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ACROSS

- 1 Small growths extremely likely to fill small cracks (6)
- 4 Experiences fellow feeling, with English politician at his tablets (10)
- 10 Representing noble of the French state (5)
- 14 Criminal female comes in handy with debtor's notes (9)
- 15 Suspect streak in hugely rich sport on wheels (6-7)
- 16 Ace is away boxing, causing worry (7)
- 17 Mentioned poet providing woman's undergarment (7)
- 18 Umpteenth rally more than enough to reveal rivet (7)
- 19 Swimmers should avoid this Iberian armed ship (10,3-2-3)
- 21 Originally the supreme autocrat, leader of Russia (4)
- 24 Acclaim legend about fencing clubs (5)
- 26 Starving old American pursues crow (8)
- 27 Shuffles fish during drinks (5-3)
- 29 Graduate, lout and English guy cross fine sea area (3,2,6)
- 30 The most timid avoid eastern unit in national park (11)
- 32 Rodney plugs terrible sweetener (6,5)
- 35 Old warship had go and turned unexpectedly (11)
- 37 Tea during the present time? That's definitely out (2,6)
- 39 Where film would be kept secretly (2,6)
- 40 Time when Powell has gained power, replacing Nationalist (5)
- 43 Pupils no longer returning after a punishment (4)
- 44 Spare no effort to play the pipes at full volume (4,3,3,3,5)
- 47 Pretend deal includes song (7)
- 48 New displays in gallery the lady's backing with dread almost (7)
- 50 Ring about gunmen casing home, blow it! (7)
- 51 Priest in church has men close to pulpit for Albert, say (6,7)
- 52 Main man eats one like some Glasgow chocolate bars? (4-5)
- 53 Poles brought in money for viola (5)
- 54 Busy Italians accepting revolutionary firm's withdrawn (10)
- 55 Plucky one locked in iron enclosure (6)

DOWN

- 1 Long drink filled with very soft fruit (9)
- 2 Firefly Leo and I manoeuvred, making excellent time (4,2,5)
- 3 Border stitch that is used at the front (7)
- 5 Lawmaker takes a stroll, avoiding Yankee (5)
- 6 Two kinds of screen for part of Heathrow (3,8)
- 7 Batter felt raunchy, making good score (4-7)
- 8 Vow to give up fade after last of hooks (5,3)
- 9 Englishman and SAS chase criminal around north (9)
- 10 Note conductor's deficiency (6)
- 11 Like artwork in Fifty Shades of Grey? (11)
- 12 It's acceptable for one article to appear between lines (5)
- 13 On radio, what makes one stud's leading part? (12)
- 20 It recalled silver in highly uncivilised state (8)
- 22 Admire scripture cult absorbing pressure (7)
- 23 Second opener for Kent is to run sports venue (3,5)
- 25 Cloths in which to wrap up oily cheeses? (8)
- 28 Obscene call for former dancing girl (8)
- 29 Almost clear off one initially aggressive plant (7)
- 31 Authority in east London built square (3-9)
- 33 Late study of lutetium, copper and boron quota (11)
- 34 Leg reduces impact of aids for sewers (11)
- 35 Confusing enigmatic ad showing oddly attractive quality (11)
- 36 Global subject, say, upset old, old drunk cutting images (11)
- 38 Marine arthropods covering hole in one area (9)
- 41 Farming hours now and then on group lines (9)
- 42 Wine inspires latest member of orchestra (8)
- 45 Pinch a bit (7)
- 46 Religious publication cautious about credit (3,3)
- 47 Children's drink more costly, like some of their books? (3-2)
- 49 Hindu workers, 500 in part of Koran (5)