

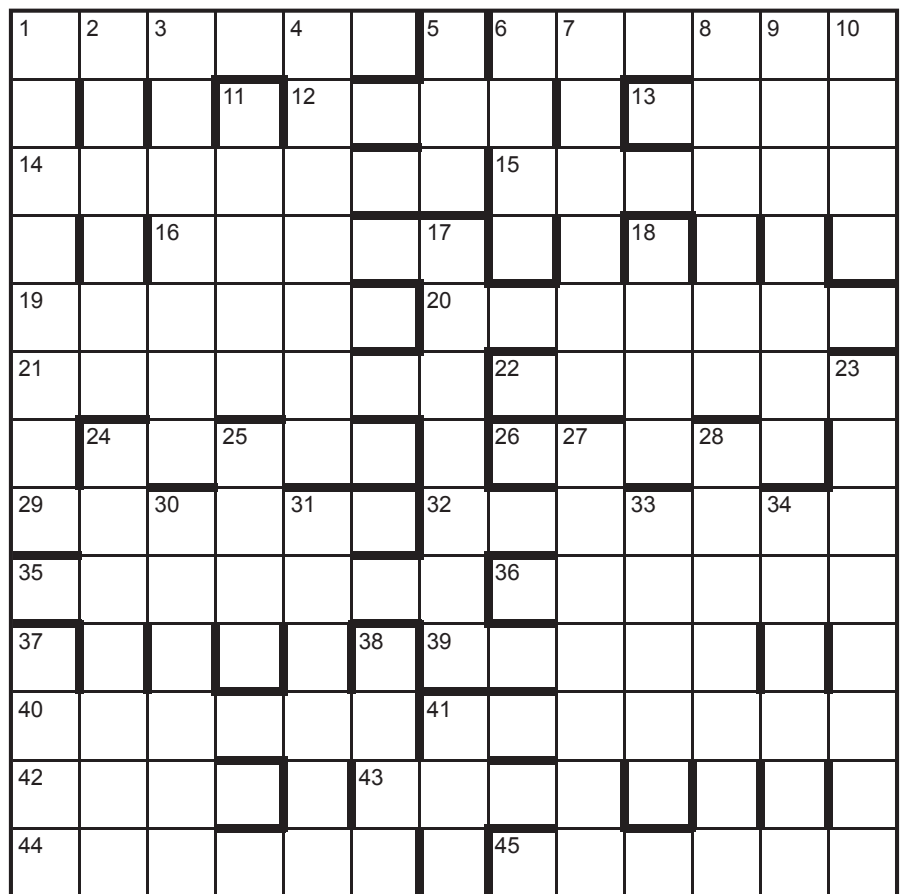
Leaders

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The wordplay in every down clue indicates the answer with an extra letter that is not entered in the grid. These spell out two national leaders involved in an event, along with their common objective. At the event's conclusion, an orator gave their interpretation of its outcome, in part addressing another national leader.

An extra word must be removed from *n* across clues to enable solving, while each of the other *m* across answers must be cycled to form the entry. In lowest terms, the ratio *m:n* gives a more impartial evaluation of the event's outcome. The extra words reveal which parts of the oration appear in the grid (having been impacted by what was purportedly taken) and their locations. Solvers must reverse the impact upon these parts (affecting 69 cells) and then highlight a rectangular arrangement of eight cells that form a cryptic representation of the oration's concluding palillogy.

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Across

- 1 Brought forth every old game in Pacific island (6)
- 6 Does Bury playing run-in lead to success? (6)
- 12 Ian's liking name that sounds like "Cuppa" (4)
- 13 Writing from Asia in part of book excluding an appendix (4)
- 14 They might surround one with drinks (7)
- 15 Interested in vacant wagon near croft's dwelling? (6)
- 16 Daughter of daughter possibly succumbing to island wind (5)
- 19 Titles are books clutched by disciple for holy man (6)
- 20 Before track, mind the gap between trains (7)
- 21 Camera's casing put back in space station for astronomer (7)
- 22 Settled peculiarly tense date (6)
- 24 Old wooden gun-shy one regularly wobbled leaving unseemly shot (5)
- 26 America's Islamic poet has lively word on Iran (5)
- 29 Ropes run out at sea (6)
- 32 Salmon in reserve redirected in hurry (7)
- 35 Bard's to bury that lady in church confines (7)
- 36 Balmoral's sticky window thoroughly cleaned out (6)
- 39 Young man embracing you and me is no longer drunk (5)
- 40 Old fool lost most of laundry (6)
- 41 Bother to offend retired over a poet's elegy for another (7)
- 42 A day's work in York per successful completer of course on return (4)
- 43 One row brought gold and silver in finals of team race (4)
- 44 Examines revolutionary chapters penned by mystic (6)
- 45 Eatery in outskirts of South Aviemore's valley (6)

Down

- 1 Swede perhaps clothing fool in ragged fabric (8)
- 2 Talk fondly about receiving endorsement that contains material of a sexual nature (6)
- 3 Difficult *Listener's* arcane at first, covering origin of early kind of scan (7)
- 4 Somehow soberise drunk (7)
- 5 Sign women with humble manner (3)
- 6 Common note, ordinary minim? (4)
- 7 Clearing house caught in siege provoked rocking under pressure (6)
- 8 Tended to support natural history's first prophet (6)
- 9 Countermand old note received by subordinate (7)
- 10 Sensitive places reject bad language (4)
- 11 Gutted Ben Elton's not on sporting awards (5)
- 17 In Hampshire we'll cut back really good deals from further north (7)
- 18 Greek beauty cocked up promotion ranking system (4)
- 23 Hats directed towards front of stage after festival overwhelmed by ABBA hit (8)
- 24 Key party endlessly to smear swimmer (7)
- 25 Israeli premier raising margin around quantitative easing (4)
- 27 That man gets redder with more weed? (7)
- 28 Melt it as a sun shield's coming out (7)
- 30 Thoroughly refine rule superseding section in check (6)
- 31 Frustrated Dominica's losing mark of positive destination? (6)
- 33 Shelters American grass (5)
- 34 Ramshackle dyke had enclosure for Indians, perhaps (6)
- 37 Odd pieces from half-cut male lovers (4)
- 38 Catholic celebrity arrived (4)
- 41 No local horse hospital (3)

