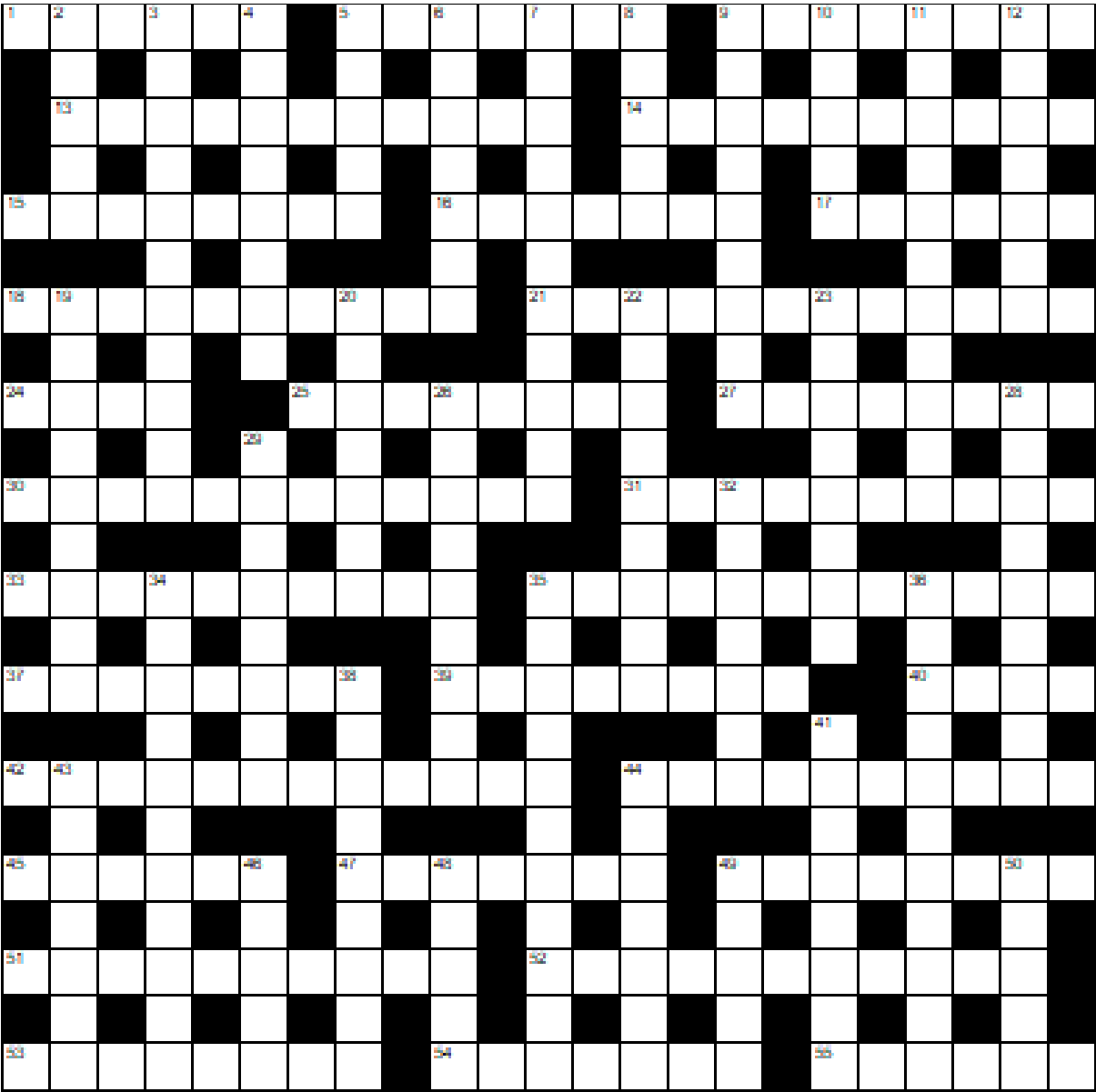


Easter Jumbo Crossword No 17,381 Set by NEO

ACROSS

- 1 Any number expelled from Oriental festival (6)
- 5 Adult and youth clad at last in rubber? (7)
- 9 There's idle talk about menagerie in Denmark? I'm amazed! (8)
- 13 Squire in timeless verse grasping an axe (6,5)
- 14 Canoeists reassembled around lake's shores (10)
- 15 Personal papers confiscated from cow (8)
- 16 Get Greek letter into answer given by First Lady? (7)
- 17 One coming into tough Jobcentre? That makes change in Barnet! (6)
- 18 Gardeners worked outside with verdant area (10)
- 21 Ham mixed with tripe for covering articles in bowl (12)
- 24 Innocent Lovelace barred from erotic dance? (4)
- 25 Grinder dealing with motorway cracks directly opposite (8)
- 27 Disease with tentative onset ravaged Chicago district (4,4)
- 30 Fast start when one Sheffield team's holding Hearts (3,9)
- 31 Struggling into a garment without finesse (10)
- 33 Equip old fellow with weapons for last battle (10)
- 35 1's late riser? (12)
- 37 Local man on ship in Scottish port? One from Nineveh maybe (8)
- 39 Arsenic added to milk served by staff in restaurant (5,3)
- 40 Imposter finally exposed in total defeat (4)
- 42 David was his ambassador among lively logical men (12)
- 44 Small number perished outside, treated as irrelevant (10)
- 45 Bachelor connected to Web in 1 hood? (6)
- 47 Empty old play Goethe wrote, hard for following (7)
- 49 On the move, Mr Benn takes in Italy and one eastern capital (8)
- 51 Teacher also died, having ingested fine 50 nibbles? (6,4)
- 52 Trouble with vermin in vacated farmhouse: creature's natural habitat (11)
- 53 You'd have found my charges generally low! (8)
- 54 African from Lubango landed (7)
- 55 Even the old make clothes more colourful (3-3)



DOWN

- 2 Minister without portfolio at first gives serious offence (5)
- 3 Possible excuse for missing court appearance? (6,5)
- 4 Participate in show trial? (8)
- 5 Liberal role model wants former lover evicted (5)
- 6 Objectivist writer always given new currency (3,4)
- 7 End with long depression in hottest place on Earth? (5,6)
- 8 Horse stayed in lovely position (5)
- 9 Go to press with items from this news source? (9)
- 10 Dig this — or discard unceremoniously! (5)
- 11 Eccentric people in error in the first place? (8,3)
- 12 Masseur perhaps, Kelvin at hand around Delaware (7)
- 19 Confining 37 god, prophet from the south offers comfort (9)
- 20 Was Dowding once this stupid? (7)
- 22 Girl accepting small criticism about creative centre (9)
- 23 Those opposing army on French islands (8)
- 26 Nice worker maybe one seen in mass eating area (9)
- 28 Degenerate is loudest when drunk (9)
- 29 Advantage sitting on mount in battle (8)
- 32 For a second time studies are reorganised in Liverpool? (7)
- 34 Naughty BT in for a caning? Certainly not! (8,3)
- 35 Elbow used by United, hosted by City in league, creating issue (11)
- 36 Woman one with Spanish hero in Lebanese port — despot's killer? (11)
- 38 Unrepeated utterance regarding church in rising flood (5,4)
- 41 Irish county players despondent (8)
- 43 Exasperation about working with silver at this time? (4,3)
- 44 Devoted daughter attractive? Not Beatrice! (7)
- 46 Money short then endlessly given in tax (5)
- 48 One renewed despite cuts put an end to by Labour? (5)
- 49 Sulphur found in check for tree exudation (5)
- 50 1's animal posh with two names, appearing in Times (5)

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