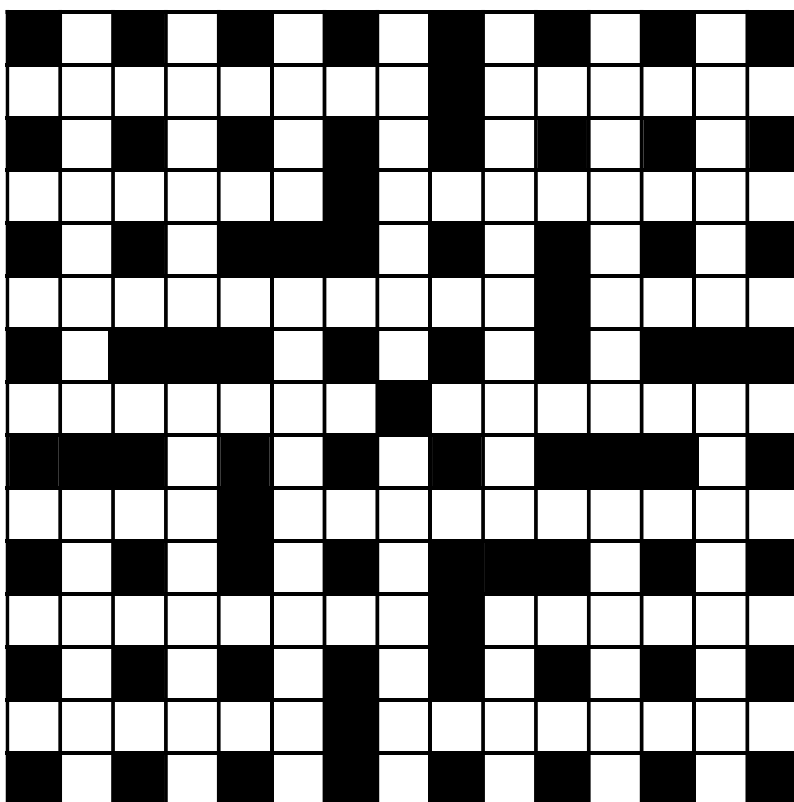


## Christmas Perimetrical 2018



*Around the perimeter clockwise, from top left and then into the grid at 18, runs something to be heard after a heavenly row and 8 (6). Clues are listed in alphabetical order of their solutions. Put the answers where they will fit.*

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| 1. Saw cut off ten slowly (6)                                           | 14. Steps back in cotillion illuminated (3-3)                  |
| 2. Fan of a CIA operation, with 'ODIN' as code (10)                     | 15. Bribe understudy with fuel dump (3,7)                      |
| 3. Prune back floribunda for writer (4)                                 | 16. Fated to be all-female? (6)                                |
| 4. Old cleaner in the army, white and round (6)                         | 17. Before concealment? (4)                                    |
| 5. The writing on the wall - a gift for revolutionary (8)               | 18. See preamble                                               |
| 6. The little devil wants a rise - or sack the presenter (10)           | 19. Flemish version of Phil Mitchell shortly in his port (8)   |
| 7. Very keen on pocket in mackintosh (4)                                | 20. Meant I rode and crashed (8)                               |
| 8. 10 x 3 between heavenly row and perimeter (2,2,2)                    | 21. Presenter left ill and a little overwrought (8)            |
| 9. Opulent - a bit like a toilet (6)                                    | 22. Compose orations in Sardinian town (8)                     |
| 10. Epic? Most strange when agreement is gutted then returned again (7) | 23. Cross-index, part East German (4)                          |
| 11. The department isn't on the rocks (6)                               | 24. 1 in film of under-performing runner (4-2)                 |
| 12. Paints with lake in Getty concerns, perhaps (8)                     | 25. Browning's minstrel in brothel first from 2nd to 19th (8)  |
| 13. Stoves in arsehole - it's fucked (3-7)                              | 26. Jester in cult <i>noir</i> movies (8)                      |
|                                                                         | 27. Rely on dull redcoat in outrageous flip? (5,2)             |
|                                                                         | 28. Opposite to 1 secretary about to get high on nothing (2-5) |