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Across

- 11 To immunise (9)
- 12 Objects that have been in a family for generations (9)
- 13 Plant with pungent-tasting leaves, often used in salads and as a garnish (5)
- 14 Steven ----, British actor, playwright and theatre director (7)
- 15 Of, or based on, the number eight (5)
- 16 Franz ----, Austrian composer who wrote about 600 lieder and seven complete symphonies (8)
- 18 West Yorkshire town, location of the castle in which Richard II was murdered (10)
- 22 A handwritten signature, especially that of a famous person (9)
- 24 Genus of aquatic plants with large, showy flowers (7)
- 27 Character in Dickens's *Great Expectations* adopted and raised by Miss Havisham (7)
- 28 A large breed of dog with a short, smooth, white coat with black or brown spots (9)
- 30 Creams or lotions applied to exposed skin to protect it from ultraviolet rays (10)
- 32 Hans Christian ----, 19th Century Danish author and poet most famous for his fairy tales (8)

- 35 A city in North Italy, the capital of Lombardy (5)
- 37 Stanley ----, British Prime Minister who served under three monarchs (7)
- 38 P.D. ----, crime writer who created fictional police Commander Adam Dalgliesh (5)
- 39 See 4 Down
- 40 To be self-employed, especially as a writer or artist who is hired to do specific assignments (9)

Down

- 1 To have a conversation about, talk over (7)
- 2 English architect who designed the Crystal Palace for the Great Exhibition of 1851 (6,6)
- 3 Small, compact dogs with smooth coats, lightly curled tails and short, wrinkled noses (4)
- 4 and 39 Across The ---- ----, opera buffa in two acts by Rossini, first performed in 1816 (6,2,7)
- 5 Striped mammal of the horse family, native to South and East Africa (5)
- 6 The green pigment of plants that traps the energy of sunlight for photosynthesis (11)
- 7 In jazz or rock music, a short series of chords (4)
- 8 ---- the handle, to lose one's temper (3,3)
- 9 The space inside a roof (4)
- 10 Social separation of a person who has, or

- is suspected of having, a contagious disease (9)
- 17 Asian climbing plant, the leaves of which are chewed by the peoples of South East Asia (5)
- 19 A kingdom occupying an archipelago of more than 150 volcanic and coral islands in the South West Pacific (5)
- 20 A firm reproof (12)
- 21 The strait which lies between the Aegean and the Sea of Marmara, known as the Hellespont in ancient times (11)
- 23 An open place in a forest, clearing (5)
- 25 The longest river in France (5)
- 26 A tropical tree with hard wood and large, orange-red fruit (9)
- 29 Pet dog of Dennis the Menace in the comic *The Beano* (7)
- 31 Antonio ----, Italian neoclassical sculptor famous for his marble statues (6)
- 33 A port in West France, on 25 (6)
- 34 Bird with a short, forked tail that spends most of its time on the wing (5)
- 36 The flexible end of a whip (4)
- 37 Oily, aromatic, resinous substance used for healing and soothing (4)
- 38 First name of US presidential nominee Joe Biden's wife (4)

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