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## Editor's Note

As the end of another year approaches, it can be a time of reflection. It might be tempting this year to focus on the negatives of the past twelve months. Economic hardship, war, illness, loss of loved ones and even the dreadful weather are just some of the trials we may have had to face.

Although Christmas can't take any of these things away, it can offer a bit of escapism - the opportunity to leave behind the woes and cares of life for a short season and just enjoy being in the present. Of course, Christmas itself can bring added stress if we let it. But it doesn't have to be all singing and all dancing! As I get older, I realise that my fondest memories of Christmases gone by aren't about the food, drink or presents - they're about time spent with loved ones.

My best childhood Christmas was when my dad taught me to ride my new bike. A favourite teenage Christmas was when we visited my married brother in deep snow in the heart of West Yorkshire and my grandma slid under the car as she got out of it! As an adult I loved the year we bought Christmas crickets with whistles in them, and I conducted an impromptu orchestra of extended family members!

So, this year I sincerely wish you a happy Christmas. May we also reach out to anyone who may be alone or otherwise find Christmas difficult. Until the New Year!

Debbie Singh-Bhatti

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Monday	11th Dec	Aston (Lodge Ln & Redmile Estate) - Church School, 6.00pm
Tuesday	12th Dec	No Evening Sleigh
Wednesday	13th Dec	Aston (The Chase) - Church Ln, 6.00pm
Thursday	14th Dec	Aston (Rosegarth) - Shops on Worktop Rd/ Aughton Ln, 6.00pm
Friday	15th Dec	Swallow Wood, Wetherby & Alpina Estate Haighmoor Way Nr. Sheff Rd, 6.00pm
Saturday	16th Dec	Laughton Common - Gallows Pub, 5.30pm
Sunday	17th Dec	Throapham - Hunters Chase, 5.30pm
Monday	18th Dec	Woodsetts - Butchers Arms, 6.00pm
Tuesday	19th Dec	Dinnington High Nook - Top of Swinston Hill, 6.00pm
Wednesday	20th Dec	Rackford Rd and Old North Anston The Cutler Pub, 6.00pm
Thursday	21st Dec	North Anston (Lakeland Drive) - Swinston Hill End, 6.00pm
Friday	22nd Dec	Dinnington (Church Ln) - Aldi, 6.00pm
Saturday	23rd Dec	South Anston - Leeds Arms, 5.30pm
Sunday	24th Dec	North Anston (Wimpey Estate) - Little Mester, 4.45pm

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Saturday	16th Dec	Tesco - Dinnington, 10.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday	23rd Dec	Tesco - Dinnington, 10.00am to 3.00pm

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# What an Experience!

I love giving gifts but I hate choosing them, and increasingly my adult children seem to lack for nothing and are void of ideas about what they'd like to receive. So when a friend announced that she'd thrown herself out of an aeroplane to celebrate her 50th birthday, and that she had plans to ride a zip line for her next adventure, it gave me the idea to gift experiences instead of tangible items such as gadgets, clothes, cosmetics and jewellery.

Experiences, whether shared or given for someone to enjoy solo, have the unique capacity to bring people closer. They create stories and memories that can be cherished and revisited long after a physical gift may have lost its lustre or fallen into disuse.

In addition, experiences can contribute to personal growth and learning - whether it's mastering a new skill, discovering a hidden talent, or gaining a new perspective - and from an environmental perspective, they leave a much lighter ecological footprint.

Here are ten ideas that could make for memorable and thoughtful presents:

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**Spa Day:** Offer the gift of relaxation and pampering with a day at a spa, complete with massages, facials, and other treatments.

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**Theatre Tickets:** A night out at a play, musical, or dance performance can be a culturally enriching experience.

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**Experience:** For the thrill-seekers, consider gifting an experience like skydiving, scuba diving, or rock climbing.

Other gifts I've experienced are a trip to an escape room and afternoon tea. So why not gift your loved one an experience this year?

**Louise Addison**

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lead to more happy customers is true and we work hard to make that happen for every installation we carry out!'

