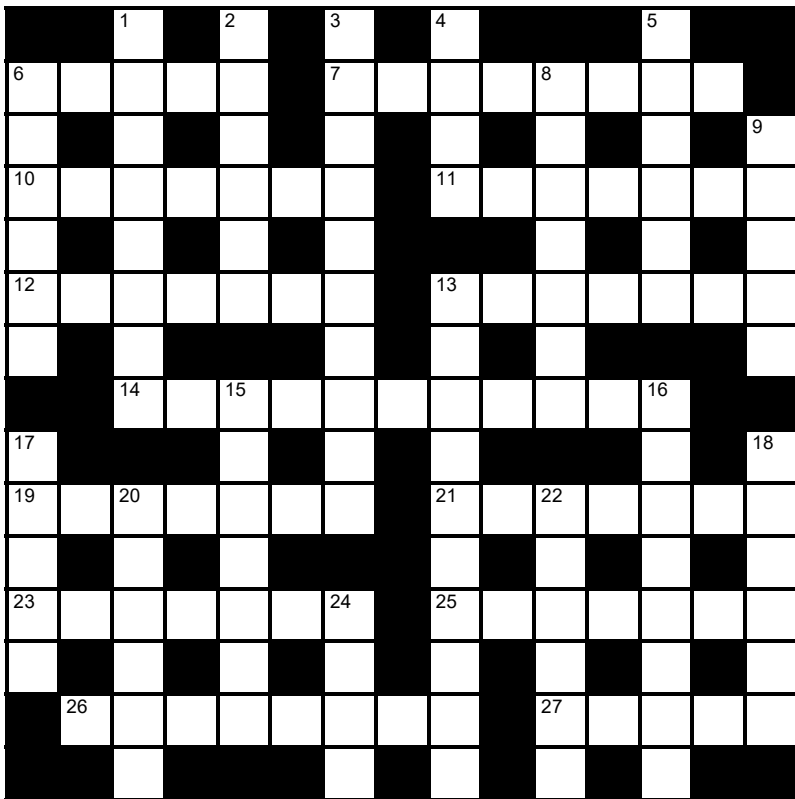


Joyce & Alan Xmas 2022



Across

- 6/7** The party line? (5,8)
10 Really worry about Saigon. The end (7)
11 Obviously caught cold in a draughty room in Africa (7)
12 Fancy rod is treated with respect (7)
13 It's saucy and sweet, as they say in prison (7)
14 Heat controls hot mattress variation (11)
19 Send up a politician in a mostly loony way (7)
21 Started it all with a large bag filled with nitrogen (3,4)
23 Racing cars requires grand fine skills (2-5)
25 Frenchman I see drinking contents of bottle of pastis (7)

- 26** Autocratic but somehow posted in charge (8)
27 Part of the Irish mainland belongs to them (5)
Down
1 Struggles with one - not very soft - foe (8)
2 Key employee? (6)
3 Sailor is as amenable as can be (4,6)
4 Edge, black edge (4)
5 Cowboy has a bad cough (6)
6 Husky sounds like a pony (6)
8 Sharia's cooking paste (7)
9 Not far from Kyoto (5)
13 The White House is in Mexico (10)

- 15** Rest in peace after Edward got to do something to make himself feel good (3,4)
16 Rising concern? (3-5)
17 Adjust until its straight? (5)
18 Malaga - dirty container port in the South (6)
20 Seem upset about the centre of Orkney becoming a World Heritage Site (6)
22 Covered with gold reportedly - unknown verdict (6)
24 Locate ties in knots (4)