

Thirteen clues lead to the titles of well-known Christmas carols and two others to the titles of tunes to carols. All fifteen clues are merely cryptic and none contain a definition. Three titles are in Latin, three in German and one in French.

- ACROSS
- 1, 7 Awfully uninteresting responses (2,3,3,3,11)

13 Like laciest pants? (7)

14, 59 Individual by hospital department shook driver regularly (9,5)

15 Indifferent to pain, one in bed's turning over (5)

16 Rude word in the boat-house (4)

17, 25 Modern female in pieces left organised silent event in Mansfield (2,3,2,2,5,6)

18 Hit back with a harsh criticism (7)

20 Kill miserly Scots, having admitted indications of excess (7)

21 Who, in France, has time to leave? (4)

22 See 48

23 Obviously the girl's love! (4)

26 Around Bergen, single garfish (5-4)

27 *Tea for Two* at the dance (3-3)

28 Some fantasies taken during afternoon rest (6)

31 City girl entertaining star (3,5)

33 Movable image in film (6)

34 Song about region out east in the US (7)

36 Mounted, like a centipede? (7)

37 Flatterers removing their last bit of chaff in farm machines (6)

38 Support for parking at Leeds ground (8)

40 Insincere fellow to ask questions about sport (6)

41 Feels hurt, seeing pictures figuring in text message (6)

42 Whence a scene that's dead (3,2,4)

45 God's sign of the end of winter, reportedly (4)

47 Blackwood, bridge player, rather gaunt (5)

48, 22 Caught with bird around dilapidated barn (9)

50 Keen on every other pieces of purees and cheesy dips! (7)

54 Rake accepting large gold coin cylinder (7)

55 Frost's resting place, as Spooner would say (5,4)

57, 58 Cassette recording at arena slowly diminishing (8)

59 See 14

60 Tedious experience at the side of tug (4,5)

61 Labour leader joins Tories after reshuffle -- acts suspiciously (7)

62 Starts of late-night athletics arranged (6,5)

63 Trees in leaf, apparently (6,5)
- DOWN
- 1 Car from 1967 touring half the capital soon (7)

2, 32 Was hit badly -- perishes in agony (1,3,5,5)

3 Expressing gratitude with note to gallery (4)

4 Revised detail in crown and bow (7,6)

5 Coin rhyming with 11 (5)

6 Parts of a fugue -- one finally started by trios from Stravinsky and completed similarly by Tippett (7)

7 In rising river, perch slowly disappeared (6)

8 More than just this single resident of Ambridge in group (3,9)

9 Dishonest scheme demanding an erection (3-2,3)

10 Hassles with top dentures? (6)

11 Young female follower's unending sorrow about the press (7)

12 Bottle party? (2,3,2)

19 Poor Beaumont embraces girl (1,10)

21, 24, 43 That French member (Lady Nancy) could become suave leader (4,8,9)

25 See 17

26 First prize to "Copper" and "Penny" at Cheltenham horse race (4,3)

27 Company opening next to railway (8)

29 Oxygen provided during close call (5)

30, 44 Crude bum annoyed a lady (4,3,8)

32 See 2

34 Fermented ales feed diets (6,7)

35 Chef cooked corn and lamb around start of year (7,5)

39 Eccles, say, will talk at length (4)

43 See 21

44 See 30

45 Goblin-like creature in the south (7)

46 Religious group irregularly poised to seize university (4,3)

49 Leave hastily having to cursorily dismiss absent bishop (4,3)

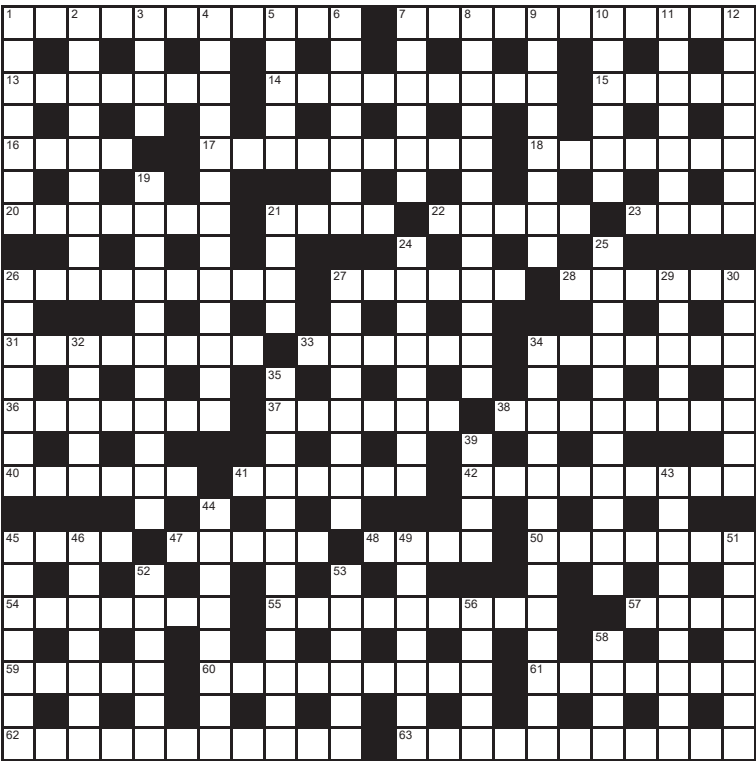
51 Treads that are relative (7)

52 Happened to live on upland tract (6)

53 Sailor upset another on the Rock? (6)

56 Seeing bears regularly on mountain (5)

58 See 57



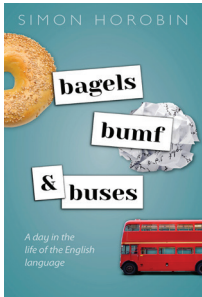
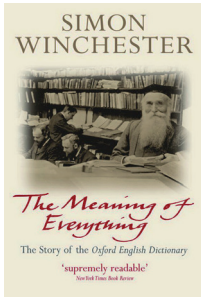
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Solution 16,355

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Solution 16,344

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