

The title is a date, but can also be interpreted as the numbers of five of the six unclued entries; in that order, they indicate how that date relates to the present. (NB one of these five unclued entries is of two words.) Their barred-off letters give FIEND-SOS. The sixth unclued entry's relevance is obvious, and other associated figures appear (sometimes disjointedly) in the clues, where they should be disregarded when solving.

ACROSS

- 3 Exaggerated couple of articles by Conservative in court case (10)
- 10 Cat burst in, sound of cat echoing within it (6)
- 11 Speak about new decorated knight (6)
- 12 Mean onset of neuralgia to receive attention (4)
- 13 Propeller affected attitude shown by seamen (8)
- 16 March composer's uncommon drive (5)
- 17 Man, perhaps, some misled (4)
- 19 Greek character left (and other people) (4, 2 words)
- 22 Passages showing one caterpillar so many inches! (6)
- 23 Tell about dead dormouse (6)
- 24 Trees identified in the Spanish document (4)
- 26 Drop in rent? (4)
- 30 Good many exercising – very good one may be this? (7)
- 31 A salmon I daubed in painting (8, 2 words)
- 32 Some quick hare needs a flexible leg joint (4)
- 33 Man or woman flatly wanting name put at the end (6)
- 34 Object on bed, mostly white down and blue (6)
- 35 Fails to accept one set in US city (10, 2 words)

DOWN

- 2 Generate bubbly drink (8, 2 words)
- 4 Sounds like a measure of frequency cook causes agony (5)
- 5 White English girl's uniform feature (9)
- 6 Try to pray to disturb mad political grouping (9, 2 words)
- 7 Elected Conservative seen to stray has to anger Duchess (7)
- 15 Winning rematch, perhaps – still good in the boxing world (9)
- 16 Wrong man, we hear, carrying round telephone messages (9)
- 20 Plants almost entirely trees (7)
- 21 Hatter missing end of latest half of disaster in foreign theatre (7, 2 words)
- 25 Creature associated with desert rabbit arrived and left (5)
- 27 One deer held up part of limb (5)
- 28 Cheshire soaks up sun and gets very hot (5)