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# Across

- 11** The accounting department of the Treasury, responsible for receiving and issuing funds (9)
- 12** A skin condition characterised by the formation of itchy red or whitish raised patches (9)
- 13** The eighth letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 14** A variety of cooking apple with juicy, firm flesh (7)
- 15** Jumped suddenly from one place to another (5)
- 16** Theodoros —, Greek general and dictator, President of Greece for a short spell in 1926 (8)
- 18** Small, hard concretions of cholesterol, bile pigments and lime salts, formed in an organ of the body (10)
- 22** British organisation with the sole right to manufacture coins (5,4)
- 24** Nuts with hard, wrinkled shells (7)
- 27** Skilled worker or craftsperson (7)
- 28** Marquis de —, French general and statesman who fought in the American War of Independence (9)
- 30** A member of an austere monastic order founded by Saint Bruno in 1084 near Grenoble, France (10)
- 32** See 35
- 35 and 32** Ruth —, lawyer and judge, a member of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1993 until her death in 2020 (5,8)

- 37** Italian dish of pizza dough folded over a filling of cheese, tomatoes, herbs and ham (7)
- 38** European food fish, a flatfish similar to the turbot (5)
- 39** Of a building or object shaped like a cross (9)
- 40** A Y-shaped implement with a loop of elastic fastened to the ends of the two prongs (9)

# Down

- 1** Obstructive or time-consuming bureaucracy (3,4)
- 2** The author of the script for a film (12)
- 3** — Victrix, Roman settlement which evolved into Chester (4)
- 4** A communal village in the south-western US and parts of Latin America, consisting of one or more stone or adobe houses (6)
- 5** Surname of twin American tennis players Bob and Mike, winners of multiple Grand Slam doubles titles (5)
- 6** A large, powerful breed of dog with a short, usually fawn or brindle, coat (4,7)
- 7** The suspension of a judicial proceeding (4)
- 8** Feline mammal with a dark-spotted coat, native to Central and South American forests (6)
- 9** Another name for the killer whale (4)
- 10** A person who tells lies about their life and achievements in order to make them sound more exciting than they really are (9)

- 17** A very deep gorge or chasm (5)
- 19** L. S. —, English painter noted for his bleak Northern industrial scenes (5)
- 20** A person who has acquired wealth recently and is regarded as vulgarly ostentatious (7,5)
- 21** The 2nd Viscount Melbourne, Whig prime minister 1834 and 1835-41 (7,4)
- 23** Term for a golf course beside the sea (5)
- 25** Ancient plucked, stringed instruments (5)
- 26** A sloping rear end of a car, having a single door that is lifted to open (9)
- 29** Quickness of movement, nimbleness (7)
- 31** Sir Arthur —, British air marshal, commander-in-chief of Bomber Command of the RAF 1942-45 (6)
- 33** A peninsula of South West Europe, occupied by Spain and Portugal (6)
- 34** — Way, a Roman road in Britain between Lincoln and Exeter (5)
- 36** — machine, a synthesizer programmed to reproduce the sound of percussion instruments in variable rhythms and combinations (4)
- 37** Sound of a horse's hooves striking the ground (4)
- 38** Concealed microphones used for recording conversations (4)

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