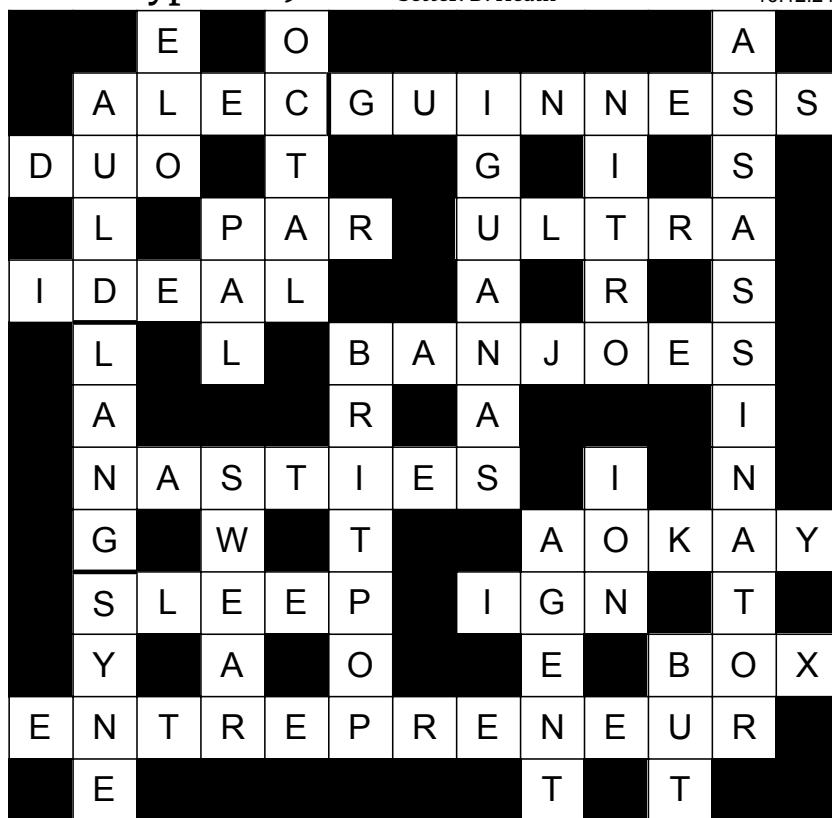


ATB Cryptic #9

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Note from setter: This grid is an example of a 13x13 British crossword grid containing 2x2 areas of white cells, which I wrongly conjectured couldn't exist. Thanks to JC Tang for finding this grid - the new conjecture is that a 2x2 white block cannot appear in a 15x15 grid...

Across

- 4 Beer and 100 stouts for Obi-Wan (4,8)
- 7 Couple sound surprised after morning mist (3)
- 8 Average music played back (3)
- 9 Super ultimate artist (5)
- 10 Solver manages perfect scenario (5)
- 11 Block Cocker and Walsh from instruments (7)
- 12 Unpleasant things in seats - chaos! (7)
- 15 Laugh for seconds with comedian Peter - everything's good! (1-4)
- 16 Rests and left banana skins (5)
- 17 Entertainment site I got new start with? (1-1-1)
- 18 Fight pack (3)
- 19 Run entree servings around former businessman (12)

Down

- 1 Ranking a band (3)
- 2 Numbering system for October, August 1st and July 3rd (5)
- 3 Murderer in a bit of pursuit orbit after pair of animals (12)
- 4 Glen lauds any wild times long past (4,4,4)
- 5 Reptiles gain us a new perspective (7)
- 6 Video game car speeds with remixed intro? (5)
- 8 Serve up another round, friend! (3)
- 11 UK-goer informally exploded pulp e.g. (7)
- 13 First shouted within earshot - abundantly rude!? (5)
- 14 Man with love for a particle (3)
- 15 Secret man just a bloke... (5)
- 18 ... however heard the rear end of him (3)