

ACROSS

- 12 Conservative leader hiding in cave is a prick... (7)
13 Iran has no live TV (2,3)
14 Fearful, inept Boris initially lied (3,5)
15 Sham Labour leader seen in the buff! (5)
16 ...here's a suggestion: lock Di in cave instead! (6)
17 Searched frantically for bug? (3)
18 ..see 9
20 He read about obeying the rules (6)
22 Cosmic picture books? (6)
24 DUP change gear for a better deal (7)
27 Struggled to conceal hair replacement (3)
30 So Merkel's leadership increases risk of cancer! (6)
31 Ken Livingstone loves Nazi leader's stew ! (5)
33 All together now: tut at Italian leaders (5)
34 Sad first post for typical Guido contributor (4)
35 Cheaper cure for Democrat leader (nut) (5,3)
37 Hurry as the... (5)
38 ...race led by Donald initially called (8)
39 Starmer's extreme views on race will frighten off birds (6)
40 It's trendy to get the 'oral' treatment! (9)
42 I meet with Socialist leader, but I'm not welcome in Labour (6)
44 Surgeon starts to fiddle with his virus-loaded model! (8)
48 Bust displayed after prank in tub! (8)
49 I'm often flushed on Saturdays (4)
50 Grinder is in a moral dilemma (5)
51 I say, I'm almost a complete nutter! (5)
52 "No" to the left, they'll never get it to stick! (6)
54 French approach to Brexit negotiations (3)
55 Give in to troublemakers? Apes gonna ape! (7)
57 Force me to lop Conservative's head (6)
59 Agitated nutters reject Tory leader (6)
62 ..see 66
65 Rug is made in Wigan (3)
66&62 Shark catches malaria from Senator (6,6)
67 Victory for US Republican leader: "I had Covid-19" (5)
70 ..see 21
71 Top civil servant? It is like an eel! (5)
72 "Dear Hun, we'll never listen to you" (7)

DOWN

- 1 Going live to Soros? (4)
2 Greta is fake to the core (3,5)
3 Final investigation: Boris initially told lie (3)
4 English leader: "Deny the poor!" (5)
5 Serial killer used acid in Oz (6)
6 &23 Government advice? I'm not wearing it! (4,5)
7&69 "Hospitals saved tenth corpse" - Tory leader demands Hancock's head (7,3,3)
8 Ejaculation inside rejected! (5)
9,18&34 Labour leader's red remarks about tier, yes? (4,6,7)
10 Dates found in red tin (6)
11 I'm twice posted on social media (4)
19 Season's greetings to all postalliers! (5,9)
21&70 He advised Boris to stop dicing with communism (7,8)
23 ..see 6
25 Boris's partner is an un-spun centrist (8,3,3)
26 Our favourite politician has no idea! (5)
28 Ant is a good insect (4)
29 Fat dog found in sty (6)
32 A Hun used tip of willy to spread virus (5)
34 ..see 9
36 Angered? (7)
40&47 President threw mud at Portland (6,5)
41 Wind up a Tory nut? (5)
43 Point out content of potties (7)
45 Set up to make pie from Queen's head! (5)
46 HUGE! Rudolf laid off! (10)
47 ..see 40
48 Barnier starts new role in agriculture (4)
53 Fail for Conservative leader's racial policies on Covid (8)
56 We're not having a wild romp after EU! (4,1,1)
58 There's a rumble in the woods! (6)
60 Stylish Bob after a few drinks? (5)
61 Labour leader has tofu, it's against the rules! (5)
63 Sunak gets end away from the rear! (4)
64 Gin's good for the vocal cords (4)
66 Tory leader spilt ink all over wooly jumper (4)
68 US leader Donald shortly calling for re-run (4)
69 ..see 7

Going Postal Crossword 149 Answers

Across

1 Caesar 4 Cipher 8 Black out 10 Enmity 11 Aged 12 Amiability 13 Cryptography 16 Coded message 20 Obsolescence 21 GCHQ 22 Coerce 23 Excretal 24 Tomato 25 Asians

Down

1 Call girl 2 El Cid 3 Avocado 5 Iced bap 6 Himalayas 7 Rotate 9 Thin red line 14 Pictogram 15 Eggheads 17 Deepest 18 Eunuchs 19 Abbott 21 Greta