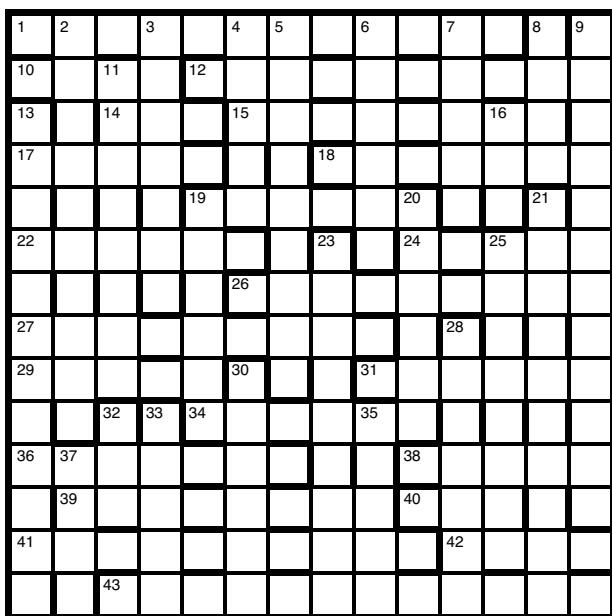


Crossword

2749: Orbital

by Doc

There is a total of 12 unclued lights in this puzzle, six appearing singly as normal, with the other six appearing as a duo in three longer solutions, and five of them are associated with 20. All are verified in *Chambers*.



Across

- 1 Academic field considering conflicts making dispute cease (5,7)
- 10 Scottish stranger involved in gun control (4)
- 12 Papal fruit (10)
- 14 Mineral next to ash that's on land (3)
- 15 On the air broadcast of Dexter Morgan, say (4-4)
- 18 Sea-cow moving east in spring (7)
- 22 Very small trench for two-thirds of some French potted meat (6)
- 24 On reflection, TV chef was poorly (5)
- 26 Most descending about 40 noises (9)
- 29 Now and again Ilse Geisler will lose according to Spenser (5)
- 31 Rabbi has whip-round for garment (6)
- 36 Cruel restless bird sitting in tavern (7)
- 38 English Catholic taken in by my compassion (5)
- 40 Too much capital? Not half! (3)
- 41 The earlier phrase to which a pronoun refers (10)
- 42 Like some previous edition? (4)
- 43 South-eastern oryx bewildered and unworldly (12)

Down

- 2 Called up a very clear image about divine ones (10)

- 3 Blimey, Alec capsized the boat (7)
- 4 Criticise swampy area in US (5)
- 5 Cost of enclosure in almost rigid surroundings (3,6)
- 7 From the Orient, numbers of old giants (5)
- 8 Could granny be a former England wicketkeeper, we're told (4)
- 11 An old associate removed article from agreement (8)
- 16 Bit of sunshine right before a day's end (3)
- 19 Certainly no big shot! (6)
- 20 Heavenly body posed on vessel (6)
- 21 Her career's ruined this investigator (10)
- 23 Oddball neurotics' states (9)
- 25 France's ecological party placing forest greenery in inferior surroundings (3,5)
- 30 *Mad Men* hero as medic's mimic (6)
- 32 Village on Gare Loch or in River Humber (3)
- 33 Rule out wrong aluminium thread (5)
- 35 Invigorating air in Gozo? Never! (5)
- 37 Goose on outside covers of news-magazine (4)
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