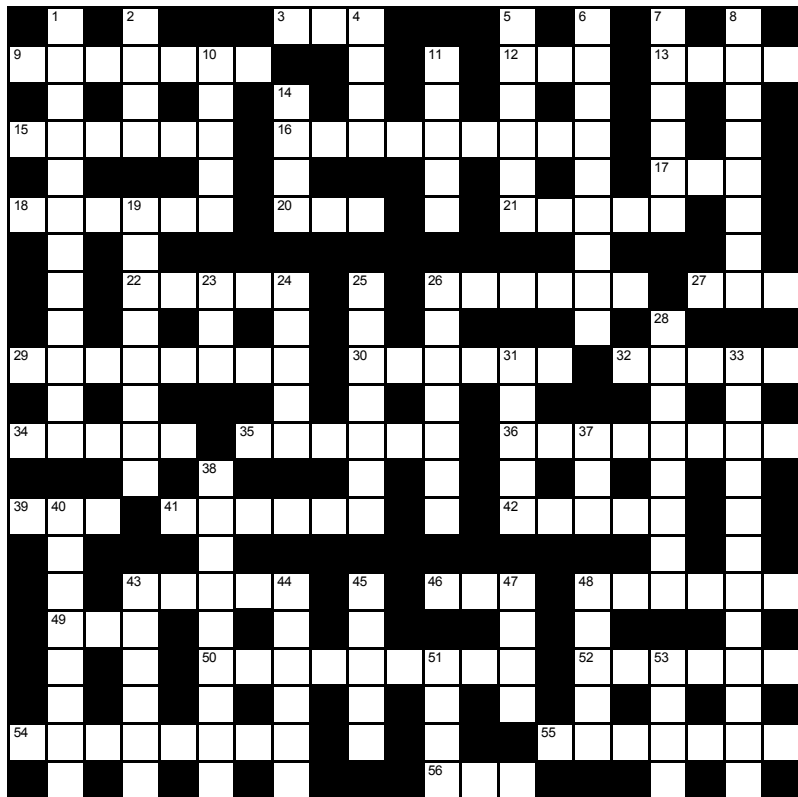


**Across**

- 3 See 37 Down
- 9 The sound of 21, perhaps, may stop His Majesty from entering East End borough (7)
- 12 Amicable split leaves French friend with no tie. (3)
- 13 Opulence without clue not closed (4)
- 15 A beach in Central London? (6)
- 16 Wanting existence? (9)
- 17 It's slippery going with the wind backwards. (3)
- 18 Slightly twisted shard of precious metal, maybe? (6)
- 20 See 43
- 21 Messy assailant loses Asia then slopes away (5)
- 22 Branch of United Nations that deals with removal of weapons? (5)
- 26 Even a good seat needs a good seat. (6)
- 27 Magic spell or just a code? (3)
- 29 Take Little Dot up the Shard? Best day ever! (4,4)
- 30 Lean towards a Roman script? (6)
- 32 Mix up closes markets. (5)
- 34 Set out and stop abruptly. (5)
- 35 Somewhere to store artist? (6)
- 36 Tangled up in ropes with little chance of release. (8)
- 39 Initially, left wing historian. (3)
- 41 Queen Elizabeth follows art. Why? Because it comes from the heart! (6)
- 42 A fountain pen for 30, perhaps? (5)
- 43/20 Dark cur! Back gold for a good return. (5,3)
- 46 Euphemistic reform? The Unions are upset. (3)
- 48 Divorcees I've taken



- 49 Norway? No way it's conditional. (3)
  - 50 One could be excused for thinking it might be used on a fingernail. (9)
  - 52 Puck in bubble pack run off at the mouth (6)
  - 54 Grating element in American Football (8)
  - 55 Ear, Nose and Throat department initially takes on disturbed teen and develops an understanding. (7)
  - 56 Sounds like someone tripped up whilst speaking. (3)
- Down**
- 1 He's a hard skipper! (7,5)
  - 2 Gumbo. Fine fellow of the Royal Academy. (4)
  - 4 National Trust follows Post Office over river in 11? (4)
  - 5/7 No gentlemen turned up isolated tile in there! (6,6)

- 6 See 25
- 8 So elated but upset leaves one in utter despair. (8)
- 10 Disgraced tycoon is as low as you can get. (5)
- 11 Mixed pairs in Troy? (5)
- 14 Playwright refused entry. (4)
- 19 24 certainly not produced by 40 in London district. (8)
- 23 Swiss lap dances. (3)
- 24 Engine sounds like tea in a messy room. (5)
- 25/6 Carriage clock gone a bit flat? (7,9)
- 26 We hear a wait and see policy is in order for Rothko commission. (7)
- 28 Of Charles of Monaco? (8)
- 31 Putin confused over jargonistic contribution to meeting. (5)
- 33 Vote for Rumanian domain dish? (12)
- 37/3 Bi-polar headgear

- possibly left in picnic area ruined from rain? (3,3)
- 38 Lies and deceit? We'll deal with Archer, yet (9)
- 40 Car follows commonplace American chap to Hollywood. To make Westerns, perhaps? (8)
- 43 Force ten blows itself out by and large. Time for a large one, we reckon. (6)
- 44 Dress up for the Mikado? No, I'm OK. (6)
- 45 A hundred not right? Could be a split. (5)
- 47 Rest shaken up but very French. (4)
- 48 Californian trashcan. In the woods, possibly? (5)
- 51 Sweet'art? (4)
- 53 Colour of the wind? (4)