

Christmas crossword

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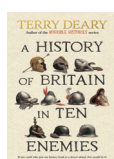
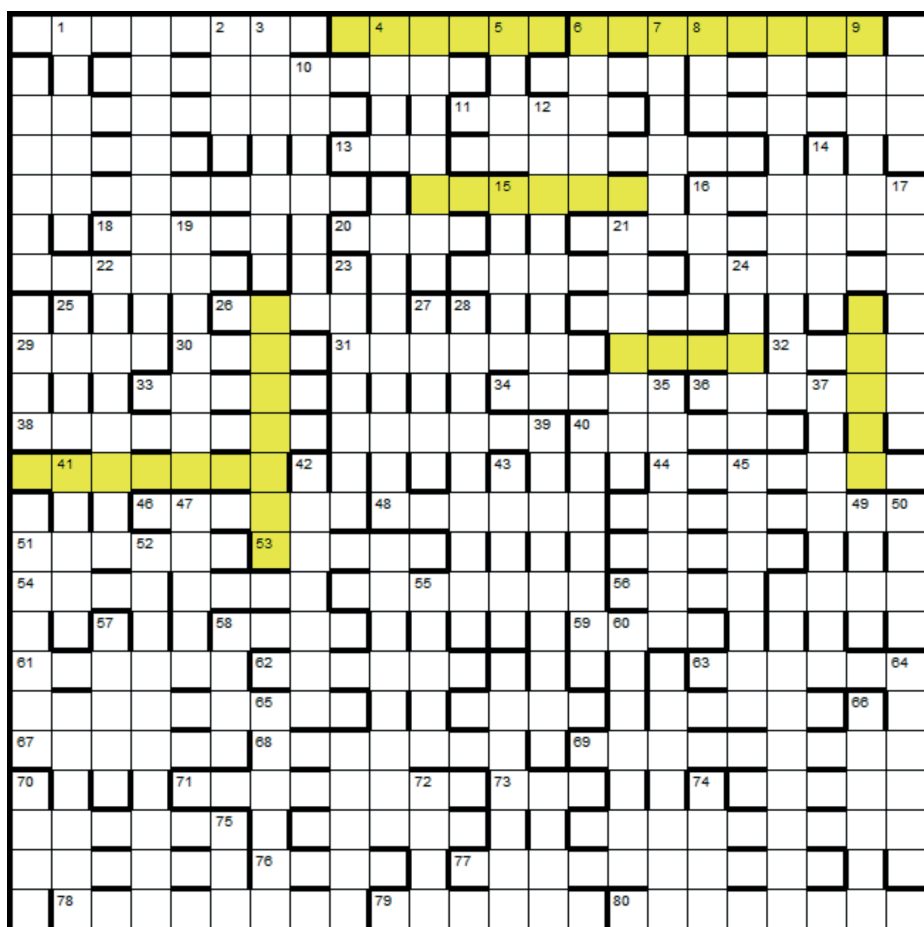
The unclued lights consist of seven themed categories A to G (with G being interpreted very loosely) which are highlighted in yellow in the grid. Each themed category leads to six unclued theme words A to F, one of two words and another hyphenated.

Across

- 11 Bishop always upset item in bar (5)
- 13 Drink Church of Scotland finally banned (3)
- 16 Knight upset silver hay-cart (6)
- 18 Friends from abroad three-quarters down the list. That's wrong (5)
- 20 Walk in west and east parts of Paris (4)
- 26 After parking drink in enclosed area (4)
- 29 *Corrie* character not born in France taking extra time (4)
- 30 Seabird seen during the pm? (4)
- 31 Features of new campsites I'm leaving (7)
- 32 Capital of Czechoslovakia? (4)
- 33 Pool equipment, extremely tacky (5)
- 34 See 53 Across
- 36 Admiral at Mass by Haydn in NZ city (6)
- 38 Unusual gains about former republic's currency (8)
- 44 Fossil fuel that's piped in swapped (3-4)
- 46 Old Greek coin, one affirms (6)
- 48 51 produced acrylic fibre (6)
- 51 Unsure a gangster is holding the president (6)
- 53/34 Sporting contest opening shortly in holiday area (5-1-4)
- 54 One very unusual stunted tree (4)
- 56 Girl's saving scheme with pound invested (4)
- 58 Copy in bed (4)
- 59 Relish appearance in quizzes tonight (4)
- 61 Asian, after kick-off, sped round European (6)
- 62 Oddly, no name in Rannoch Moor (6)
- 63 Stores – huge numbers broadcast (6)
- 67 Garter, maybe, such as held by count, returning (6)
- 68 The last link in the chain! (3,4)
- 69 We'd left talcum powder around a prestigious hotel's atrium (4,5)
- 71 I announced borders of county a lovely thing to see (3,5)
- 73 Bustle coming from Braveheart party (3)
- 76 Keep quiet – it's semi-confidential (4)
- 77 Slumber disturbed during month in abbey (10)
- 78 Waddington board game featuring Oz dog by higher education centre (8)
- 79 Annoy, batting lashes (6)
- 80 Could be Dancer in wet weather, my love, reportedly (8)

Down

- 1 Turkish hospice – it hides spirit (6)
- 2 British composer's regular baldness (4)
- 3 Language of the order of the Thistle! (7)
- 4 Princess ruled India? (4)
- 5 Sandbank in the Thames Estuary or in Tyneside (4)
- 6 Gang of thirteen will stipulate worker has to leave (5)
- 7 Clergyman's responsibility at capital hotel (6)



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| 8 Rocks at the bar (3) | 40 Stroke of luck at the Ponderosa? (7) |
| 9 To know French right away, by Eastern département (6) | 41 Imitation table linen with no name (5) |
| 10 Design turned up in acrylic net stockings (7) | 42 Closely following cobbler's work (7) |
| 12 T.S. Eliot is cycling off over to privileged members (8) | 43 Reported killed in Fletcher's prison (5) |
| 14 Staff holding large twin crystal (5) | 45 Congressman's Vauxhall model (7) |
| 15 Warhammer god aboard foul rickshaw (5) | 47 Bill and note for pair of drums (5) |
| 16 Scoff and carp, endlessly (4) | 49 Broad taking wicket at start of innings dismissed Elgar (4) |
| 17 It's no good admitting Chekhov to city on the River Hao (7) | 50 It's the time when nobody fails to finish (4) |
| 19 Confirm 11 Latin changes (7) | 52 The niggler changed 'Go' signal (5,5) |
| 21 Lady and I frolic during the winter (4,3) | 55 Cockney tramps' instruments (5) |
| 22 Strange what a haircut reveals as Onandaga chief (8) | 57 Brother with one horse mentioned at fair by Delius (5) |
| 23 Mythological swimmer's name in editorial (7) | 58 English king conduct not even seen (4) |
| 24 Stops blowing top and relaxes (5) | 60 Stretch of river full of vessels (7) |
| 25 Lover from the East End, on the phone (4) | 64 Drunkard trips up in place of bishop, bristling? (6) |
| 27 Overturn at university close (5) | 65 Come back again? (2-4) |
| 28 Note to Frenchman, former German Chancellor and artist (9) | 66 3 in 1 – melody that's going round state (6) |
| 35 Totally captivate English friend? (7) | 70 Primate's signature on posh gown is turned over (4) |
| 37 Oddly no Tories are more disdainful (8) | 72 Some wide variety in Roman Chester (4) |
| 39 Jumpers touched, we're told, 8 before 51 (9) | 74 Heartless scholar at spring grain harvest (4) |
| | 75 Mendips on and off reveal computing essential (3) |