@halsteadtowncouncil.org.uk

Annual Torchlight Procession and Town Carol Service

This traditional event will take place on **Wednesday 5 December 2018** starting at the top of High Street, Post Code CO9 2UK. Torches will be handed out from 6.15pm, for a start time of 7pm. There will first be the blessing of the crib around the Christmas Tree at Market Hill and then a procession led by the Salvation Army Band will walk down High Street, to Bridge Street and Trinity Street arriving at the Halstead Public Gardens (CO9 1JE) for the Annual Town Carol Service. Flaming torches (with glo-sticks for younger people) are carried by members of the public and are given free of charge by Halstead Town Council, providing a wonderful traditional spectacle; all are welcome to join in. The Carol Service is conducted by Churches Together in Halstead and will begin at about 7.30pm with free song sheets being provided; entry is free to all. A collection for the Mayor's Charity will be taken. Further details can be obtained from Halstead Town Council - Tel: 01787 476480; e-mail reception@halsteadtowncouncil.org.uk

Senior Citizens' Christmas Parties

To be held on **Thursday 6 December and Friday 7 December 2018**.

The parties are hosted by Halstead Town Council for Senior Citizens who joined the programme of Summer Outings during the year. Parties are by invitation only and are held at Queen's Hall, Halstead; doors open at 4pm. Further details can be obtained from Halstead Town Council. Tel: 01787 476480

Halstead Town Council Office will be closed for the Christmas break from **Monday 24 December 2018 and will re-open on Wednesday 2 January 2019**. Further details can be obtained from Halstead Town Council. 01787 476480 or see www.halsteadtowncouncil.org.uk