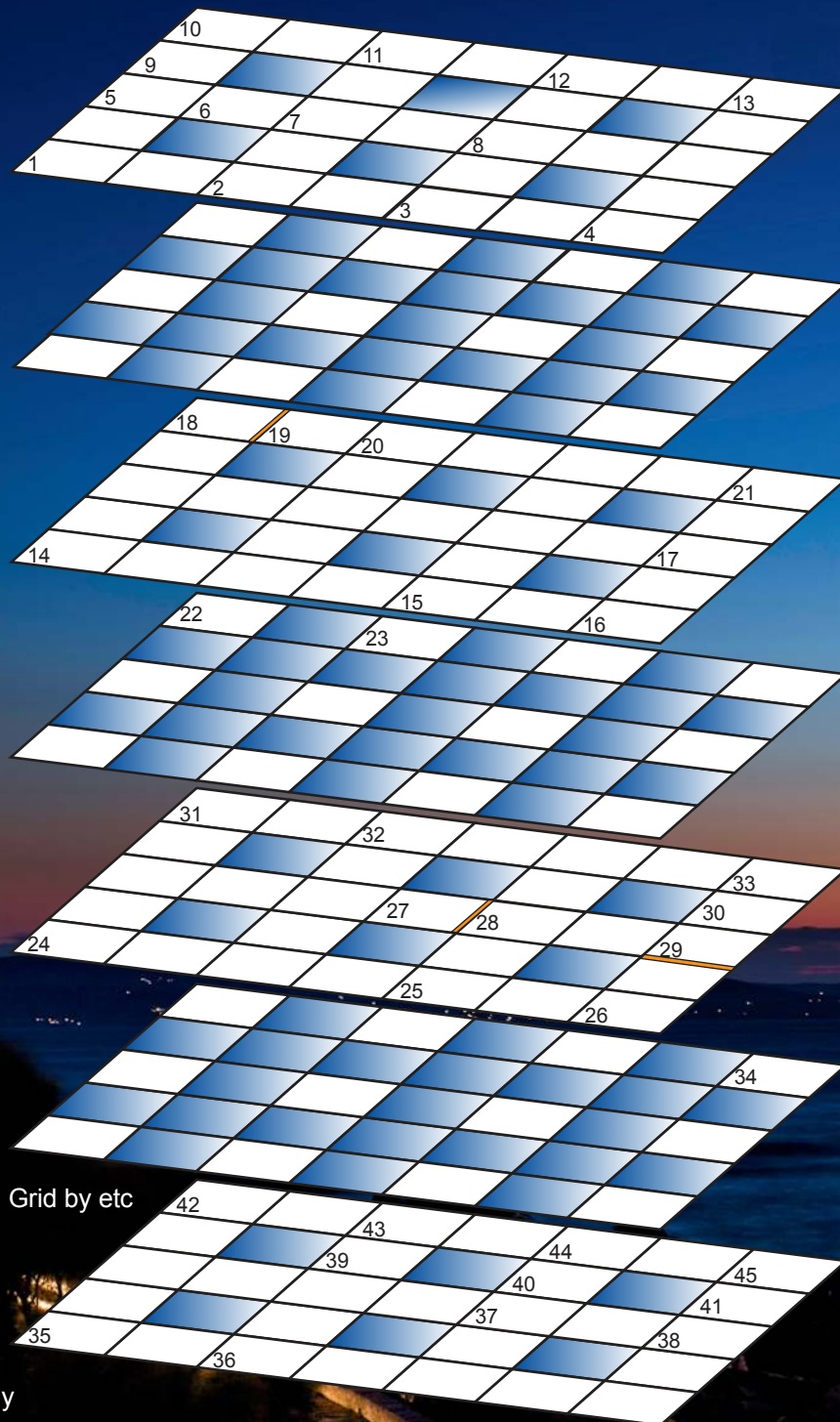


# December 2020 Enigmatist etc

Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of the 40, who is unclued but appears in the grid at 13ba,10d,42ac-6.

Clues are presented in alphabetical order of their solutions.



