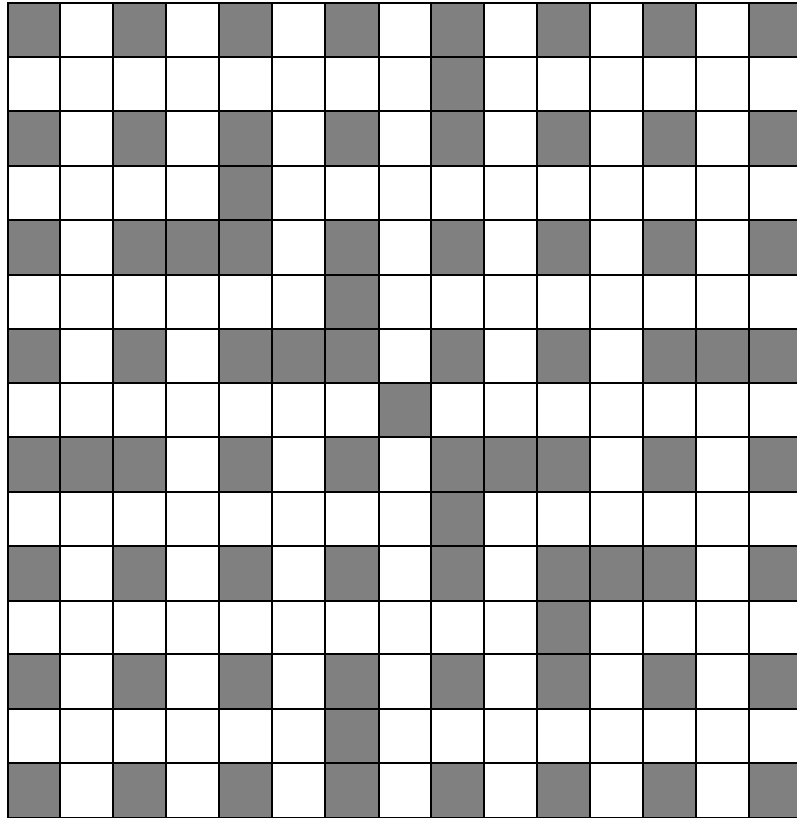


Christmas 2013

Each clue begins with a different letter of the alphabet. Insert the solutions jigsaw-wise wherever they will go.
Due to the symmetry there are two orientations - three of the solutions should suggest the correct one.
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Set by Neil



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| A A name for a man, not bald if short (6) | O Love glum skinhead who smells, does he (6) |
| B Forbidding for Crosby when Ann is caught (7) | P I play our games and pass loads of wee (8) |
| C Article in feature by newsman is bound (7) | Q Locks Roman who eats the heads of flat fish (6) |
| D What odds, snow? It lies on the ground (4,4) | R Stage an award, called "Pasta Dish" (8) |
| E Peer at decorations on the side of my face (8) | S At X he won't toss talc in saunas (handmade) (5,5) |
| F Match for a fag that brightens the place? (5,5) | T On 5 Jan I'm sent what deftly is played (7,3) |
| G Hide surprise talent with music like that (4,4) | U Keep the white we hear, outspan the cows (6) |
| H In the distance, trail unevenly leads to flat (10) | U Over 17 yards it will help to rouse (6) |
| I Promise to dress to follow to be (1,5) | V State "copper" with doubt that's used to clean... (6) |
| J Asian coin is scratched on a tree (8) | W ... and used to label the end that's not green (7) |
| K XXX: weekend matters without you saying (6) | X Boy's back after times when gifts abound (4) |
| L Party misled by leader's dismaying (3,4) | Y Posh "yes" as spoken from island town (8) |
| M Grabs the chance for yams and hake stew (5,3) | Z Returns thus down under where fauna is found (4) |
| N I'm not one to dither when luncheon is due (8) | |