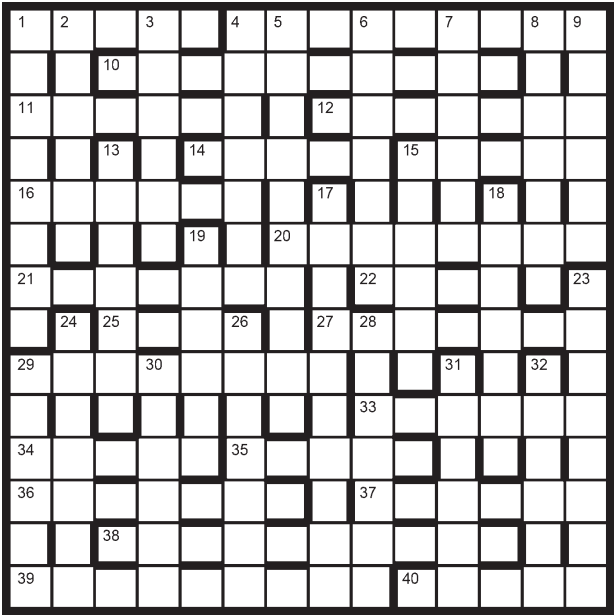


Some beef
by Fieldfare

Nine unclued lights form three triplets, each related in a different way to the tenth.

- Across**
- 1 Cartoonist has formerly captivated Spain (5)
 - 10 Swayed and quit, sick in the stomach (10)
 - 14 Handles fine fish (5)
 - 15 Have a few days at skate park (5)
 - 16 As support, use skinny leg (4,2)
 - 20 Dancer for one popular in scarlet always (8)
 - 21 A lamb chop? (7)
 - 22 Former army head smokes (4)
 - 25 Coal say in chimney left to the end (4)
 - 29 Manage what deli may supply (4,4)
 - 33 Sea having a unifying motif (6)
 - 34 Teenager cleaned out in pathetic fiddle (5)
 - 35 Transport apparently good army sections (5)
 - 36 May shortly point out a high platform (7)
 - 37 A case in Finland progressively diminished (6)
 - 39 Symbolic ribbons with shore-bird fancier's motto? (4-5)
 - 40 Inhale drug, setting note in type (5)

- Down**
- 2 Escaped, not at first deceived (6)
 - 3 Skill in story books (6)
 - 4 Having made comparison, prefer Edward (7)
 - 5 One singing about lake bird? Not so fast! (10)



- 6 Cutting one cactus into bits (7)
- 7 Go mad as result of committing serious foul? (3,3)
- 8 Greek goddesses in Ireland? It is so (7)
- 9 Resentment heard from private soldier (6)
- 15 Man ran out of adrenalin, collapsing (6)
- 17 Live by a church, the principal side facing the sea (5-5)
- 18 In worst cases a failure to turn up after exercise (7)
- 19 Watched short film about sheep (6)
- 23 Sharp change of direction for extreme socialist (4,4)
- 24 Beaten up, gets a work-over, from them? (7)
- 28 A wicket falling, what fixes where bowlers may rest (7)
- 29 Gloomy doctrine boy grows up to accept (6)
- 30 Behold a born debtor (6)

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