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# Bag a Great Christmas

The story of my life can be told in the handbags I have owned. In my tiny, trendy youth I carried a tiny, trendy beaded pouch. As a student I switched to practical-but-cool leather rucksacks. Through the years I gained two degrees, one husband, four children, two grandchildren, a dog, and a larger handbag... much larger!

The amount of stuff I now lug around on a daily basis is more than I once took on a two-week trip around Europe when I was 18. Make-up for starters (who knows when I might run into Hugh Jackman at the post office?), a mobile phone, spare tights (me), scrunchie (granddaughter), spare pants (grandson), tissues, baby wipes, a set of keys that would put a prison officer to shame, a purse of gargantuan proportions (though sadly lacking in cash), a notebook and wi-fi-enabled tablet (because I'm a writer and inspiration may strike at any moment), my Kindle, assorted pens, glasses (one pair for driving and another for reading), a hairbrush, and several plastic cast members from the series Paw Patrol. I bet I'm not unusual either.

My life (and clearly the lives of some of my family members) reside in my over-sized bag, but while fine for everyday purposes, when I go

out in the evening I face a dilemma. My outfit would benefit from a petite, chic clutch, but which bits of paraphernalia can I do without for 4 whole hours? So, for all who struggle I have devised a definitive and minimalist evening bag contents list...

**Lipstick/gloss:** An absolute must to keep your pout looking perfect throughout the evening.

**Compact mirror:** Useful for quick make-up adjustments and contact lens emergencies.

**Coin purse:** Ditch your usual purse with its useful pockets and pouches, for a dinky coin purse in which to keep your cash for the evening.

**Mobile phone:** Doubles as a camera which is handy to capture those rare child-free moments.

**Blister plasters:** These special plasters are lifesavers when breaking in new shoes and, even if you don't need them, they'll make you very popular when others are hobbling.

**Mints:** Whether you're single or part of a couple, if you're hoping to steal a few kisses under the mistletoe, keep your breath fresh throughout the evening.

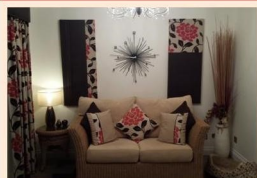
**Your house key:** You don't need to take the whole bunch, just remove the one you need. If you're not driving, do remember to take the number of a reliable taxi firm, just in case your lift falls through.

**And the bag?** With evening bags anything goes. Sequins and sparkles, buttons and bows, funky or sophisticated, whatever your style, your bag should make a statement. Now go and bag some festive fun!

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# A Song Through Time

Christmas carolling, the beloved tradition that heralds the festive season, is steeped in history, and has evolved over centuries. It is an embodiment of communal spirit, joy, and the celebration of Christmas through song and verse.

During pagan times, people would dance and sing to celebrate the Winter Solstice. As Christianity spread across Europe, these customs were absorbed into the celebration of Christmas.

The word 'carol' originally meant a dance or a song of praise and joy, and they were not necessarily associated with Christmas. However, by the late Middle Ages carols became synonymous with the festive season, often narrating the story of the birth of Christ. These early carols were composed in Latin and were primarily sung in churches as part of the Christmas liturgy.

The tradition of door-to-door carolling began to take shape in the Middle Ages. Carollers, known as 'wassailers', would go from house to house, singing and offering good tidings in exchange for food, drink, or money (think, "Bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer!"). Wassailing was part of a wider tradition of celebrating the season, which included feasting, drinking, and merriment.

The practice of carolling saw a decline during the 17th century when Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans came to power in England. They frowned upon the frivolity and celebrations associated with Christmas, leading to a suppression of carols and public festivities. However, the tradition did not die out entirely



and continued in more subdued forms.

The Victorian era marked a significant revival of Christmas traditions, including carolling. The publication of '*Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern*' by William Sandys in 1833, along with Queen Victoria's enthusiasm for Christmas, helped rekindle interest in carols. Songs like *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*, *The First Noel*, and *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* became staples of the Christmas repertoire.

In contemporary times, carolling remains very much part of Christmas celebrations. Community choirs sing carols in public spaces, churches hold candlelit carol services, and groups of carollers continue the tradition of singing door-to-door, although nowadays it's more likely to be pre-arranged visits to hospitals and nursing homes for example.

