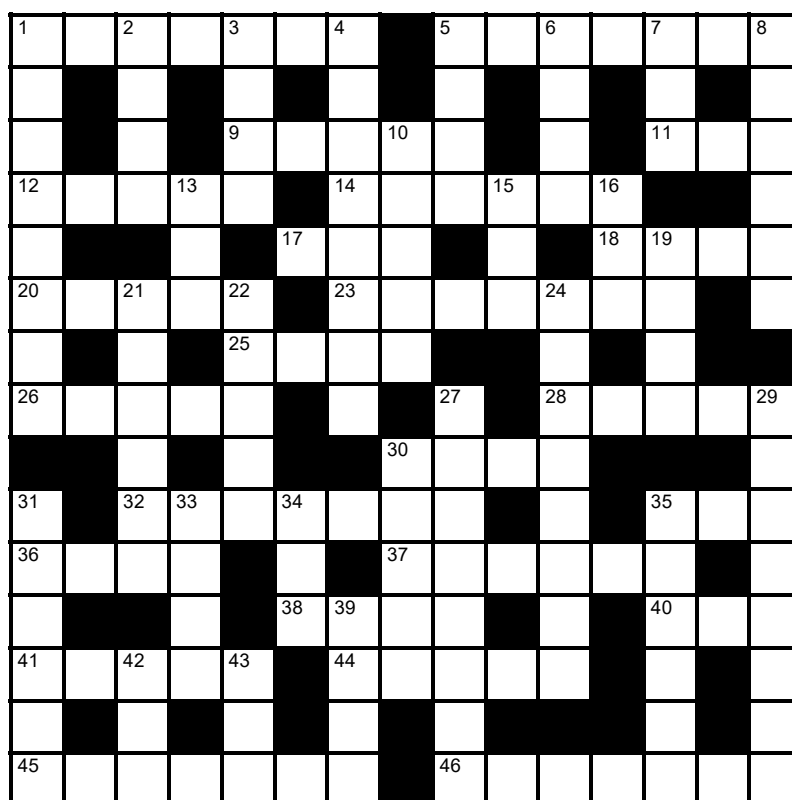


Birthday Girl

Across

- 1 She has no clay, right? Wrong! (7)
- 5 Top tyre - made in China? (7)
- 9 In this evening after six (5)
- 11 It's your optical nerve centre makes your face twitch (3)
- 12 Cheap film that is popular swapped around the start of December (5)
- 14 Praises taking the piss out of the Sex Pistols (6)
- 17 Shocking power of a government official (3)
- 18 Thin clue (4)
- 20 Catches and cooks sprat (5)



- 23 Injection of taboo steroids (7)
- 25 Cool dessert from novice super cook (4)
- 26 Called endlessly insisting on returning (5)
- 28 Its unclear in my view (5)
- 30 Formerly a hundred to one (4)
- 32 Holy person sprinkled water after 1 (7)
- 35 Sink back air (3)
- 36 Tip-top art - top exhibition venue (4)
- 37 See 27 Down
- 38 Does lots of bucks sound sweet? (4)
- 40 A regimental major keeps one on the side (3)
- 41 Cradles stones (5)

- 44 Handle drug complaint (5)
- 45 Masters arrangement of flowers (7)
- 46 Tries to stop sisters re-uniting (7)

Down

- 1/2 I cannot drool over this upmarket location (8,4)
- 3 Misplace close to a hundred missing (4)
- 4 Remember the fifth? Nearly over getting the award (8)
- 5 Not in a hole about half a litre (4)
- 6 Stolen goods makes up for instrument (4)
- 7 Dine in the East but not the South (3)

- 8 Vessels stay upright around the church (6)
- 10 World fairs held in sex positions (5)
- 13 Simply a terror at heart (3)
- 15 Little works in cop shop (3)
- 16 He's trans! (3)
- 19 Talks back on the phone and changes pupil's size (4)
- 21 I am lost? Nearly! (6)
- 22 Slippery slide edge (5)
- 24 Row after item upset chronological list (8)
- 27/37 One's class is not outside plan (8,6)

- 29 A gay most confused about exercise surfaces (4-4)
- 30 Sort or sort of red (5)
- 31 Jumps ship - bitter at heart (6)
- 33 Maybe take to a wood (4)
- 34 Married mid-week (3)
- 35 Some are in polar opposition to animal 20 (6)
- 39 They were laid in the past, its said (4)
- 42 Rescue organisation set up transport (3)
- 43 Deep in those, are they? (3)