Azed No. 2,591 ‘Carte Blanche’ - Competition Puzzle

Across
1. Mountain pass
2. A crowd’s turned back in this fenced enclosure
3. Rod, worthless, catching exhausted fish for supper?
4. Waitress serving drink, a chatterer
5. Foreign prince shown on Arabic tapestry
6. Member of minority party in Oz, i.e. agitated about local waterway
7. Composer breaks before end of concert
8. Drunk falls over in place of bishop, bristling?
9. ‘Peaceful girl, not drinking, with fan round what encloses tennis court?’ (2 words)
10. Delicate sponge cake – it receives new adornment on wedding day (2 words)
11. See next page counsel’s penned ‒ you can’t do better than that
12. Take your medicine, one short in sherry glass (2 words)
13. Dotty, Laura or Rosy
14. Season for Horace? His first is holding back
15. Study illuminated from behind architectural block
16. After start of election party man delivered speech with more detail
17. Bit of leather ‘moistened’ encapsulates? Opposite of that
18. Early composition to prepare for press, first to last
19. Changes in playground allegiance forming current links? (2 words)
20. Pomade causing cheer when foreign monarch enters (2 words)
21. Ribbon, brightly coloured, growing narrower
22. Burns I get treated: this saline solution and guts maybe
23. Ring mount including bit of erbium? It only looks like gold
24. Art having the ability to show consent in what’s felt?
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