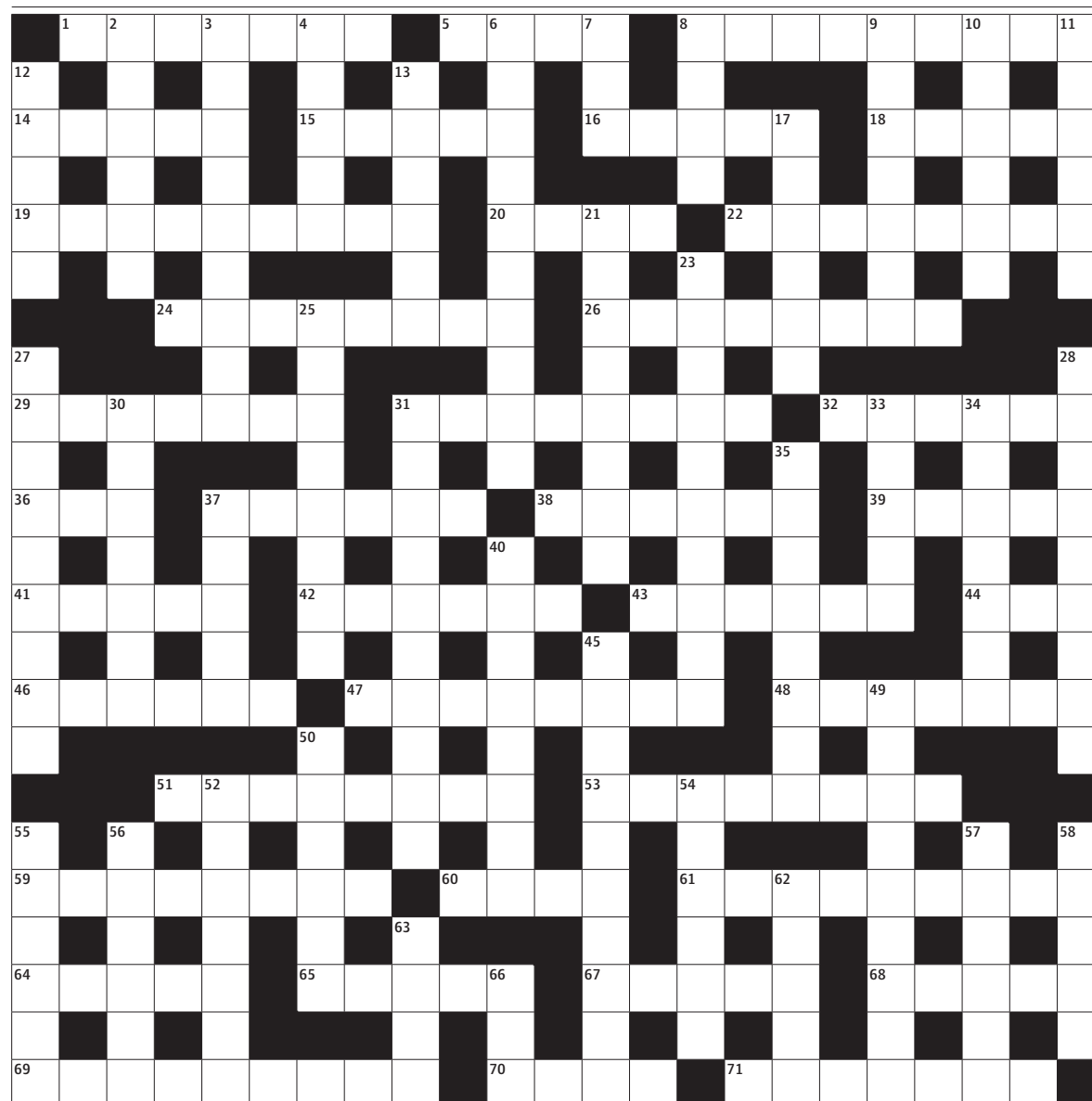


Guardian cryptic crossword bank holiday special

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Sixteen clues consist of anagrams of thematic material, always presented in the same order.

Across

- 5/57** Red Sea coho (4; 6)
8/33 Clear arguments (9; 5)
14 Composer's catalogue suggested (5)
15 Merman provided discreet help, to some extent (5)
19 Ted, Vera and co., bemused, piled it on (9)
20 Stand up in shower (4)
22/10/55 Begorra! Verger won logo! (8; 6,6)
24/10/12 Maid googled 'bee eater' (4,4; 6,5)
26 Heart of philistine turned for one who denies all (8)
29 Bone's bad smell certain to return (7)
31 Reconsider, without working around critics (8)
32 Outstanding helper somehow became sloth (6)
36 My small book or two (3)
37 If thematic, name in full would appear twice pocketing Scandinavian currency (6)
38/1 Look at oval bin (6; 7)
39 Just over half the mixture is sprayed with tear gas (5)
41 Blackwood, bridge player, rather gaunt (5)
43 Nun and mariner live next to ship (6)
44 Priest met Old Vic's central characters (3)
46 Fixed time around rugged ridges (6)
47 Hotel was re-designed for David Letterman's programme (4,4)
48/33 Use place mats (2,5; 5)
51/16 Faith! Take Karl (3,5; 5)
53 Picking fruit and cereal grain and serving gin (8)
59 Park officer entered old yard with indoor fruit trees (8)
60 Figure one has only half a buck (4)
61 Olympic venue with watering hole about to entertain billionaire (9)
64 It turns round and round and round!(5)
67 To start with, just explain our new

grand Korean concept of an unspoken emotional bond (5)

68 Hymnodist from mid-Tyrone - a legend (5)

69 Audibly question the location of domestic store (9)

70 Some semester mainly (4)

71/58/37D July mess ceases - joy! (7; 5,5)

Down

- 3** Unconscious by a heavy blow, one not from around here (9)
4 Finished last in sprint - that's clear (5)
7 Dvorak's son-in-law at market place (3)
8 Went away with the French paper (4)
9 One blasphemous without adult responses (7)
11 Helping to remove beer from account (6)
13/42 Enriched pear (6; 6)
17 Old discourse, priest forgot to be cultivated (6)
21/63/2 Don Juan at sea in nets (8; 4,6)
23/6 Draw on bent wheel-chair (3,7; 1,1,8)
25 One's interrupting this compiler twice about Allegri composition (8)
28/34 Manchester kid's ID (4,5; 7)
30 Fictional detective depressed, carried by horse (7)
31 About to include Republican leader amid vernacular reference to his opponents (10)
35/56/18 Travel to West Crawley (8; 6,5)
40 Convertible used lane that's not yet open (8)
45/65 Tell BT - 'Help rajah' (3,3,4; 5)
49/27 Ninety dark sheep can (9; 9)
50 Instigate prison rising (4,2)
52 Engraver, stop on courtyard (7)
54/56/18 Rectory blast or two (3,3; 6,5)
62 State hair product for star (5)
66 Regular haunt that's in the garden (3)