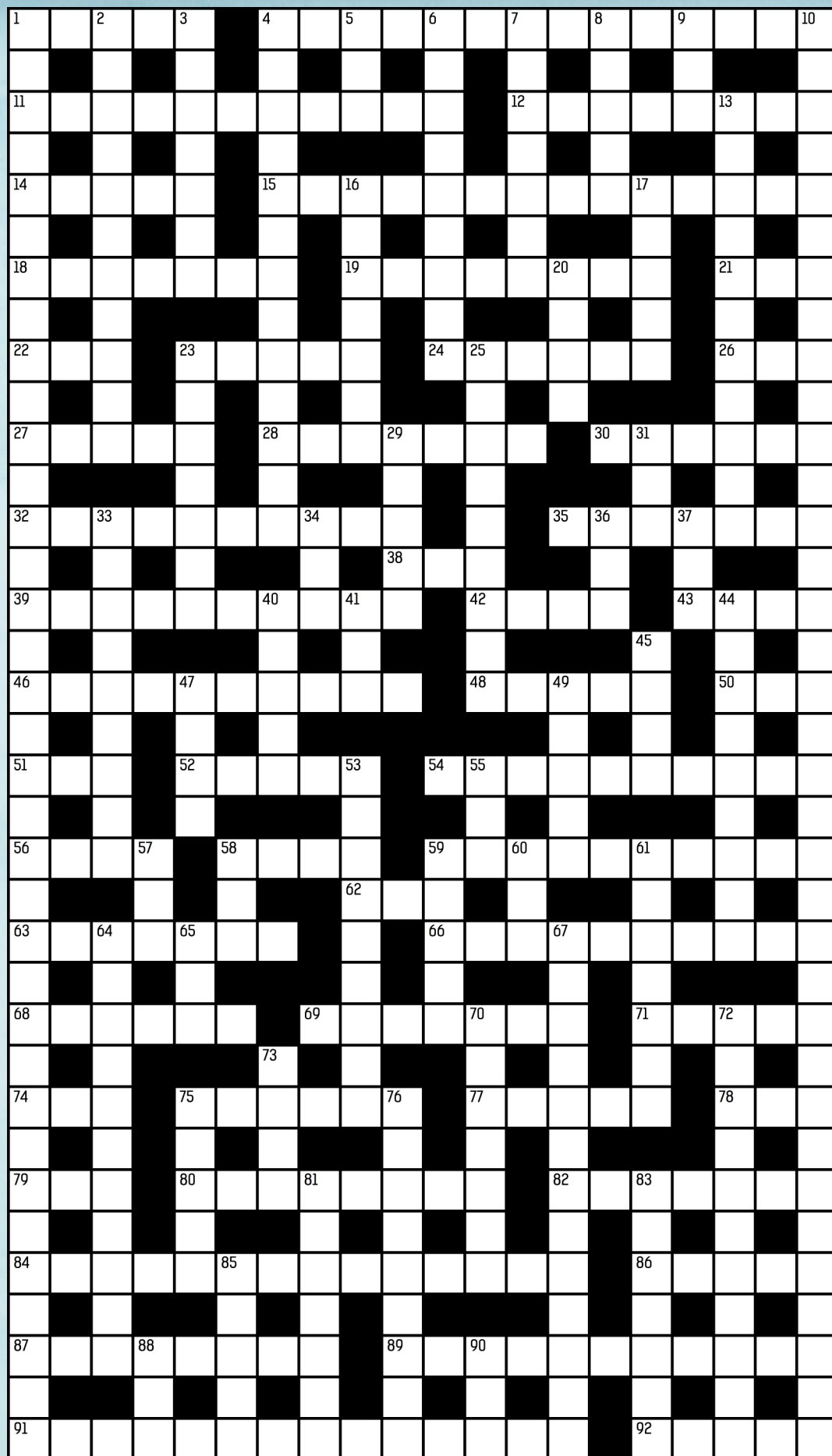




PEAKE'S PUZZLES

ADVENT CALENDAR 2021



Welcome to the Peake's
Puzzles Advent Calendar for
2021 – a giant cryptic
crossword!

Three new clues will be
revealed each day until 25th
December, on which day a
bumper load will be released!
To start off with, you will not be
told how long each clue answer
is or where the answer goes in
the grid.

The day after a clue is given, its
answer length will be revealed.

The day after that, its clue
number will also be revealed. If
you're clever, you'll be able to
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Across