The history of Christmas carolling is a tapestry woven through centuries of cultural and religious change but the essence of spreading cheer and goodwill through music has remained unchanged.

Louise Addison

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# The Morning After...

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Across the centuries and around the globe some very peculiar hangover cures have been formulated. For example, Mongolians swear by a concoction of pickled sheep's eyeballs washed down with a brine and tomato juice cocktail. Sorry, did that make you feel worse? How about this less revolting but equally bizarre remedy from ancient Ireland: hangover sufferers should be buried neck-deep in damp river sand!

Or you could make the famous 'Prairie Oyster': carefully crack an egg into a glass without breaking the yolk. Add a dash of Worcestershire sauce and swallow whole. Oh dear, that's making me think of the

sheep's eyes again!

More sensible, but less dramatic, is to take the recommended dose of Paracetamol with lots of water. Then drink some more water and take an antacid to settle your stomach. If possible, go back to bed. When you're ready to eat, have a banana to replace minerals lost due to alcohol, or have a good fry-up if you prefer. Other recommended mineral-rich foods are pickles or canned fish... but it's understandable if you don't want to try these. Get outside for some fresh air too.



Of course, the only way to avoid a hangover is not to drink alcohol, but hey, it's Christmas! So maybe drink in moderation, don't mix your tipples, and alternate with soft drinks. That way you'll enjoy a hangover-free party season!

**Tom Hancock**

## Basic Safety in the Home

Have you checked your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm recently to make sure they are working? Or have you even got one? Do you know what it sounds like? At this time of year when we need to be warm, it is always a good idea to make sure that you are protecting yourself and your property. South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue service will provide a FREE survey on your home and fit a new smoke alarm if needed. To book a free survey just telephone 0114 253 2314 for full details.

Carbon Monoxide is called the silent killer. You can't see it, smell it or taste it - but it is very dangerous! If you have a gas appliance, use oil or solid fuel including wood burners, you do need a Carbon Monoxide alarm. These days many of these alarms have a life span of 7 or 10 years. But do get one with an alarm that you can actually hear if it goes off. You can buy alarms from most DIY stores. Some are wall mounted and others are free standing. Most have instructions where to site them and where NOT to site them.

If you have a gas emergency, open all doors and windows to increase ventilation. Turn off heating and burning appliances as that may be causing carbon monoxide. Call the Gas Emergency Services FREE of charge on 0800 111 999.

Some of the signs and symptoms of the presence of carbon monoxide are that you may start to lose your balance, vision and memory. Best practice is to have an alarm in place to warn you. To try to avoid some of these problems, it is good practice to have your gas equipment serviced annually by a GAS SAFE (previously known as CORGI) engineer/installer. Wood burners also need a periodic service. Check the frequency with either the installer or the equipment manufacturer.



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## Tales From The Gym

By Fiona Lau



It's been just over a year since I began my own personal couch to fitness journey. I started from a very low base, ie on my sofa, only rising from it to reach for the remote or to trek to the kitchen for much needed sustenance. I had decided that having high cholesterol, osteoarthritis, a propensity to succumb to every passing virus, and some medium Covid with a bit of an attitude, I should just recline on my sofa, watch Corrie, and wait for the grim reaper to come knocking at my door.

However, some friends belonged to a local gym, and gradually I began to think that a final roll of the health dice, involving the gym, might offer a glimmer of hope. Here are some of the results for the past year:

- ALL my health indicators (except my waist which is determined to be a work in progress) are now within the unheard of NORMAL range!
- I am off my medication.
- Under the tuition of my Strength and Conditioning class coach I have progressed from my own pink Barbie weights to lifting 10-12 kgs dumbbells.
- I survive weekly cycling spinning classes and have the thighs to prove it.
- I have gained several new friends.
- I now have sufficient stamina to comfortably

complete regular 10-13 mile walks with my Rambler group. I'm not at the back moaning any more.

- I have bought new workout leggings **TWO** sizes smaller than my elderly originals.
- I have lost, with the help of gym classes and Weight Watchers, 50 lbs.
- I can *almost* keep up with my grandchildren!

