

Around the Ridges

and a bit beyond



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a community and school newsletter.

The newsletter is produced monthly, and is funded through sponsorship and advertising.

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, please send all material in by the 15th of every month.

Advertising for special events must be submitted two months in advance.

PLEASE TELL US YOUR STORIES!

We want to hear them!!!! Please send your story, as you are a valued part of our community and this newsletter.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New year

to everyone in our community.

Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner. On behalf of the Around the Ridges and a bit beyond newsletter committee we would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the year with contributions or by just reading our newsletter. We look forward to your support and being able to continue and improve our newsletter in 2012.

2011 certainly started off very eventful with flooding rains and Oh to just have a little of that rain right now would be great. For those of us in the community that were going on holidays last Christmas and did not get to go, we hope that this year's holiday season will make up for that. If you are driving on our roads, please stay safe and always remember to have a break. It is better to arrive a little late.

LICENSED CHRISTMAS KARAOKE

in aid of

Ridgelands Hall Funds

Saturday, 10th December 2011

6.30 p.m. at the RIDGELANDS HALL

Spit pig, roast beef and vegetables

Adults \$12.00, with lucky meal ticket.

Primary School Children \$6.00

Homemade sweets \$3.00

Lollies for the children

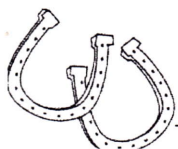
Christmas tree and Santa for children.

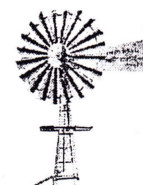
Please bring along a present to the value of \$10.00

for Santa to give to your child.

RAFFLE and AUCTION

GOLD COIN ENTRY - EVERYONE WELCOME





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Masters of disguise – the Tawny Frogmouth

There is a very good chance that a family of tawny frogmouths may be living in your backyard, well camouflaged in trees. This little family of a mother (or father) and two fluffy chicks were spotted in a nest in an acacia tree in a backyard at Alton Downs with the other parents sitting within a 30 metre radius of the nest.

The tawnies mate for life and use the same nest year after year. The breeding season is from August to December with both sexes incubating the eggs. Interestingly the male sits on the eggs during the day, with both sexes sharing 'egg sitting' duty at night.

At this time of year you may hear the call of the tawnies which is soft continuous 'oom-oom-oom' sound late in the evening. Another distinctive and unsettling bird call infrequently heard is the juvenile tawny emitting a call which sounds similar to a baby crying softly in pain or a cat being hurt. Wander outside and have a good look around as you may see a teenage tawny on the verge of 'fledging' or being driven out of the family home, or nest by the parents.

This is a fascinating spectacle to witness, which may occur in December or January. The tawny is an intriguing Australian nocturnal bird with many happily residing in - local areas.

Two Council grants coming out in the near future:

The Community Assistance Program

- Up to \$10,000, most applications received between \$2000-\$5000
- Aimed at community organisations
- Two types of funding: 1) sponsorship (a Council and community based partnership) and 2) grant (basically for assets)
- Please cross check Council website in the future
- Key contact Deb Purser at Council
- Generally this closes around the end of January, please check the website or when application comes out

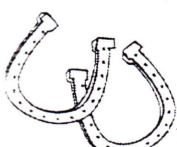
The RADF Grants (joint State and Council)

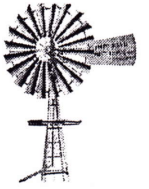
- An individual grant is potentially up to \$2000, potentially up to \$20,000 for organisations, most applications are between \$8000-\$10000.
- Aimed at any of the arts/community arts - individuals or community organisations
- Please cross check Council website in the future
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Gardening tip

Out of roundup? I was advised that cheap brown vinegar will do the same job in killing weeds and like Roundup, do not allow it to spray onto any plant do you do not want to die!