- 1 How shy Peake, say, can get into NASA? (5)
- 4 Good person finds flower around Hawaii, cuts herb evenly and adds old tips, mashed (14)
- 11 Construction of jewellery for a motor, we hear (11)
- 12 Nerve, guts, or a different part of the body (8)
- 14 Join military group to the east (5)
- 15 Crow and a dodo, digested inside a mollusc, perform Othello's opener (4-1-6-3)
- 18 Red China? It's revolutionary (7)
- 19 Friendly candlemaker? (8)
- 21 Stewart's staff? (3)
- 22 Insect's endless argument (3)
- 23 Private marshalled and removed that woman (5)
- 24 Puzzle confused Hemingway? No, why? Bewildered (6)
- 26 Service boat without a keel (3)
- 27 Partly concoct a league of eight (5)
- 28 In the early afternoon, deer is performing (7)
- 30 Bend down to hide top of remote in sofa (6)
- 32 Unnecessarily born on broken sled - cunning! (10)
- 35 After church, religious man tucked in shaved beard in Somerset (7)
- 38 Recording device leads to much intelligence, covertly (3)
- 39 Where you can't box a president into a corner! (4,6)
- 42 Circle, line, circles, circle with a line (4)
- 43 Country manor redeveloped missing top of roof (4)
- 46 In Paris, I work with abnormally raised risk (10)
- 48 Endlessly pester for a rosette (5)
- 50 There's half a thing! (3)
- 51 Bird that cuts grass for all to hear (3)
- 52 Get rid of band, almost (5)
- 54 How to relax a Canadian singer eating black stick, heroin? (6,4)
- 56 Goes back to ooze (4)
- 58 Grandpa said "Back inside, right now!" (4)
- 59 Drummer with radical bar has soprano arranged (5,5)
- 62 Character from Delphi? (3)
- 63 Out of control diva cut bridge (7)
- 66 F note, played therein (10)

- 68 Unoriginal broadcasts about 34 paths (6)
- 69 Optimistic start to triple jump, European foully skipped evenly (7)
- 71 Game played by a fireside? (5)
- 74 Drunk sound is fashionable, but not to begin with (3)
- 75 Sharp reviewer demoted king twice (6)
- 77 Tucked in accoutrements - extravagant! (5)
- 78 Outsides fell off wagon once (3)
- 79 Top hat (3)
- 80 Determined the size of drink outside? Yes! (8)
- 82 Exile gay actors (7)
- 84 Unknown crab rose, violently evil, with case of guns in safe passages (5,9)
- 86 Break Dad with exercise (5)
- 87 Scythe-wielder clipped head fungus (5,3)
- 89 State will avoid space station alongside naked hippie (11)
- 91 Unnecessary quality of animated tin stegosaurus (14)
- 92 Gesture meaning "be quiet, hairpiece"! (5)

Down

- 1 Ultimately holy and uprising God, after he quit cycling with designer top (new female bovine), judge and official very, very nearly thumped him at first with unbridled zeal - this has it all! (3,5,5,3,5,4,3,4,3)
- 2 Nearly zoom in on one penny? Brilliant! (11)
- 3 An unplumbed era in prison? (7)
- 4 Journalists almost broadcast tomb, spurn small doctor's treatments (13)
- 5 Musician hides here in France (3)
- 6 Silver and astatine absorbed by important compound (9)
- 7 Paper label flummoxed idol (7)
- 8 Prepared for impact, beheaded, and galloped around (5)
- 9 Draughty place found in a republic (3)
- 10 Film from God about the French Revolution and 500 soft, headless, gutted fish, shown initially in that location - go by Odeon's first theatre, Hitchcock's leading characters are making it last! (3,4,2,3,5,3,6,2,3,4)
- 13 Boss to get the next set of drinks (5,6)
- 16 Revolting acid sac for insects (7)
- 17 Molten rock envelops rare young insect (5)
- 20 Makes a note of good-for-nothing toilets (4)
- 23 Scientist - young woman with a sign (7)
- 25 No, a rule prevents talking about this topless dancing venue (9)
- 29 Herb found in healthy meal (5)
- 31 Propel a boat, reverse direction and find underwater eggs (3)
- 33 Dub over a tape and vanish (9)
- 34 Lose control, scratch bottom and go downhill rapidly! (3)
- 36 Cool joint (3)
- 37 Two from party surround you, say (3)
- 40 Volume control briefly popular at hospital department (5)
- 41 Policeman swaps pepper for salt and lettuce (3)
- 44 According to Spooner, woolly mammal created a preserve (9)
- 45 Imprisoned by police detective? Give up! (4)
- 47 Shout: "Everybody! Use a needle and thread as well!" (4)
- 49 How to fix de problem in de code? (5)
- 53 Exercise and pump iron after high energy sausage (9)
- 55 Suzie stripped weapon (3)
- 57 Part of a paw is for writing on (3)
- 58 Shape reflected in dramatic rainbow (3)
- 59 Search for a weapon (5)
- 60 Ark-builder without a drama (3)
- 61 Reportedly endorse computer programs between some cells (7)
- 64 A support vehicle contains a fish and a magic word (11)
- 65 Singe top off vase (3)
- 67 Senator, his lip trembling, causes affairs (13)
- 70 Overwhelm noisy chimney with shouting (5,2)
- 72 Marsupial swaps oxygen for uranium nugget at old city, one in Asia (5,6)
- 73 Arrival time about noon at volcano (4)
- 75 Punctuation mark put one thousand in a deep sleep (5)
- 76 Disgruntled Monarchists, missing on the present time (9)
- 81 Small company: Moon and Constellation (7)
- 83 Eccentric psychiatrist disposed of swivelled chair for stenographers, usually (7)
- 85 Specific activities hugging desert plants (5)
- 88 Young child has small drink (3)
- 90 Visit a bishop's district (3)