

Jumbo Crossword No 17,408 Set by GOZO

ACROSS

- 1 To do so, lays bare the drunk (11)
7 Concerning inn-keepers, 7dn, 18, 34/56, 35, 37ac, 43 and 52 (11)
13 Snares fish in spread nets (9)
14 Less convincing Debussycomposition (2,3)
15 Fringe member? (7)
16 Lengths of cloth to dispose of first to last (4)
17 Right away, feels sorry for birds (6)
19 He “can dance a bit”, but could be far steadier (4,7)
21 One of the 7ac, young Edward, did some housework (8)
23 Middle-distance runner starting to puff, on the way back to exam (6)
25 Cover turned back in fancy lace — as seen in Façade (7)
27 Regulator stopping medieval vehicle (5)
28 Work hard in effort to get prize (6)
29 Chief anaesthetist, single (6,3)
33 Pest is left out in shade (6)
34/56 Unusually large theologian overwhelmed supporting one of the 7ac (6,4)
35 Jumpers touched, we’re told, by another of the 7ac (9)
37 One of the 7ac coming before November with loose change (4,5)
38 Here the French store cold spike (6)
39 Appeal to heartless Ms Black reverting to type (6)
42 Striking arrival — gets in trouble (9)
43 Unsure a gangster is holding one of the 7ac (6)
44 Friend of Pooh’s time for bed (5)
46 Fish with partner — how perfect! (7)
49 Petitioner with outfit of gold (6)
50 Aristocratic woman against rejecting valuable item (8)
52 Huge brews go wrong for one of the 7ac (6,1,4)
55 Beginning of term of some ninety months (6)
56 See 34
59 Incident is described in poem (7)
60 A number grow sick, get benefit (5)
62 Freezing temperature of poor Tory with touch of tonsillitis (6-3)
63 Electrical discharge? I feel storm’s brewing (2,5,4)
64 Westminster’s where owls live (11)

DOWN

- 1 British soldiers and sailors coming round own port (11)
2 Praise for old flame’s ring never ends (5)
3 Care costing less than a shilling (4)
4 Rather lively warbler catches one of 17 by lake (10)
5 Arab state having section for sycophants (3-3)
6 Some of the elvers — only this one is adult (3)

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- 7 7ac’s Secretary of Defense with drinks, fled off (8)
8 Cash prize with strings attached (5)
9 Wood and a piece of stone hauled up (5)
10 Made light of slipshod editing (7)
11 A home for soldiers? (7)
12 Spy moving centre stage (6,5)
18 One of the 7ac, aka Piranha Sal (5,5)
20 Contracts which astronomers use (10)
22 Vessel moved into lake, then river (3,6)
24 Collier regularly calls on guy for geoscience (10)
25 Stretch of open land regularly seen (6)
26 Old coins are pointers about deliveries to earl (10)
30 German prince regularly rattled the voters (10)
31 Disregards forlorn lover in spectacles on borders of Kansas (9)
32 I’ve acted on new commercial document (6,4)
36 Ill-feeling of East German with lodging in New York (6)
37 Empty dining area with a fire-place installed (11)
40 Pets like heavy rain (4,3,4)
41 Indian moon out in this age (4,6)
45 Drink sounds like a fib and story (5,3)
47 Touchy leading economist with reason (7)
48 The French stable-lad has space to move (7)
51 Seafood starters on one’s yacht, sometimes to eat raw (6)
53 Former naval officers run in all directions (5)
54 Taste something in rum amiss (5,7)
57 Frequently based on 10 (5)
58 Restrict the flow of some waste materials (4)
61 Drink when seated? (3)

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