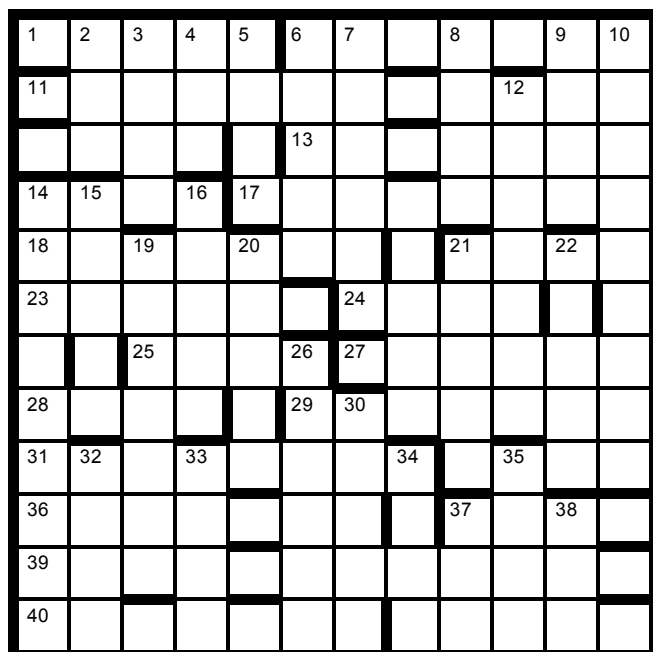


Longbourn by Chalicea

Five unclued lights are part of a twelve-letter description that will appear in the completed grid.



Across

- 1 Very backward places, more than half bleak with hardship essentially (5)
- 6 Card game seen at first in a place for gambling (7)
- 11 Male bassoons playing tricks, I kiss your hands (12, three words)
- 13 Peculiar maple it's a rushy aloe-like South African river plant! (7)
- 14 Misguided need for garden (4)
- 17 Thin skin of old roll of parchment is at first almost half cleaned' (8)
- 18 Most sticky locally - most disgusting when head is chopped off! (7)
- 21 German river going back for a further attempt (4)
- 23 Pinboards regularly at services in Arab lands (6)
- 24 Aide's twisted plan (4)
- 25 Discordant slur of cattle horns (4)
- 27 Note missing from revenue for future marriage partner (6)

Down

- 2 Open country, lake and river (3)
- 3 One time domestic slave seen in disarray (4)
- 4 Composed ode for female animal (3)
- 5 Behave unusually badly knocking back beer (4)
- 6 Space round headlands (5)
- 7 Oarsman let rip regularly in fits and starts (1,5)
- 8 Lapps peculiarly in Siam (4)
- 9 Spanish city rejecting festivity (4)
- 10 Formation of bone goes on yet in disorder (9)
- 12 Done with great care, also commendably (7, 2 words)
- 15 Money locally deposited in big bank safes for starters (5)
- 16 Indus peculiarly providing place for harbouring (5)
- 19 Shakespeare's mischief, pain I half opt for (7)

- 28** Foundation not initially unaltered (4, 2 words)
- 29** Questionable new deal relating to poet's open country (7)
- 31** Concerning foot of the god of wine, including bit of ankle (8)
- 36** These send back sound so cheer drunkenly (7)
- 37** Sculpture of the virgin dropping a bird (4)
- 39** Discordant well-to-do burr - one disturbing the peace of the house (7-5)
- 40** Unusually he sires a woman likely to succeed (7)
- 20** Material on surface of globe, barrenness without depth (5)
- 21** Kingdom's queen turning up with revolutionary member of legislative assembly (5)
- 22** Risk-taker, principally deadly killer (5)
- 26** Spiral moves of variety actresses (no common prostitute) lacking gravity (6)
- 30** Relaxes contracts with line missing (5)
- 32** Sacredly protecting piece of land (4)
- 33** Cower and stoop endlessly in the past (4)
- 34** Locally chalk account up with bank ultimately (4)
- 35** Scots direction housed in air terminal (4)
- 37** Fermented taro root dish, destructive substance, not half! (3)
- 38** Little sow at heart of river mouth (3)