Each numbered square in the diagram is surrounded by eight blank squares. All clues lead to answers of eight letters, and these are to be entered around their appropriate numbers, clockwise or anticlockwise, beginning anywhere. Solvers must determine where each begins and the direction in which it is to go. The twelve unchecked letters at the corners of the completed diagram may be arranged as BUTLER’S TOAST.

1. Picture maybe left to soak
2. Support for carriage roof to protect track
3. Last cent restored fragments
4. Screen French painter put round old mound
5. Old kiljoy lambasted pros in marketplace
6. Post-mortem succeeded, held in a perfect place
7. Vice squad initially excited nabbing suitable prisoners
8. Body left by us returned stirring, formerly prone
9. Musicians producing tired old stuff is interspersed with silence
10. Mimicking dotty junt, smile endlessly
11. Peculiar aberration of the upper throat
12. Rides in a wobbly forerunner of the bike
13. Turns — one’s smartest kit mostly includes odd sleeping bags
14. Stick note in place for detective
15. Trouble with sign of fungal growth round new decking
16. Planted rosaceous shrub round Ulster? Talent once needed
17. What flautist must master for gig with nun dancing
18. Marginal note in location absorbing study circle
19. Appendages to old footwear — right toe badly pinched by dandies
20. Of slender form, with no end of allure for those with roaming hands?
21. She’s overly meek and oddly glad about pay increase
22. African of short stature to question in made-up language
23. Greyhound, spoilt giant swathed in lots of love
24. Typify as ‘flipping’ mushrooms I had for supper?
25. Slappers swagger in showy boots
26. Makes fresh plans for hollowed raft in revised search
27. Moderate, once, in pursuit, about to take seat, returned
28. Restraining sharp pain, not well inside
29. Athlete holding nothing back, one that’s into top gear?
30. Cor! Met is disturbed — by this wintry phenomenon? (2 words)
31. One’s smartest kit mostly includes odd sleeping bags
32. Set went quickly, including scrappy end
33. Lanceolate, as of some plants until put to dry
34. Drug included in chuck where livestock’s out to dry
35. Phenomenon? (2 words)
36. Cor! Met is disturbed — by this wintry phenomenon? (2 words)

Across 13, i.e. on (Isle of) Ely; ref. Hereward the Wake; 16, am in thali; 19, (p)inion; 27, is in rest; see buck; 33, atokal (rev.); 35, I in bog; see stodge; 36, pet is in (p)aper.
Down 1, attracts with bs for t; 6, tommy + anag.; 17, rag in anag.; 23, ro + pull (rev.); ref. Melbourne cricket ground; 24, (ten)or (rev.) in that; 28, (s)enate; 29, notes (rev.); set on.

Rules and requests
We regret that the prizes for our puzzles are temporarily suspended.