Tropical peaches do grow here in our area! I am happily harvesting the small but yummy fruit this year. I have raised the bed above the heavy black soil to give it the best chance. Happy gardening and best wishes for the season –Jill Fry





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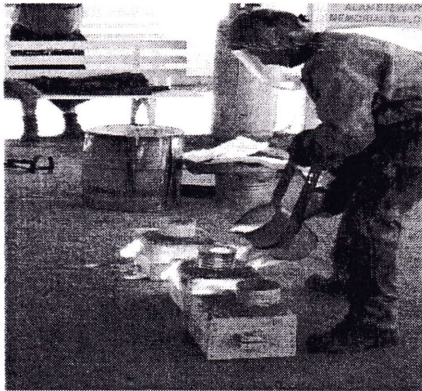
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Orams Nursery
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Sandcasting in bronze at the Ridgeland Showgrounds.

Nearly forty people dropped into the Ridgeland Showgrounds on Sunday 13 November to either take part of watch an introductory sand casting workshop in bronze with Kiwi Brendan Tohill.

With buckets of sand and ready-made wooden moulds at their disposal and two gas bottles firing up a small high powered kiln, the undercover area near the canteen at the Showgrounds proved an ideal venue for participants to roll up their sleeves and get dirty learning the skills necessary in creating a belt buckle. Participants could either use a pre-made mould, or create their own buckle, with quite a few people crafting their cattle brands into a unique style.



As a council run initiative, with support from the Ridgeland Show Committee, the event showcased the generosity of the local area, with oodles of food brought along to the lunchtime brunch to share. Expect to see some pretty classy belt buckles being worn around the ridges over the coming months, as locals display their nifty efforts from the day.

Where have I been ...

I have been in many places, but I have never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go there alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport. You have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my family, friends and those where I have worked. I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump and I am not too much on physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense. It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart. At my age I need all of the stimuli I can get!

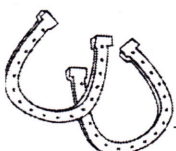
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Roger Callum – Passed 15 September 2011

If there was a bag of mangoes left at your gate, on the step or hanging from the fence last January, then you had most likely been visited by Roger Callum. You will have to drop in to collect your own from now on. Roger passed away very suddenly in the early hours of Thursday, September 15, age 69.

The second of three sons born to Rose and Onley Callum: Roger, Barry and Maurie grew up in Rockhampton under the watchful eye of their Granny Winter, Rose's mother. Onley died from injuries sustained in a railway accident when the boys were all still very young children. The boys were all passionate shooters, fishermen and sportsmen, not many photos can be found of their early years without a gun or fishing rod somewhere in the shot.

The passion for duck shooting led to the necessity of a dog to retrieve the ducks and indirectly to eventually moving to Black Gin Creek Road. Roger purchased his first Labrador Retriever in early 1967. She cost the huge amount of 15 guineas and he sold one of his guns to pay for her. She was one of his foundation bitches and became an obedience champion, multi best in show and speciality show winner, as well as bringing back ducks and producing quality puppies. All of Roger's Labradors over the next 40+ years were descendants of his original two bitches and all bred to work as gundogs, as well as be obedience and conformation show quality. Roger also qualified as a dog obedience and conformation judge. He judged in every state and in NZ, he didn't wander further even though he was frequently invited.

Roger, his wife Tricia, and two of their four children; Ross and Peter, who have both continued to make their homes in the area, moved to Black Gin Creek Road in 1990. Roger quickly began to plant trees, particularly mangoes, completely changing the appearance of the block. He moved out of town so he could devote more attention to his dogs but quickly developed a passion for trees... and cows.

After beginning an apprenticeship at age 14, spending 48 years in QR, Roger retired in 2005. He was always busy living his life to the full doing what he loved. He thoroughly enjoyed living in Ridgeland, surrounded by his family, his neighbours and on the block he loved.

RECIPE CORNER - MANGO SMOOTHIES

2 fresh mangoes, peeled, seeded and chopped

1 ripe banana, chopped

1 cup chilled milk

100g tub vanilla yoghurt

2 scoops mango sorbet or ice-cream

1 tablespoon maple syrup

2 passionfruit, halved

Combine mango, banana, milk, yoghurt, sorbet and syrup in a food processor.

Process until smooth. Pour into 4 tall glasses. Top with passionfruit pulp.

