Crossword 2591: Get over it by Fieldfare

The nine individual unclued lights form three sets of three, each set related to a theme word in a different way. The theme word is hidden in the grid and should be highlighted.

Across

- 5 Most appropriate page in a quiz (6)
- 10 I'm praised for moving to retain university committee (10)
- 12 Queen is taking a line to get tough (6)
- City that lies between Pakistan and Bulgaria (8)
- 16 Bug is hanging on the wall (5)
- 17 In recess, is earth to be put on dead sheep? (7)
- 25 Bird's leg bone stripped (3)
- 26 In wood, cat chewed energy biscuit (7)
- 28 One top player receiving kiss, no longer a man? (7)
- 29 Once close to Aneurin (3)
- 31 Childish language used by Roman swine? (3,5)
- 34 The best diplomat replaced, losing his head (7)
- 36 Imply story contains drama (7)
- 40 A chief detective, one on drugs (4-4)
- 41 Craving time with Damien (6)
- 42 Cut right into fish, and dig in safely here (4,6)
- 44 Viciously one harms a crab (8)

Down

- 1 Unpleasant atmosphere, picking up something written in a train (6)
- 2 Person's amazingly cute rear (8)
- 3 From the food shops, hot and tasty (6)
- 4 Fibre, one feeding girl up (5)

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- 6 One first-class pianoforte brought round for singer (4)
- 7 Thrown out of cabinet room: I rub it in (11)
- 8 Briefly scrutinise horse on the farm (4)
- 9 Still not able to arouse emotion (8)
- 14 Painting after tense struggle (4)
- 15 Notch up trick at end of deck (4)
- 16 In van see adult guarding one's travel permit (7,4)
- 19 Catch lyre's last, highest note (4)
- 22 Extended number appearing in record (4)
- 23 Cleaned out, established allergy check (4,4)
- 24 Storing up soft drinks in vaults (7)
- 25 Point to highest turnover in paper (4)
- 27 Dreadful upper-class conceit failed to impress (3,2,3)
- 30 Produce family diamonds (4)
- 32 To hang around Ohio is within the capacity of Americans (6)

- 35 Once repulsive Latin swearword (5)
- Bard's to augment some lechery (4)
- 38 Religious adherent has one reeling (4)

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