I am not running marathons or featuring in articles such as Super Gran etc but I have learned a thing or two:

- Choose a form of exercise that you will enjoy. It could be the gym, dance, swimming, walking, running or a sport.
- Find a friend or a group of friends to do this exercise with as their encouragement/ banter will keep you going in the dark months of November to February.
- Choose something that you can access easily and relatively cheaply. I found a nearby gym at a good rate for my 'senior' age group and headed off there with my tatty Matalan leggings, a souvenir holiday T shirt and some battered trainers. They still let me in!

You never know, you might enjoy exercising! What have you got to lose? Go for it. It is NEVER too late for anyone. Goodbye for now, and good luck!

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## A Little Extra Effort...

I've mentioned before that I go swimming and that I am one of the slowest in the pool. I often wonder why. What makes one person fast and another slow, when they both appear to be performing the same action?

Last week I got to the pool late and didn't have time to complete my usual 32 lengths. I swam the first sixteen in my usual 20 minutes, but then decided to conduct an experiment. Could I increase my output if I made a few changes to my swimming style?

I identified five actions which I thought might make a difference to my speed. The result was that I swam the next 12 lengths in just 13.5 minutes instead of the usual fifteen! I'm not sure which adjustment made the difference, or if it was them all, but then I got to thinking that the same principle might apply to my slow weight loss.

Maybe I THINK I'm doing everything right, but perhaps making some adjustments could bring in better results. I identified five factors that affect weight loss (scientifically backed - not made up by me!) and have resolved to try a little harder in

all of them.

The first is to not only stick to my calorie budget, but to eat lots of fresh fruit, vegetables, lean meat, fish and poultry and limit foods high in carbs, sugar and fat.

Next is to make sure I drink 6-8 glasses of fluid a day. I rarely achieve this but I know people who swear by it as a real game changer!

Third, get enough sleep. I usually fall asleep after midnight and am often awake by 6 am. I'm planning to get to bed earlier, avoid looking at devices for an hour before bed and aim for at least 7 hours sleep a night.

Fourth, limit my stress levels. I don't feel I am a particularly stressed person, but I've decided to work on relaxation anyway by taking up yoga again. It can only do me good!

Finally, exercise more! I've recommitted to swimming twice a week and with the help of knee braces and muscle strengthening exercises I'm going to take up running again.

Watch this space for the results!

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I love hellebores. Their beautiful flowers in subtle colours brighten my garden at this time of year, hence they are also known as the Christmas Rose or the Lenten Rose because they bloom from late winter to early spring. My elderly neighbour was admiring my display last year and asked if I knew the folk story of *The Christmas Hellebore Miracle*. Well, I love a good story, so I asked her to tell me.

In a forgotten corner of the world, shrouded in perpetual winter, there lay a village with an unpronounceable name. The villagers never knew the warmth of the sun, nor the vibrant hues of spring. Their world was an endless canvas of white, save for a brief season when the Christmas Star would appear and cast a faint, ethereal glow.

In the village there lived an old herbalist named Helmi, known for her wisdom in healing and her knowledge of plants. But of all the plants, Helmi cherished the Hellebores the most. These

## The Christmas Hellebore

rare flowers bloomed in the heart of winter, defying the frost with their resilient beauty.

One particularly harsh Christmas Eve, a mysterious ailment fell upon the children of the village. One by one, they succumbed to a deep slumber, their breaths as faint as the whispering wind and no remedy seemed able to wake them.

In desperation, the villagers turned to Helmi. The old herbalist thought deeply. She had read in ancient scrolls of a forgotten ritual, one that could summon the healing grace of the Christmas Star itself. But to perform it, she needed a bloom from the rarest of all the Hellebores, one kissed by the Christmas Star's shining light.

Under the watchful gaze of the Christmas Star, Helmi ventured into the heart of the frozen forest, guided only by the star's gentle luminescence. Deep within the woods, she found a solitary Hellebore, its petals aglow with a celestial radiance. Carefully she plucked the bloom, whispering words of gratitude.

Returning to the village, Helmi crushed the petals of the star-kissed Hellebore and mixed them with many herbs and

snowmelt to create a potion of shimmering silver. One by one, she visited the villagers' houses, and painted a tiny star on the forehead of each sleeping child.

