

2766:

Letters latent
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Within seven unclued lights are spelled out the ingredients of the eighth, which solvers must shade. The unclued lights are suggested by surplus words in eight clues.

Across

- 1 Old men with tastes in small cakes (8)
- 9 Son in new trial practising beforehand (10)
- 14 Hogarth's greatest painting? (3)
- 16 Cross composer snubbed poet (6)
- 17 Toodle-pip to old Jeeves? (5)
- 18 Fierce predator heard in pine forest (5)
- 22 Who might make you sturdier footwear? (7)
- 24 Dapper determinist holy man shily challenged (7)
- 25 Sheriff's court ushers polled maple trees (5)
- 26 Some jurymen actually make law (5)
- 31 Poet's pressure revealed by emotional tone that's extreme (7)
- 33 Time of rest and quiet, sailor and near crazy mariner enter (7)
- 37 Burrower beginning to creep around cavity (5)
- 38 Antique gold coin twinkling hard by ancient city (5)
- 39 In Ontario almost all like Schoenberg's music (6)
- 40 Bird in brief panic wings off (3)
- 42 Rod left in fury (6)
- 43 Take diadem from westward county big noise controls (8)

Across

- 2 With no sign of hesitation Mahler's playing old instrument (5)

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- 3 Climbing tree rodent meets oak bark (6)
- 4 Try easy solutions initially for instance (5)
- 6 Odd paragraph PR revealed showing Christ's supposed sayings (7)
- 7 Unknown number cut by slack older singer (6)
- 8 What could be Scotch imbibing island? (4)
- 10 Flowers one grows (6)
- 11 Priestly ruler in France yesterday and Argentina in October (9)
- 13 Tailless fancy pigeon flew about deep gorge (8)
- 15 Play the avenger in vain endlessly (7)
- 21 Relaxed regimen includes classy light sweetmeat (8)
- 27 Currant bun to eat when ingesting peeled peach (7)
- 29 Partly wash large squared stone (6)
- 30 Man from Texas raised stots tall in shape (6)
- 32 Modern Greek married in buzzing Cairo (6)
- 34 I wouldn't put up round paintings (5)
- 35 Colombia imports this Roman dyestuff (5)

- 36 Type of cord jacket the ultimate in fine fashion (4)

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Doc apologises to Fieldfare and solvers alike for his error in rerunning a crossword from a previous issue last week. The preamble should have read 'Nine unclued lights form three triplets, each related in a different way to the tenth.' There will not be any prizes for solving Crossword 2765.

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