Men on board by Schadenfreude

Puzzle

Instructions

From 15 clues solvers must remove a word which has only one letter in common with its answer. In reverse clue order these letters provide the theme. Clashes in some cells must be replaced by a number or in three cases a word. Numbers in brackets are the grid entry lengths.

ACROSS

1   Active bee leaving wood westbound - I note a red colouring (4)
4   Heartless married man mixed a drug to combat nausea (5)
8   Greedy monkey returned following date trees (4)
11  Was a French seabird free? (5)
12  Censure strong work (5)
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Across
14 Note Irish sketch (6)
15 Lively Yankee leaves licentious revel to consume a sweet drink (6)
16 Straighten bent nail securing centrepiece of hanging (5)
17 Before rearranged run bather developed severe indigestion (7)
19 A colourful trained exotic plant (8)
20 Fashionable German in disguise meeting European to use cajolery (8)
22 I tucked into mixed seasonal iced cold dish (13, 2 words)
28 Dausset's perfect article on disease is not in accordance with Jewish law (8)
30 Halved offensive smells on bog plants (8)
33 Bush fire destroyed entrance to rotunda - renovator is the answer! (7)
35 Dusty man on board caught abandoning creature for some wench (6)
36 Short news article covering absolute conscious state sought by Zen Buddhists (6)
37 Transitory light wind to turn obliquely (5)
38 Hired men nicking German motors (5)
39 Egocentric dwarf remains quiet on the outside (4)
40 Old man without any force accepts electronic stuff that's useless (5)
41 Car door reflected a metallic lustre (4)

Down
1 Make impersonal maiden use rogue to catch husband (8)
2 One member on time carrying note "Inject Once" (5)
3 Duck found in Aegean's wild biological region (7)
4 East wind destroyed Scots pine (5)
5 A boring deb's pretentious Somerset community (7, 2 words)
6 Current solicitor carries explosive joining line (6)
7 Volatile Elizabethan's set on rising in command post (7)
8 Sound picture detailed product of Indian village (6)
9 Anonymous bisexual sheltered by occult temple is regaining life after seeming to be dead (9)
10 Third son determined and hard (4)
13 Explosive component, favourite with engineers (5)
18 Short simple pub snack following second mixed drink (9)
21 Rename awfully rich street in unopened grassy land (8)
23 Hammer magistrate on active duty grabbing hospital nurse (7)
24 Deeply involved I'm pursued by director across Wick's marshland (7)
25 Policeman doesn't begin to arrest alien swimmer (7)
26 Does contract imply dishonesty from the south? (5)
27 Energetic sort who shut out the French resistance (6)
29 Molluscs once follow a course up tree stump (6)
31 Servant in shelter lifting paint (5)
32 Society hostess out of heroin used indecent language (5)
33 Wild cats run into young hawk (4)
Entry information

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