

August 2026 Slot 7 by Crowsman

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Across

- 1 Fruit age (4)
- 4 Unlimited expedition to a distant place (4)
- 8 Rodent turned up after shrinking (5)
- 13 Piece of music is right with respect to party (5)
- 14 Recognise outspoken sailor getting main product (3,4)
- 15 Tom Mix's *Tony* had order switched to bitter seed (5,8)
- 16 Left round windows in small compartments (6)
- 17 Druggie initially with needles for weapons (5)
- 18 The foremost thing in Assam? (4)
- 19 Player gets point astride rearing mount (7)
- 22 Two Greek characters heard imaginatively futuristic presentation (3-2)
- 23 Covert operatives interrupt sun dance (6)
- 25 Aussie bicycle broken by little creeps (6,7)
- 27 Mobs made African statesman move right back twice (6)
- 29 Megastar singer took help from home of 4 Down. (5)
- 30 Insert clip securing tie (5,2)
- 31 Oil rich nation's capital excluded an infant's mother (4)
- 34 Proprietary medication provided when fronting specialist (5)
- 37 Bert's first Logie mistake from pressure (6)
- 38 Introduced bias into reporting, backing current or alternative dailies (13)
- 39 Refreshed Frenchman got hitched (7)
- 40 Pruned the best flowers (5)
- 41 Cuts small holes around (5)
- 42 Bitter church abandoning cause (4)
- 43 Sluggish, but are ready to run (4)

Down

- 1 Hindi purées from tuberous plants, except for India's borders (5)
- 2 Arsonist carries one lamp (8)
- 3 Guarantee misses right result (5)
- 4 Team placed in a Scottish river murder (8,5)
- 5 Points of concentration of rising numbers in Rome (4)
- 6 A rod for roasting covers hot space under fireplace (3,3)
- 7 Raised a buck, perhaps, for grass (4)
- 8 Nothing in cover on stroller is better (6,7)
- 9 Bird unable to fly before disjointedly leaving Austria (7)
- 10 American tug (4)
- 11 Bottomless deluxe asset (4)
- 12 Thoroughly articulate lady becoming disheartened (7)
- 13 Proctor went off harbouring love for beets, perhaps (4,4)
- 19 Model clasps small band (5)
- 20 A crime involving a continental (5)
- 21 Taxes for high seasons (8)
- 24 Turbulent demise after it listed (8)
- 25 They melt wreaths by accident (7)
- 26 Converted kinky tape in total (7)
- 28 Look around in the same place for lust (6)
- 32 Excuse a previous answer, ignoring affair (5)
- 33 Club's wide frontier (5)
- 34 Retreat behind a port (4)
- 35 Wrong natural base function (4)
- 36 Norwegian money for bauxite and galena (4)
- 37 Times escaping to a hut in Pacific island (4)