

## Whitsunday puzzle

All the words below can be made from the letters of WHITSUNDAY.\* Some of the clues are straight-forward definitions, some are cryptic clues.

The cryptic clues are indicated by (C), the number of letters for each answer is indicated in brackets. To aid in finding the right word the answers are in alphabetical order.

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| 1. A tree, or the remains of burning one (3)                                            | Ash    |
| 2. A German car (4)                                                                     | Audi   |
| 3. Parent's sister, or nickname for the BBC (5)                                         | Aunty  |
| 4. A good-looking girl or a piece of crockery (4)                                       | Dish   |
| 5. Covered in fine powder, or a former English pop star (5)                             | Dusty  |
| 6. Something you pay or something you should do (4)                                     | Duty   |
| 7. I shut a confused gap (6) (C)                                                        | Hiatus |
| 8. Conjunction in the extremes of humility is useful (5) (C)                            | Handy  |
| 9. One of the largest rivers in Asia, flowing through China, India and Pakistan (5)     | Indus  |
| 10. Some of Anna's typing is not pleasant (5) (C)                                       | Nasty  |
| 11. The state of being undressed (6)                                                    | Nudity |
| 12. A very good holy man or woman (5)                                                   | Saint  |
| 13. Nay, it's befuddled mental health (6) (C)                                           | Sanity |
| 14. After the start of summer it's useful to give a refreshing weak alcoholic drink (6) | Shandy |
| 15. Irish Playwright (4)                                                                | Shaw   |
| 16. To throw or to be timid (3)                                                         | Shy    |
| 17. Confusingly, where you actually sit in a football stadium (5) (C)                   | Stand  |
| 18. To remain, or a rope supporting a mast or spar (4)                                  | Stay   |
| 19. A type of owl or a type of port (5)                                                 | Tawny  |
| 20. A large beer container sounds very heavy (3) (C)                                    | Tun    |
| 21. Tailored suit from a Scottish island (4) (C)                                        | Uist   |
| 22. To clean hands or clothes between Norfolk and Lincolnshire (4) (C)                  | Wash   |
| 23. A card game (5)                                                                     | Whist  |
| 24. The distance from one side to the other (5)                                         | Width  |
| 25. A Chinese currency unit (4)                                                         | Yuan   |

\* Apologies for the bad typo of a missing 'H' in the original question at this point. I hope it did not put too many people off – the word was spelled correctly in the title and the announcement!

I have now sacked my checker from the **Department Of Letter Typing** and am employing a company called **Proof Reading And Testing** – so things might, or might not, improve.