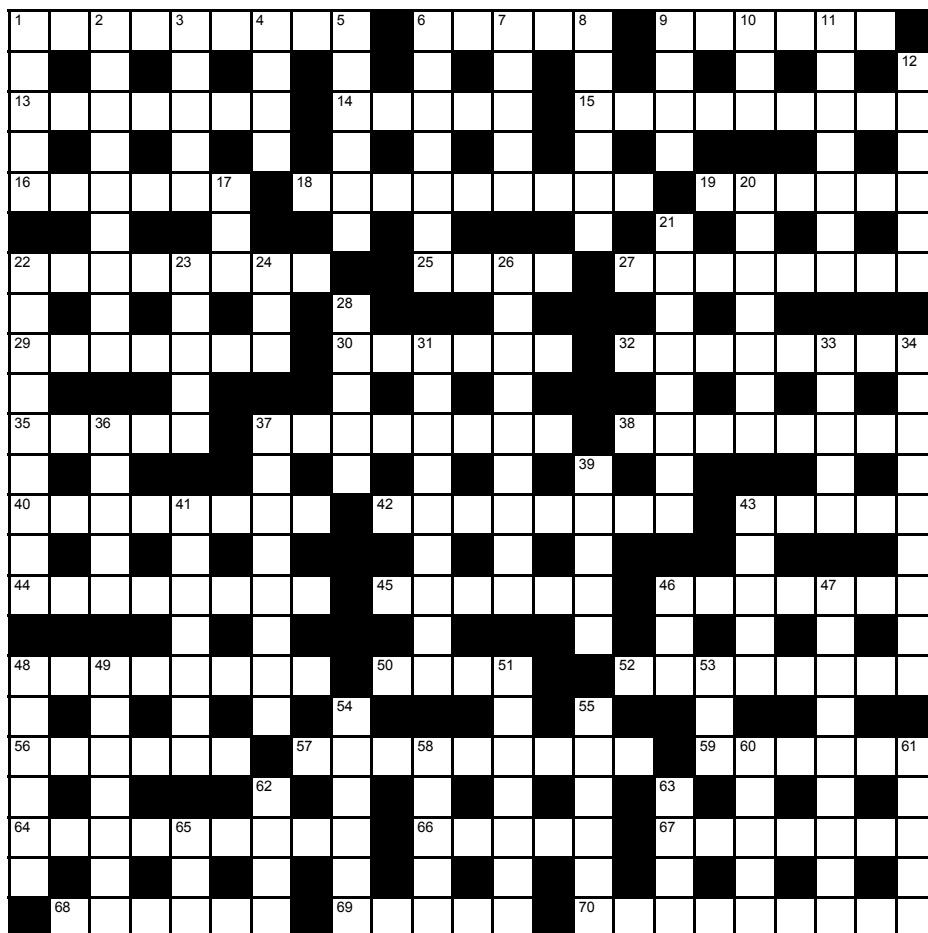


Pizza Festivale

Six of the down columns are a seasonal verse, although the words at 55D, 10D and 60D are not part of it

Across



- 1 Those who grapple with breaks touring El Negro regularly (9)
- 6 Some of California's Lutherans return to South-Western US city (5)
- 9 Bouncers get rid of any number of displays of holly? (6)
- 13 Home Service alternative (7)
- 14 Son of Welsh rector refilled essentials for a month (5)
- 15 American sailor keeps backing employer in consequence (2,1,6)
- 16 A cat's tail consumed in strange restaurant (6)
- 18 A satirist took creep apart (5,4)
- 19 Protest about getting into plane after bomb destroys odd bits (6)
- 22 Dioceses call Frenchman to move west for academic course (8)
- 25 Second present

