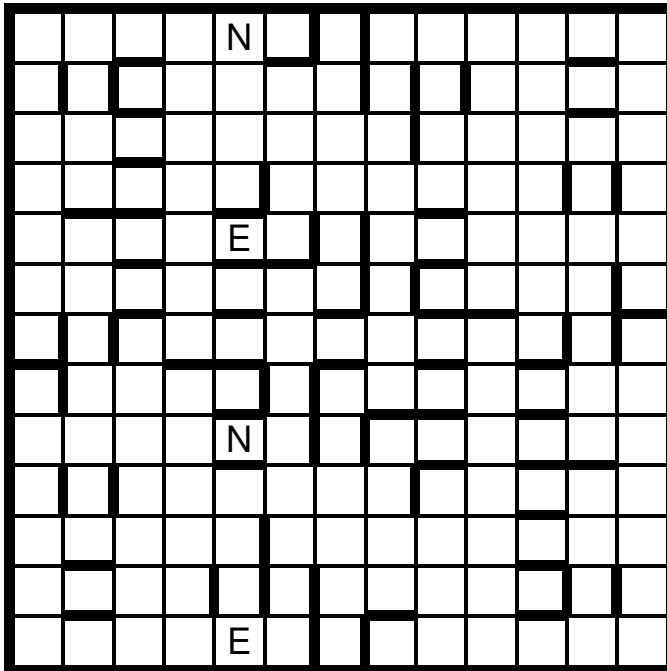


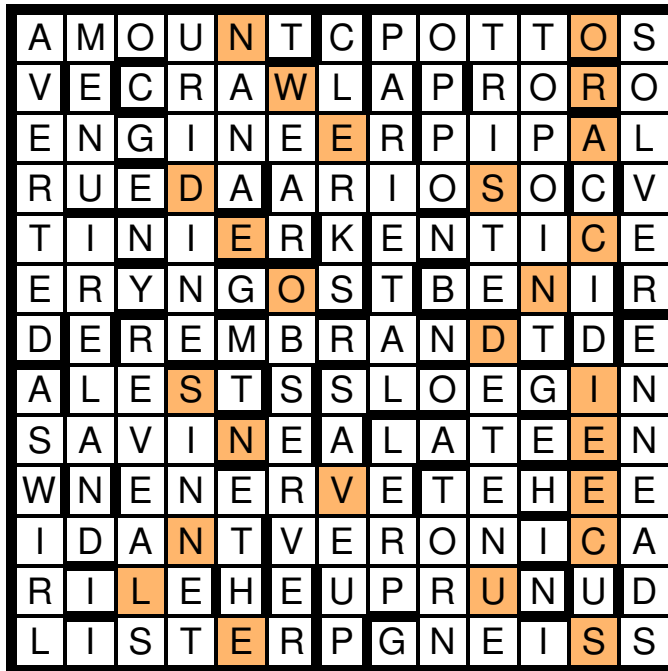
Wild Goose Chase by Harribobs - Solution



Explanation

1. Extra letters in wordplay spell out:
GUIDANCE IN INITIAL LETTERS OF LATER ANSWERS IN CLUE ORDER
2. First letters of answers to clues 13 to 49 spell out:
ERASE ALL BUT ACROSSES' PENULTIMATE LETTERS
3. After erasure, reading the grid row by row gives:
NOW READ SECONDS IN EVEN CLUES
4. Second letters in even numbered clues spell out:
CLEAR EVERY COLUMN BAR FIFTH
5. NENE, the Hawaiian goose, remains in the fifth column

Before erasing any letters, the grid should look like this:



Clue Explanations

1. CAVERN* around O and [G]I
2. (I G[U]ESS)* around N
3. ID A[I]NT
4. D ETEN [D]UE
5. POT[A]TO(e)S
6. I[N]LAWS* around R
7. ([C]U(ban) DA(ncers) RE(joicing))* (&lit)
8. (CR[E]W L) around A
9. SOBER* V[I]ER
10. P I[N] PAL
11. REM[I]T around BRAND
12. W EAR[N]
13. T[I]E< HE
14. [T](he)R(ap)I(st)L(ik)E(s)
15. A MO UN[I]T
16. (c)O(mmand) in SL[A]VER
17. C[L]UE* S
18. V in A[L]ERTED
19. STERIL[E]*, ref Joseph Lister
20. LATE NE[T]*
21. BEN[T] I
22. U P RUN[E]
23. T[R]IER around NI
24. ACC (rabb)I DIE[S]
25. C[O]L ERKS
26. ([F]OR OR)<
27. [L]OP OP<
28. SIN NE[A]T

29. SLO[T] EG IN
30. (GR[E]Y ONES)*
31. (fund)S [R]AVE-UP
32. PARI[A](h) LATE<
33. [N]INE in ANGER with E replacing A
34. BANANA[S] - BA
35. (LURID - L(ife)) [W]INE
36. (vita)L (luggag)E S[E]T
37. (s)TOP O[R] INT(er)ject
38. [S]IRE LAD around N
39. ME [I]N U
40. (orph)ARIO[N] SO(nata)
41. ST in TRI[C]E
42. C[L]IENT* E(asy)
43. (P[U]RE L(iquid))<
44. A(fghans) in (EN NE[E]DS)
45. RN under TO[O]
46. ETHE[R]* E
47. [D]ESERVE with S replaced by N
48. ER< LEAVES*
49. (grow)S [R]AVINE