January 2017 Arachne

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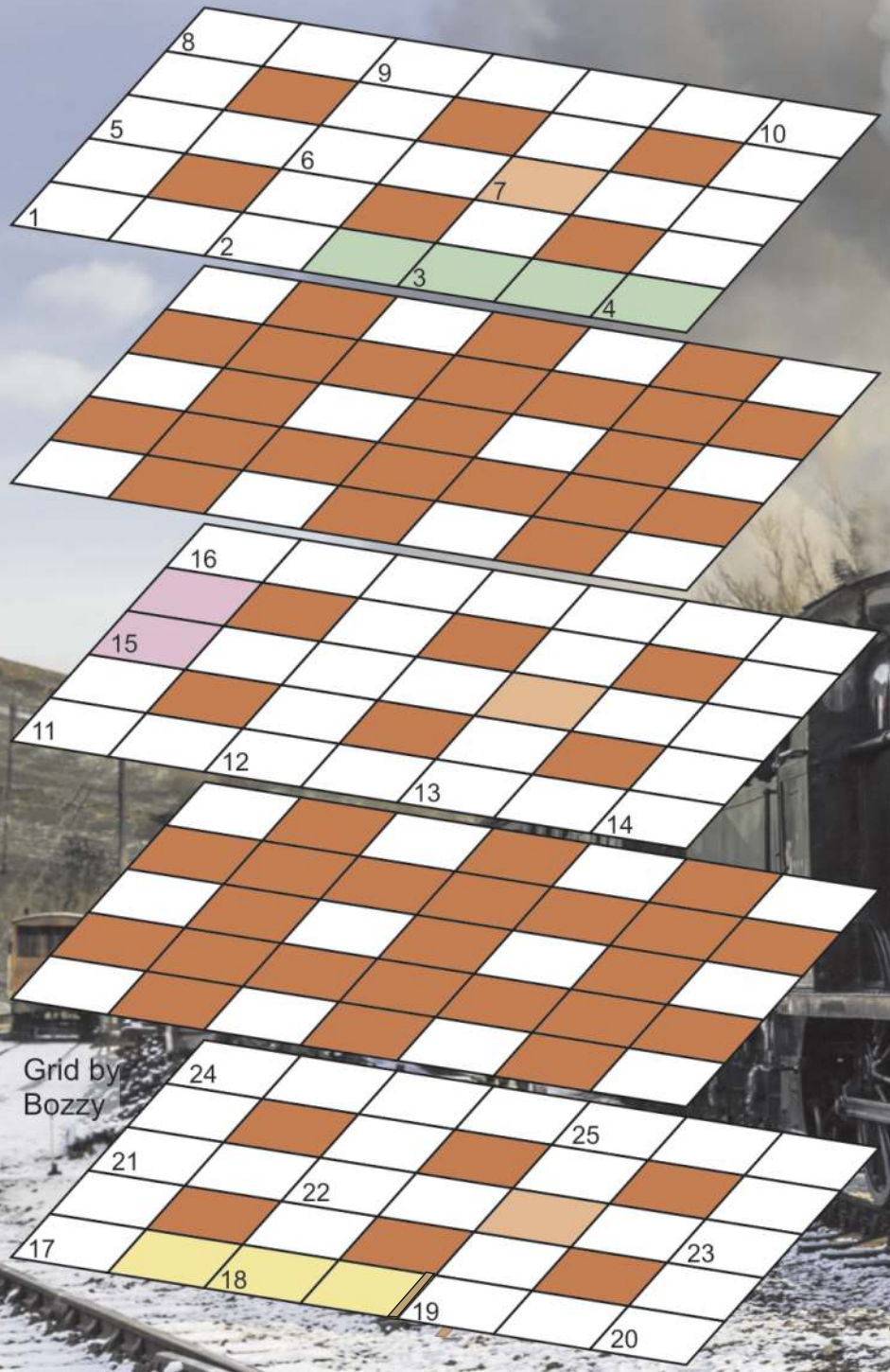

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Commemorating the 94th anniversary of the formation of a 'Big Four'; their acronyms are displayed in the coloured cells. Clues are presented in alphabetical order of their solutions.

