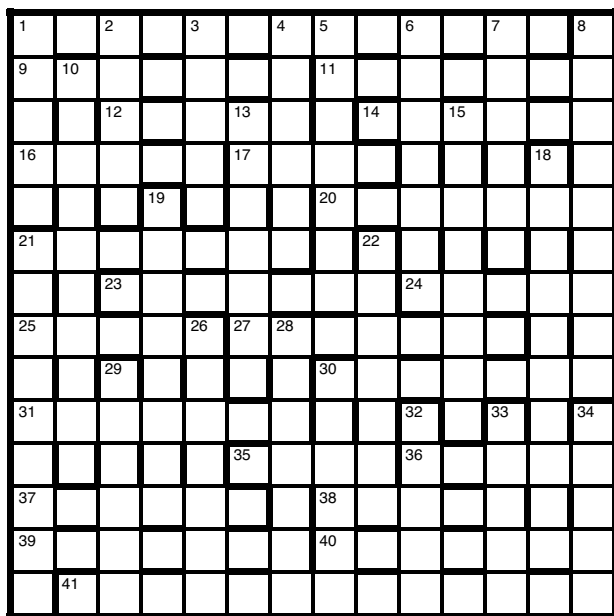


2561: PORTS

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Six unclued entries comprise systematically ordered non-words thematically linked by a normal entry, itself unclued.



Across

- 1 Awaiting consideration, poor hippie teen holding nothing back (2,3,8)
 11 Most of back pain almost leaves (7)
 12 Some over-50s right about Hindu music? (5)
 14 Small section of foreign letter penned by French novelist (6)
 16 Love very good conclusion (5)
 17 Debauchery current in corruption (4)
 21 Excellent – a little cheesy item (7)
 24 Wood block turning has advanced (5)
 25 Engine part wrapped round old tree (5)
 30 As nice as Rothschild's premier bubbly (7)
 35 Bloke that Parisian brought round (4)
 36 Backing old president, master US shape-shifter (5)
 37 One after the other, as quarrelers now are (2,1,3)
 38 Cheers on army's top men in vessel (5)
 39 Stunning tailless bird east of north African city (7)
 41 Poor *Spectator* slammed for being extremely late? (13)

Down

- 1 Dwelling in Liege off and on – where to go next? (5)
 2 They might be spare flags getting picked up (5)
 3 Composer large in Vogue's circulation (5)

- 4 Firmly maintain where publicity goes for abuser? (6)
 5 Heavenly place in image of the paranormal (7)
 6 Uncoil newly born baby animal (4,3)
 7 Of course hosting universal dance in Asia (6)
 8 Hypocritical chap, one wrongly holding a gentleman up (9)
 10 Almost issue moral story that's similar (10)
 13 Maybe a recital should be composed (7)
 15 Denier of yarns woven round half of 30 (3-5)
 18 Carrier's unnatural chat-up (7,3)
 19 One celebrating about new proprietor (8)
 22 Artist in 3 shunning a novelist from Italy (2,5)
 26 Extremely fine rock uplifting hairy sort (7)
 28 Picturesque fresh lily I'd caught (7)
 29 Somewhere above ground, might I be located thus? (3-3)
 30 Primate's as you say, captain (3-3)
 32 Girl involved in northern criminal racket (5)
 33 Head over for comic (5)
 34 Food served up for agents (5)

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