

2721: In short

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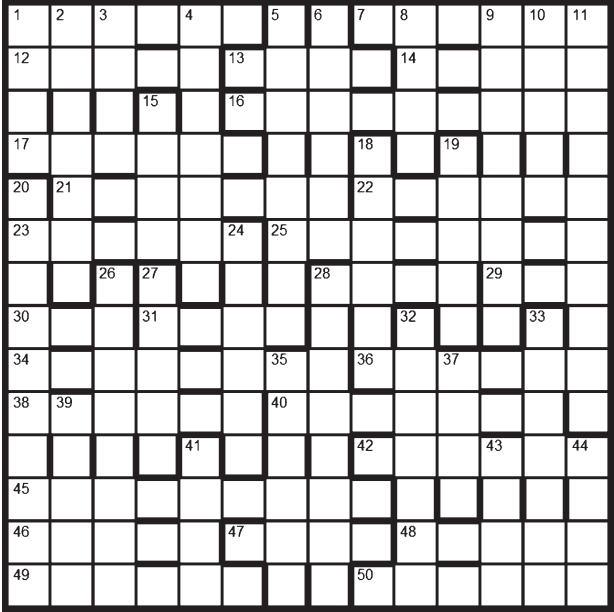
21 solutions in the grid are represented as follows: A B C d H I K L m N O p r s t U v W X y z. They have to be fitted into the grid jigsaw-fashion.

Across

- 12 German novelist from the Wiesbaden area (5)
- 14 Single within the boundaries of Headingley, dearie (5)
- 16 Moving into gear, I start (9)
- 17 Young ewe runs from two dozen (6)
- 21 Exercise wearing a piece of armour, but not fighting (2,5)
- 22 Groups of atoms in clue order (6)
- 25 Devotee making an impression, taking that female in (8)
- 30 Article of faith explained (3)
- 34 Rocky situation? (2,6)
- 36 Spuds – mashed treats (6)
- 38 I left captain, tossing in sleep? (6)
- 40 Pigeon I trained producing undistinguished successors (7)
- 45 Flower-beds are the pits (9)
- 46 Be this girl and another (5)
- 48 Busy with wine recipe (5)
- 49 Make certain to reprimand getting caught out (6)

Down

- 1 Old weight of stimulating tea leaves (4)
- 2 NHS meal served for Adam Faith’s family (7)
- 4 Chap’s holding old possessions for hauliers (7)



- 5 Walk near the Palace holding a turtle-dove? (8)
- 9 Alone, but sadly powerless (6,2)
- 11 Watch news – it’s awful: he saw it happen (10)
- 18 King in a French shack, not harmed (6)
- 19 Shilling – personnel’s earnings (5)
- 24 Fascinated flustered parent (6)
- 26 Upholders of the Christian word (8)
- 27 Black Country is featureless (5)
- 28 Crop up again and harvest fruit (8)
- 32 An eagle disguised old wine casks (7)
- 39 Range that’s popular once more (5)
- 43 Enthusiastic about religion, not keeping quiet (4)

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