

The Leicester Clarion Crossword N°19011946 set by Orb & Allimac

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Special instructions :

Solutions are in the same language as the clue.

Clues marked with an asterisk consist of wordplay only: answers, which are thematic, and one of which is half-baked, must be entered in cryptic form, as a single word.

The solver must collect all the XVI's in the grid, enter their sum in the central cell and then complete the central row.

Chambers and Larousse are the primary references. One answer is an abbreviation.

Across

- 1 Albert's fun nearly spoiled by ape, what a story! (9,6)
 12 Hermione's dog has tip of rectum touching six balls (5)
 13 Theresa has nothing on Virginia (4)
 14 Goalie or wingers ? (5)
 16 What *The Man in the Red Coat* might prescribe for irregular seamen ? (6)
 18 Maggot knocks back some Burgundy (4)
 19 Book primarily examined student left at Magdalen going West (5)
 20 Dr Spooner's fish just for now? (2,3)
 21 Seaweed jelly found in Swansea garden (4)
 22 A cuppa, mate ? Sounds like a bit of a bloomer ! (5)
 *24 The Queen abandoned Kitchener after the Nationalists encircled quiet journalist, worker and me
 29 First you lobbed Federer - returned - and got zip. (3)
 31 Leaders of Catholic inquisition grooming schoolboys for fags (4)
 33 Antelope treated by Damien Hirst in Highlands enclosure (3)
 35 Hebrew character is against King James' bible. (3)
 36 Having retired, Duffy gave head to Lincoln (4)
 *37 Earlier themes confused setter
 *41 Furious dress designer inhales nitrogen ?
 44 According to the Duke of Edinburgh, all you see when Mao's *Keeping an Eye Open* (4)
 46 What Peeping Tom may do *Through the Window* ? (3)
 47 *Nothing to be Frightened of* for Cleopatra in ruined spa ? (3)
 48 Posh girl and daughter cut your bollocks off (4)
 49 Courbe qui, suivie de RTW1, se trouverait à l'Etoile? (3)
 50 Novel conversation on sex appeal and Laker's spell ? (7,2,4)
 55 Opening in *Metroland* invested in colonnade opening (5)
 57 Flex third or fourth letter (4)
 58 Pour monsieur, confus et séparé (5)
 60* How long is the *History of the World* ?
 62 A double degree for auntie's sister? (4)
 63 Mauriac's knot of six a second (6)
 65 Episode right from *Something to Declare* (5)
 66 Powell, taken aback, drops heroin and gets ice-cream? (4)
 67 Empty class about hard exam *Levels - of Life* in total disorder. (5)
 68 Ruffian traps African rhino with energy and gold in violent rage and gets a title (6,3,6)

Down

- 1 Weir do broadcasts "Liberate Kaye" (5)
 *2 NW5 landlords?
 3 'Heil', as Adolf puts it, when Frau H gets up ? (3)
 4 Blakesly façade right one for a couple ? (5)
 5 Measures concealed by Harlem squad (3)
 6 Guardian leader in newspaper, a musical style (5)
 7 Petkanov et son espèce accueillis par le saint martyr, Anselme? (6)
 8 French bread and a touch of rosé on *The Lemon Table* (4)
 9 Local in charge of hair or lice ? (5)
 10 Almost all the beginning of *The Porcupine* is a high point (3)
 11 Don Juan for one, ou deux pour Poulidor ? (4)
 15 'Hard as I turn, sloth enters', he prophesied (6)
 17 Two-wheeler heads back in the sea? (5)
 22 Other people in the bath? Embarrassing. (4)
 23 Cocksure at first after romance and French sequel to 50 (4,3)
 25 Inclined trough for washing ore in nasty enclosure (3)
 26 Deux tiers de la suite française de 50, exposée par Otto, et les premières des aquarelles "Neue Sachlichkeit" ? (3,3)
 27 Smashed rebel is after head of Tony Soprano (6)
 28 Magnificent gang without a leader ? That's not at all odd (4)
 29 Message about posh father's blunder (4,3)
 30 Liberal at last ? Your bro's backing Johnson (3)
 31 Hurlement d'écrivain ? (3)
 32 Cocktail de neige et phosphore pour liqueur alpine ? (6)
 34 La bite tordue ? C'est prouvé (6)
 38 Liquid matter before Bog B ? (4)
 39 Rare pot for one ? (3)
 40 Stirling or Lewis to start *Staring at the Sun* pursued by Inland Revenue (3)
 42 About putrefaction ? About hard between the legs (5)
 43 Delhi drain built in anal Acton ? (4)
 44 The duke did not care to work following confused openings of *The Only Story* (5)
 45 John saves headers from Lineker and Vardy (3)
 48 Man from Zurich loses energy and gets back a bit of *Noise of Time* indicator (6)
 51 Pol Pot and his henchmen first killed hundreds, then a million - ending in genocide, right ? (5)
 52 Impressive half of *England, England*, lacking space and changing sides (5)
 53 Jiffy proffered by fool with drug for Sir Bradley, say? (5)
 54 Chostakovitch peut-être, saisi par un virus sévère (5)
 56 Lining of Grandma's hat goes with banger (4)
 57 Merde ! Des espions écoeurés, puis encore éventrés. (4)
 59 Something on the box: at last Pip starts roguishly ogling girlies? (4)
 61 Un soupçon ? Pétain d'abord, mais finalement de Gaulle et Pompidou (3)
 63 Five, for example, or two, with meat (3)
 64 Organ with *Sense of an Ending* appalled Ravel at first. (3)