## ACROSS

1 Air rifle ammo
4 Where to see lots of stars
10 Picnic crashers, often

14 Mrs. Capp and others

16 "Must I __ out for you?"
17 Father of modernist architecture, Mies van der $\qquad$
18 Checked to see if the patient was alive, say
20 Where to find 24, very hot, blackbirds

21 Made a gentleman's agreement
22 Designate
24 Altar promise
25 Compounder of potions, perhaps in a little shop off Piccadilly Circus (1)

28 AD predecessor
30 Likely to be described as M'm!, M'm! Good!
31 The Lone Ranger's kemosabe
32 Much smaller than when Victoria reigned, but still large enough for a Meta
37 French play that inspired one of Puccini's best known operas
38 Optional choice
39 Garment for Indian women
43 Purple vegetable, often substituted for veal in parmigiana, and mainly grown in glasshouses in Britain (3)
45 Casual walker along the walkways in Kensington Gardens (4)

48 Saying nothing to a Frenchman
50 What's left
51 Economic benefit of the end of the Cold War

53 "The Brady Bunch" housekeeper
57 ___-kiri, "you slay me!"
58 "... __ he drove out of sight"
59 In a reckless manner (which does not lead to less wrecks)
62 Bobby on ice
64 Beats a pair of nines in poker
65 Morse's message. "What hath God
$\qquad$ _"

69 Daly who played Lacey
70 Quality of being pleasant and friendly, often found online only in the Muggle forum
74 Just a small dam
75 Body images
76 One named, plus-size model
77 Captain Quint's boat
78 Camera lens settings
79 Polite e-mail or text request: Abbr.

## DOWN

1 Besties for short
2 Verbal shoulder shrug
3 Diva's desire
4 Turn the key
5 Month of International Talk Like a Pirate day (or the lesser known celebration, Labor Day): Abbr.
6 Perennial TV cowboy Gulager
7 What you give until there is nothing left
8 A step up

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The meta answer is a group of Englishmen

9 Water that got so hot it escaped
10 Saudi Arabian oil company
11 The result of a correctly dosed opiate
12 You could have this for either beer or knowledge
13 Plan so you can
15 Place where you might heat up your Bird's Custard or beans for your toast (2)
16 Reportedly, it's what you get two for when you are getting ready to go
19 Way to stop a fight
23 Miles per hour or Boatswain's Mate, e.g.

25 Must have gone to a rave because he wrote about a swinger in a pit

26 Skeptical Scottish Philosopher

27 Frigidaire, Sony and LG make them: Abbr.
28 "Erin go $\qquad$ !"
29 Gas stations chain represented by an orange pyramid
30 This is a Twain that you would want to meet

32 Describes a good job by the wind or a bad job on a test

33 Archipelago unit: Abbr.

34 Frighten
35 Adriatic peninsula
36 Gun the engine again

39 Calculator without keys, electrical readout or power source

40 Wood upon which much of Venice is built

41 Catch up with old classmates

42 Angry
44 Computer pros
46 "The Six Million Dollar Man" org.
49 "Hud" Oscar-winning actress
51 Brazilian soccer legend
52 Characteristic of a good martini
53 Intermission follower

54 One arguing a case, perhaps at the Old Bailey (5)
55 Fire station burning down
56 Et t__

60 Make a bill for a group of people
$61 \mathrm{E}-6 \mathrm{~s}$ in USA and USMC but E-5's in USAF
62 Spheres of influence

63 Charlemagne - and what many thought they saw in my "Gained in Translation" puzzle

65 Telecommunicatio ns networks extending over a large geographic area: Abbr:

66 Hobbling gait
67 Way to write online: Abbr.
68 Sailing ropes
71 Alphabet run that sounds like a suggestion to take a break
72 Oddly enough, a start for friendly or warrior
73 Literary monogram for 25D

