

Hacked Off by Nutmeg

	1	2	3	4		5	6	7					
	N	C	H	O	R	L	T	O	N	C	U	M	H
8	O	R	A	R	I	A	H	Z	I	N	N	I	A
10	T	I	N	K	E	R	E	D	T	E	C	S	R
12	R	E	G	A	L	I	S	O	R	T	I	E	D
	O	R	O	B	S	A	L	E	A	T	O	R	Y
16	N	O	N	E	T	T	O	S	T	I	V	E	S
19	R	A	M	E	A	L	W	R	E	N	T	I	T
24	E	L	O	N	G	A	T	E	O	S	A	P	E
27	M	E	T	A	M	E	R	A	F	E	M	U	R
	O	N	H	H	A	H	A	L	F	P	I	N	T
31	S	V	E	L	T	E	I	L	A	U	N	C	H
	D	I	M	Y	A	H	N	Y	L	S	E	H	C

Theme: song The Slow Train (Flanders & Swann), mourning the effect of the Beeching Axe, & 4 of the stations mentioned

St Ives (also mentioned) to be highlighted at 18ac,

Extra letters in clues: no whitewashed pebbles, no cat on a seat, a quote from the song

Admittedly a relatively obscure song (but a lovely evocative one), hence assistance to solvers with unchecked letters. The quotation should enable googling to find the song, & therein the stations.

Across

- 8 Nun OR aria
- 9 lOvely in <in in ZA
- 10 Way kite nerd*
- 12 shaH <lager
- 13 trlp i in sorted
- 15 faTe royal tea*
- 16 Eight slightly cryptic def
- 18 sWelters st(r)ives
- 19 brAnch RA meal (organised refreshment)
- 21 Singer rent in wit
- 24 Hours L in era + gate
- 27 typE me + tamer
- 29 striDe demur with F for D
- 30 Pub flap* in hint
- 31 slEnder l(v E Lt) in (ca)se
- 32 Boat A in lunch, lunch as verb

Down

- 1 soBs CR i ER
- 2 daLly (N go) in Han
- 3 rEadies Rigel'sminus G
- 4 horSes a (anonymous, see C) in trial*
- 5 banNed nit rate
- 6 fOrms un <i/c
- 7 Call is in mere
- 11 tAll l in tents*
- 14 maTch bee + 1st letters
- 17 mOths mat in (T Aga)
- 20 Nimes hidden
- 22 sAy re ally
- 23 Sewer in in tame
- 25 tripE off <LA
- 26 jAb 2 defs, ref Punch & Judy
- 28 noT h in <Met