

JUMBO CROSSWORD No 17,615 by NEO

ACROSS

- 1 Sweet sound from bee and another insect (6)
5 When resolutions traditionally made, were any broken? (3,4)
9/40 Doctor analysed lung many years ago (4,4,4)
13 Selection domestic laid on table so to speak (11)
14 Planner runs in to communicate main points (10)
15 Wonderful evening knowing no bounds, almost (4-4)
16 Defoe's outside, sitting in coach to make deal (5-2)
17 Cracker served with seconds, finished eating meal at last (6)
18 Sandy expanse — desert that ought to please Jack? (5,5)
21 Spies AA men? (6,6)
24 Dead characters seen in *Forever Young* (4)
25 Granted parole, grass taking in grasslands? (8)
27 Dramatic decline in air travel? (4,4)
30 Until able to reform, fellow put back inside essentially (2,3,3,4)
31 Reach GIs in manoeuvres, dismissing disgraced officers (10)
33 Periodic table maybe? (10)
35 Adder from Ahmedabad seen in late autumnal heat? (6,6)
37 Element of info given by resort (8)
39 Showing fear, tense setter's taking it round Idaho yard (8)
40 See 9
42 Dazzling old Peruvian pedigree? (12)
44 No case for such a person making short excursion? (3,7)
45 Journey back with Sunak endlessly frightening (6)
47 Acidic liquid in grave bubbling (7)
49 Gin initially served in royal house: have this on Monday? (8)
51 Poor series with play brings complaint (10)
52 Female supporters with confidence welcoming in expert group (6,5)
53 Investigation involving leaderless country to stimulate reaction (8)
54 Seeing first couple last, admire ghost (7)
55 Famed sitcom, or concise version of 'a 24 46 5 across to all FT 17s'? (6)

DOWN

- 2 American extended period in employment (5)
3 Fight with club used by the king in France in short story (6,5)
4 Fish served with mead for cat keen on lasagna? (8)
5 Elegant hotel down under? (5)
6 Sound alarm in the act of crossing street (7)
7 Green Man? Here stout sells well! (7,4)

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- 8 Tea in Bow for the Burdock girl? (5)
9 Article about Ireland transformed is rousing stuff (9)
10 Flower books found in boozer where husband barred (5)
11 Good money from member — tip given in change (5,6)
12 Piece of cake: one was ordered on time (2,5)
19 Man reported prince (with 12?) concealing credit racket (3,3,3)
20 *This* spake Zarathustra, upsetting savante (7)
22 One French action keeping detectives in two minds (9)
23 Co-ordinate muscles like so when rising (8)
26 Flashing of the shoulder from Oriental female? (9)
28 By which wronged can at last be getting even? (9)
29 Notice shown about game being shortened (8)
32 Dark pitch must cover excrescence (7)
34 What's holding up ferries between Italy and the Balkans? (8,3)
35 Big-time mail disruption impossible to relieve (11)
36 At quantity manufacture crowd for Mussolini? (4-7)
38 Kingmaker needs tree for first English country home (9)
41 Mad female in charge drawing in sappers with trap (8)
43 River spirit coming to the North Country (7)
44 Hardly active, Mike enters rave after party (7)
46 Dwarf animated and slightly drunk (5)
48 Serpent finally entering monster's loch makes home (5)
49 Turning point for Dame Hilda's accompanist? (5)
50 Badger not quiet in compound (5)

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