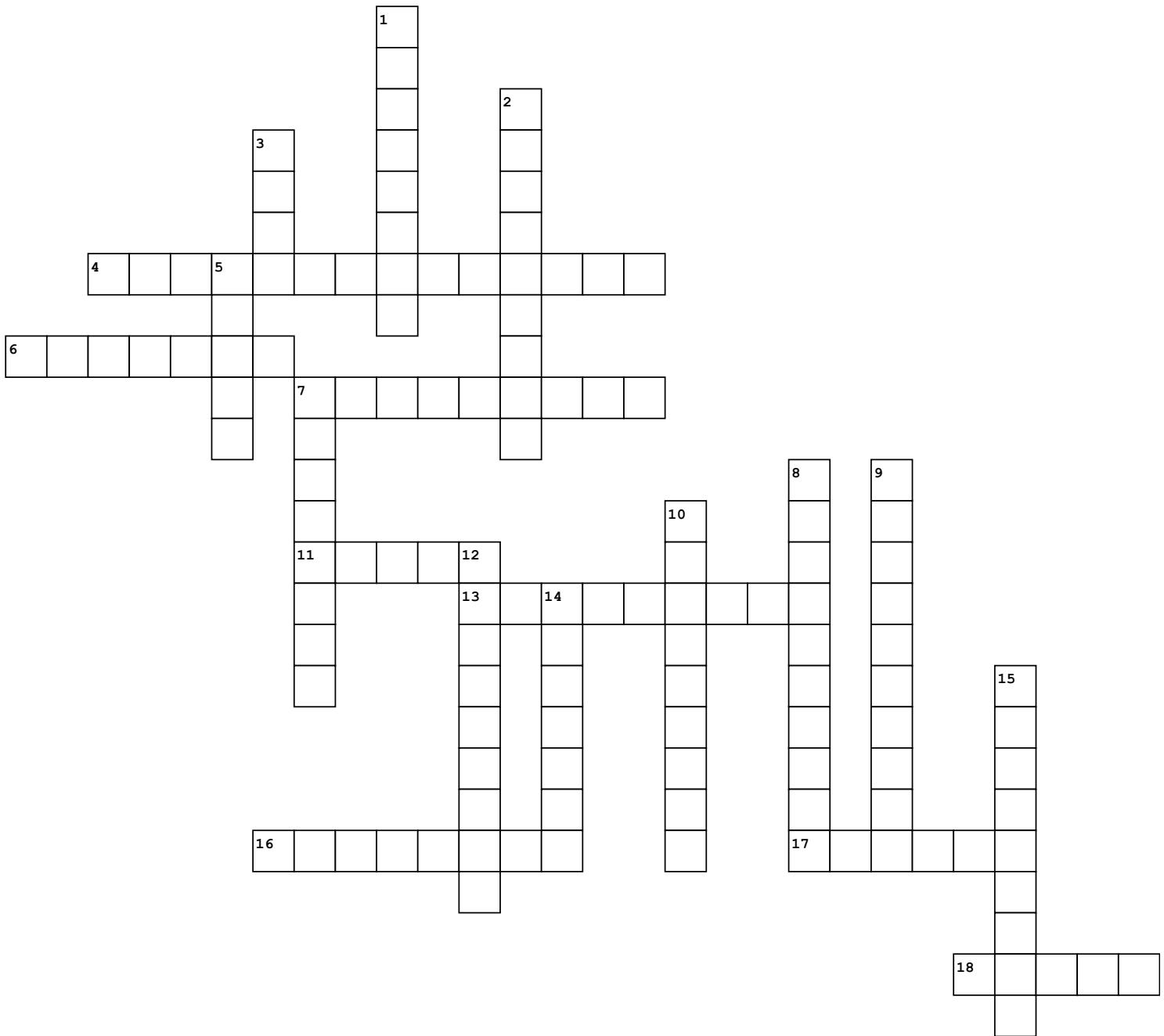


# The 3G Cryptic Christmas Crossword Puzzle



## Across

- Muddled, 'e sees fun worlds - finches love these! (9.5)
- Canine by the forest gives lovely stems for winter decoration (7)
- Standing by crate, knock back these roasted Christmas treats (9)
- \_\_\_\_ Ingalls Wilder? \_\_\_\_ Bush? Or is it a mad dog-lady who lives in West Sussex? (5)

## Down

- Almost a bike? So be it. Such pretty flowers for winter pots! (8)
- Holding rage inside, put fork-prong round an Xmas fruit (9)
- \_\_\_\_ Edmunds? Or another word for Christmas (4)
- David\_\_\_\_, famous interviewer; or Jack\_\_\_\_ nipping at your nose! (5)

**13.** Sounds like a kind of thrush and a body part - pucker up! (9)

**16.** Sounds like Dad cuts these vegetables for the Christmas feast! (8)

**17.** \_\_\_\_ Paige? \_\_\_\_ Stritch? Are they as potty about roses as this lady?!(6)

**18.** Prickly festive plant, suitably rhyming with jolly! (5)

**7.** \_\_\_\_ of Brunswick? Noooo, she lives in Scotland. (8)

**8.** A Christmas tree that sounds gloomy but very neat and tidy (4,6)

**9.** Gloriously bright Xmas plant which messily I set in a pot (10)

**10.** Perfect festive foliage that a clever greengrocer stocks (9)

**12.** Showy houseplant with Jesus' mother in the middle! (9)

**14.** Declaims about Romeo to give you an Xmas dinner essential (7)

**15.** For January and February is it a fighting match, or scented shrub? (6,3)