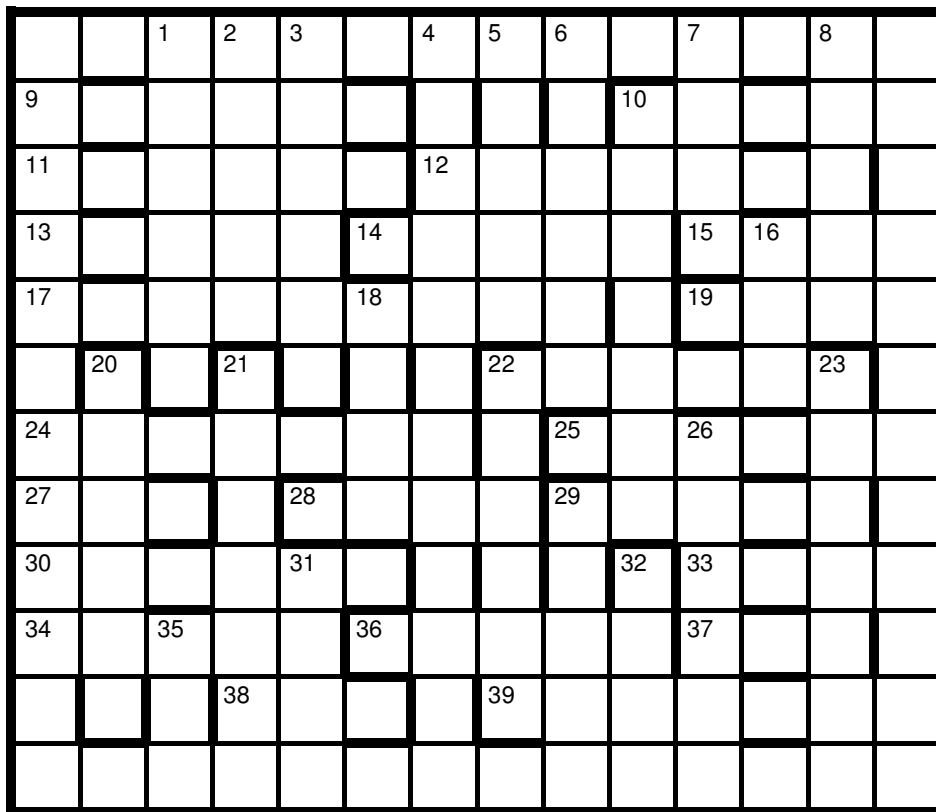


## Nemesis by Chalicea



A rather cocky little fellow who appears in the first row of the grid speaks the words that circle the remainder of the perimeter. He tempts a number of characters who appear as entries in the grid. Solvers must highlight his nemesis.

### Across

- 9** Will's equally conforming to law with Latin dropped at the start (6)
- 10** Drink beer regularly - excellent! (5)
- 11** Turned over germ cell, beginning of meal for bee-eater genus (6)
- 12** In Reunion, white ordinary soldier primarily treats military uniform (7)
- 13** Draught animal to weed round edges of rows (5)
- 14** Ingredient of varnish that is put back around spacecraft (5)
- 15** King accepted wine essentially: tribute in the past (4)
- 17** Conclusion of hostilities' constant peace following rage (9)
- 19** In Holyrood push Ethiopia's money (4)
- 22** Registers US resorts (not Cuba) (6)
- 24** Is my halo slipping ignoring start of your jokey way of describing addiction? (7)
- 25** Dilapidated almond shrub of wormwood genus (6, two words)
- 27** Subdue spirit of Perth's rather objectionable person (3)
- 28** Talk of queen, say, going round hospital (4)
- 29** Pale greenish part of shrubbery leaves (5)

- 30** Provide with equipment, also almost completely draw back (6, two words)
- 33** Nice friends to be objected to endlessly (4)
- 34** Some cynic advertised a rechargeable battery (5)
- 36** In Perth strips from time to time at library - ultimately shameless! (5)
- 37** Maybe sow potatoes in garden for starters (3)
- 38** Persistently follow mean scoundrel (3)
- 39** Wellington's soup of shellfish, cooked hare too (7)

#### **Down**

- 1** Brand of clingfilm used up wrapping Rand fruit (6)
- 2** Superficial appearance of German defeat (5)
- 3** Records elevated church tower losing time (6)
- 4** Binomial ABC I sorted out for book-lover (12)
- 5** Sovereign found in child's schoolbag? (5)
- 6** Critical study of former associate workers (6)
- 7** Briefly submerge amphibious vehicle (4)
- 8** Deities arise in tumult (5)
- 10** Curiously listen absorbing essentially merry snicker in Glamis (7)
- 16** Get discussion going about elevated river valley (3)
- 18** Angle to strengthen with an iron plate (4)
- 20** Shoe, we're told, fashionable sure-winner in Kentucky Derby (6))
- 21** Wife, might be one who swallowed a fly (7, two words)
- 22** Wrong pursuing former partner to obtain by coercion (6)
- 23** Salt coating in good, oddly edible Chinese tuber (7)
- 26** Covers spread around (6)
- 29** In Glasgow we polish up local job centre (5)
- 31** Japanese food you'd only sample (4)
- 32** Pale when hot and extremely dry (4)
- 35** Not completely acceptable to speak fondly (3)

To enter this competition, send your entry as an image or in list format giving the shaded nemesis, to [ccpuzzles@talktalk.net](mailto:ccpuzzles@talktalk.net) before 8th November 2022. The first correct entry drawn from the hat will receive a book from the Chambers range, which has been donated by Chambers.