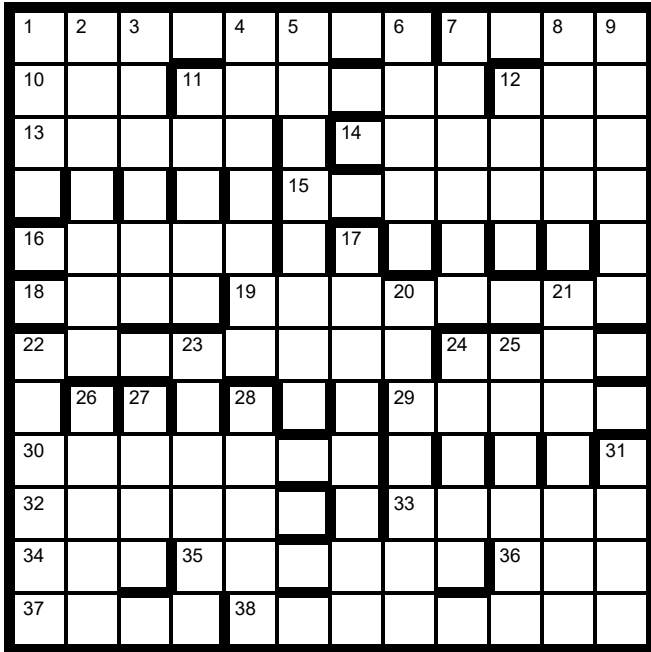


BIRTHDAY PARTY

Azed has invited fifteen specially eligible guests to his 200th birthday party. They are all notable names, real or fictional, alive or dead. One name refers to a group, the rest are individuals. All the guests are in disguise, the same kind in every case. In the clues to them the definition parts refer to their full names, and all subsidiary indications refer to their disguised appearance. It is left to solvers (who are also most welcome to the party) to spot the guests among the other clues, which are normal. Numbers in brackets refer throughout to lengths of words to be entered.



Across

- 1 Boastful buffoon holds back about disastrous amour (8)
- 7 Elegant senator I, one 'ighly regarded (4)
- 10 Pet? She was enchanting (3)
- 11 Ding-dong bell! Do in...Puss? Thrown over it (6)
- 12 Learned doctor (no shaver he) repudiated Chairman (3)
- 13 Grapes I love - what can you get from a bush? (5)
- 14 Strong broth *after* port? It's let down before opening (6)
- 15 Electric blanket's vital piece? I'm at home in mine (7)
- 16 Square channel I cut into turf (5)
- 18 Team topped championship, retiring (4)
- 19 Cane after insolence? Several smacks may erase it (8)
- 22 Seine? I'll click with my partner (8)
- 24 Here's a cart load. Lever could get movement off it (4)
- 29 Artist taking part in duel lost (5)
- 30 Porridge? What'll Jock say tucking into husks? (7)

Down

- 1 One of the family (Scottish) in books one's looking up (4)
- 2 The tops in ancient Rome and all Latin lands also (7)
- 3 It gives a jet greater thrust, blasting the ear (6)
- 4 Genus: one prevented quantity rising... (7)
- 5 ...(though not by ----, oddly) about to fall, leaderless? (8)
- 6 Tale-tellet: one who whoops seeing fish bags one (5)
- 7 Women ----, cool! That was nasty form of moonlit welcome (6)
- 8 King, one having family beheaded - kings used to (5)
- 9 Prude, most upset, right? (6)
- 11 Composer, fashionable one, well versed, rising (5)
- 12 Olive in grip of ton becomes excessively thin (4)
- 17 A helicopterist I, i.e. pro sun being properly positioned (8)
- 20 Early appearance of Charley, say, fag-end puffed endlessly (7)
- 21 Pulverise? Stick about half licked into shape (7)

- 32** My boy was tiny, a miserable specimen, smitten (6)
- 33** Like a lassie for Rabbie to pinch, holding one (5)
- 34** Wormwood-flavoured concoction one found in a tree (3)
- 35** Stormy? Tea-cup replenisher overturned before long, replacing core of urbanity (6)
- 36** Beautiful parricide, not quite labelled 'the Good' (3)
- 37** Lean too far to the left (after strike) (4)
- 38** Having retired, told to go in, kept away (8)
- 22** I've pronged horns, giving vehicle a scratch (6)
- 23** Carve up the wild man of Asia? I probably tried to (6)
- 24** Policeman certainly has to accept work, getting up (5)
- 25** Kite makes passage in the upper air and you've lost her (6)
- 26** Nick assorted trash (5)
- 27** Cycle? Collapse on one climbing a hill (4)
- 28** What's tea passed round in? (5)
- 31** Morbid ---- came, destroying Widdicombe mare? Och aye (4)