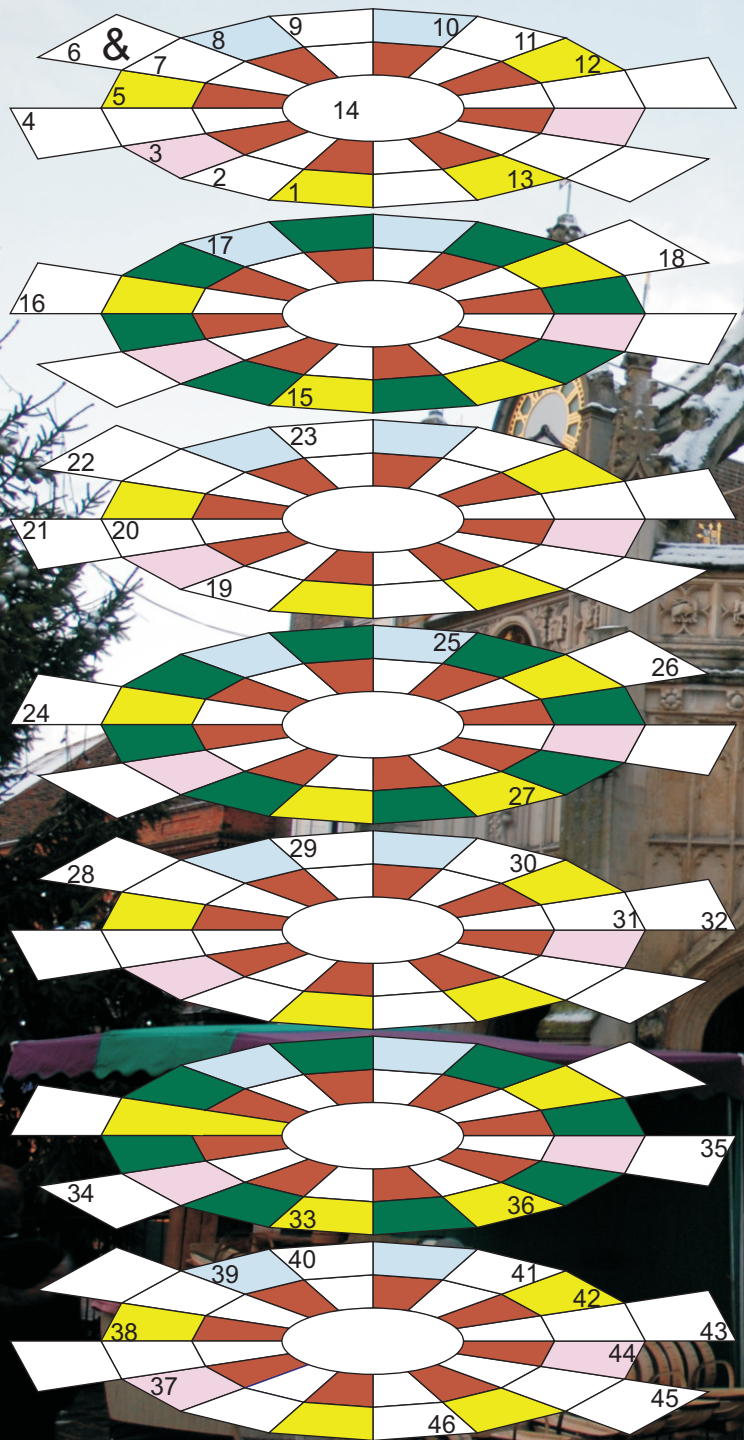


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43 13d
Takes an oath upon
(bible perhaps)
pointlessly and
passes away slowly
(5,2)

44 2antiC-6
Success after
success in this
kind of situation
(3,3)

This 'Seven Dials' puzzle
celebrates the 100th anniversary
of a UK arrival.

The theme is reflected in several full
solutions, parts of solutions, combinations
of solutions and homophones, both full
and in part. How many can you find?

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
37 33Di As J is in Japan? (5)	38 25Di Carries digits across trillions (5)	39 29Di A kind of fix that's substantiated by Catholics (5)	40 7Di Pish posh! That's US slang for what's behind the bustle (6)	41 23Di Ask for card in <i>Cheat</i> (5)	42 10d "You louse!" Setter agreed to coming together (7)	1 21Di Reduce length of single crossing (7)
2 5d:38up Best left to be sick (3) Place for budding eleven to enter a twelfth (4)	3 16Di Idiot! Freshen up your loaf! (7)	4 39up After a mo, O'Connor turned and collected a crowd (7)	5 28Di Inuit shaman sounds like a cross-strutting fellow (7)	6 11Di Provide for old to live and eat through grain with sharp teeth (5)	7 20C-5 Curse second-rate tool ("Cobbler's!") (5)	8 20C Tearing jelly apart so it makes everything go with a bang (8,8)
9 43Di Is sexually offensive satellite TV something to look up to? (4,3)	10 18Di Hairy spiral, one hears, red stirred in Pepsi say (7)	11 31C Bad-tempered work by stigmatised buzz group? (5-11)	12 3d-4:37up-3 Loved expensive sounding animal (4):symbolic copper left in blind alley (3)	13 3C-4,6,C8-6,3C-4 Dastardly curse sparked by three late French returns (4,&,6,4)	14 4Di A smart person becomes part of the furniture in Wales (7)	15 46Di,40C-2 Attracted a crowd perhaps as did Duchamp with a moustache (4,2)
16 17Di Cry of Bacchic frenzy – "Oh!" First Lady circulates performing somersault (5)	17 45Di Attempt to criticise (4,1,2)	18 41C-4 Chap will shortly give cry of anger (4)	19 41C Non-Chambers Wikipedia DNA ("Llehd Nall") eh? (4,3,4,5)	20 41Di This predator has penchant to laugh about itself (5)	21 1d Setter returns without us ringing round pupils (4): initially pass the buck and exercise bishop (3)	22 44up Parasitic crustacean becomes leaner at North Pole (7)
23 12d-4:42up-3 Designer label gravity-fed toilet (4): say nothing inside little England (3)	24 19Di Scottish town with no name showing a certain quality within (5)	25 30Di Marsh has a small New Zealand tree (5)	26 36Di Bits of old rope picked up by all ye faithful(5)	27 9Di Wells' first golden boy (5)	28 35Di Non-Chambers One Look Dictionary (Wikipedia) Tip fifteen changing to Everest in 1865 (4,2)	29 26Di Temporary housing for bottle flies is made from poorest material (7)
30 22Di Artist phones for rubbers (not cross-ply) (7)	31 27Di Tries out <i>Stations of the Cross</i> perhaps (5)	32 15Di Cardinal of the diamond necklace sees little boy about expression of disagreement (5)	33 34Di Playing with loose balls on the floor can be scrummy forward behaviour (7)	34 32Di Writes carelessly all over Senior Common Room with shoemakers tools (7)	35 14d Quiver about sex mushrooms (7)	36 24Di Hitting the roof? (7)