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### Wind by Kcit

The answers to normal clues are entered with two (in only 2 instances, symmetrically placed) or three consecutive letters out of place (e.g. WORD could be entered WRDO or WDOR but not WDRO or WODR). The affected letters form a four-way symmetric pattern in the grid, which solvers must shade. Two symmetrically arranged thematic, which must be highlighted with a different colour, WIND through this shaded area, and will also help indicate what should go in the central square. Wordplay in remaining clues gives the answer with a surplus letter not entered in the grid; in clue order, these letters spell out a hint to the thematic words that fill the shaded area.

## ACROSS

- 1 Simple sport book penned by friend - remarkable (7)
- 7 One may draw tumult once to jail (6)
- 11 Feasible Old English Queen's a remarkable person (3-2)
- 14 Overdraft's satisfactory, egad! (4)
- 15 Disquiet suppressed by German criminal (8)
- 16 Cards showing fickle person securing love (5)
- 17 Recipe the last word in some Japanese cuisine (5)
- 18 Never coy when rearranging transfer again (8)
- 19 Wave almost entirely doing for marine creature (4)
- 20 Certainly taken aback, enthralled by dainty jewel (7)
- 22 Evoking slime containing fuel, found around Australia (6)
- 24 Policewoman's behind, tailing Unionist? Take to higher level (6)
- 27 Hear \_\_\_\_\_ is replace – euro cashed as result (6)
- 28 South African lodge is most reasonable (6)
- 30 Root with twisting network getting bird (7)
- 33 Scars one with part of sword (4)
- 34 Suggesting I am gambling, losing article (8)
- 36 Anguish for Poe in opening line? (5)
- 38 Better leg from chicken (5)
- 40 Item of clothing, a number that's well-organised (8)
- 41 I gave wrong information after recalling food store (4)
- 42 Curved shapes not right for hair (5)
- 43 Fools associate with Government lawyers (6)
- 44 Exemplars of cruelty distilled in remarks (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Piano, restrained for jazzman's group of players (4)
- 2 An opening for date with genuine girl (6)
- 3 Witness accepting a lot of money, forming legal precedent (8, 2 words)
- 4 Target of revolutionaries in French city getting beheaded as well? Not quite (6)
- 5 Moon's mostly enticement around NASA? Not half (5)
- 6 See a reduction in poverty for one borrowing money (6)
- 7 Lyric's success, taken in by a theatre fan (8)
- 8 Using belt secures equipment picked up in outer districts (7)
- 9 Astute sovereign ditching queen (4)
- 10 Scottish herald drolly put out over French refusal (8, 2 words)
- 12 Nothing suspect about molybdenum containing metal (6)
- 13 Allowing pardon of mercenary (5)
- 20 African languages? Copper translated Tshi in carbon copy (8)
- 21 I try to upset American regarding metal (8)
- 23 Party publications start to show dull attitude (8)
- 25 Mostly threadbare city, a precursor to demise? (6)
- 26 Arrangement of hair appropriate to dissolute poet (7)
- 29 Verdi opera well sent up? Shame (5)
- 30 Groups of Indian officials translated 'Shalom' (6)
- 31 Steal pannier? Scots tattled (6)
- 32 Obstruction from net under drooping ornamental chain (6)
- 35 Fell over a shield (5)
- 37 Secret police once turned up chasing ship's record (4)
- 39 Show of affection is seen in top pictures, looking up (4)