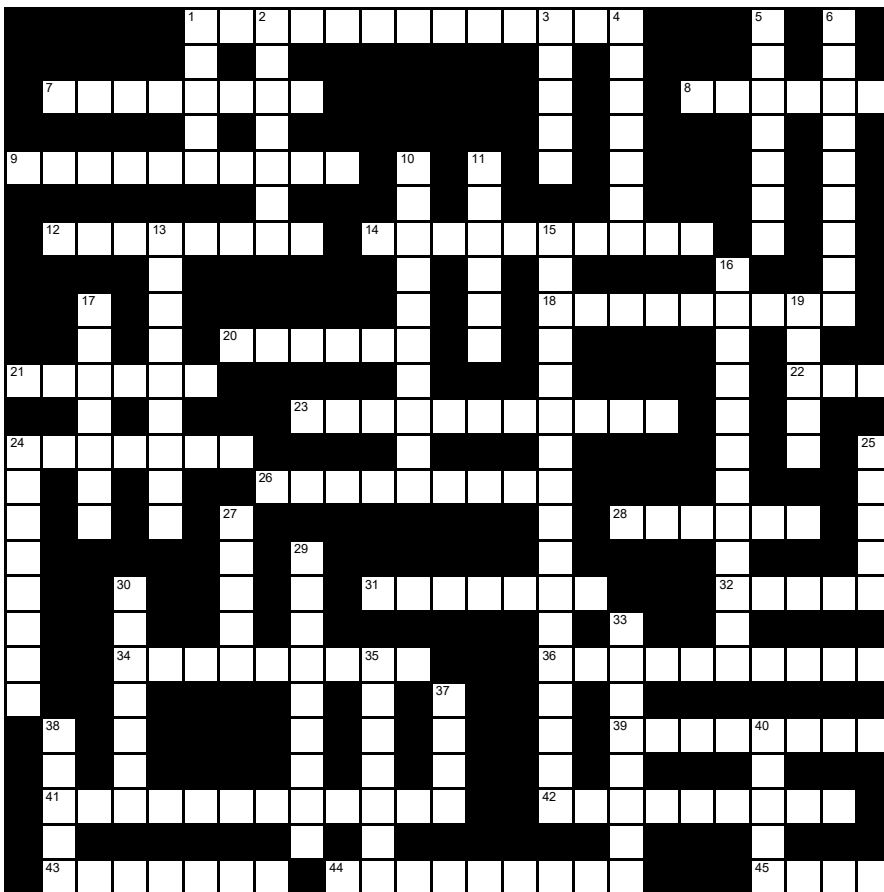


Across

- 1 Western lover is shaken, encountering politician with hat on (13)
- 7 Agitate fish in Scotland? (8)
- 8 Divorcee and Parisian approach HM (6)
- 9 Harmony loudly played around trees (10)
- 12 Put 50 in the bar bill, without French around (2,6)
- 14 Bring him round before morning (10)
- 18 Fake Wilde destroyed (9)
- 20 Scottish river, and German seen in it (6)
- 21 Drunkenly had rum in the North East (6)
- 22 A bit smelly in East Anglia? (3)
- 23 Western mists cloak famous houses (11)
- 24 Strike a blow leaving wake behind (7)
- 26 Titanic home port two birds overlook (9)
- 28 Bovine river crossing and home of Covid vaccine (6)
- 31 Pass hat round for this tiny Welsh city (2,5)
- 32 Another city may precede it's name in NI - depending on your politics! (5)
- 34 Badly chilled if it snows in Staffs (9)
- 36 Where you might see a Merry man tonight! (10)
- 39 Could money be earned somehow here? (8)



- 41 Archie Andrews ventriloquist has nothing in here (12)
- 42 Left scattered rug behind (9)
- 43 Ron wept roaming around here (7)
- 44 Gangster left several inns ruined in Scotland (9)
- 45 House of embattled Rose (4)
- 6 Girl lied outrageously - and very loudly! (9)
- 10 Possibly there's chic fashion to be found here (10)
- 11 Graham is roaming around in Northern Ireland (6)
- 13 Another 45 across (9)
- 15 Ridiculous opalescent tunny we find in the North East (9,4,4)
- 16 Faulty info led tycoon out east (4,2,6)
- 17 Witty fellow had little difficulty finishing off (7)
- 19 Seemingly out in front (5)
- 24 Support daughter crossing (8)
- 25 In Northern Ireland, so not OK to be part of New York (5)
- 27 Girl's exercise disrupted here (5)
- 29 Busy liars wander round here (9)
- 30 Is quick to get fifty in (7)
- 33 Smallest city, where giant's Nemesis may be found in the streets (2,6)
- 35 Violent Republicans lose pace here (7)
- 37 Site of hot spring collection? (4)
- 38 No rip-off here - quite the opposite! (5)
- 40 The German met poetic Lord Ron left (5)

Down

- 1 Grow larger round here (5)
- 2 US Continental car, fit for a President (7)
- 3 Rot around ancient city (5)
- 4 Magical woman loses little time after Ron comes back (7)
- 5 Continued, or so we hear (7)