Grid by etc



| MON   | TUES   | WED   | THURS  | FRI   | SAT  | SUN  |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| 42 <sup>37aw,44ac,45to-2</sup><br>Arrangement of 9 in museum where 40 resided (6)   | 1 <sup>16aw</sup><br>In rolling barrel barman's showing more skill (5)           | 2 <sup>20to</sup><br>A nut-tree's first to bear my fruit! (5)                   | 3 <sup>41to</sup><br>Regularly cut in half, sabre removed to a distance (4)                | 4 <sup>5ac</sup><br>Top orchestra section not getting up fast (7)                     | 5 <sup>41aw,45up-5</sup><br>An unpleasant task's short fix (6)                               | 6 <sup>5d</sup><br>Moving quite slowly with pre-payment (7)                |
| 7 <sup>15aw</sup><br>Like clues published unedited, this is advantageous (5)        | 8 <sup>27ba</sup><br>Where 40 emerged, not entirely healthy-looking (4)          | 9 <sup>14ac</sup><br>What 40 wrote about Joseph's passing so long after May (7) | 10 <sup>34up</sup><br>40's 9th in 5/4 (6)  | 11 <sup>12d</sup><br>In which tensions ease and Macron's half-heartedly made up (7)   | 12 <sup>3aw</sup><br>Sharp sub's left standing between two press chiefs (5)                  | 13 <sup>31ac-6</sup><br>Say word to describe new piece of 40 ... (6)       |
| 14 <sup>35ac</sup><br>...more dubious about a piece of 40 (7)                       | 15 <sup>3d</sup><br>Hair-raising? That's 3D compilers' charm! (7)                | 16 <sup>35up-6</sup><br>40's 3rd love, to lie in heath (6)                      | 17 <sup>38up</sup><br>Piece of 40? Solver will get tipsy when looking down (7)             | 18 <sup>38ba</sup><br>Valtteri's beginning to worry – lapping arch-enemy's pitted (7) | 19 <sup>8d,37ba-2</sup><br>Bottom tense – Brexiteer's suppressed something cooking (3,5)     | 20 <sup>33to,29ba</sup><br>Did never own new hand-cart (wheels stolen) (5) |
| 21 <sup>1ac,4d</sup><br>Evil remark reinterpreted by overacting 36 piece of 40 (13) | 22 <sup>11to</sup><br>Writer criticises religion (5)                             | 23 <sup>40to</sup><br>Chap into Eurovision, preposterously! (4)                 | 24 <sup>4aw</sup><br>Smart Aleck's lost wife on a hill (5)                                 | 25 <sup>6ba,5aw,10d-2</sup><br>Great Caribbean bat swallows very immature form (5)    | 26 <sup>17ba</sup><br>Secured head of Lexicography for one dictionary (7)                    | 27 <sup>7d</sup><br>50 years, or a 17 originally (7)                       |
| 28 <sup>2d-4</sup><br>Skirt the first 60 – or 30? – seconds? (4)                    | 29 <sup>32ac</sup><br>In 22, on Thursday, is it Ramadan? (5)                     | 30 <sup>32to</sup><br>A shaft used by a rower moving away loot (5)              | 31 <sup>39aw,43up-4</sup><br>Standards set by Next at the outset – or Marks & Spencer? (5) | 32 <sup>25aw</sup><br>Decimal, time after time? (5)                                   | 33 <sup>24ac,26aw</sup><br>Endlessly winding road – and where it led in film work by 40? (8) | 34 <sup>24aw</sup><br>Big cat, one of 16 in pound (5)                      |
| 35 <sup>19ac,21up</sup><br>40's 6th, gone from the mouth (8)                        | 36 <sup>36aw</sup><br>Item useful for instrumental group Ian Ogilvy supplies (5) | 37 <sup>36up-5</sup><br>Series of perennial problems turning over flat (5)      | 38 <sup>9to,1d-2</sup><br>In India, team draws it, right? Now I see extra time (5)         | 39 <sup>23up</sup><br>Traditional dress reflection of girasol embellishes (4)         | 40 <sup>42to</sup><br>Iran, Turkey and others repeated idea (5)                              | 41 <sup>10d-3,18to</sup><br>An acid very reactive with metal (7)           |