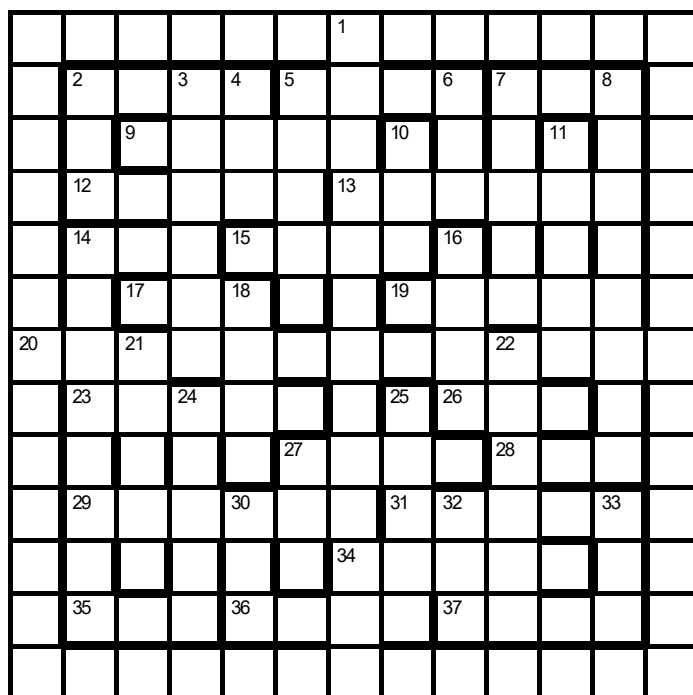


Barred thematic but easier than IQ or EV. No. 2



Oops ... by Wickball

... one clue* has slipped to the bottom but has been replaced by some thematic assistance. 27 answers are too long and must be modified for entry, leaving non-words in most cases: their wordplay is for the entry. The perimeter must be deduced

Across

- 2 Somewhat frothy exotic teas (6)
- 5 The old disputes again, all starting now (5)
- 7 Timber sledge lost in iced ravine (4)
- 9 No dam produces current like this does! (6)
- 12 Band sounding faithful with relief (5)
- 13 Felspar, not starting to erode is finally turning - it's a killer! (8)
- 14 Ink container (4)
- 15 Peter avoiding hazard (4)
- 17 Moulding fragment of ionic majesty (4)
- 19 Gardner's tool briefly thrust (5)
- 20 Remix of our chosen song is going nowhere (14)
- 23 Es perhaps upgraded to what a smoker takes (5)
- 26 Radical left is to the right of absolute master (4)
- 27 Dart picked up in Bow pub is put in order (5)
- 28 Point of sale for some bloomers (4)
- 29 British tenor he was, almost parenthetical (8,3 words)
- 31 Old character, big character (5)
- 34 One taken in by decorator is less friendly (5)
- 35 Loose leash, unconstrained (4)
- 36 Hindrance of the French (5)
- 37 Stokes got back cheap cigar (5)

Down

- 1 Lose control from a nasty flash of goitre (13, 4 words)
- 2 A bit of the other in little island (4)
- 3 One could be like a cake tin on my head, ending in tears (8)
- 4 Hogarth occasionally turns up the right way (3)
- 5 Drum beat enthralling member (6)
- 6 Sweet potatoes to some American state (4)
- 7 Utilise old record in dead-letter office (6)
- 8 Laymen drunk rum at sea (8)
- 10 Potentate uncovered a log maybe (4)
- 11 Nothing under support, very well done (5)
- 14 Either way it's easy as this but not wise to mention (8)
- 16 Stop keeping house in Perth for instance(4)
- 18 Young men once were gross after a new beginning (5)
- 21 Harangue Muse, switching sides (5)
- 22 Speed trap is catching young teaser (7)
- 24 Turns over hot vessels (6)
- 25 Great artist climbing palm tree (5)
- 27 Twisted war manoeuvre (4)
- 30 Studied river on reflection (4)
- 32 It's this! (3)
- 33 Opposition of first of spacemen to zero force of gravity (6)

* Plausible bum bred lice