

GMS News

Christmas 2023



Editorial

The final 2023 edition of *GMS News* will be a little late, so here instead is a brief Christmas issue. To start, here's a last look at 2023 with some of the December Moths that graced my trap this year.



I have to report that the *GMS* website is no longer accessible and will have to be replaced. We are therefore looking for volunteers to help with this task so if you might be interested please let me know at the usual email address norman@enviro-consulting.com

It is nearly 5 years since the last *GMS* Conference – we were all ready for the 2020 event but Covid intervened. It would be good to be able to meet up again in person but perhaps an online meeting would be a better option for now. So we are thinking of organising an online conference and discussion forum early in the New Year and we'll be in touch shortly with a proposed date and outline programme. If you'd like to make a presentation, again let me know at my email address.

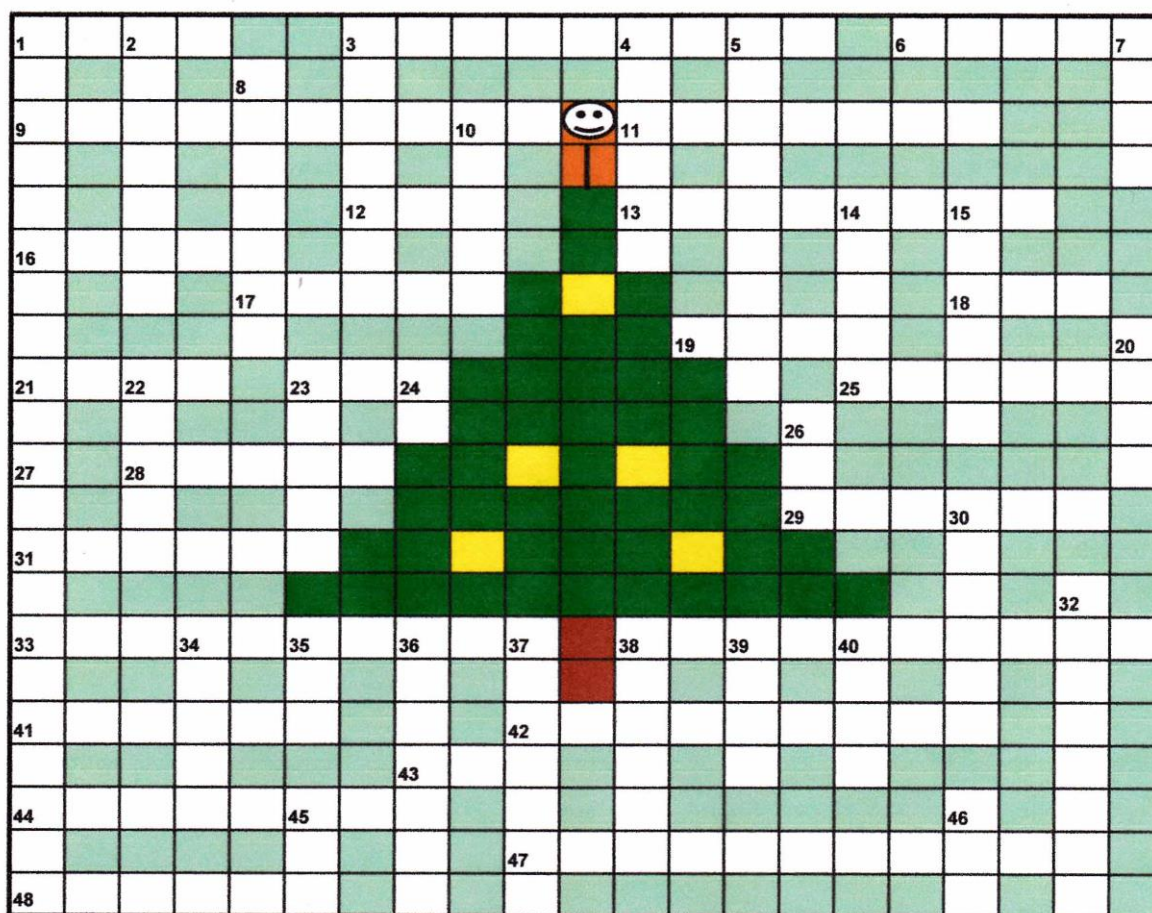
Nonconformist has been busy again devising some Christmas cheer and you can see the result in Puzzle Corner.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Puzzle Corner

Lepidopteran Christmas Crossword

By Nonconformist



Clues across

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| 1a and 23a | A dull Greek character which frequents our moorlands. |
| 3a and 29a | The chief got a red alteration to his old style avian covering. |
| 6a and 33a | This beauty reminds me of a stunted buttercup. |
| 9a | Genetic name from trees gives us a lead to a small household stone. |
| 11a and 24d | The scientific name for a really fancy bird! |
| 12a | The start of life for all groups. |
| 13a | A pond-loving genetic result of outstanding oriental and old teutonic currency. |
| 16a | Even Jezebel lets this beauty occur in five forms. |
| 17a | Put in early claim for this small group. |
| 19a and 18a | Gambling pugilists are guaranteed to bring home these small rewards. |

- 21a This small genus goes along backwards to survive.
 25a I have a beer already mixed for this northern flyer.
 28a Could find this in your garden, wood or even Jersey.
 31a Possibly found on a dull grey-brown sandbank?
 38a Group with hat goes to Alcoholics Anonymous to find a migrant. Why?
 41a Very enigmatic; could it be a migrant from Egypt?
 42a Try derailing this clue before adding an old pipe to settle things down.
 43a A collectors item.
 44a You have to tie piano down to get to this wild grouping.
 47a Take your tall car to the pier for the second stage.
 48a Common enough here, but what about Sweden?

Clues Down

- 1d Screen blender centring on this autumnal visitor.
 2 d Tin man reached this city as a mere lad.
 3d A garland made of honest endeavour without aspiration.
 4d Beauties indeed, but only one pioneering in England.
 5d Genus likely to remain on a tree trunk in an orchard.
 7d See 46d
 8d Do you have to gape at a book to find this group?
 10d Within Geometridae a smaller group can be found.
 14d This moth edges on to gain support of an uncouth companion.
 15d Forget being in a flap Peter, you will need a double flap for this flyer.
 20d Lepidopteran now allocated a solid place all over the country.
 22d Perhaps from ancient Rome.
 23d This is so obvious among a small group of winged sunshine flyers.
 26d One of a sextuple in insects.
 30d Keeping the register of genealogy and other aldermen.
 32d Try a thai meal for this mid summer-night's character.
 34d Country dweller follows this group for protection.
 35d Needs a tonsorial implement to stand out.
 36d It is said that this genus cannot change it's appearance.
 37d A sailor-man's grub but he has to inch past without his tea.
 38d A popular gentleman carried a very precious commodity.....
 39d Moth recorders know this part backwards.
 40d and so does his Mongol descendants.
 45d Advice on how to add something to your citrus for a spring flyer.
 46d and 7d. Inhabits foot-wear and is very indecisive. (Posh!)

Solution to Crossword 23

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Communications & Links.

Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/GardenMothScheme>

Facebook Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/438806469608527/> - currently with more than 2700 Members (not all active GMS participants) – open membership – all recording forms, instructions and micro-moth identification guides are available in the Files section.