Hannah Booth: 12/5/46 – 5/10/2011

The Alton Downs Ridgeland's community recently lost a beloved member Hannah Booth (nee Dinsdale). Hannah's life's journey commenced on the 12th May 1946 the first daughter of Clive and Edna Dinsdale of West Rockhampton. She stayed in West Rockhampton until her marriage to Alan in March 1969.

Hannah went to Crescent Lagoon School finishing scholarship and always studied hard. She loved the Crescent Lagoon Fetes often winning the best dressed doll competition. She went to Kerrs Commercial College on the corner of William and East Street in 1956. Studying Book Keeping, Short hand, Typing and Maths. She started work at Red Comb in 1959 progressing to personal assistant to the manager until she married Alan in 1969. Hannah attended West Rockhampton Baptist Church attending Sunday School weekly and the monthly High Tea. The yearly picnic at Bell Park and the Friday Night Baptist Girls Youth Group were valued activities in Hannah's youth years. Hannah and I were members of the Highland Lassies Pipe Band playing the pipes.

Hannah was also an expert cake icer. She made Christening Cakes, Special event cakes, Engagement and Wedding cakes. Hannah liked old time dancing and attended whenever she could, both before and during her married life. She loved New Year's Eve Celebrations.

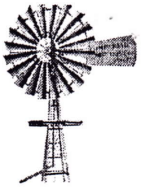
Hannah married in 1969 and had two children, Reg and Chris and three grandchildren Kel - born 19.11.1999, Logan - born 11.2.2005, Bryan - born 7.12.2010. She helped at the Ridgelands School Tuckshop where both the boys attended school. Alan was a member of the Ridgelands Campdraft and Rodeo Committee and Hannah loved to go and help over the Easter period. It also gave her a good opportunity to network in the community.

Hannah lived at Southlands all her married life and as Alan's parents were aged took over more of the running of the house cooking, cleaning, bookkeeping, wood chopping and anything else that needed to be done including the role of carer.

In 1997 Hannah went to Perth and Monkey Mia with her sister Dawn Gorle on a holiday. It was her first long plane flight. In 2002 she went to Hervey Bay with Reg, Lynda, Kel, Cassandra and John to see the whales. Hannah lived her life by doing what she could for others. One of her favourite sayings when others were harried was "don't bother about it". Hannah was rightfully nicknamed Saint Hannah by close friends

In November 2010 Hannah fell while cleaning the top of her cupboard and believed that pain in her neck, shoulders and legs was Osteoarthritis. In January she went and lived with Reg and Lynda and was cared for there. By the end of January Hannah was having more tests and was referred to PCU at Rockhampton Hospital for further treatment. She was admitted on the 4.2.2011 and on discharge went back to Reg and Lynda's. Hannah had cancer related surgery 22 years ago. The resultant secondaries manifested during this time. Hannah had not been to the Ridgelands Show for many, many years and went this year and had a terrific day catching up with people from the district whom she had not seen for years.

In late March Hannah went back to our family home in Foreman Street and apart from short periods of hospitalisation stayed there until August of this year. By that stage Hannah's care needs had increased and she entered residential care at Eventide on the 22nd August and stayed until she passed away peacefully on Wednesday the 5 October surrounded by her family.



What's happening this month?

Meetings

QCWA

Ridgeland's Branch meetings held on the 1st Wednesday every month, starting at 9:30am.

Stitch and Chat Group

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 9:30am. QWCA room, all welcome Ph 49 345145

Ridgeland's & District Sporting & Agricultural Asscn In.

Next meeting: 7th December at the Ridgeland's showgrounds.

Events

Alton Down Hall Indoor Bowls

Held 1st Saturday of every month at Alton Down's Hall. All welcome

Camp Quality Monthly Markets & Car Boot Sale

Held 1st Saturday of every month at Conaghan Park, Gracemere from 8:00am-12:00pm Vacancies exist for new stall holders. Ph 0447 361 693

Community Notices

Alton Down's Hall

Committee

To book community hall please contact Booking Officer, Sid Hoare on 49 341147.

Alternatively call, T Hoare 49 34 1493 J Chippendale 49 345120

Chair Hire

Contact the Ridgeland's State School P&C to hire chairs for functions. Ph 49 345518.

