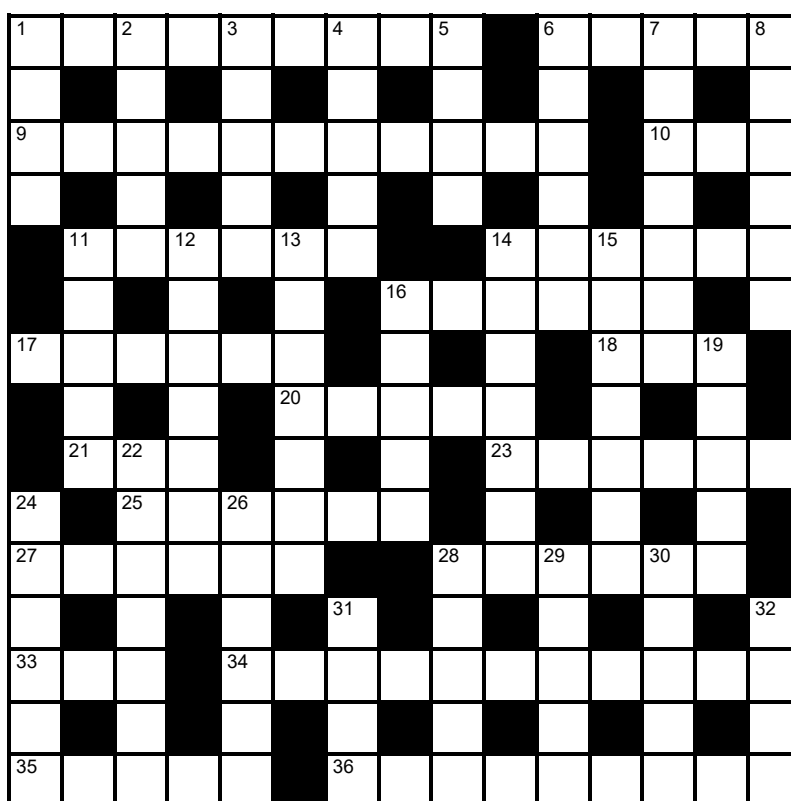


Quinquennia

The solution for 40 should be entered in the box.

Across

- 1 Was nearly correct about one standing out in their field (9)
- 6 Attempt to hug quiet English man perhaps (5)
- 9 Scruffy, wet - our Carol's no oil painting (11)
- 10 Money idiot sent back (3)
- 11 View snake given shocking treatment (6)
- 14 Site offering drug intended for those trying to lose weight? (6)
- 16 Country gentleman setting aside a little earth for minute worm (6)



- 17 Conflict about new underground network (6)

- 18 Tree from the Old West (3)

- 20 Country rich in ancient houses (5)

- 21 Cheers character winding up Gordon Brown (3)

- 23 Dainty bird pecked (6)

- 25 Reward for second pirate (6)

- 27 Sorted out number 1's replacement locks (6)

- 28 Model rabbit's tail holds record (6)

- 33 Boy set out without one (3)

- 34 Cast involved with hit *Lear*? (11)

- 35 Many marine bodies take on board fossil fuel (5)

- 36 Violent criminal left bound by unknown person (9)

Down

- 1 Regularly swap wise sayings (4)

- 2 They're against outrageous behaviour, avoiding clubs (5)

- 3 Ale with no head? That is weird (5)

- 4 Corruption involving exceptionally large home for birds (5)

- 5 Deal possibly essential for bowling club (4)

- 6 I steal around Australia, turning up Russian wolfhound (6)

- 7 Babe maybe waving pen at me (3,4)

- 8 What might become raised part-way through *Naked and Erotic* (6)

- 11 Tailor, one returning stuff ahead of time (5)

- 12 Usual to trim root vegetable (7)

- 13 Depressed about entering nunnery without New Testament (7)

- 14 Crackpot embroiled in a cult (7)

- 15 Burst into tears, with largely worn-out material for ball? (7)

- 16 Thinner, forsaking pub? I could be going downhill fast! (5)

- 19 Said to sap the strength of narrow part of trunk (5)

- 22 When posing nude, start to redden up (7)

- 24 Infant that's abnormally large is christened originally using a modified font (6)

- 26 Fast - almost unhealthy - pulse (6)

- 28 Flipping unsavoury task clothing lecherous man! (5)

- 29 Harmony leaving second marriage (5)

- 30 Ringing about Queen's prized gem (5)

- 31 A smaller amount belonging to Paul or Dennis? (4)

- 32 Heartless doorkeeper's employer (4)