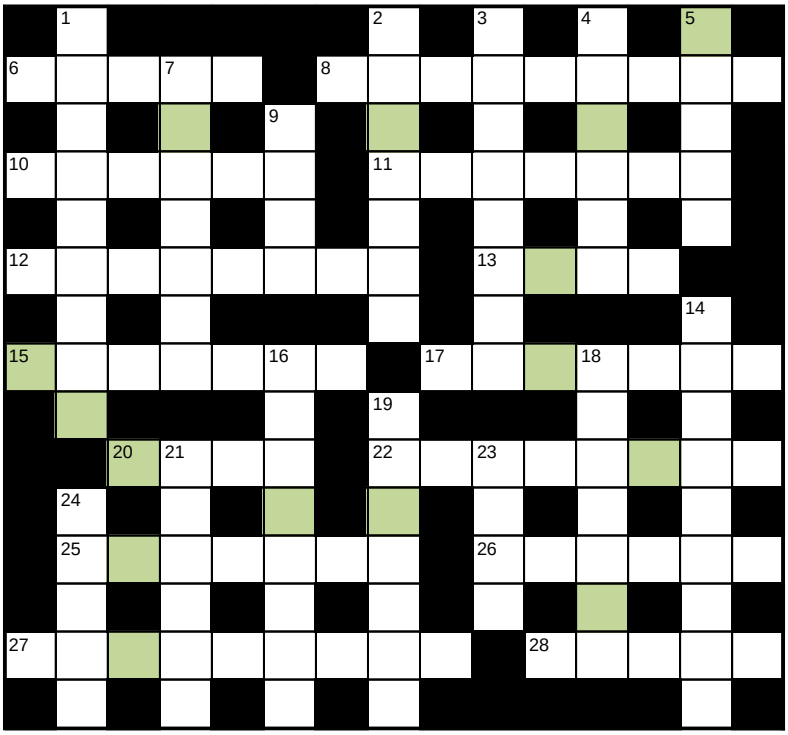
Branston U3A Crossword 17

Solve the crossword and the letters in the shaded squares will give an anagram of part of a well-known seasonal greeting – but what is it?



Across

6. One of seven dwarfs. (5)
8. War poet ____ Sassoon. (9)
10. Scottish monster. (6)
11. Early celebration. (3,4)
12. Ranking system. (8)
13. Christmas decoration genus. (4)
15. Play disc. (7)
17. Cumbrian town. (7)
20. Group of Partridges. (4)
22. Lengthened (8)
25. Mythical Greek poet and musician. (7)
26. Christmas card birds. (6)
27. Vanity Fair author. (9)
28. Ancient Scottish language. (5)

Down

1. Party! (4,5)
2. Front-runner. (7)
3. Albumen source. (3,5)
4. Brighton Rock author. (6)
5. Category. (5)
7. Type of physical exercise. (7)
9. Song of praise or triumph. (4)
14. Occurring every eighth year. (9)
16. Scrooge's forename. (8)
18. Excessively talkative person. (7)
19. Common igneous rock. (7)
21. Influence. (6)
23. Twisted metal jewellery. (4)
24. Commotion. (3-2)