

# Crossword

## 2744: Fiddles

### by Fire

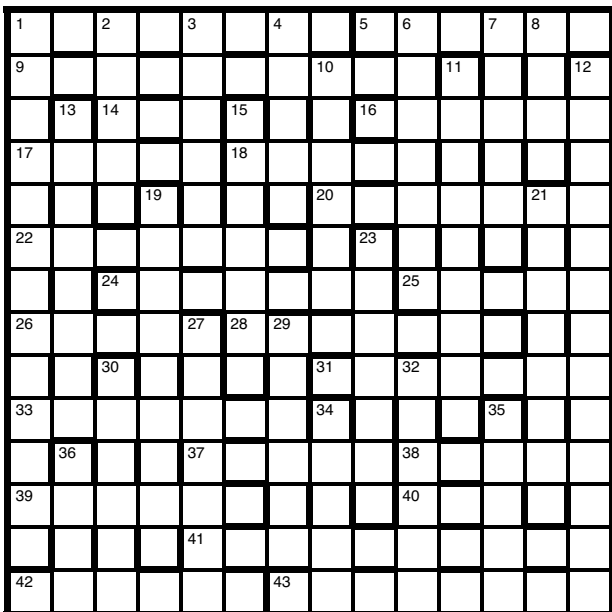
The unclued lights are of a kind, verifiable in *Brewer*.

#### Across

- 5 Parodies reflecting works of Shakespeare primarily (6)
- 9 A fishy character found the lady's not hard to gauge (10)
- 16 Briefly research arm's length trade on Vinted? (6)
- 17 Ultimately, Hamlet is not corrupt (5)
- 18 Philosopher drops 'Introduction to Existentialism' and sells clothes (5)
- 20 Artist fine with payment, head over heels following exhibition's opening (7)
- 22 Oliver and I could get relief (7)
- 24 Recipe inspired by Alice's boiled sweets (7)
- 25 Scoop a little residue out of dryer (5)
- 26 Enthusiastically take in a Pulp set (3,2)
- 28 Good motoring organisation retains foreign letter for illustration (7)
- 31 Fast food experts on board (3,4)
- 33 Children pinch a shilling (7)
- 38 Earl discovered element (5)
- 39 Small hamburger, fries and old, unopened salad (6)
- 40 Obelisk accepts difference in power (3)
- 41 Wretched trial is go – about time! See them in court! (10)

#### Down

- 1 Cowardice, miserable setback and delay overwhelm Cromwell in the end (13)



- 2 Sometimes I well up a bit, seeing *Hamilton* (5)
- 3 Drive slowly to outskirts of Oxshott and leave (6)
- 4 Little monkey peeled fruit (5)
- 6 Gift posted beforehand? (7)
- 7 Exceptional Neo-Ximenean (3-3)
- 10 Instrument's mysterious rubato (6)
- 11 Organic compound found in outer atmospheres of minor planets (9)
- 12 Old PM's up, losing head in night-time torment (13)
- 19 In the Bahamas, Cupid is grinding teeth (9)
- 23 Champion Elsie regularly eats blended soup (7)
- 27 Take credit for page 16 (7)
- 29 Officer supports employer upping payoff (6)
- 30 Small gain from exercise welcomed by leaderless fleet (6)
- 32 Eat out and get pre-packed leaves (3,3)
- 34 Organisation stops turning inwards and starts creating openings (5)
- 35 Look inside one attempt to build shelter (5)
- 36 Dozy sounding, I'm often found steeped in gin (4)

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