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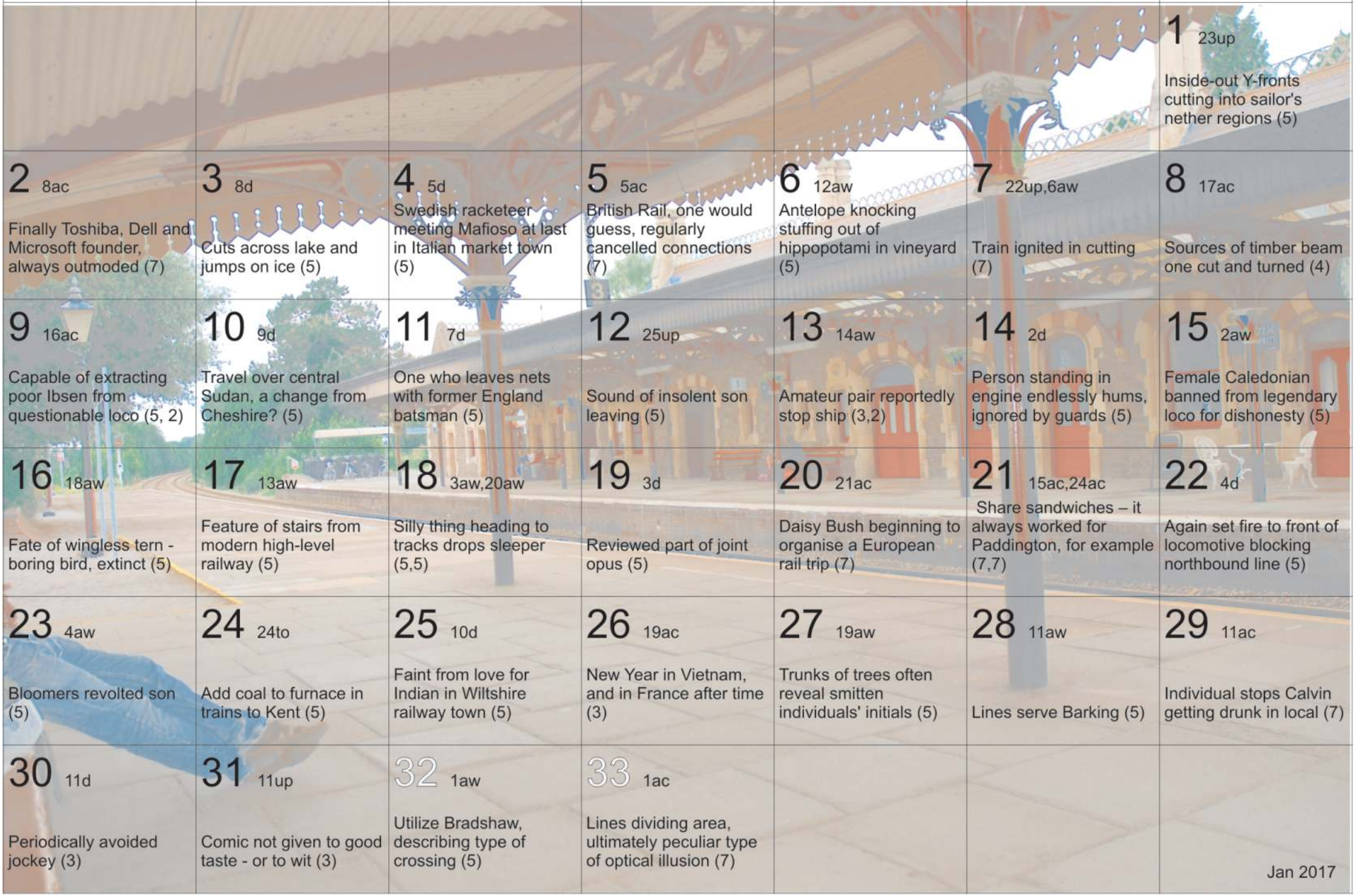

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1 23up Inside-out Y-fronts cutting into sailor's nether regions (5)
2 8ac Finally Toshiba, Dell and Microsoft founder, always outmoded (7)	**3** 8d Cuts across lake and jumps on ice (5)	**4** 5d Swedish racketeer meeting Mafioso at last in Italian market town (5)	**5** 5ac British Rail, one would guess, regularly cancelled connections (7)	**6** 12aw Antelope knocking stuffing out of hippopotami in vineyard (5)	**7** 22up,6aw Train ignited in cutting (7)	**8** 17ac Sources of timber beam one cut and turned (4)
9 16ac Capable of extracting poor Ibsen from questionable loco (5, 2)	**10** 9d Travel over central Sudan, a change from Cheshire? (5)	**11** 7d One who leaves nets with former England batsman (5)	**12** 25up Sound of insolent son leaving (5)	**13** 14aw Amateur pair reportedly stop ship (3,2)	**14** 2d Person standing in engine endlessly hums, ignored by guards (5)	**15** 2aw Female Caledonian banned from legendary loco for dishonesty (5)
16 18aw Fate of wingless tern - boring bird, extinct (5)	**17** 13aw Feature of stairs from modern high-level railway (5)	**18** 3aw,20aw Silly thing heading to tracks drops sleeper (5,5)	**19** 3d Reviewed part of joint opus (5)	**20** 21ac Daisy Bush beginning to organise a European rail trip (7)	**21** 15ac,24ac Share sandwiches – it always worked for Paddington, for example (7,7)	**22** 4d Again set fire to front of locomotive blocking northbound line (5)
23 4aw Bloomers revolted son (5)	**24** 24to Add coal to furnace in trains to Kent (5)	**25** 10d Faint from love for Indian in Wiltshire railway town (5)	**26** 19ac New Year in Vietnam, and in France after time (3)	**27** 19aw Trunks of trees often reveal smitten individuals' initials (5)	**28** 11aw Lines serve Barking (5)	**29** 11ac Individual stops Calvin getting drunk in local (7)
30 11d Periodically avoided jockey (3)	**31** 11up Comic not given to good taste - or to wit (3)	**32** 1aw Utilize Bradshaw, describing type of crossing (5)	**33** 1ac Lines dividing area, ultimately peculiar type of optical illusion (7)			Jan 2017