No-show by Schadenfreude

Instructions
The grid will initially include 19 empty cells. These must be filled to reveal the thematic members. The titular character can be traced out in the completed grid using knight's moves (one cell doing double duty) and must be deleted. Ignoring spaces all final grid entries are real words. Numbers in brackets include the empty cells.

ACROSS

1  Note yard missing from 80 yards of worsted (8)
8  European king abruptly cross (5)
12 There's no breadth to prosthetic foot (5)
13 Muslim princes are confused about letter returned by Siemens (6)
14 Symbol shown by new computer access procedure (5)
15 Dance music - it enthrals acting doctor (5)
16 Trojan woman short of fifty (5)
17 Group of Queer Street collectors (7)
18 Flammable liquid in a mixed state absorbing inert gas and nitrogen (6)
19 Worry about tense state (4)
21 Undiminished diplomacy shown by independent sacking relative (6)
24 Active amateur cartoonist out of Sweden (5)
26 Attention seeker picked up Ailsa's close relative (3)
27 Showy flowers for example Oscar planted in the back of this square (5)
31 Rolls Royce finally left next to black and silver Sierra (6)
34 Boat returned carrying German letter (4)
35 Dijon's concrete plant isn't finished (5)
37 Bury forgotten old character (7)
39 Scots rush to attract attention (4)
40 Posh one's wearing mature poet's dress (6)
41 Local young woman accompanied by awfully vain Italian scientist (7)
42 Paddy's back after first dance (7)
43 South American social reformer beginning to enjoy life (5)
44 Macdonald's livestock first to shelter out of the weather (5)
45 Game of skill to be considered generally as a concept (8)

DOWN

1 I remove one anonymous note relating to old lamp component (8)
2 Lying lazily about, laughing out loud with Heather (7)
3 Struggling German nation in for some thrashing (9)
4 Steer in the middle of icy curve (6)
5 Soldier escorting nurse about in Fife (6)
6 Wizard in the morning lifted above earth (5)
7 Eastern US government department ignores absolute necessity (7)
8 Rotting trees start to secrete organic compounds (7)
9 Softened manner pursued by director (6)
10 South Africa supports vessels in history (6)
11 Rulers by the way are supported by us (4)
20 Soldier's climbing inside the empty shaft (4)
22 Train gang to catch sheep (8)
23 Country like Seychelles, warm and dry from the south (8)
25 Deep-voiced Yankee following space mission (7)
26 Face always turned up on time (7)
28 Is sailor for example at the top? (4)
29 Tea dance without a tango at the end (6)
30 Quiet republican - that's Kelvin! (6)
32 A way of looking at fish (6)
33 Subaltern escorting William's mother round a conservatory? (6)
36 Guns raised to protect one Scottish stallion (5)
37 Penny stolen from highly valued antique till (4)
38 Artist and prince get along well (4)
Entry information

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