

Across

- 1 Back interns' blunder (4-2)
- 4 Desert bloomer's starting to flourish (2,3)
- 7 Lock place by the river (6)
- 8 Rich girl avoids penny-pinching (6)
- 9 An All Black's version of wiki(4)
- 10 Break in new edition of Preston Pages as shunning extremes of gossip about Northern political leaders (8)
- 12 Pompous, drunk in-flight attendant unbuttons her tops (11)
- 17 Work with charity inviting

- one leader of Liberia for growth in Africa (3,5)
- 19 Standard drill of the torpedo reversing (4)
- 20 Edison's iffy position on field for which no free kick is awarded (6)
- 21 Classic and primarily inspirational- like the Pyramid, perhaps? (6)
- 22 Fakes inhaling drug could be chaps from New York (5)
- 23 Stones magically starting to gyrate at sea (6)

Down

- 1 From the Isle of Skye, many go out inebriated (7)
- 2 Picturing what one might say at each birthday, maybe? (7)
- 3 Irreverent, belligerent roamer left our mutual friend in doldrums (9)
- 4 Organisms ultimately causing dengue fever, botulism and tuberculosis (5)
- 5 Sequence from "Terminator" I gamified is, on paper, a work of art (7)
- 6 Soot has soiled zip on top (3-3)

- 11 Engaging line about a covert operation (9)
- 13 Sullied, battered and mistreated (3-4)
- 14 Clumsy untutored journalist dropped dress (7)
- 15 Jerks performed twist after returning home (7)
- 16 What an atheist asserts about love is worthless (2,4)
- 18 Danes organised summits (5)