As the potion touched their skin, a miracle unfolded. The children began to stir, cheeks flushing with life's warmth. The villagers, once cloaked in despair, now embraced in jubilation. Their tears, once cold with sorrow, now warmed by relief.

From that day forth, the villagers held a Hellebore festival every year on Christmas Eve with Helmi as their honoured guest. They planted the beautiful resilient little flowers all over the village throughout the year, and every Christmas Eve as the Star returned to the heavens, the villagers hung hellebore wreaths intertwined with stars on the doors of their houses. Then they would gather to sing carols of gratitude and hope, their voices carrying the tale of the little Hellebore that held the light of the stars in its petals and the love of a village in its roots.

Isn't that lovely? She said that her grandmother told it to her as a child and she's loved hellebores ever since.

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## Lentil Roast

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**Preparation time** 20 mins

**Cooking Time** 1 hour

**Serves** 6

### Ingredients

250 g split red lentils  
500 ml vegetable stock  
1 bay leaf  
125 g grated Cheddar cheese  
1 leek, chopped finely  
125 g mushrooms, chopped finely  
90 g fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs  
2 tbsp chopped fresh / 1 tbsp dried parsley  
1 tbsp lemon juice  
2 eggs, beaten lightly  
Salt and pepper

### Method

Put the lentils, stock and bay leaf in a pan, bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 15-20

minutes until all the liquid is absorbed and the lentils have softened. Discard bay leaf.

Meanwhile, base line a 1 kg loaf tin with baking parchment. Grease with butter/marg.

Stir the cheese, leek, mushrooms, fresh breadcrumbs and parsley into the lentils.

Bind together with the lemon juice and eggs. Season as required and turn into loaf tin. Smooth the top and bake in a preheated oven at 190°C/170°C fan/375°F/Gas Mark 5 for 1 hour until set and golden.

Loosen the loaf with a palette knife, turn onto a warmed plate and serve sliced, with roast vegetables and all the trimmings!



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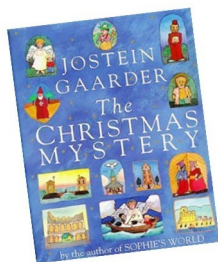
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## THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

Gaarder is an author renowned for weaving intricate philosophical musings into compelling narratives. His best-known novel is probably *Sophie's World*, but here he gifts readers with a story that at its

heart is an advent calendar in prose, where every chapter unlocks a door to the mystery of Christmas.

Beginning in modern-day Norway, the tale unravels as young Joachim discovers a magical advent calendar in an old bookstore. As he opens each window, not only does he unveil a portion of the Nativity story, but he also follows the journey of a little girl named Elisabet, who somehow travels back in time to Bethlehem. This dual narrative connects the ancient past to the present, reminding readers of the timeless resonance of the Christmas story.

Gaarder's prose manages to make the vast journey across time and space seem intimate. The cast of historical figures and the diverse landscapes they traverse offer a panoramic view of human history, all leading to that poignant moment in Bethlehem. Through Elisabet's innocent eyes, readers experience the wonder, challenges, and humanity that has always surrounded this sacred event.

Beyond its captivating story, the book is also a reflection on faith, hope and human connection. While it may appear to be a children's book on the surface, its layers of meaning will resonate deeply with readers of all ages. I came to it as an adult and love it every bit as much as Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Like Dickens' work, it serves as a delightful reminder of the profound significance of the Christmas story, and I think it is a must-read during the holiday season.

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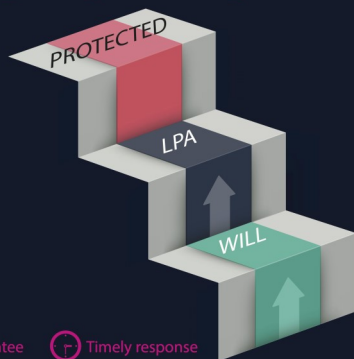
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After a short recess from mid-December we will re-open on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 to explore more exciting projects.

For more information about our activities please contact our Secretary Sue Sayles on 01909 564891 or email [roysayles123@btinternet.com](mailto:roysayles123@btinternet.com) who will be happy to answer your queries.

