

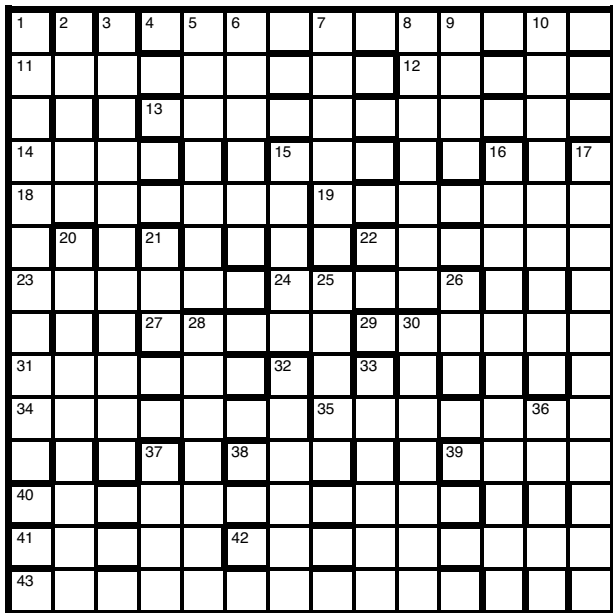
The nine unclued lights are all of a kind. Three are of two words. Ignore one apostrophe.

Across

- 11 Contrary French articles entertain leaderless tranche of voters (9)
- 12 Piece of propaganda follows age-old beliefs (5)
- 13 GP boss and rep to supply sweets (11)
- 14 Parroted piece? (4)
- 18 Fight starts to intensify about lack of space (7)
- 19 Motto of European farm animals (7)
- 23 Bats endlessly, defying the odds... Oh boy! First person not out (2,4)
- 24 Kerfuffle over love (5)
- 27 Critical wound in casualty (5)
- 29 Satire events now and then in Oxford? (6)
- 31 Stay the course, never look back (4,2)
- 34 Environment Agency money to reduce (3,4)
- 35 Do a bit with a sketchy CV (7)
- 38 Agent provocateur's introduction into fringes of society (3)
- 39 Slips up and escapes assignments (4)
- 40 NHS suspicion initially dismissed about needle storage (11)
- 43 President's deranged end: oddly inevitable (11)

Down

- 2 Perhaps John B. Watson's fourth iteration (5)
- 3 PT with Ethel and Thea may produce Olympian! (11)
- 5 Philosophy based on little bits of Taoism and early



- Marxism mixed together (7)
- 7 Fabric of cosmos finally devoured space (6)
- 8 Candidate approved short story by King (7)
- 9 Cheeky men rap – not Mr Scruff (4)
- 10 Set aside essentially dreary book, getting into wine (9)
- 15 Cash in hand for ice cream drink (5)
- 16 Worker for hire, one born in spring (11)
- 17 Streetcars reversed relaxed dress code (5,6)
- 20 Relatively inconsistent race that is run (9)
- 21 More to discuss about neckwear (3)
- 26 Operator has time (3)
- 28 Invalidate company fortune divested of gold mistakenly (7)
- 30 Cream of tartar's depleted a little bit (7)
- 33 Ancient islander is confused in Oman (6)
- 36 After end of concert cycling over to store (5)
- 37 Some indecisive characters come up in *Frozen* (4)

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