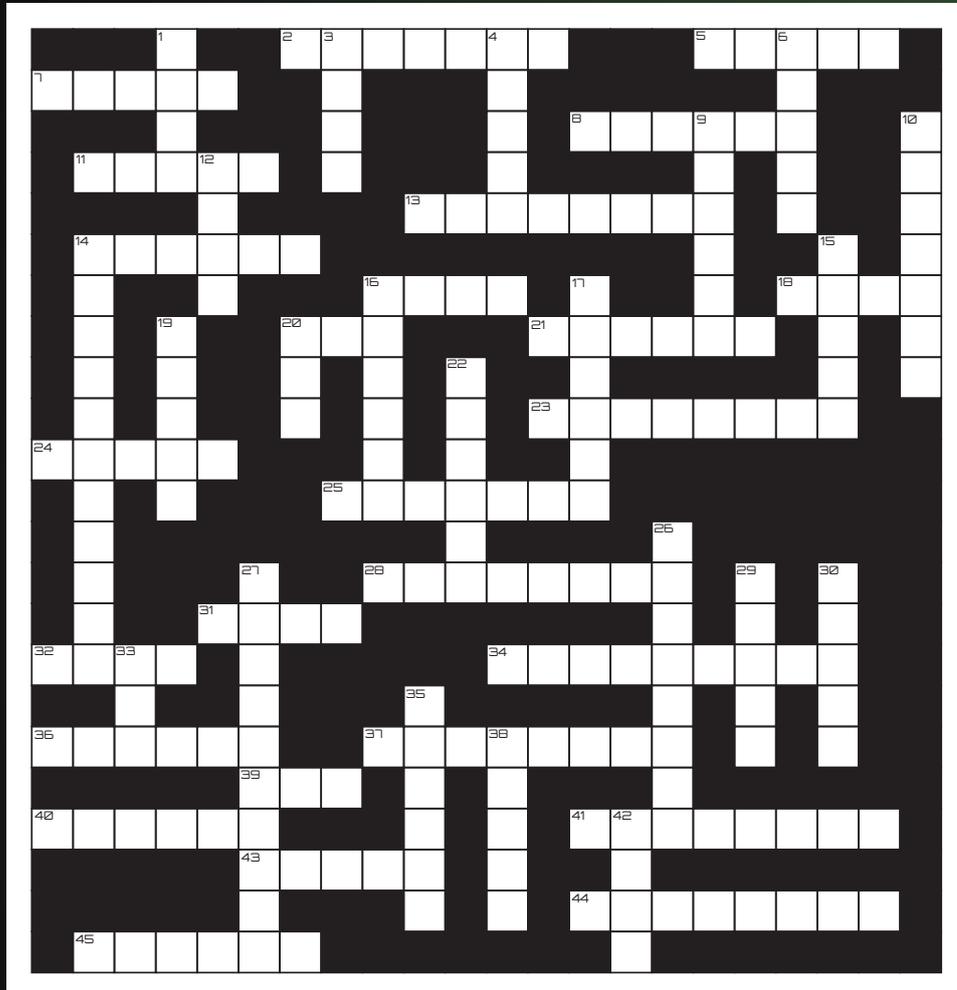


The 'Head-Skimmer' Crossword 2018

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Once again, this year Dick Byrne is back with his aptly-titled **Head-Skimmer Crossword**. As always, you'll have to be firing on all cylinders to find all the clues to this one, and all completed entries will be entered into a draw to win €100 cash. All entries must be submitted by the 31st of January. If you don't want to cut up your magazine you can either send us a clear photocopy or scan, or download the crossword from www.irishvintagescene.ie. Good luck!

CLUES ACROSS

2. This warhorse will keep your battery from going flat. Car reg about hotel (7)
5. Fast flower with old Ford mixed up in soul. (5)
7. Jackie Rae from Kerry has a fast second name. Get better at the end of July. (5)
8. Whip up trifle to keep your fuel clean. (6)
11. Connects the power to the wheels. (5)
13. About slow long fish at the end of holiday. Was a cardinal and a cop car in the UK. (8)
14. Many people saw this car outside many places in an ad once, put people off buying them. A soar over Limerick. (6)
16. Mini jeep. (4)
18. Park your rear on Fiat derivative from Spain, now a VW company. (4)
20. Bike from Birmingham. (1,1,1)
21. There are twelve signs of this classic upmarket offering from Henry. It's in the stars. (6)
23. Rejection loses East in the shuffle that squirts in the fuel. (8)
24. German eagle FWD before WW2. (5)
25. Team supporter before trousers supporter. Keeps everything cool. (7)
28. Ye drop out of the lottery to give more speed. (8)
31. Whipped cream without a luxury make. (4)

32. Was in at the beginning of it all. Makes 31 Across. Benny loses New York, grabs a little snooze. (4)
34. Fat lemon is mixed without T for TTs. (4,2,3)
36. Chicken group for pedal. (6)
37. A pied Hun turned into young French princess with rear engine. (8)
- 39: How 20 Across was cooled, and the VW too. (3)
40. You could write one of these, or attach 44 Across to it for direction. New locum about. (6)
41. The ways to get fuel or exhaust out are this old man if mixed. (8)
43. Citroen sounded a bit like the late Princess of Wales. (5)
44. Cowboy's name for bullock in government head to turn corners. (8)
45. Slick fencing sword was a Sunbeam. (6)

CLUES DOWN

1. Stylish Italian motor followed by Juliet's lover. (4)
3. Blow this to clear the way, not your nose. (4)
4. Henry's son and ugly Yankee car, now considered highly collectable led SE about. (5)
6. Increase the power or but out. (5)
9. Kid's plaything leads of take away for oriental make. (6)
10. Classic British marque of yore – short brother leads headless pocket gun about lost rib (Dolly Parton has two). (7)
12. Old Italian maker in wi-fi attack. (4)
14. 1946-'46 Yankee Ford V8 popular as taxis here. Started like Clark Kent's alter ego, with high-class finish. (5,6)
15. Popular puller about zero tolerance head. (5)
16. Boats and yachts can park in this Morris classic. (6)
17. Easter headgear? Over the engine Yankee hood. (6)
19. What everybody looks for. Prisoner of war with emergency room. (5)
20. German luxury classic from Bavarian motor works. (1,1,1)
22. Old British marque called for English river, found in thumb erected. (6)
26. Futuristic Irish-made car in the past in Back to the Future. (8)
27. Old-fashioned version of stick shift sounds like rage about composer of the Messiah. (4,6)
29. Old bike with the same Christian name as Joyce the writer. (5)
30. Name Japanese makers had on wrong way around. (5)
33. Sun about old German marque. (1,1,1)
35. Split or bay window still the most popular in webcam-personality mobile dwelling. (6)
38. German pretender to the throne, version of 33 Down in New Zealand RIP. (5)
42. Australian beginning to follow American car. (4)