Listener Crossword No 93: Our Christmas Card by Doggerel

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ACROSS

- 1 'Here's Christmas let us ... greet him We may as well, for none can cheat him'
- 5 The more they are, the merrier they'll be
- 8 A form of greeting
- 10 (rev.), 24 Michaelmas is more this than Christmas
- 11 In the good old days
- 17 (anag.) 'At Christmas I no more desire a rose Than wish a snow in ... new-fangled shows'
- 18 (rev.) It seems the tax may spoil its cheer
- 20 (rev.) The tinsel on the tree does
- 22 Our best wishes that your presents may be
- 25 See 34
- 26 Sometimes roasted whole at festivities
- 29 At this season do it to the kill-joy
- 30, 33 See 40
- 34 (rev.), 25 (rev.) Flower not likely to deck our Christmas table
- 35 Its anagram similar to 11
- 36 This pet would make a lovely present
- 38 Real Christmas
- 39 (rev.) Half the rustle of a dress in blindman's buff
- 40, 30, 33 End of A Christmas Carol

DOWN

- 1 Saturday's postman will help you solve this
- 2 (rev.) New year's gift
- 3 Hors d'oeuvres, soup and fish
- 4 The taste of the cranberry sauce
- 6 Old caress, most of it is too shy to
- 7 Custom of antiquity
- 9 Popular branch of winter sport
- 10 Find its thread by reversing it
- 12 We hope your turkey is not this and the middle of 22
- 13 Christmas flower
- 14 Its anagram often comes out of a Christmas cracker
- 16 Confused revelry
- 19 Another half of rustle
- 23 Christmas island
- 26 Marks repetition in the song
- 27 (mixed) See above
- 28 Listener finds 5 this when more becomes less
- 31 Such stocking a tragedy
- 32 The season
- 33 (anag.) When you're in this your goose is cooked
- 37 (rev.) Where you find the stuffing