Thank You

The school would like to thank those families and members of the local community who have supported our school.

We have collected more than 11,000 Coles Vouchers and 3700 Woolworths Points. We have placed our wish lists and now have to wait for them to arrive.

We are still collecting the Pauls Collect-a-Caps so please keep sending these in.

RIDGELANDS HALL NEWS

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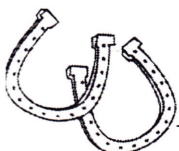
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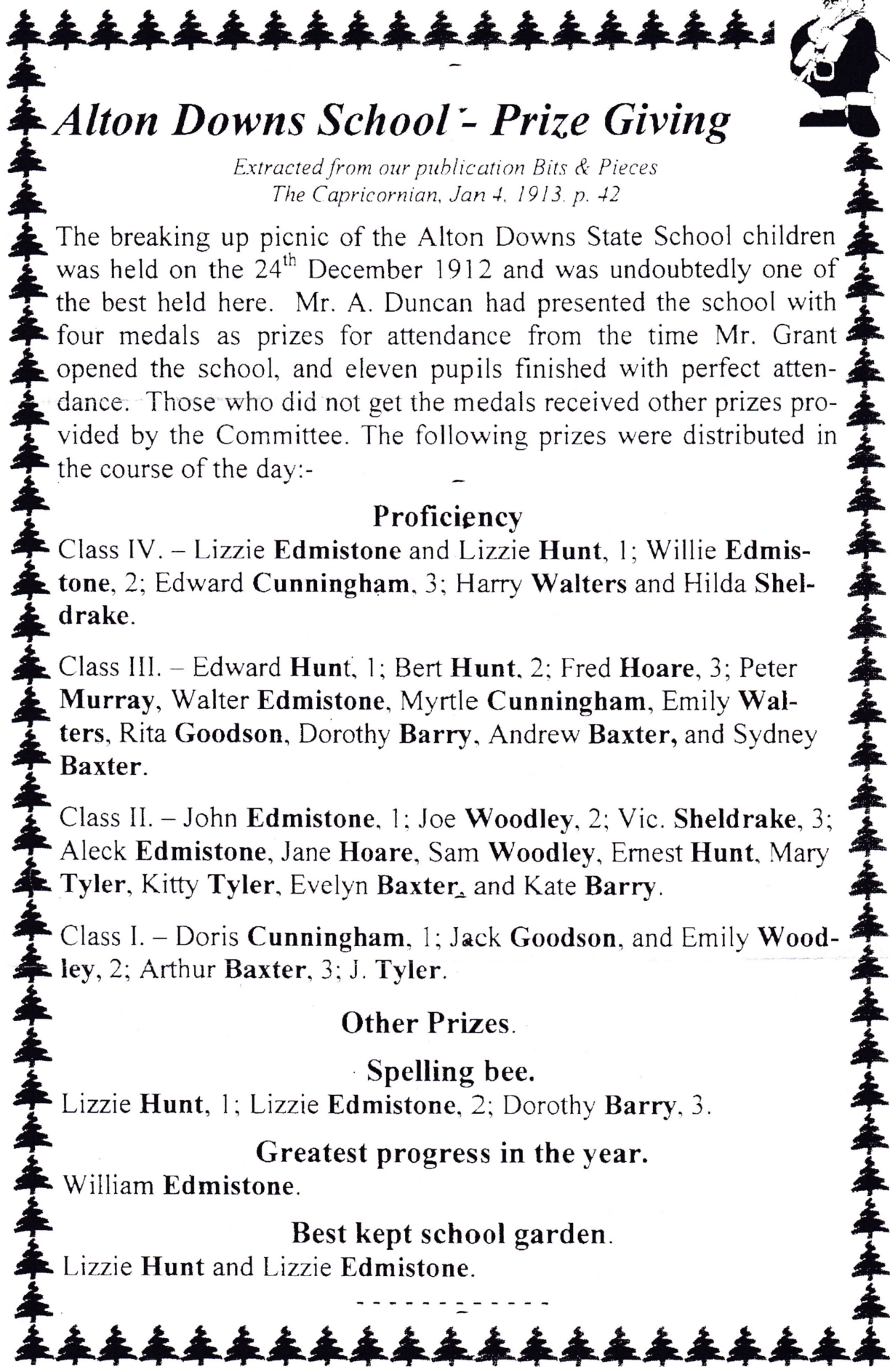
Prize Giving 1913

You will see attached to this newsletter an extract from a publication called Bits & Pieces The Capricornian Jan 4 – 1913, Alton Down's School – Prize Giving.

