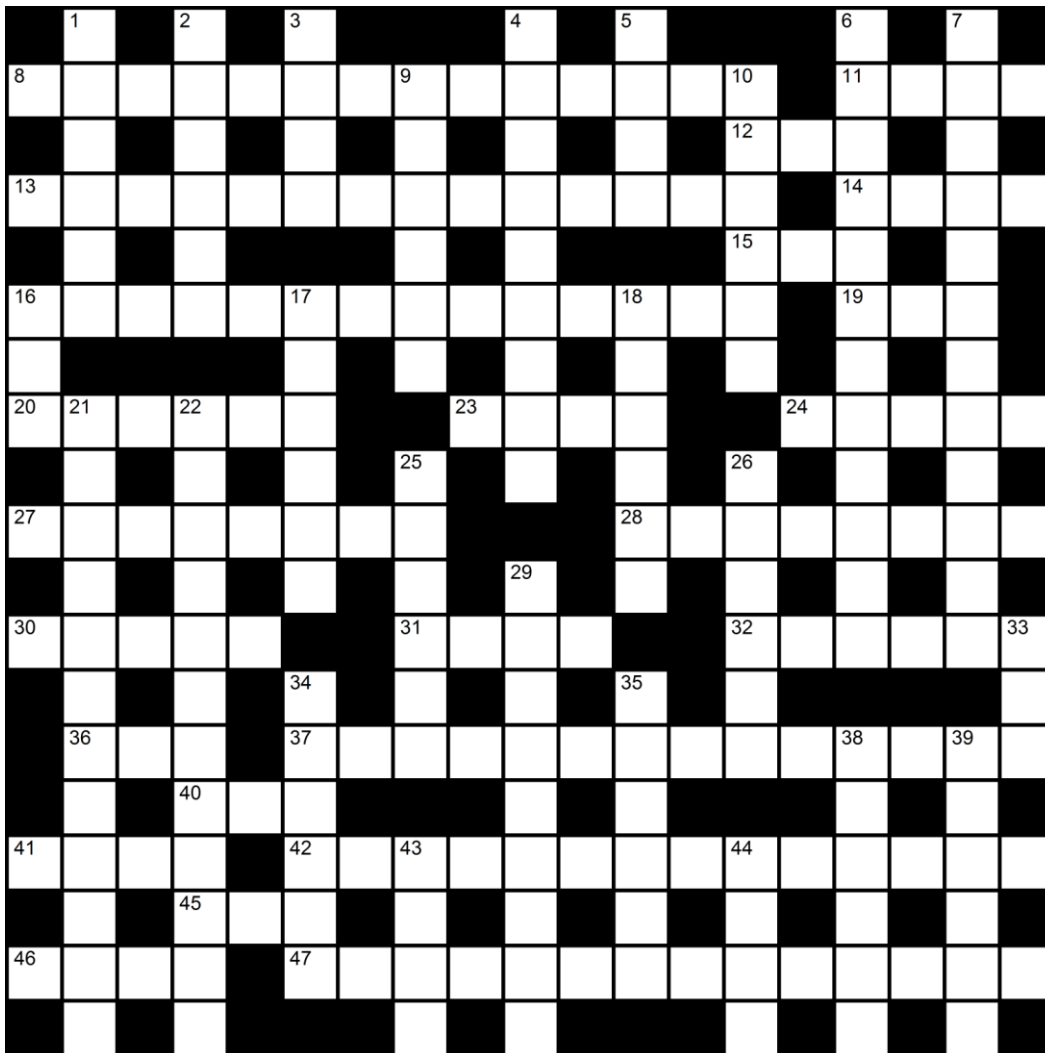


The VERVE Cryptic Crossword set by Māyā



Across

- 8/16/13/40 "In fair weather a trek west, tracing creator (one on two wheels) - no problem!" by Fred Dagg (2,5,5,2,6,3,3,2,1,7,3,2,1,3)
 11 Cockney migrant worker bearing instrument (4)
 12/45 Artist periodically fleeing laymen (3,3)
 13 See 8
 14 Mischievous girl not home to the willing (4)
 15 States Miss Carter switched polarity (3)
 16 See 8
 19 Sister of nobody, I hear (3)
 20 Plane on which spirits may be available (6)
 23 Man, for example, is over the Spanish (4)
 24 Worship circular rock (5)
 27 Gave consent for avarice in 23 (initially ignoring 12/45) (6,2)

Down

- 1 Superior gambler (6)
 2 Express sci-fi weapon moving right (6)
 3 Scientist not on amphibian (4)
 4 Gallico's bird's awful, so Owen's go (4,5)
 5 Wine in place of a hot drink, say? (4)
 6 "Much Ado about Nothing", the musical (4,3,5)
 7 Mutuality on the village green? (6,6)
 9 Bird's knowledge marginal concerning Rugby Union (6)
 10 Show off Florida to 44 (6)
 16 Birds to be duck via shell (3)
 17 Looted ruins of a Spanish city (6)
 18 Free divorcee to entice with no introduction (6)

<p>28 Queen apt to bust a 14 (8)</p> <p>30 Notes uranium infecting sore about face (5)</p> <p>31 White albatross protects another bird (4)</p> <p>32 Schedule sex, say, after one (6)</p> <p>36 Welshman's detailed platform (3)</p> <p>37 Science of organising 41s, titles, etc (14)</p> <p>40 See 8</p> <p>41 Whale Oil reviewer Cameron's antagonistic leading articles (4)</p> <p>42 Formerly Sir William Hardy, champion of the multi-coloured arch (7,7)</p> <p>45 See 12</p> <p>46 Animal from a singular town near Palmerston North (4)</p> <p>47 Donald's group cruelly burnt Methodist (3,6,5)</p>	<p>21 Famous smoker discovered unconscious (7,5)</p> <p>22 Persuasive talk to helper, not expecting a response (12)</p> <p>25 Chicken out of glass container (6)</p> <p>26 Narrow type of jacket in Mr Carter's size (6)</p> <p>29 Search anxiously for a way to clue "Cats" (4,5)</p> <p>33 Fool a steamship (3)</p> <p>34 Animal with two right feet on the outside (6)</p> <p>35 Bird, maybe Venus Wilde (6)</p> <p>38 Mate raised offer to describe a 39 liquid (6)</p> <p>39 Brash in Cyprus? That's obscure (6)</p> <p>43 Thing, a specific thing, pushed me back (4)</p> <p>44 Mock topless relative (4)</p>
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