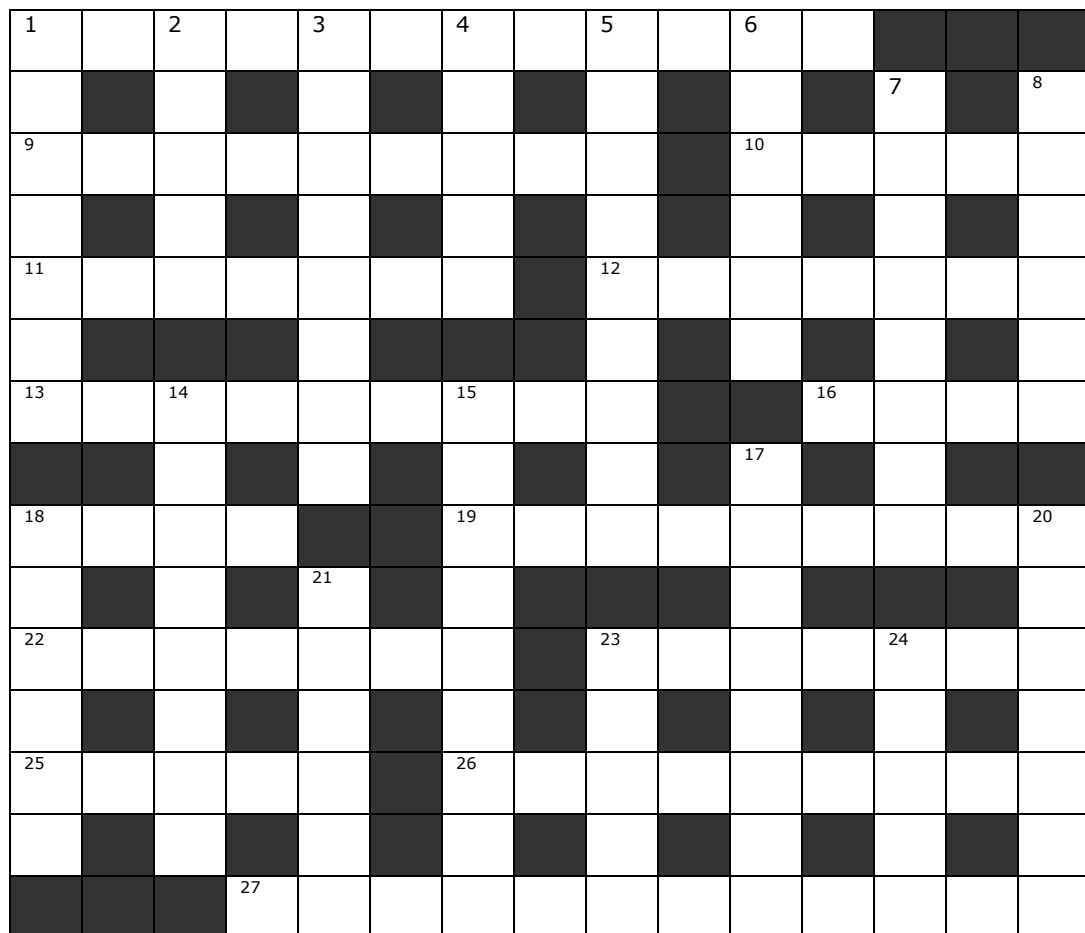


# HGS U3A CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CHRISTMAS 2020



## ACROSS

1. Pronunciation sign from one of these (12)
9. A mate bent on achieving mitigation (9)
10. Joy of a revolutionary Queen (5)
11. Twisted flavour was in front (7)
12. Outside broadcast with six of us distinguishable (7)
13. Angry promise puzzle. (9)
16. First prize of six years is a bunch. (4)
18. Pupil took it in, but not on time. (4)
19. Ten tackles without Kelvin's feelers. (9)
22. Menu for light weight. (7)
23. Tapeworm coasted, confused. (7)
25. Fifty deserve what they grasp. (5)
26. It cast it's strange number. (9)
27. Without let-up, thoroughly disorganised, ineptly rests. (12)

## DOWN

1. Dire treatment of rat in a love-less disco? (6)
2. Sequence own in Scotland after church? (5)

3. Optimistic philosophy bewilders miladies (8)
4. Short number to finish, but it goes on forever (2,3)
5. Nostalgic daughter's cubbyhole visited again (9)
6. Hide away in France, beware in old Rome! (6)
7. A life or nothing – sweeps you to the skies (8)
8. Unfriendly? Half frozen? Same to you!. (6)
14. Almost half optical illusion and half hormonal, your choice (8)
15. Manage to miss one stop, but they have a sunny outlook... (9)
17. Spend hours on distraction (4,4)
18. Pleats smocking (6)
20. Best church at the start of Yule? Rather stuffy. (7)
21. Iron round circle to get an edge (6)
23. Old Saxon after tea resulted in mayhem (5)
24. A brief little autumn musical group (5)