

December 2019 Puck Aramis



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Originally set as a jigsaw, this version of the puzzle has clues with directions. Fifteen clues lack a definition; their solutions are thematic, one plurally and another in a collective sense. Solutions to the asterisked clues need re-ordering before entry; all three are related to the theme in some way.

Clues are presented in alphabetical order of their solutions.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<p>37 1dl</p> <p>Triumphant cry when Mick told you to get these out (2-3)</p>	<p>38 1dr</p> <p>Reportedly why you caught cholera on vacation (5)</p>		<p>Day12 12dl</p> <p>Drawing by Frank Paul</p>	<p>1 4ac</p> <p>Drink cold Guinness? (4)</p>		
<p>2 29ac</p> <p>*Article setter wanted at top of grid? (5)</p>	<p>3 34ur</p> <p>*Woody Allen's first novel (short name) (5)</p>	<p>4 2ac</p> <p>Araucaria's offering is a precious commodity (2)</p>	<p>5 37ul</p> <p>Bottom's head? Yes, what might have come from an ass that's run away (3)</p>	<p>6 15dr</p> <p>Female setter possibly taking drugs for sex (5)</p>	<p>7 18dr</p> <p>A buzzer for each signalling device (6)</p>	<p>8 22ba</p> <p>Manx cats have no tail (5)</p>
<p>9 3dl</p> <p>Awfully scared, getting up to catch fairy with nothing on (6,2,7)</p>	<p>10 22dr</p> <p>Pass away (4)</p>	<p>11 12ba</p> <p>Remove first of decorations on Friday 5th (4)</p>	<p>12 12dl</p> <p>Wife lost in space (5,3)</p>	<p>13 34ul</p> <p>Tinsel? M&S has it (3)</p>	<p>14 8ul</p> <p>Some work involved in returning Christmas greetings (4)</p>	<p>15 14ba</p> <p>Boob showing in somewhat drunken striptease? (3)</p>
<p>16 10dr</p> <p>Sheep grouped together, say, in woolly clumps (5)</p>	<p>17 9dl</p> <p>Vocal number <i>Wicked</i> didn't allow (6)</p>	<p>18 9ba</p> <p>Soft ground? That's about right, by end of race (6)</p>	<p>19 6ac</p> <p>Sega game works in Perth (4)</p>	<p>20 31ur</p> <p>Sticky substance fellow ejaculated by mistake (3)</p>	<p>21 17ba</p> <p>Got a tree ordered? It'll show in your digital footprint (5,3)</p>	<p>22 27ba</p> <p>Behold more than one 35 out East regularly, Christmas having returned (2)</p>
<p>23 36ur,30dr</p> <p>Buxom old woman's back (5)</p>	<p>24 26dl</p> <p>Puck's pinching Titania's bottom (3)</p>	<p>25 23dr</p> <p>Almost perfect, but no tree-topper put up (3)</p>	<p>26 24ac</p> <p>Stretch limo going off with 29 inside (3,4)</p>	<p>27 35ac</p> <p>Complaint investigator's ignoring detective chap (4)</p>	<p>28 11dr</p> <p>Best known party (5)</p>	<p>29 33ul</p> <p>TV broadcasting system showing beginnings of Puck & Aramis link-up (3)</p>
<p>30 16dl,20ac-2,21dr</p> <p>Come to a climax, starting to open up present (shortly to be sent back) (5)</p>	<p>31 32ul-2,28ur,25ac</p> <p>Field only half of La Liga team (5)</p>	<p>32 13ul</p> <p>Old toy redistributed in a thematically established way? (8)</p>	<p>33 32ac</p> <p>Ptarmigan as a form of prey (4)</p>	<p>34 19ba</p> <p>Cut short (4)</p>	<p>35 5dl</p> <p>*Expression of annoyance about something missing at top of grid? (4)</p>	<p>36 7dr-3</p> <p>First signs of tinsel, and other ornaments as well (3)</p>