Transports of Delight

As 2022 draws to a close, it's time to take on this year's Christmas Puzzle. Each clue leads to a means of travelling about: you need to work out where every boat, plane and car goes, although three answers might or might not be the same if led astray. General knowledge, a mildly cryptic approach and Google™ should provide most of the answers, although a good dictionary might be helpful too.

As in previous years, clues will provide you with *two* letters to fit into the answer grid below, spelling out a seasonal message. In each case you need to enter two letters from the answer, indicated by the numbers in square brackets after the letter count. In as many cases as possible this will include the first letter, but not always. For example, for the clue **'TALK ABOUT PARTY CITY' (7 : [1, 6])**, the answer might be **CHARIOT (CHAT [= TALK] about the city of RIO)**: You would then need to enter into the grid the first letter - **C** - and the sixth - **O**.

Please feel free to send electronic copies of the puzzle to friends and family who might be interested in having a go as well (download available at tinyurl.com/christmaspuzzle2022).

When you have worked out the message, send all your answers – clues and message - by email to: abdemonpuzzles@gmail.com. Closing date: January 9th, 2023, with the winner to be chosen at random from the entrants with the most correct answers.

Over the past two years, thanks to your generosity, we have together raised more than £2000 for charity. This year we have chosen to support the Fuel Bank Foundation which aims to support people in fuel crisis across the UK, and have set up a Just Giving page to accept donations. There is no expectation, but if you would like to give something please consider visiting:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christmaspuzzle2022.

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1	Get car checked - or ride a bike (10 : [**1, 7**])	36	Filled more quickly by opening both taps (8 : [**1, 4**])
2	Endless opportunity when taking on thoroughbred (9 : [**1, 2**])	37	Turn ungraded iron, by smelting, into tube (11, 5 : [**1, 12**])
3	Stacks fruit (8 : [**1,2**])	38	Bishop unfriendly about the French (7 : [**1, 7**])
4	Room to move to and fro (5, 7 : [**1, 9**])	39	Nick stuck between junction and lorry (4-4, 5 : [**1, 2**])
5	Make Baku in no time (8, 4 : [**1, 6**])	40	Leaves intimate old locomotive in County Durham (6 : [**1, 5**])
6	Try to stir up batter? (6 : [**1, 6**])	41	Use part of foot to break toilet locks (10 : [**1, 4**])
7	Paves patio, first taking broken one away (5 : [**1, 2**])	42	17 Sickles … (7 : [**5, 7**])
8	Old King is outside returning vehicle (7 : [**2, 6**])	43	Might be used to carry a futon? (7, 6 : [**11, 4**])
9	Follow star, leading eastern dignitaries from the outset (3, 4 : [**1, 4**])	44	Use to travel back at 88mph … (2, 6 : [**4, 1**])
10	Mania curable with treatment (3, 9 : [**1, 10**])	45	… measure in reverse … (4 : [**3, 4**])
11	Rubbish wagon turns back (7 : [**1, 3**])	46	… then drive back again (9 : [**3, 6**])
12	Roast? Baked? Mashed? (10 : [**1, 8**])	47	The leader of Ecuador has to classify South American cat (1-4, 6 : [**1, 4**])
13	Good story about Duke and King (6 : [**3, 4**])	48	In which toxophilites gather on Sunday mornings? (7 : [**1, 7**])
14	Turns old city judge around (10 : [**1, 9**])	49	Egyptian God cast in metal (5 : [**1, 4**])
15	Glad her gin was thoroughly mixed (4, 6 : [**1, 2**])	50	Expressed surprise when separating chemical compound (1-7 : [**1, 2**])
16	Touch down with lunar exploration vehicle (9 : [**7, 8**])	51	Put under glass for protection (7 : [**1, 3**])
17	Boat going off, leaving island behind (8 : [**1, 4**])	52	Perhaps Paddington was encouraged to keep tail moving (7, 5 : [**7, 12**])
18	Wild impulse (10 : [**1, 6**])	53	Exotic oriental King makes entrance (3, 6 : [**1, 4**])
19	Romeo, in love, cared fervently (8, 3 : [**1, 8**])	54	Drives forward slowly in the Arsenal midfield (6 : [**1, 6**])
20	Lets you down gently … (9 : [**8, 6**])	55	Cut into colourful bird (6 : [**3, 5**])
21	… then carries you up stairs (9 : [**1, 2**])	56	Great cat has heartless feature (5, 4 : [**1, 9**])
22	Modelling glue (4 : [**1, 4**])	57	I'm in Seoul, wandering aimlessly about (9 : [**2, 6**])
23	It's dark inside hotel (6 : [**2, 4**])	58	Begin to turn, then circle wildly around yard (8 : [**5, 8**])
24	To levitate requires a special skill (10 : [**1, 8**])	59	Spoke clearly when offering lecturer an apology: "Needing no introduction …" (11, 5 : [**1, 15**])
25	Started drifting in choppy lagoon (7 : [**3, 4**])	60	Leave egg with kind of bacon (9 : [**3, 5**])
26	Carried peacocks from Ophir to Palestine (11 : [**1, 6**])	61	Open Spanish wine with another course (6 : [**3, 6**])
27	Helps you relax at a party? (10 : [**1, 2**])	62	Get together at restaurant (7, 9 : [**6, 7**])
28	Take money from petty cash (4, 5 : [**4, 6**])	63	Threw off wooden clog and went inside (9 : [**4, 5**])
29	Sell back as full of errors (4, 5 : [**9, 1**])	64	Pull snake and twist tail (7 : [**1, 7**])
30	Accept a grim version (5, 6 : [**10, 11**])	65	Go South, then double back (5 : [**1, 3**])
31	Topless drawing (5 : [**3, 5**])	66	Deep intramuscular injection? (4 : [**2, 1**])
32	Unmentioned indoors? (8 : [**1, 4**])	67	Try to be sick during rest break (9 : [**2, 7**])
33	Duplicate hall invoice mislaid inside (12, 7 : [**1, 14**])	68	Makes cleric react oddly when charged (8, 3 : [**1, 7**])
34	Sounds iconic to young people! (6 : [**1, 3**])	69	Take £25 and part-exchange (4, 3, 4 : [**9, 1**])
35	Spooner's cart put down (10 : [**1, 10**])	70	Captured by Constable and subsequently framed (3, 4 : [**2, 3**])