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The puzzle is in part an alphabetical jigsaw where the solutions are all of a kind. These are to be entered in the unclued spaces in the diagram, wherever they will go, unless they appear hidden in other solutions. Their clues usually have no further definition, may be somewhat “left field” and often relate to sound without any indication such as “they say”. All other clues are normal.

Across

- 12 Pope’s work’s no good, otherwise I can enter (7)
- 13 I can back a new relic standing round as a cabal, say (2,1,6)
- 14,46 Engagement smart girl keeps quiet (3,3)
- 16 Santa’s comment on flowers of spring: “Don’t finish it! Shut up!” (9)
- 17 Not finishing’s a scandalous business: left to join the club (5)
- 19 An idiot not finishing with 22 loving (7)
- 22 This 1999 beauty was produced by Cinerama (8)
- 31 “Cynic” comes from “Dog” (including setter) at Greeks’ lost underworld (8)
- 32 Fish leads split in the church, it’s said, but it shouldn’t be (8)
- 37 Flatford scene – one lives with the artist (7)
- 38 Stupidly top and tail palm tree (7)
- 40 The Queen’s Hotel keeps magpie from bull (5)
- 46 See 14
- 47 Leg warmers for west-facing beds at college? (9)
- 48 In all, little boy in big city (7)
- 50 Problem at the extremities for artist on Sunday arranged to finish overseas (8,7)

Down

- 1 Doctor performed without disapproving expression being altered (9)

- 3 It’s almost all one to be getting up in this shade (5,4)
- 5 Bridgetown presently accepts sixth note (7)
- 7 Extract from artemisia, calendula etc, relating to a goddess (7)
- 9 What do you think of the prospects? (5)
- 10 Martyred archbishop gets large vegetable with no time for more to be cooked (5,6)
- 11 Father turns to friend in shock (5)
- 18 She has a marriage settlement (don’t split hairs) (9)
- 19 Ration? Here’s to growing your own food! (9)
- 21 Sun City, without exception (6)
- 25 What the cavorting maenad has on her head (6)
- 26 Say, are you acquainted with a goddess? (4)
- 28 Grass seat for bird (5,6)
- 33 Harp or, on field azure: rainbow is damaging (5,4)
- 34 Love Donne’s island – end up hugging it as an obsession (9)
- 38 Widow’s two Scots animals deprived of upper parts (7)
- 39 Journalist of south 22’s land sounds red (7)
- 41 Fawn gets knock-out pull (5)
- 43 Knock out and it’s wiped (5)
- 45 Famous rising Parisian of fashion (5)

Alphabetical

- A A drink (4)
- B Down with pretty girl (8)
- C No place for the righteous (8)
- D Row about one like this (8)
- E And she’s well off in Madrid (5)
- F Smiths S first of the books (6-2-3)
- G Take from doxology, keeping nothing back (8)
- H Army leader (5)
- I Messenger to Noah (4)
- J Johnson’s dad used one but it’s all emails these days (7)

- K Iron in the fire (9)
- L River leaves battling brother (5)
- M From Sicily, am ashamed (10,5)
- N A lot of doves in extension to gym (10)
- O Bit of CO (2-3)
- P Edge in plain words (8)
- Q Writer eating muck for tea (10)
- R Left the underground (4)
- S Ordinary animals (5)
- T Labour judge is in (7)
- U River No. 11 in table (5)
- V She wasn’t drowned in play after all ... (5)
- W ... and she couldn’t be (stray?) (5)
- X Mucks about about “God Save the Queen” (11)
- Y I say I’m nauseated (5)
- Z Use C in G? (6)

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