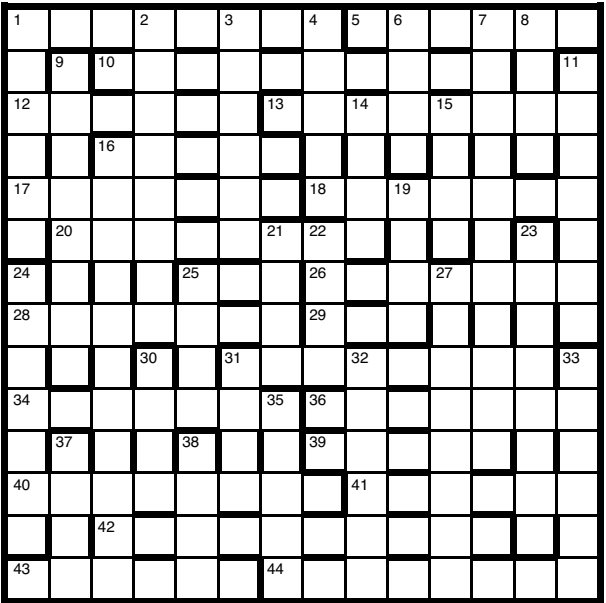


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Placenames
by Doc

The unclued lights, all verifiable in a section in *Chambers*, are of a specific kind.

- Across**
- 5 Small tree, one a pretentious person brought back (6)
 - 10 Aerial pond adapted for fish in an aquarium (5,5)
 - 17 Takes back onto the staff latter half of Leicestershire Cooks (7)
 - 18 Renault changed gear (7)
 - 20 Evidence of Fall in the Rockies? (8)
 - 25 Stiff paper, way-out neckwear? (3)
 - 28 TV cook Harriott from NE Islay (7)
 - 29 Note: 50 per cent reduced, after setback (3)
 - 31 Is it found down the Strand? (8)
 - 34 Blade – posh one – at NZ springs city (7)
 - 36 Temporary bar opening (7)
 - 40 Bananas by bottomless pit and fruit container (8)
 - 41 Family members’ new compositions not requiring piano (6)
 - 42 Moen’s caught me out and wins silver (4,6)
 - 43 Salmon, by the way, for fellow presenter (2-4)
 - 44 The least bad runners? (8)

- Down**
- 1 Swiss city cut cattle fodder (6)
 - 2 Lender is out at hockey rink markings (3,5)
 - 3 Such decrees are timeless outbursts (6)



- 4 Socialist in Tyneside, turning up at village on the Lleyn (5)
- 6 Expert from Folkestone, reading (4)
- 7 Royals dabbling with green source of power (5,6)
- 9 Drink pub served up is for bawdy writer (8)
- 11 Bowling during series creates storm in Sri Lanka (7)
- 14 e.g. Vance – outside on record (4)
- 15 Pity it has only four chapters (4)
- 16 Needle patterns represented in chitchats (11)
- 19 State of posh topper turned up (4)
- 21 Actresses Evelyn or Dilys in *Cinderella*? Yes! (4)
- 23 Shabby party clothes with news boss (3-5)
- 25 Confused impression of old car firm city (4)
- 27 Rubber prone to distort? Renew after stripping (8)
- 31 Safe section of 31A reported (4)
- 32 Small fish hum (6)
- 33 Fits in well with text service (6)

- 37 Let us discuss our openings for game (4)
- 38 Resistance units – I see thousands (4)

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