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## Celebrating December

Rotherham u3a's December festivities begin at 7.30 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> December, when the Choir holds its eagerly anticipated Christmas Concert at Herringthorpe United Reformed Church. As always, it promises to be a not-to-be-missed occasion featuring a medley of Christmas music, old and new. Why not come along? All are welcome. Tickets are £7.50, via Julie Thorp 07733 262 080. As usual, all proceeds go to a local charity.

Throughout December, most u3a activity groups hold their own celebrations, but the 15<sup>th</sup> December is members' party day. After a festive meal, the Singing for Fun and Ukulele groups each present a medley of seasonal and other songs, prompting an enthusiastic sing-along. Singing for Fun's energetic rendition of a humorous version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an annual treat. The Ukulele group, fresh from their Christmas "tour" of various local community groups, will add their tuneful mix of melodies old and new to make this a fun-filled festive occasion.

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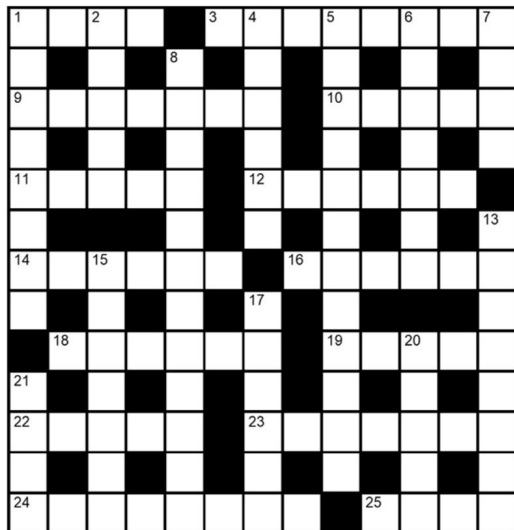
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### Across

- 1 Not dangerous (4)
- 3 Erect, upright (8)
- 9 Acrobat's swing (7)
- 10 Bowl, container (5)
- 11 Bare, in the buff (5)
- 12 Appeared, gave the impression (6)
- 14 Removed impurities (6)
- 16 Substance, material (6)
- 18 Indirect route (6)
- 19 Title, label (5)
- 22 Type of seafood (5)
- 23 Indian rice-based dish (7)
- 24 Lady-love, paramour (8)
- 25 Assistant (4)

### Down

- 1 Devil-worshipper (8)
- 2 Thermos / vial (5)
- 4 Nevertheless (4,2)
- 5 Mealtime etiquette (5,7)
- 6 Most snug (7)
- 7 Touch down (4)
- 8 Tailor, seamstress (12)
- 13 Fame, influence (8)
- 15 Antennae (7)
- 17 Families, clans (6)
- 20 Florida city, seaside resort (5)
- 21 Bathed, moved through the water (4)

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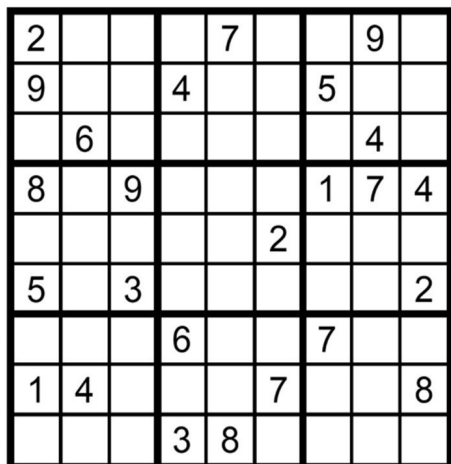
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Solution to December Quick Crossword

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P	U	N	A	U	A	A	L	C	A	N	D	L	E	S
H	Z	C	S	R	N	S	C	Y	W	G	O	L	D	G

Solution December Word Search

2	5	4	1	7	8	3	9	6
9	3	1	4	2	6	5	8	7
7	6	8	9	3	5	2	4	1
8	2	9	5	6	3	1	7	4
4	7	6	8	1	2	9	5	3
5	1	3	7	4	9	8	6	2
3	8	2	6	5	4	7	1	9
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