This was given to us by Vic Edmestone of Pink Lilly. You will notice family names appearing in this extract that still have sons/daughters etc still living in this area.

How life has changed in the last 98 years. Children would have rode their horses to school back then.





Alton Downs School - Prize Giving

*Extracted from our publication Bits & Pieces
The Capricornian, Jan 4, 1913. p. 42*

The breaking up picnic of the Alton Downs State School children was held on the 24th December 1912 and was undoubtedly one of the best held here. Mr. A. Duncan had presented the school with four medals as prizes for attendance from the time Mr. Grant opened the school, and eleven pupils finished with perfect attendance. Those who did not get the medals received other prizes provided by the Committee. The following prizes were distributed in the course of the day:-

Proficiency

Class IV. – Lizzie **Edmestone** and Lizzie **Hunt**, 1; Willie **Edmestone**, 2; Edward **Cunningham**, 3; Harry **Walters** and Hilda **Sheldrake**.

Class III. – Edward **Hunt**, 1; Bert **Hunt**, 2; Fred **Hoare**, 3; Peter **Murray**, Walter **Edmestone**, Myrtle **Cunningham**, Emily **Walters**, Rita **Goodson**, Dorothy **Barry**, Andrew **Baxter**, and Sydney **Baxter**.

Class II. – John **Edmestone**, 1; Joe **Woodley**, 2; Vic. **Sheldrake**, 3; Aleck **Edmestone**, Jane **Hoare**, Sam **Woodley**, Ernest **Hunt**, Mary **Tyler**, Kitty **Tyler**, Evelyn **Baxter**, and Kate **Barry**.

Class I. – Doris **Cunningham**, 1; Jack **Goodson**, and Emily **Woodley**, 2; Arthur **Baxter**, 3; J. **Tyler**.

Other Prizes.

Spelling bee.

Lizzie **Hunt**, 1; Lizzie **Edmestone**, 2; Dorothy **Barry**, 3.

Greatest progress in the year.

William **Edmestone**.

Best kept school garden.

Lizzie **Hunt** and Lizzie **Edmestone**.

