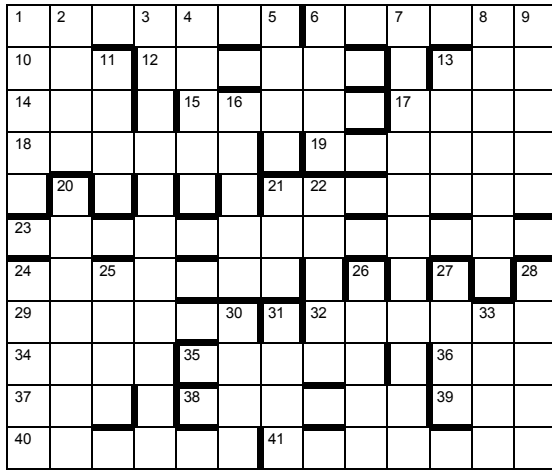


# Oxford Today December Crossword

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Every clue contains a misprint of one letter in its definition part. Corrected misprints in clue order reveal a quotation whose source and author are to appear in the completed grid.



## Across

- 1** Right time to catch politician in shop used by musicians (7)  
**6** Fits of temper about wealthy pastimes? (6)  
**10** Foreign article lost in circular porch (3)  
**12** More brick possibly found in prairie region (6)  
**13** Sort of aped swine, dropping tail (3)  
**14** Servile European follows American (3)  
**15** Attempt to insulate Arkansas hovel (5)  
**17** Sexually explicit mutter from sailors beside river (4)  
**18** Woken by some endlessly playful lecturer (6)  
**19** Research in occult knowledge is to run on (6)  
**21** Vessels harried by service personnel, Russian mostly, in secret agency (7)  
**23** See preamble (7,6)  
**24** Initially makes

blunder that is right bore - drunk? (7)

- 29** Backing for pub getting in drink is kind of firm (6)  
**32** Fort, old one in form of ring (6)  
**34** German theatre used for resit (4)  
**35** Religious teacher in the past crawled towards Italy (5)  
**36** Deep river, one with no name (3)  
**37** In Spain, the king comes to bag animal with antlers (3)  
**38** Avenue around which poor Jude's already been (4,2)  
**39** Mulched wattle that's oddly neglected (3)  
**40** English absorbed by South American, one who'll bawl (6)  
**41** Characteristic of the pie - minced lamb, say (7)

## Down

- 1** Frith's contribution to art surtaxed retrospectively (5)  
**2** Routed most of boat trip north of Seychelles (4)  
**3** See preamble (3,8)  
**4** Climbing bid, before breaking leg (5)  
**5** Take weary traveller into royal enclosure initially (4)  
**6** Miserably bottles palm fluids (4)  
**7** Opt to attract condemnation for vivacity in musical work, maybe (11)  
**8** Sprain from shifting isotron (7)  
**9** Pinter's visitor joining hospital volunteers (5)  
**11** Marco, person of great energy, mostly (4)  
**13** Heartless pugilist, taller, resident in Transvaal? (4)  
**16** Drink containing one small quantity of kir - in the same glass (5)  
**20** Danger evident at

first around University, slowing development that has some way to go? (7)

**21** Brabant, for instance, giving endless trouble (3)

**22** Man embraces woman in day of speaking (5)

**24** Farces from Bulgaria pack theatre stalls at last (5)

**25** Where you will find labs open, except for first of February (4)

**26** Present climber clocked in secrecy (5)

**27** City voted for mausoleum in pukka granite (4)

**28** Prepare to bray, perhaps keenly? Not quite, not exactly (5)

**30** Vessel, barge, relatively modern, heading off (4)

**31** Raising a glass, greet potentate (4)

**33** Taking up clipped patois is a teens thing (4)