

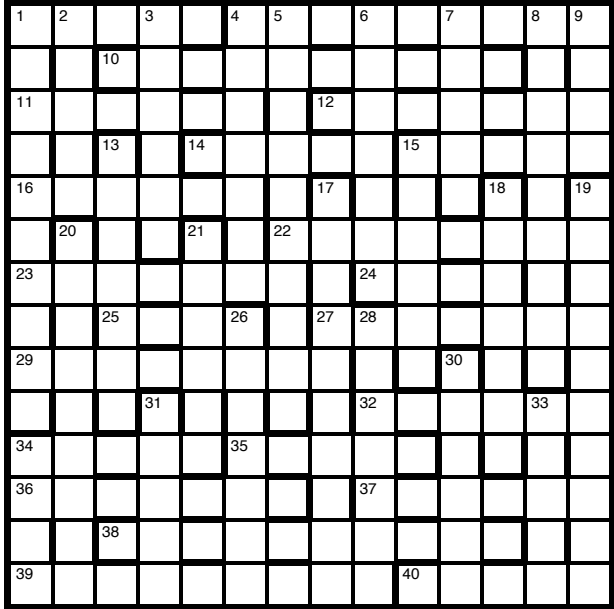
Crossword

2047:

Courtly

by Columba

Each of seven clues contains one misprinted letter in the definition part. Corrections of misprints spell a word defining the unclued lights. In seven clues, cryptic indications omit reference to parts of answers; the parts in question must be highlighted, to reveal another member of the thematic group.



Across

- 1 Language from revolutionary indeed robust, mostly (5)
- 4 Resist going back into hectic Tesco for cooking ingredient (9, two words)
- 10 Superiority in tone capturing fluttering hearts (10)
- 12 Ignorant preacher variable in treatment of matter (7)
- 14 Prepare sheep around edges of enclosure (5, two words)
- 15 Cuts time consumed by channels (5)
- 16 Out of bounds, try and complain (6)
- 22 Ancient, entertaining trick, not ending discordantly (8)
- 23 Man with Bible, sorry over rejection (7, hyphenated)
- 24 Smart answer, true (4)
- 25 King turning cuckoo (4)
- 29 Rake patch of ground, right one sheltered by house (8)
- 32 Gunners remain most excellent (6)
- 34 Home opening for royal chaplain (5)
- 35 Court held by one in charge of sudden attack (5)
- 36 Hire an unusual gas mask (7)
- 38 Completely tense with husband about (10)
- 39 Father keeping vintage old desk (9)
- 40 Boys assuming eastern guises (5)

Down

- 1 Hydrant covered by tangled bloom, ripe plant tolerant of rain (10)
- 2 Run and stop doctor giving lozenge (5)
- 4 Pay out allowance in school (7)
- 5 Notice help in trouble relating to means of communication (10)
- 7 Surplice in reserve under bed (5)
- 9 Achievements without fine food (4)
- 13 Ship full of characteristic sounds (7)
- 15 Endless criticism about Republican, leader of the herd (6)
- 18 Exhausted, carrying timber, climbing little way (7)
- 19 Yarn almost confused herald (10, two hyphens)
- 20 In a spot, upset, interrupting host mad about music (9)
- 21 British base grew (6)
- 26 Muleteer getting round after runner, less hot (7)
- 28 Cut muscle and fret? (7)
- 30 Play from tee and shoot (6)
- 31 Acceptable instrument lifted in boat (5)
- 33 Sons, quietly close pals (5)
- 34 Young person up for lager (4)

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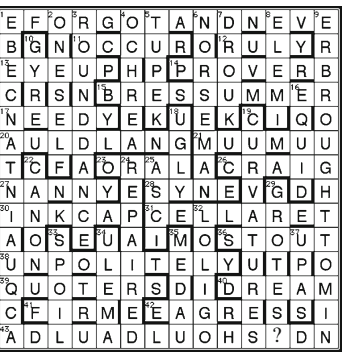
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SOLUTION TO 2044: FANTASTICALITY

AULD LANG SYNE (20 28) is the source of the perimeter quotation, ‘Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?’ 10 and 39 give a letter mixture of GROTESQUERY (29), the ‘query’ being entered as the symbol ? to complete the quotation.

First prize Diane Saxon, Stockport
Runners-up M.F. O’Brien, London N12; Geoff Bolton, Kettering, Northants