York Attendees by Henri

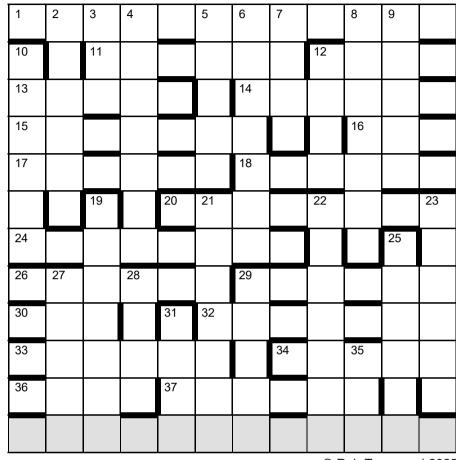
Welcome to York! Eight Down answers of a kind must be modified before entry. An Across answer, similar but different to the eight, describes the state of the modified entries. Ten further clues contain an extra word; eight of these indicate a thematic word and the other two are useful for solving. The unclued entry is a ninth example of the theme. One grid entry that is outwardly ambiguous can be resolved by deduction. In the completed grid highlight an appropriate set of four contiguous cells.

Across

- 1 Kindly old sea dog with boots off (12,5 words)
- **11** South African settler taking wife by a country path (6)
- **12** Top player finishes off tennis circuit life despite demand (4)
- **13** Announcer relatively brittle, not without issue (5)
- **14** Part of HBO network, channel producing hits (6)
- **15** Clean beer, and German replacing gallons (7)
- **16** Dated Penny when on vacation around Italy (3)
- **17** Not all language is totally discriminatory (6)
- **18** Passage handled at the outset and now mostly satisfied (6)
- **20** Tiercels flying to make sets of reference lines (8)
- 24 Slaughterhouse's Sabbath meat briefly consecrated (8)
- **26** Limit of Scot's inheritance the old dog comes first (6)
- 29 Politicians ready in Japan at end of opening debate (6)
- **30** Endless benefits for RAF employee (3)
- **32** About the French Revolution, primarily it goes round (7)
- **33** Wrong about Curie returning material (6)
- **34** I have never disembowelled myself (5)
- **36** Tasteless, heartless attractive once (4)
- 37 Men at Muslim festival, one working away making alloy (6)

Down

- 2 Incense smoke can clear obstacle via wafting here, ultimately (6)
- 3 South Indonesia honorific (3)
- **4** Eccentric, winsome social philosophy (7)



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- Maybe Jasper Carrott finally getting into second joke (5)
- 6 Oddly good-natured chucking dung way out, it's smelly (7)
- 7 Judo master welcomes English clergyman (4)
- **8** Get money for protecting Glaswegian couple's plant (7)
- 9 Winger favourite with crowds(5)
- **10** Rook, one having disease covering sides of tail (6)
- **12** Head is old-fashioned, not outwardly spontaneous (4)
- **19** Beach with cabin seen regularly on Dee (7)
- 21 Complex woman chosen over god (7)
- 22 I admit cocaine scandal after party (7)

- **23** Mostly enthusiasm surrounding novel *Carrie*, perhaps (6)
- 25 Article about local sport again (6)
- 27 Emotion expressed when a career finally leads to Royal Albert Hall (5)
- 28 Could originally beat down fighter before he was 'the greatest' (4)
- **29** Women gatecrashing function in Essex? (5)
- 31 Second rule about love fell (4)
- **35** Author's knowledge about regional catmint (3)