- 27 Detective restrains fisherman with suspenders (8)
- 29 Each wife of Jacob endlessly a cause of pain (7)
- 30 Silver in mineral aggregate is infused with new colour (6)
- 32 Clerical office hands pie out (8)
- 35 Reportedly broadcasts *Sons and Daughters?* (5)
- 37 Spooner's ban on going out is being generous (8)
- 38 Can get silver back in heavyweight sledge (8)
- 40 Pretty young women's friend dressed in Christmas bloomers? (8)
- 42 Short place for unloading traveller on railway lines (8)
- 43 Crisp lattice covering custard pie's sound (5)
- 44 Relative possibly visiting California during snow flurries (3-2-3)
- 45 Breakfast with Nigel Farage? Not for everyone! (6)
- 46 Rather a short journey before

- Santa's Little Helper returns (1,6)
- 48** Before morning good doctor returns in sorrow as hangman? (4,4)
- 50** Romancer unlocks blondes' hearts in an instant (4)
- 52** Bold lads are reformed characters (8)
- 56** Cover? Yes, fat needs to be disguised (6)
- 57** Smart operation to conceal stolen computer program (9)
- 59** Showy bloom concealed by Tolkien villain? (6)
- 64** Outgoing divorcee party-goer boring non-drinker (9)
- 66** Capital held improperly by institute (5)
- 67** Country person heard to have successes and minor setbacks (7)
- 68** Notices skirts, ultimately for men and women (6)
- 69** Chuck part of decoration that's found in Christmas pud (5)
- 70** Western actor's errors go corrected around end of play (3,6)
- Down**
- 1** Time spent in trick involving Henry (5)
- 2** Badly mistreat old former Portuguese colony (4,5)
- 3** 35a endlessly supports tons of them (5)
- 4** Whirlwind regularly seen during heady days (4)
- 5** Placed and spread under the ocean (6)
- 6** Country's failures (7)
- 7** Purple bacilli lactose contains (5)
- 8/9** Crazy Arab half-heartedly murders elderly person's cleaner (1,3,2,4)
- 10** Occupant of 32 leaves school to become a woodlander (3)
- 11** Part of Switzerland unknown before Soviet military intelligence got on top of it all (7)
- 12** Old singer is cause of 29? (6)
- 17** Asian mountain-dweller allegedly misses Ireland still (3)
- 20** Got underway, putting odd bits of goat into Japanese dish (5,2)
- 21** Made overnight stop on trek, there being no pressure to have finished trip (4,4)
- 22** Fashionable crowd on board with pastors (9)
- 23** Maiden leaves gowns and footwear (5)
- 24** Animal swallowed by Peewee (3)
- 26** Lungs maybe best device for letting air in (5,4)
- 28** Plump canon (5)
- 31** Somewhat lighter-than-air, uh? Travelling northwards to Glastonbury perhaps (9)
- 33** Male setter a philosophical sort (5)
- 34** Goes around strangely inert Christmas adornments dropping needles (4,5)
- 36** One born south-east Norway (5)
- 37** Dutch dramas about unknown old soldiers (4,4)
- 39** Excellent cook puts away washing-up liquid (5)
- 41** Happy New Year backing for Queen during dark times (2,5)
- 43** Small bear crosses river to remove dirt (5)
- 46** Heads of African nations develop in conjunction (3)
- 47** My return to work follows generous deal that's hard to beat? (4,5)
- 48** Ablutions performed around Ash Wednesday (6)
- 49** Proven wrong, denied time to replace last of presents (7)
- 51** Space agency gets core of celeb league to ultimately pay through the nose (7)
- 53** Fred and Ginger or 2 Kiwis possibly party around middle of 49 (3)
- 54** Self-cleaning vessel, though element's initial high temperature rising (3,3)
- 55** Simpler to cheat on one in love? Not quite (6)
- 58** Henry died in beating up (5)
- 60** 10 circulated around court to find right page (5)
- 61** Cleans up raising crabs for example around the States (5)
- 62** Spies sometimes like vegetables (4)
- 63** Origin of hell, 17 contrarily

maintains, is other
people (4)

65 Unite nearly every
one (3)