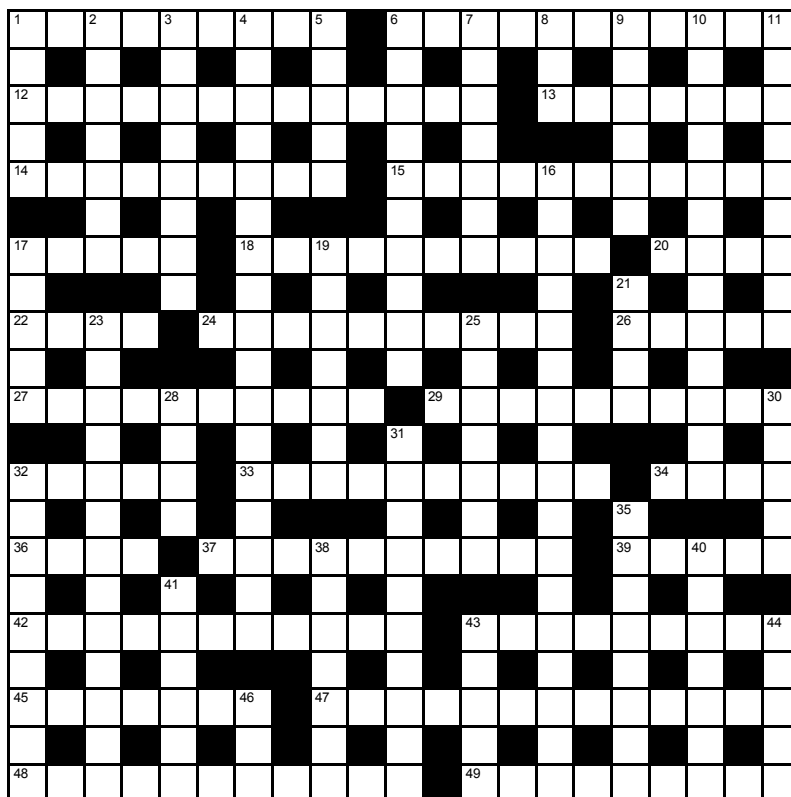


Across

- 1 & 43 Seasonal wishes (9)
- 6 Make clear Tracy's naughty stories to listener (11)
- 12 Very small families go round North in it (13)
- 13 Illuminating talk on the french politician (3,4)
- 14 Depiction of royal part in play (9)
- 15 Has all the cures but none of the essentials (3-8)
- 17 Lacking a certain touch in salad ingredient (5)
- 18 I'm great Santa, without hesitation, making a compound lens (10)
- 20 Starts 14 off with a drink (4)



- 22 Game little litter to copy (4)
- 24 Late and told to hang about - That's heavy! (4,6)
- 26 Part of the chair Erica used to dry clothes (5)
- 27 Rev. left divine service shaky and unsure (10)
- 29 Present day worker (5,5)
- 32 Ditch silly softies lacking it (5)
- 33 No room here at Eastern promontory in an inherent state (10)
- 34 What's to eat for chaps at university? (4)
- 36 Noble look and doctor returns (4)
- 37 Look at the discoverer through this (10)
- 39 Failure to hear the reindeer's minders (5)
- 42 U boats assignments lead to legal arguments (11)

43 see 1 across (9)

- 45 Poker players are no good walkers (7)
- 47 First planted ornamental conifer to silence the 36 (6,2,5)
- 48 Way out device for a craft-worker in trouble (7,4)
- 49 Rock Hudson's vehicle was magnificent (9)

Down

- 1 & 19 Like a soft fall on boxing day? (5)
- 2 He'll help you get a job but were told he's short-sighted (7)
- 3 Something light to wear at the start of summer then go naked (8)
- 4 Alcoholic cocktail, it led my therapists astray (10,7)
- 5 Rope-makers altered sails (5)
- 6 South African leaves

mastectomies to be badly arranged by them (10)

- 7 It better be out or 29 gets hot-pants (4,3)
- 8 Some sent a gift of game (3)
- 9 Fib about the donkey and the Highlander's girl (6)
- 10 Not out to steal that wouldn't be right (13)
- 11 Once I'd Peter arranged he got things done quickly (9)
- 16 Possibly vary question about rusty building worker (8,9)
- 17 Part of magic act is a plant or two (5)
- 19 see 1 down (3,4)
- 21 Some metal casings are very soft metal (4)
- 23 BA's incredible result is unbelievable (13)
- 25 Feeling rough? Try swilling gin, dear (7)
- 28 Joins one in lunch,

effusively..... (4)

- 30he is responsible for such cheek (5)
- 31 Tommy's regime is low in carbohydrate (6,4)
- 32 Clue: Falls over no miniature (4-5)
- 35 Australian has first to avoid the beak (8)
- 38 Cheers - makes us hope nothing goes wrong (7)
- 40 Language of wordplay to touch one (7)
- 41 Part celibates getting upset without ale (6)
- 43 Creature starts getting excited, could kill others (5)
- 44 Female taking directions with such polish.... (5)
- 46whilst man taking some orders irritates (3)