Strange Career by Schadenfreude

Puzzle

Instructions

The wordplay in 17 clues leads to the answer with one letter missing. When viewed in the preliminary grid in normal reading order these letters spell out a title. In the remaining clues the wordplay leads to the answer with an extra letter not to be entered in the grid. In clue order these letters spell out what must be deleted, its replacement and what must be highlighted. All final grid entries are real words.

ACROSS

1 Complaint about caging northern reptile (6)
5 A Dutch seaman receiving five hundred goodbyes (6)
10 Exhilarated English boy taking ecstasy (6)
12 A westbound threesome following Morag's direction (4)
13 John stopping British plot made a big mistake (6)
14 US city's singular tree (5)
15 Virginia's brother runs into porter (4)
17 German chemist managed to enter lodge (6)
19 European provisional making inroads (6)
21 Organised numerologists initially need a basic assumption (6)
22 Sweet millet (6)
25 Chase eastern doctor in front of pitch (6)
29 Goddess close to unstable Indonesian chief (5)
30 Brother learnt complicated French dance (7)
33 Find a way through shut garden devoid of good ground (8)
35 Long-tailed bird trapped by popular Scotsman (4)
36 Alliance sacking Liberal whip, now obsolete (6)
37 Policewomen wrongfully featuring in boastful talk (5)
38 Dusty song meeting required standards in Helena’s state (4)
39 Soccer team’s base for the first of nine old-fashioned receptions (6)
40 Fool entertaining spiteful gossip about some swimmers (8)

DOWN

1 Bachelor banged up was loquacious (6)
2 Laxative prepared with skin of olive and sulphur (5)
3 Servant turned up with book keeper (3)
4 Rising tide drowning river insect (5)
5 Revered agent standing up after a celebration (6)
6 Italian lady almost exhausted fluttering fan (5)
7 Lucifer and the sun in poetry maybe organised as a study out of university (8)
8 Rita was his second wife, getting drunk chasing men (5)
9 Sun cheers Aberdeen’s cowshed? (4)
11 Kazak’s fat engineer joining assurgent party (6)
16 Opportunity of member wearing jumper (4)
18 Afternoon over soon (4)
20 George at grammar school with curious knowledge of earth materials etc (8)
23 Comparatively quick walker crossing island (7)
24 NZ bird's small cases (5)
26 Cloth rag put over a large tuber (6)
27 Most wily Scottish golfer turned up with support (6)
28 Black mostly keen sheriff’s officer (6)
30 Expert comic actors (5)
31 Trustee and second son pack up (5)
32 Area in underlying surface cleared of water (5)
34 Independent nurse from the south dated duke (4)
**Entry information**

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