

August 2025 Slot 3 by KA

Across

- 1 University graduate divorcing soldier for a Spaniard (10)
- 10 Cover for the female on the left (4)
- 12 Surgeons associated with the opera, perhaps (5)
- 14 God backed by the Queen is unusual (4)
- 15 Sailor initiating emergency message from dried-out lake bed (7)
- 16 Stick public notice to this spot (6)
- 17 A bird to pursue, we hear (5)
- 20 Music group engulfed by rampant rioters (4)
- 21 Religious leader asserting he's a male (4)
- 24 Small drink concocted from the finest recipe (7)
- 26 Top cover for judiciary? (7)
- 27 This tart was eaten by the chief landowner (4)
- 29 Horseplay in tattered clothing (4)
- 34 The people of a disunited Italy? (5)
- 35 This cactus needs a deoxygenated alcohol mixture (6)
- 36 Disconcerts with top grade parties (7)
- 38 Noise made by transport officer coming and going? (4)
- 40 A bird which is self-assured (5)
- 41 Audibly restrain on the roadside (4)
- 42 A frogman consumed ice-cream in the aeroplane (4,6)

Down

- 1 Weight of a wagon holding an American? (5)
- 2 Expert has drunk mead in the scholarly environment (7)
- 3 Logical circuit correlative to neither (3)
- 4 Contact confused, wet, alien (5)
- 5 Warn of a counterfeit taler (5)
- 6 Studying in an English town (7)
- 7 Skill shown in ecarte (3)
- 8 Sting in a small bazaar (5)
- 9 Yearn to be included amongst the skrimshankers (6)
- 11 One who employs shifty ruse (4)

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- 13 A follower of a cruciverbalist carrying postal order (7)
- 17 Contaminate with dirt (4)
- 18 Beheaded body causes a dispute (4)
- 19 Kind of arrest brought on by reconstituted, acrid calcium? (7)
- 22 Walter loses some money, but finds a glove (4)
- 23 A western railway goes all wrong (4)
- 24 National sees aim differently (7)
- 25 Peer with a decoration has this anatomical feature (7)
- 26 Regal residence for a friend and top gun (6)
- 28 Betting on ducks is forbidden (5)
- 30 Certificate given to leaders of the Grand Canyon Scientific Expedition (1,1,1,1)
- 31 This cap comes from the Changsha kolkhoz (5)
- 32 A symbol venerated in vandalised motte (5)
- 33 In a score tally countback at a future date (5)
- 37 Winter runner, perhaps (3)
- 39 Alumnus holds right part of coronation regalia (3)