

## **Little Pygly Farm**

Readers are invited to complete the crossword style puzzle below (which should have 14 black squares when complete) and discover that jealously guarded secret, the age of Mrs Grooby, Farmer Dunks' mother-in-law.

It should be noted that one of the Across numbers is the same as one of the Downs. This is the only case of the same number occurring twice, although one of the numbers in the puzzle (relating to something quite different) happens to be the area in roods of the rectangular field known as Dog's Mead. Readers should imagine, if they will, that the year is 1935. They may be interested to know that a rood is a quarter of an acre, one acre being 4840 square yards, and one mile being 1760 yards. Younger readers may also like to know that there were 20 shillings in a pound in 1935.

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|    | 8 |   | 9  |    |    |    |
| 10 |   |   | 11 |    | 12 | 13 |
|    |   |   |    | 14 |    |    |
| 15 |   |   | 16 |    |    |    |

### **Across Clues**

1. Area in square yards of Dog's Mead
5. Age of Farmer Dunks' daughter, Martha
6. Difference in yards between length and breadth of Dog's Mead
7. 9 Down multiplied by the number of roods in Dog's Mead
8. Date when the Dunks family first came into possession of Little Pygly
10. Farmer Dunks' age
11. The year of birth of Mary, Farmer Dunks' youngest child
14. The perimeter in yards of Dog's Mead
15. The cube of Farmer Dunks' walking speed in miles per hour
16. 15 Across minus 9 Down

### **Down Clues**

1. Value in shillings per acre of Dog's Mead
2. The square of Mrs Grooby's age
3. The age of Mary
4. Value of Dog's Mead in pounds sterling
6. Age of Farmer Dunks' firstborn, Ted, who will be twice as old as Mary next year
7. Square of number of yards in width of Dog's Mead
8. Number of minutes taken by Farmer Dunks to walk  $1\frac{1}{3}$  times round Dog's Mead
9. See 10 Down
10. 10 Across x 9 Down
12. One more than the sum of the figures in the second column down
13. Length of time, in years, Little Pygly has been occupied by the Dunks family