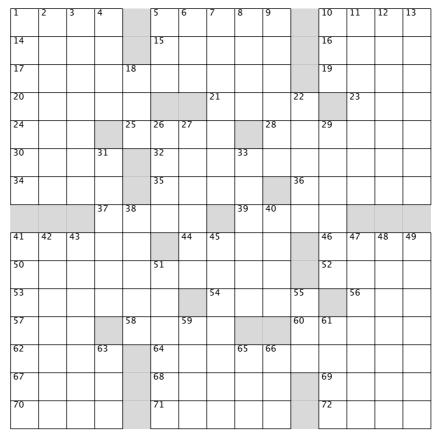
## And we're off! Alan Connor **ACROSS**

- 1. Welsh glens (with no As, Es, Is, Os, Us or Ys)
- 5. He lived to be 180
- 10. \_\_\_\_ in the machine
- 14. Picked nits
- 15. Bananas (but not fruity)
- 16. Rank
- 17. The art of writing?
- 19. Opposite of 'divided
- 20. Expel from the body
- 21. To be in Brest
- 23. Indiv.s who shun sherry etc
- 24. Email abbrev. for 'don't feel compelled to express gratitude'
- 25. Functional alt. to x-
- 28. They take it to the limit
- 30. Packs for preservation
- 32. Oriental pet?
- 34. To foretell in Fife
- 35. Return of the Jedi; Revenge of the \_\_\_
- 36. Anointed, in a way
- 37. London Business Sch.'s are the UK's best, says the FT
- 39. Ages in Atlanta
- 41. Exuberant enjoyment
- 44. e.g. 'I swear by...'
- 46. Sheep in their second year
- 50. 'No, not my husband's mother, my \_\_\_\_'?
- 52. Between marquess and viscount
- 53. It means what it means, and it explains the four 10letter answers
- -car salesman
- 56. Female of the ruff (switching hands with 57)
- 57. Other side to the luff (switching hands with
- 58. Bogus, as in marriage
- 60. 'Of course I \_\_\_\_ the shoes before I sold the shoes'
- 62. Colour of unbleached linen



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- 64. 'Ye've shrunk me claes! Ah'll dee mae frae now on!'?
- 67. Word between 'whiter' and 'white'
- 68. Star of Butterflies, Nanny etc
- John, 80s soul 69. singer (whose name, a unique version of 57, makes him a blessing to UK American-style crossword setters)
- 70. Belfast & Cardiff Ctl., E'burgh Waverley, Kings X, etc
- 71. Uluru, aka Rock
- 72. \_\_\_ on the side of caution

## **DOWN**

- 1. Customers, to lawyers
- 2. Part of a plane furthest from the cabin
- 3. Author, I Can Make You Thin, I Can Make You Sleep, I Can Make You Happy, I Can Make You Smarter, I Can Make You Rich, I Can Make You Confident etc

- 4. Queen Mary Univ.'s BEngs and Mengs start here
- 5. Lincoln's is one: Gray's is another
- 6. 'Can the Home Secretary assure us that there will be no increase in stop-andsearch or lawtype provisions against black and Asian British citizens?'
- 7. e.g. Christopher Hitchens
- 8. like knives
- 9. Nicosia's nation
- 10. So in Seville
- 11. Taken back by 53?
- DVD extra, perhaps
- 13. Made as total income
- 18. Amer. bureau for grog, cigs and gats
- 22. He recently delivered the inaugural BBC Ronnie Barker Lecture
- 26. Flat-topped hill with steep sides
- 27. \_\_\_\_ d'21
- 29. Sad in Strasbourg
- 31. Plastic explosive
- 33. They come between etas and iotas

- 38. He's in part-11 of 53
- 40. ' danced through the night' (I Saw Her Standing There)
- 41. Large, stemmed drinking cups
- 42. City where Miffy was created
- 43. His albums include + and x
- 45. Graduates of e.g. Somerville (until 1994) or Newnham
- 47. Before
- 48. What the other side's grass always is
- 49. 'If you turn the bat over, you'll get the instructions, mate', 'It's red, round and weighs about five ounces, in case you were wondering', etc
- 51. Odysseus's endpoint
- 55. 'No children, no dogs, no \_\_\_\_'
- \_\_\_\_-fairy 59.
- bon temps, que 61. ce siecle de fer!' (Voltaire)
- 63. Ones in Orleans
- 65. We in Wiesbaden
- 66. SpA (Italy); plc (UK); \_\_\_\_ (Germany)