

## The Playing Fields of Eton by Shackleton

### Solution

The two choices for each of the 9 missing letters in the wordplay allowed either BORIS JOHNSON (leader of the BREXIT campaign) or DAVID CAMERON (leader of the REMAIN campaign) to appear in the central row, and solvers had to highlight the unclued BREXIT or REMAIN accordingly.

1	E	N	T	3	C	E	5	A	D	7	V	I	8	S	9	E
10	N	O	C	T	U	R	N	E	11	U	R	E	A			
	T	R	12	S	E	R	F	N	13	A	L	U	M	S		
14	E	T	H	M	R	15	S	A	L	T	O	I	T			
17	R	E	E	X	I	S	T	T	U	18	U	T	E			
19	S	N	A	20	P	E	X	T	O	R	T	E	R			
22	B	O	R	I	S	J	O	H	N	S	O	N				
26	27	I	R	I	S	C	O	P	E	28	S	I	R	E		
29	T	E	N	S	30	T	C	H	I	N	D	I	T	32		
	T	M	33	G	A	W	K	Y	S	34	D	E	G	O		
36	I	A	M	B	I	N	37	S	T	I	R	A	A			
38	E	I	R	E	39	T	E	L	E	C	O	M	S			
40	S	N	I	D	E	Y	41	B	R	E	X	I	T			

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	T	R	12	S	E	R	F	N	13	A	L	U	M	S		
14	E	T	H	M	R	15	S	A	L	T	O	I	T			
17	R	E	E	X	I	S	T	T	U	18	U	T	E			
19	S	N	A	20	P	E	X	T	O	R	T	E	R			
22	D	A	V	I	D	23	C	A	M	E	R	O	N			
26	27	I	R	I	S	C	O	P	E	28	S	I	R	E		
29	T	E	N	S	30	T	C	H	I	N	D	I	T	32		
	T	M	33	G	A	W	K	Y	S	34	D	E	G	O		
36	I	A	M	B	I	N	37	S	T	I	R	A	A			
38	E	I	R	E	39	T	E	L	E	C	O	M	S			
40	S	N	I	D	E	Y	41	B	R	E	X	I	T			

ACROSS		
1 Finish short match with clubs in draw (6)	ENTICE	EN[D] + C in TIE
5 Counsel backed District Attorney's power base (6)	ADVISE	DA< + VIS + E
10 Vote against change in Church composition (8)	NOCTURNE	NO + TURN in CE
11 Waste substance coming from old city drainage channel (4)	UREA	UR + EA
12 Slave originally bound to a small plot of land (4)	SERF	S[LAVE] + ERF &lit
13 Ex-student closing eyes to name unknown compounds (5)	ALUMS	ALUM[NU]S NU=Name Unknown

14 Old letter from the cast (3)	ETH	THE*
15 Soprano to join another singer in the spring (5)	SALTO	S + ALTO
17 Sexier bust? Time to live again (7)	RE-EXIST	SEXIER* + T
18 Charlie dumped by pretty New Mexican (3)	UTE	[C]UTE
19 Aspen tree's last leaves quivering in breeze (4)	SNAP	ASPEN* - [TRE]E
21 Injury sustained by former royal – one who's bleeding (8)	EXTORTER	TORT <i>in</i> EX ER
26 Newton abandoning high precision instrument for displaying colours (8)	IRISCOPE	PRECISIO[N]*
28 Son with keen resentment for father (4)	SIRE	S + IRE
29 Musically sustained number (3)	TEN	TEN. = TENUTO
31 Commando circling around in ditch (7)	CHINDIT	IN DITCH <i>cycling</i>
33 A week in Germany on vacation could be awkward (5)	GAWKY	A WK <i>in</i> G[ERMAN]Y
35 Self-confidence to travel beyond Spain (3)	EGO	E + GO
36 One creature from Disney without head and feet (5)	IAMBI	I + [B]AMBI
37 Step aside from acting, song and dance (4)	STIR	ST[A]IR
38 Best part of Morecambe and Wise finally making a comeback in Ireland (4)	EIRE	(ERI[C] + [WIS]E)<
39 Note liberal document about green branch of technology (8)	TELECOMS	COM <i>in</i> (TE + L + MS)
40 Deny getting involved with IS? That's malicious (6)	SNIDEY	DENY, IS *
<b>DOWN</b>		
1 Log books aboard at all times (5)	ENTER	NT <i>in</i> E'ER
2 North American leader's address overcoming resistance (7)	NORTEN[O/A]	R <i>in</i> No. TEN
3 Sex appeal joins them? (4)	ITEM	IT + 'EM
4 What could be spicily prepared topped our rice crackers (7)	CURRIE[S/D]	[O]URRICE*
5 Formed tan, tan that is orangey (7)	ANNATT[O/A]	TAN, TAN*
6 Did the business inside alternative house (5)	DEALT	<i>Hidden</i>
7 Birds with special mating period, ducks all turning up (8)	VULTUR[N/E]S	(S+RUT+LUV)<
8 Kentish harbours eject Middle-Easterner (6)	SEMITE	EMIT <i>in</i> SE
9 Asian holiday on the 3rd of June (7)	EASTERN	EASTER + [JU]N[E]
12 Doing farm work under sun, male sloth's no good (8)	SHEA[R/V]ING	S + HE + AI + NG
16 Course checked by our wingman (8)	OUT[S/R]IDER	TIDE <i>in</i> OUR
20 Low singer is uplifted, captivated by variegated dandelion (8)	PISSABED	BASS< <i>in</i> PIED
22 I entered into burrow and I brought up little pieces (7)	[B/D]ITTIES	(I <i>in</i> SETT + I)<
23 Scottish area requiring compliance for right dialect (7)	[J/C]OCKNEY	C <i>for</i> R <i>in</i> ORKNEY
24 One doing a cracking job retires, heading off to relax (7)	[H/M]EISTER	[R]ETIRES*
25 This requires folding dress packed by old friend (7)	ORIGAMI	RIG <i>in</i> O,AMI
30 European songbird reared nestling with another bird (5)	TWITE	W <i>in</i> (E TIT)<
32 Little fellow eating pound of Roman brown bread (5)	TOAST	AS <i>in</i> TOT
34 Dutch reserve's throwing game (4)	DICE	D + ICE