

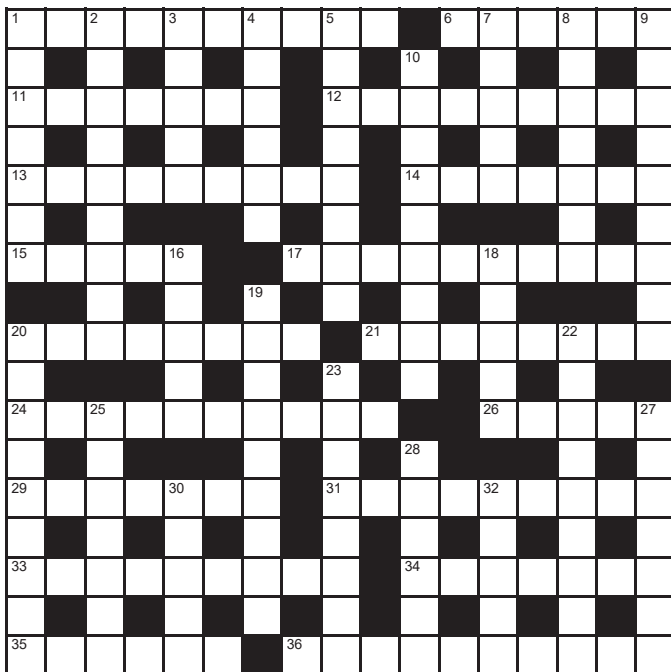
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ACROSS

- 1** US actress born on Christmas Eve in 1922 (3,7)
6 Bob Cratchit's eldest daughter in *A Christmas Carol* (6)
11 1988 film set in Los Angeles which begins on Christmas Eve (3,4)
12 Small round pastries usually eaten at Christmas (5,4)
13 Birth sign of one born at Christmas (9)
14 His *Concerto Grosso* bears the inscription *Fatto per la notte di Natale* — 'Made for the night of Christmas' (7)
15 Famous cathedral whose Christmas Market is one of the largest in France (5)
17 His orchestra performed *Jingle Bells* on the Ed Sullivan Show on December 18 1966 (5,5)
20 Jockey who twice won Boxing Day's King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Desert Orchid (8)
21 How Oliver Cromwell viewed England, leading to his Act banning Christmas in 1644 (8)
24 Trees native to Australia whose nuts are used in Christmas puddings and cookies there (10)
26 ___ Jones, who won *Strictly Come Dancing* with Joe McFadden in December 2017 (5)
29 His Saints' Day is December 26 (7)
31 Plant honoured in Tenbury Wells with a festival, held this year on December 6 (9)
33 Poet, 1885-1972, whose *A Quinzaine for this Yule* was published in December 1908 (4,5)
34 Activity involving 31 could be for some... (7)
35 UK top 3 hit for Barry Ryan in December 1968 (6)
36 Types of concerts put on by the Philharmonic and the Hofburg in Vienna over the Christmas period (10)

DOWN

- 1** A person who gives proof or evidence in discussion (7)
2 In legal terms, it applies when a specific gift is no longer in existence at the testator's death (9)
3 The family of violin makers from Cremona, active 1538-1740 (5)
4 A type of blank recordable, or pre-recorded storage item (3,3)
5 Canadian city whose professional football team is the Elks (8)
7 ___ Sultan, Indian film director, actor and screenwriter (5)
8 Desserts made from sponge, fruit, custard, jelly and cream (7)
9 Refraining from any activity, especially the consumption of alcohol (9)
10 Settled in a safe and comfortable place (9)
16 An ornamental hairnet worn at the back of the head (5)
18 Jack ___, who starred with Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet in *The Holiday* (5)
19 One amongst many who does not conform (3,3,3)
20 How the author of *The Count of Monte Cristo* (1802-70) is also known (5,4)
22 A medium or large sized vehicle having an extended hatchback boot (6,3)
23 The highest prize awarded at the Cannes Film Festival (5,3)
25 A JavaScript library for manipulating HTML and XML, or 'farewell' (7)
27 The act of supporting or encouraging a person, especially criminally (7)
28 Old Testament prophet (6)
30 Members of a North American people living in north eastern Arizona (5)
32 Inflatables for the swimming pool (5)



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