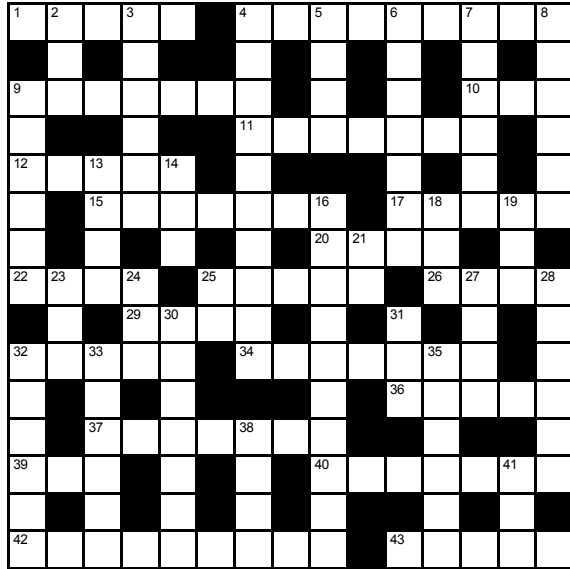


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Five across clues have no definition. They intersect their 25 acrosses, which have no clue at all.



Across

- 1 Pilgrim laughs at imaginary symbols of two engineers and a mathematician (5)
- 4 Sound of horse with fine tail in Burlington House (9)
- 9 Stick around, everyone, for part of the fourth period (7)
- 10 Is not missing a data type (3)
- 11 Army marching up, back and around before end of manoeuvres (7)
- 12 Harry Moore (5)
- 15 Nimble huntress lost a home to braves (7)
- 17 Skeptical of queen in line (5)
- 20 Big Bird and Snuffleupagus second complaint (4)
- 22 Calliope's regular speed (4)
- 25 Does one affect the heart like the Benson and Hedges? (5)
- 26 Made loose woman like a knight (4)
- 29 Knowledgeable about lack of plutonium (2,2)
- 32 Sail the last stormy passage (5)
- 34 To make a bullfighter turn, use this and cancel the applause (3,4)
- 36 Off-label (5)
- 37 Inexperienced German flight returns from Iraq conflict (4,3)
- 39 Fe²⁺?! (3)
- 40 Turning "people who design transformers are popular" into commercial for absinthe? (7)
- 42 Setter is in-country after Fourth (9)
- 43 Ideal drink contains drug (5)

Down

- 2 A thousand and one names your parents didn't give you (3)
- 3 No Clue
- 4 Fellow-travelers in a party primary go up into disheartened lower house (10)
- 5 What Adam called his wife when she was right, which was always (4)
- 6 Botswanan coin has inside edge like a cow's lip (7)
- 7 No Clue
- 8 No Clue
- 9 Cigar left to rot is notoriously smelly (6)
- 13 Mazda fans keep engine core in Mum's basement (4)
- 14 Scuttled Cockney veteran (3)
- 16 Best friend knows part backwards, gets middling reviews or better (10)
- 18 Finish in sudden death (3)
- 19 Blackberries come from hedge in Plaistow (3)
- 21 Alternative overcoat (2)
- 23 Neckgear in the Sandwich Islands first introduced under the French (3)
- 24 Most influence in Kandahar? It's money (3)
- 25 When Rupert leaves, spill oil over there (2)
- 27 Taking off and spinning, chopper pilot loses extremities (4)
- 28 No Clue
- 30 No Clue
- 31 Steal unfinished dress (3)
- 32 Swear upturned cup isn't wobbly (6)
- 33 Maybe fire a slingshot (6)
- 35 Lower-ranked Nazis in uplifting dance (6)
- 38 Ground that isn't South or East (4)
- 41 Pitcher's average time (3)