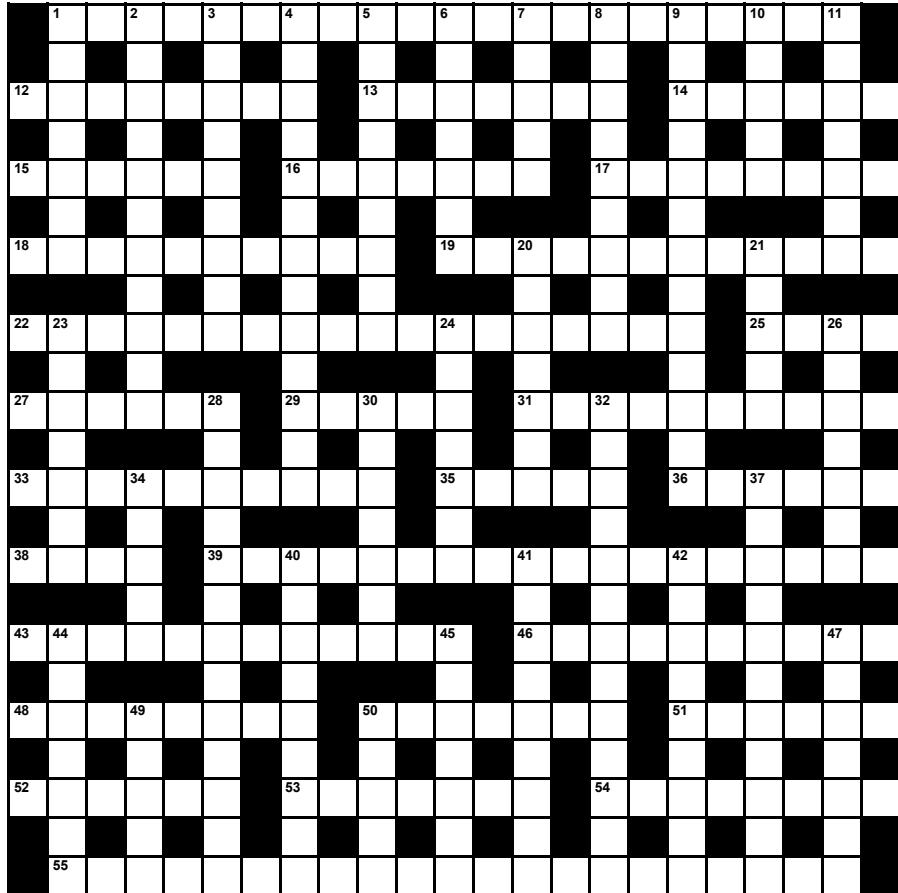


NTSPP - 200 by Hydra

Hydra is the many headed beast that is Alchemi, Bufo, Chaz, Commoner, Donk, eXternal, Gazza, Gervase, Hieroglyph, Prolixic, Qix, Radler, Retarius, Tilsit, Toro, Wiglaf and Windsurfer.

Across

- 1 Both think about 1% of this (3,3-9,6)
- 12 Recalled first rate bird, assumed sex goddess (8)
- 13 Vacuous right seek reformed left winger (7)
- 14 Make insecure peacekeepers run away (6)
- 15 Criticise housing student and retired artist in flat (6)
- 16 Water grass in London park (7)
- 17 Needle workers making bucks (8)
- 18 Material Girl disparagingly referred to priesthood (10)
- 19 Working class routine makes public discontent (6,6)
- 22 Show sangfroid and overlook a small fight – winning through cheek? (4,1,5,5,3)
- 25 Bay to copulate with a stallion – endlessly (4)
- 27 My predecessor ultim



- ately known for jolly appearance (6)
- 29 Such a mix-up with Ecstasy could make you unsafe (5)
- 31 Where's a good place to shop? It's here in Whitby and Linlithgow (4,6)
- 33 Was evasive about sport star's initial investments (5,5)
- 35 Dutch cap, perhaps, for babe retiring content (5)
- 36 You dubious lovers (6)
- 38 Knockout lad mag's returned (4)
- 39 Dependable soldier when having to observe action (7,2,9)
- 43 Seeing gender organised through creative use of this? (8,4)
- 46 Maybe driving habits turned safer today (4,6)
- 48 Constantine's mother's powerless trained elephants (2,6)
- 50 Old bishop consuming tea with daughter in fruit garden (7)

- 51 Wood and seaweed on the beach (6)
- 52 Habit of cross editor in outback (6)
- 53 We have new tap originally for a water point (7)
- 54 Servant's happening to move master right in the centre of boat (8)
- 55 Ask dumb chav everything about what we all want to say (6,4,4,3,4)
- 8 Ambition of flag to capture glory at sea (4,5)
- 9 Ace sleuth puts us off arresting last of the criminals in a remake of "The _____"
- 10 Overwhelmed by endless love, bachelor's a wild animal (5)
- 11 Old stones coming out of climbing footwear worn by drunk (7)
- 37 Regulatory framework requires safe low heat perhaps (3,2,3,3)
- 40 Leading Russian pieces of Grieg or Bach evaluated (9)
- 41 Scornful of Three Kings leaving island with barrel on credit (9)
- 42 Falling for jacket worn by scoundrel (9)
- 44 Unstable nutters put into care (7)

Down

- 1 Preview of talkshow reveals angry Italians like extremely rude leaders (7)
- 2 Some deadbeat in Gap pleasuring Granny Smith? (6,5)
- 3 Erica West concocted sorbets (5,4)
- 4 Former PM taken by bird song with no end of complicated devices (5-8)
- 5 Does he prepare a salad without dressing? (5,4)
- 6 Wretches seeing plastic scar too, nearly (7)
- 7 Song for one free in retirement (5)
- 20 Guy goes from one city to another (7)
- 21 Lethal substance found in tars, formerly a big concern (5)
- 23 First Lady joins the others for summit (7)
- 24 Traditionally a lead worker in soft wood (7)
- 26 Extremely short pool master (7)
- 28 Companion mistakenly broke free once (9,4)
- 30 Reprieve for a bishop taking crack (7)
- 32 Traditional building material - but lad wanted a change (6,3,4)
- 34 Fifty per cent of privates on island make spirits (5)
- 45 Call out late with demand (7)
- 47 Machine's endless orbit in air (7)
- 49 A&E admit soldiers returning for detox treatment (5)
- 50 Senior soldiers capture port from French (5)