

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| Highlighted clues have thematic solutions. Such clues do not have definitions. |  |  | River runs dry here? | $2 \text { 31up-5 }$ <br> Executive beset by strain (5) | 40ac <br> A painter has left for London? (7) | A knight out of uniform (5) |
| 5 <br> 1aw,1ac <br> Sword containers on a horse's flanks $(5,7)$ | 6 <br> 8to-2,6ac <br> Ruby and John - doctor - in the sack (5-3) | 1d <br> Circumference of sack when lifted (7) | 5to,3d,34ac-2 <br> Love is also naughty swapping of tongues? (9) | 17to,14ac-2 <br> Amusing day job (5) | 10 <br> 30d,41to,33ac-2 <br> Shelled pearl to spoil shell-like covering (7) | 39up-5 <br> What about 'facility'? |
| $12 \text { зэup }$ <br> What plug may be near the door frames? (7) | 13 <br> $29 \mathrm{~d}, 40 \mathrm{ac}-3,20 \mathrm{~d}$ <br> Nowhere near a space station (7) | $14$ <br> 2d <br> Pollarded wood carried by girlfriend (7) | $15$ <br> 2aw <br> One appearing in long pants (5) | 16ba <br> Not feeling pain? <br> Pressure's off (7) | $17$ <br> 26ac <br> Monarch enthralled by what Americans find funny (7) | 3aw <br> Independent school mustn't close (5) |
| $19$ <br> 38 up <br> I won't listen to recording when CD's dropped off (7) | $20$ <br> 19to <br> Master will finally get paid (5) | $6 d$ <br> Distinguished gathering mostly back on stage (7) | 221 tam 4 <br> Last instalments for hospital radio presenter. retired (4) | $19 \mathrm{~d}-4$ <br> I will escape from the river (4) | 24ac <br> One helping riders and soldiers to board ship (7) | $25_{37 \mathrm{u}}$ <br> Emphatic strike-back by censor (7) |
| 26 <br> 20ac-5 <br> Setter's additional brief to produce square things? (5) | $27 \text { 270 }$ <br> At home in a French house (5) | $28$ <br> 20aw <br> Compost material left in piles (5) | 29 <br> 35aw.43up-2 <br> Princess, popular, will make a comeback (6) | 30 <br> 10d-3 <br> Love letter unfinished, sent back (3) | 31 <br> 7aw <br> What Napoleon would call 'sans fin' (3) | Old and mad? Not quite a catch for Sebastian (6) |
| $33 \text { 25ac-3 }$ <br> The hunter's not playing (3) | (3) 4 12ba <br> Loves to cross river country (7) | $9 \mathrm{~d}-5,26 \mathrm{ac}-3$ <br> Very big, as far as she can tell (7) |  | $\text { (3) } 728 \mathrm{~d}-3$ <br> Was chicken kept in quarantine? (3) | Tackle northern parts (4) | $3915 \mathrm{aw}$ <br> Horse that's hard to break in (5) |
| 11ac,12to <br> 'Management' employee operating system for staff arrangements (6) | $4432 \mathrm{a}$ <br> Bully turned down by one in lover's embrace (7) | $42 \text { з6ас }$ <br> Wife is captured by the above-mentioned (7) | $4.3$ <br> 4d <br> It's a game, one played by player? (7) | $4422 \mathrm{ac}, 23 \mathrm{aw}, 28 \mathrm{ba}-2$ <br> Headgear, serious or silly (8) | 18to <br> Formidable opponent good in a row (5) | $46 \quad 18 \mathrm{ac}$ <br> Police like to be in fashion (7) <br> OCT 2015 |