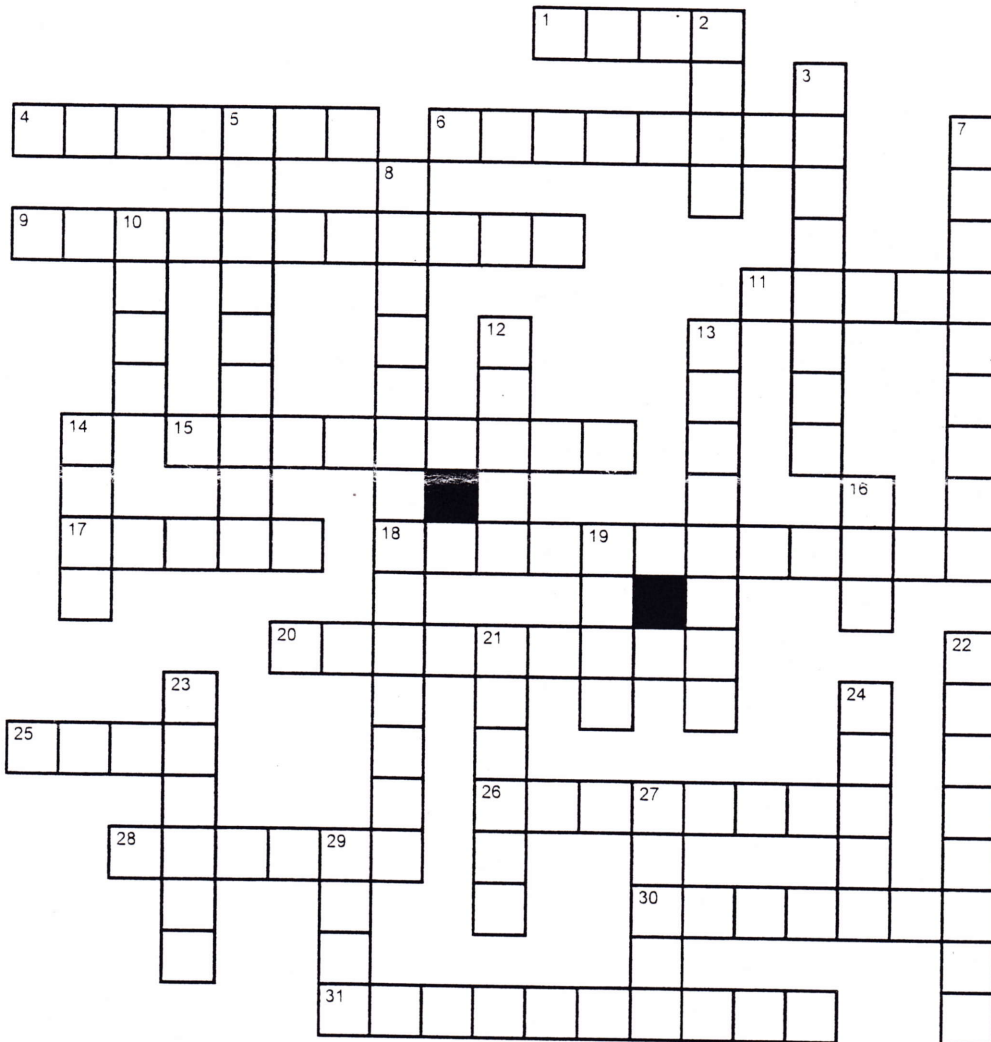


Christmas Crossword



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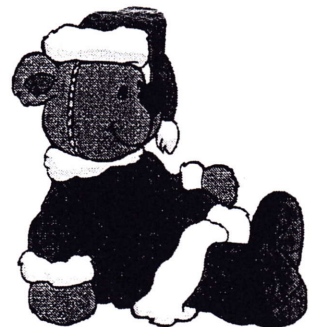
Across

- 1. Another word for present.
- 4. Santa's door?
- 6. Animals that pull Santa's sleigh.
- 9. What people put on their Christmas tree.
- 11. Something on Santa's face.
- 15. The day after Christmas.
- 17. Santa's helpers.
- 18. The day before Christmas.
- 20. A piece of snow.
- 25. What Santa gives to bad girls and boys.
- 26. A sock that hangs by the chimney.
- 28. People put these bright things on their house.
- 30. A reindeer with a red nose.
- 31. A jolly man in a red suit with a beard.

Merry Christmas!

Down

- 2. Something people decorate.
- 3. What people give each other.
- 5. Where Santa's workshop is located.
- 7. A striped Christmas treat.
- 8. Drink and food left for Santa.
- 10. Something people send to each other to say 'Merry Christmas'.
- 12. The presents are usually _____ the tree.
- 13. The month of Christmas.
- 14. Look at a present before you should.
- 16. The color of Santa's suit.
- 19. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
- 21. A famous snowman.
- 22. The place where Santa makes toys.
- 23. Santa's car?
- 24. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
- 27. A Christmas song.
- 29. What Santa gives to good girls and boys.



Answers: 1. Gift, 4. Chimney, 6. Reindeer, 9. Decorations, 11. Beard, 15. Boxing day, 17. Elves, 18. Christmas eve, 20. Snowflake, 25. Coal, 26. Stocking, 28. Lights, 30. Rudolph, 31. Santa Claus. Down: 2. Tree, 3. Presents, 5. North pole, 7. Candy cane, 8. Milk and cookies, 10. Card, 12. Under, 13. December, 14. Peek, 16. Red, 19. Star, 21. Frosty, 22. Workshop, 23. Sleigh, 24. Angel, 27. Carol, 29. Toys.

Answers: