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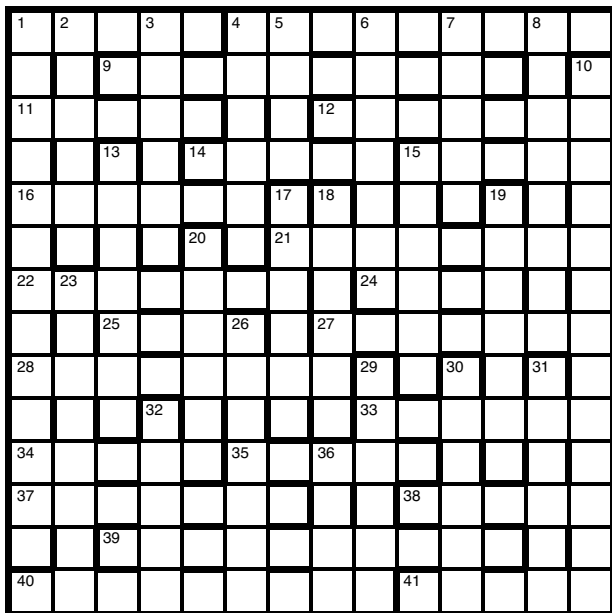
Seven unclued lights (two of two words) precede and four follow a word defined by the title and all are verifiable in *Brewer*.

## Across

- 1 Last of rowers having to cut down blade (5)
- 4 Church feature spoilt RC chateau (5,4)
- 11 Lectern's Roman standard (5)
- 12 More macho Walford family (7)
- 14 Schumann variations on four notes – one doubled (5)
- 15 Italian wine store empty? (5)
- 16 Sign of damage that's nearly entirely to do with teeth (6)
- 22 One going in lower, not both (7)
- 24 Zealously disregarding odd characters last month in Israel (4)
- 27 Captain who is playing in the playground (7)
- 28 Political campaigner from later part of drama coming first (8)
- 33 Leave standing in a Parliamentary contest (6)
- 34 European birds in the house-tops? (5)
- 37 Ban march by leaders missing collapse of law and order (7)
- 38 Clergyman's inconclusive part of book (5)
- 40 Japanese national flower for every apostle, getting married (9)
- 41 Small sewing case – and, in France, it's very small! (5)

## Down

- 1 Diehard agents, broken, and crying (8,1,4)



- 3 Record recent warning car may carry (1-5)
- 4 Old discourse priest dropped can be cultivated (6)
- 6 Section of Mephisto – ugh! – I explain in this daily crossword (7)
- 8 Cavers in trouble – nearly all see deep crack (8)
- 10 Traverse route anew for hidden valuables (8,5)
- 13 Comes into force? (7)
- 15 Sombre at first, then dark, then bright (6)
- 17 Stand and rebel (6)
- 18 Far from slowly, city loses north end! (6)
- 19 Malign water sprites appearing as horses or Aussie dogs (7)
- 20 Narrow misses by hairdressers (6)
- 26 Material for loveless travelling actor (7)
- 29 Jumps the queue and interrupts, when copper isn't out (4,2)
- 32 Set-up embracing naval birds (5)
- 36 Italian lad decapitated with the bow (4)

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