



Across

- 1 When a new monarch takes on the role and duties of King or Queen, he or she ascends or _____ the throne. (7)
- 5 A firework that is a bit of a fizzer, or is faulty and does not go off. (5)
- 8 On 19 October 1974, the island of Niue became _____ in free association with New Zealand. (4-9)
- 9 An edible tuberous root of various plants of the genus *Dioscorea*. (3)
- 10 A breed of small dog with short hair named after a state in Northern Mexico. (9)
- 12 The works of acclaimed Polish-British novelist and short-story writer Joseph _____ include *Lord Jim*, *Nostramo* and *The Secret Agent*. (6)
- 13 Someone regarded as eccentric, crazy, or standing out from a group. (3,3)
- 15 Poet James K. Baxter died _____ on 22 October 1972, shortly after leaving the commune he had founded at _____ on the Whanganui River. (9)
- 16 The mining of this metal in Cornwall (UK) can be traced back to around 2000 BC. (3)
- 18 A branch of mathematics that deals with matrices, vectors and linear transformations. (6,7)
- 20 Someone who is the oldest and most experienced and respected member of a group or profession. (5)
- 21 Descriptive of something that seems as if it will never stop. (7)
- 2 In this eponymous English nursery rhyme, the title character was "born on a Monday". (7,6)
- 3 These people are sometimes also called conjurors, illusionists or prestidigitators. (9)
- 4 If a person has the ability to say and do the right thing in any situation, they can be said to have "_____ -faire" (French). (6)
- 5 Later adapted into a movie starring Sidney Poitier, *To _____ With Love* is a 1959 autobiographical novel by E.R. Braithwaite. (3)
- 6 Not appropriate or fit for people to live in. (13)
- 7 A type of jazz musical ensemble, especially of the Swing era of the 1920s, 30s and 40s, with at least 10 members divided into 4 sections. (3,4)
- 11 Not harmed or spoiled in any way. (9)
- 12 Persuaded a person to do what one wants by the use of urging, wheedling or flattery. (7)
- 14 "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall _____ unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." (Christian Bible, *Genesis 2:24*) (6)
- 17 Leavened Indian flatbreads that are often cooked in a tandoor oven. (5)
- 19 Belonging to or on behalf of a specified person, especially yourself (Scottish dialect). (3)

Down

- 1 To subject a substance (particularly a precious metal) to chemical analysis in order to determine the amount of impurity in it. (5)