Crossword 2650: Detention for history by Mr Magoo

One of the unclued entries is responsible for a quotation that makes up the others (two of three words, one of two words).

Across

- 1 Precious metals Cook nearly left (1,6)
- 6 Netball players in mid-court for three quarters? (7)
- 12 Another one bites the dust, recipe being trapped wind (7)
- 14 Biting an animal's brought about this? (5)
- 15 Married in mostly passionless times (5)
- 16 Caught this lassie forming a dance party? (6)
- 17 Top cops needing person to stop suspect (6)
- Identifiers for Ben and James (minor characters) (9)
- 21 New ____ could be synthesised by men or women? (7)
- 24 Farmyard bird made a meal of the Spanish cagebird (9)
- 26 Mineral of singular red type (9)
- 29 Salt's pay for late shift announced (7)
- 30 Bitter calm Englishman on vacation's drunk (9)
- 32 Think to conceal dislike without aspiration (6)
- 33 Wicket taking your spin (6)
- 35 Ian's pets having time for number of openings (5)
- 36 Father takes hurried breath (5)
- 37 Treat animal badly - this one? (7)
- 38 Director and good man leaving Chiltern town without power (6)

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- 39 Saw, with many points (7)
- 40 Issue alien with a title that's rejected (7)

Down

- 2 What's festering in rank leggings? (5)
- 3 College maintains college processes (4)
- 5 European imperialist revived Yankee charm (6)
- 6 Bridge to abridge (8)
- 7 A testee finally errs, plying this? (6)
- 10 Disc is silver covering scrap metal (7)
- 13 I covered ground I've broken up (8)
- 20 I won't bite Sir Anthony and Sir Henry (8)
- 25 Painting dismissed as potboiler? (3-5)
- 26 Tried to slip into extremely sensuous garment (7)
- 27 English packs note indecent whistler (7)
- 28 Plain ones leaving place with Tube (6)
- 29 Nod head, worried (6)
- 31 Old woman traps black snake (5)

34 Sound distressed to lose good horse (4)

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