ACROSS

- 1 The perfect example (2,4,5)
- 7 Female equestrian dress (6,5)
- **13** Briny (9)
- 14 Office working surface (7)
- 15 Specified, stated (5)
- 16 (Of eyes) dull, unfocussed (6)
- 17 Garden plant (4,4)
- 18 Occupy (a place) in large numbers (7)
- 20 Having to choose between equally bad outcomes (2,3,5,2,1,7)
- 23 Wanton woman (7)
- 24 Money handed over (7)
- 26 Colour; Italian battle site (7)
- 28 Polluted fog (4)
- 29 Deter through persuasion (8)
- 32 Not attended to (9)
- **35** Balding (4,2,3)
- 36 Got juice from (an orange) (8)
- 37 Food regime (4)
- 39 Washing vessel (7)
- 41 Soft drink with added alcohol (7)
- 44 Surrounded by (7)
- **45** After all, — —, last line of Gone with the Wind (8,2,7,3)
- 49 Liverpool football team (7)
- 50 Salad vegetable (8)
- 51 Whipped dish (6)
- **53** Keyboard instrument (5)
- **54** Gulp; bird (7)
- **55** Predatory reptile (9)
- **56** Cloth cap (11)
- **57** Rudeness (11)

DOWN

- 1 English Civil War battle (6)
- 2 Fossil expert (15)
- 3 In an unbefitting manner (10)
- 4 As far as (2,2)
- 5 Type of jet engine (9)
- 6 Julie (The Sound of Music) (7)
- 7 Move round (cabinet ministers) (9)
- 8 Wife; from the Netherlands (5)
- **9** That's easy (2,7)
- 10 Confused, disorderly (6-6)
- 11 Region of southern Germany (7)
- 12 Renter of property (6)
- 19 Steal goods on display (8)
- 21 Easing of hostilities (7)
- **22** Busily working (4,2,2)
- 23 Experimental glassware (4,4)
- 25 Irish poet and dramatist (5)
- 27 English county (15)
- **30** Female singing voice (7)
- 31 Supply (with kit) (5)
- 33 Variety of black grape (8)
- **34** Scornful (12)
- 38 Calling at each house (4-2-4)
- 40 Northern part of the Pacific Ocean (6,3)
- 42 Swindler; tool user (9)
- **43** Long nose (9)
- 45 That aforesaid (3,4)
- 46 Pointed out (7)
- 47 Aided (6)
- 48 Medicine (6)
- **50** Bare; uncomprehending (look) (5)
- 52 (Corporate) emblem (4)

