

January 2018 Slot 7 by Flowerman

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| <p>1 Detective wearing English poet's bloomers (4)</p> <p>3 Curious blurbs at times frightfully defamatory (10)</p> <p>10 Craft mostly beginning to cross Thames before noon (7)</p> <p>11 Condiment's drunk in grave accident (7)</p> <p>12 Rush to stop one chasing friend out of hospital (5)</p> <p>13 Synthetic substance prone to disintegrate in joint, reportedly (8)</p> <p>15 Knights seize outlaw heading west (3)</p> <p>17 Start to remonstrate with bad doctor about crude medicine (3-5,3)</p> <p>19 Small ruminant occasionally taps on ground (11)</p> <p>22 Sailor extremely bitter after temperature dropped (3)</p> <p>23 Stir over cut down wild coastal tree (8)</p> <p>25 Islander playing cards with maniac getting whipped (5)</p> <p>28 Australian worker eating fruit for nourishment (7)</p> <p>29 Hang out with fellow tucking into excellent wholemeal bread (7)</p> <p>30 Saint on train keeping recipe in safe place (10)</p> <p>31 Get into a temper after smashing end of toe (4)</p> | <p>2 Solid doctrine arguably underpins public relations (5)</p> <p>4 Supported redevelopment of old phosphorus mine in African country (7)</p> <p>5 Endlessly desire fresh oil on international dish (7)</p> <p>6 Private banquet to see off young duke (5)</p> <p>7 Front part of church derelict for a long time (5,4)</p> <p>8 Spectacular marks on birds with a harsh cry!! (4)</p> <p>9 After losing day 2, giant-killer's caught up in sporting event (5,3)</p> <p>14 Italian keen about learning New Testament (10)</p> <p>16 Rubbish openly aired by American prison officer (9)</p> <p>18 Moved nearest to grab good part (8)</p> <p>20 Bird list including Orpington duck (7)</p> <p>21 One supporting chief over unusual plea to leave islands (7)</p> <p>24 Pick up amateur dancer in valley (5)</p> <p>26 Annoy beetle briefly (5)</p> <p>27 Better dry up about queen, one fancies (4)</p> |
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- 1** An arch criminal Monsieur Poirot considered initially (10)