

# Christmas 2020 Cryptic Crossword Puzzle

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## ACROSS

2. Show deference to present head? (3)
6. Best in shout down (5)
8. Last-ditch effort according to Spooner: male (hairy!) (4,4)
11. Serpent made terrible gift (7)
12. Bart is a bad coffee maker (7)
13. Fog permitted unbounded Noel kissing spot (9)
14. Weep before empty pet catacomb (5)
15. Redhead: "Money? It can be used to build a house" (11)
21. Replacement left love before caller's first expression of hesitation (5)
23. How I hope your holidays are spent altering docs' lives! (9)
25. Head of university confused Dean carrying papers without help (7)
26. Miracle renovation: Bring it back to its former state (7)
27. Overheard the Queen's word for hunting item hung by the chimney with care (8)
28. Cook up creamy confectionery (5)
29. Running back, escape endless 2003 Christmas movie (3)

## DOWN

1. Mop up twice before starting to shake cheerleading tools (7)
2. Wet blanket: Pacino of the North (6)
3. Tweet: "Hi! I reconsidered fancy dress." (5, 3)
4. Through education, I'm blessedly adept (6)
5. Sob, cry about 1954 Christmas movie star (6)
7. Distressing middle lock (5)
9. Doctor: "Reclaim what Christmas and Hannukah celebrate!" (7)
10. Starting Saturday, Alison needs to address the man of the hour (5)
16. Wandering, angry, getting into mishandled money (7)
17. Beer around five... some time after, eggnog, perhaps (8)
18. I'd turned up empty-handed without Ned holding right Christmas movie from 1988 (3, 4)
19. Pout about Austria's first Northern Christmas movie from 2019 (5)
20. Melville's narrator cooking his meal (7)
22. Makes vehicles (6)
23. Roll dice about commercial for club carrier (6)
24. Ineffective coffee? Refuses to hear about cup full (6)

