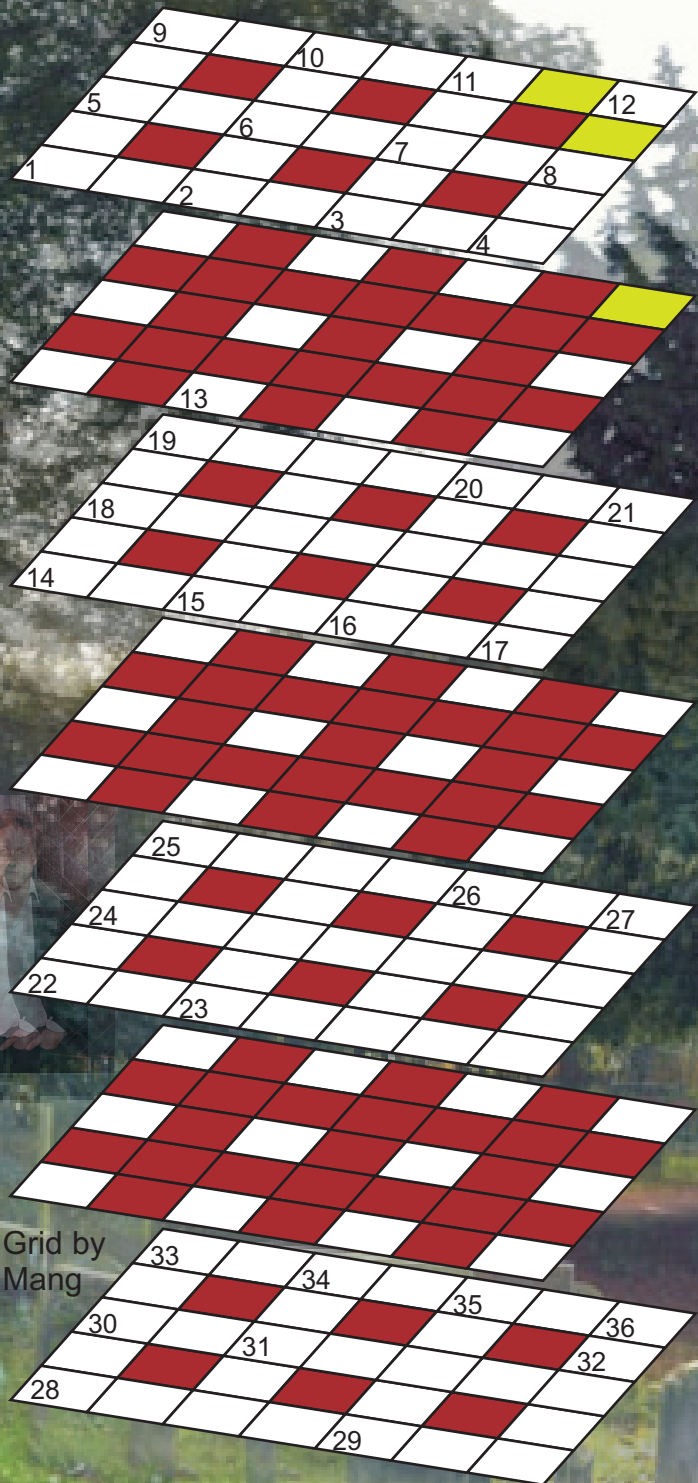


# March 2016 Nutmeg



The puzzle celebrates a proposal made 27 years ago this month, from which most of us have benefited. The three italicised clues, whose answers are hinted at, must each be entered with a pair of letters in the coloured cells. These letters could be said to represent a three-part thematic abbreviation whose parts are referred to elsewhere in clues as **first**, **second** and **third**. Clues are presented in alphabetical order of their solutions.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
	<b>1</b> <sub>6d</sub>  Type of animal I mean to set loose (7)	<b>2</b> <sub>13d</sub>  Ice en masse regularly seen here in Norway (6)	<b>3</b> <sub>28aw</sub>  Sweet old boy retires with honour (5)	<b>4</b> <sub>28ac</sub>  Third to be seen in elitist retro headgear (7)	<b>5</b> <sub>13up,2aw,10ac-3,11d-2</sub>  Second team's strong attack (9)	<b>6</b> <sub>32aw, 36up</sub>  <i>There's no end to it</i> (9)
<b>7</b> <sub>8d-6</sub>  Club guards switched church function (6)	<b>8</b> <sub>20d,35ba-3</sub>  Detective, the rest heading off, faffs about (7)	<b>9</b> <sub>31ac</sub>  First home for Mr Tod (5)	<b>10</b> <sub>14aw, 19ac-4</sub>  Second vote for retaining Tory in charge (8)	<b>11</b> <sub>5d, 30ac-2</sub>  Internal parasites making me slower in motion (8)	<b>12</b> <sub>5ac</sub>  Bouncy castle blowing up when current's fed in (7)	<b>13</b> <sub>14ac</sub>  Historic German prince getting cross? (7)
<b>14</b> <sub>15aw</sub>  Banning dodgy cars from insurance produced lack of interest (5)	<b>15</b> <sub>29aw</sub>  Do-it-yourself home for the high flier (5)	<b>16</b> <sub>23aw</sub>  First fling in Greece on vacation (5)	<b>17</b> <sub>3d,29ac-2</sub>  Third seabird caught in one trap (8)	<b>18</b> <sub>3aw-4</sub>  Letter from patriot authenticated (4)	<b>19</b> <sub>18ac</sub>  Pulse is about 50, after fast start (7)	<b>20</b> <sub>36to</sub>  That man's behind company backing sportsmen's lines (5)
<b>21</b> <sub>24ac</sub>  Dental doctor not right in operating (7)	<b>22</b> <sub>36ba</sub>  Where bishop has responsibility for conduct (7)	<b>23</b> <sub>9d</sub>  Brat leaves celebratory gathering to start back, as Edmund said (7)	<b>24</b> <sub>22ac</sub>  Gets a load of compliments (7)	<b>25</b> <sub>9ac</sub>  <i>What's left?</i> (8)	<b>26</b> <sub>17aw,21ba-3</sub>  Put a gloss on wrongdoing in the grass (7)	<b>27</b> <sub>22aw</sub>  Second jumper? Good gracious (5)
<b>28</b> <sub>1ac-6,28up,1aw-4</sub>  Proposer's terrible sins mere slips (3,3,7-3)	<b>29</b> <sub>34to</sub>  Third of geese a-flying (5)	<b>30</b> <sub>10d</sub>  Arachne's among those who finish third (7)	<b>31</b> <sub>7aw</sub>  Info returned, minus last bit (3)	<b>32</b> <sub>16aw</sub>  Often placed ahead of first, but getting bronze? (5)	<b>33</b> <sub>27to</sub>  Not much time for bloodsuckers (5)	<b>34</b> <sub>27ba</sub>  Somewhat shaky addition, might you say? (7)
<b>35</b> <sub>26to</sub>  Coach turning tense during debacle (5)	<b>36</b> <sub>7d</sub>  Here's trivia, primarily, and talk with no substance (7)	<b>37</b> <sub>4aw</sub>  <i>There's nothing to it</i> (6)	<b>38</b> <sub>4d</sub>  Half-a-dozen sly tricks - from saboteurs? (7)			Mar 2016