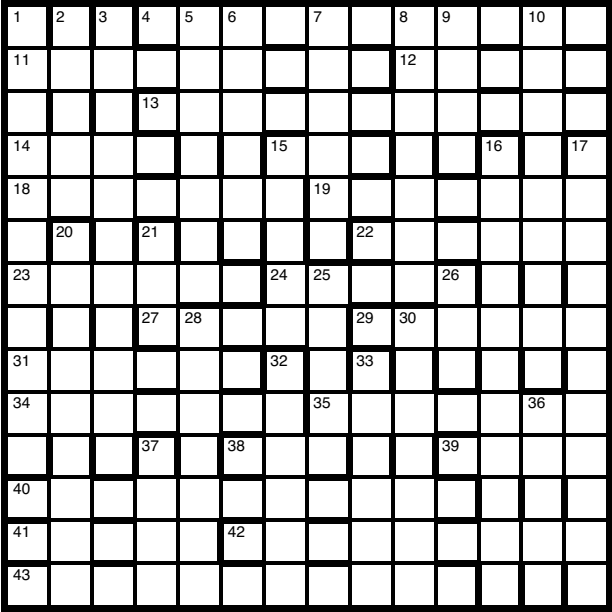


Nine characters who shared a location appear as the unclued lights (one of two words, one of three). Solvers must shade the surname of the person who wrote about them (five letters).

- Across**
- 4 Mistakenly re-applied to group of fliers (11)
 - 11 Tall palms occasionally covered by quotes for extinct plants (9)
 - 13 Sadly ageing Hon. MP using amplifier (11)
 - 14 Part of loge exhibiting curve (4)
 - 18 African scraps untruths about software programme (7)
 - 22 Hurry or finally walk back for Reykjavik's bread (6)
 - 24 Methodically search ordinary little band (5)
 - 27 Stretch of time limiting energy to wean bairn (5)
 - 29 New things in information about outskirts of icehouse (6)
 - 34 Nibble ends of snack, green fruit with crisp flesh (7)
 - 35 Fully developed including one number for entire orchestra (7)
 - 38 Succeeded following past side issues (3)
 - 39 Rebuke comrades heading west (4)
 - 40 Strange PhD loathing for having tendency to combine vowels (11)
 - 41 Some Ayrshire potatoes put into new container (5)
 - 42 Garfish, immature black one (5-4)
 - 43 Cunningly detects rare plan kept from public knowledge (5,6)



- Down**
- 1 Spiral ornaments namely creations supporting cylindrical moulding (11)
 - 3 Camper heard instruction to buy knapsack and amusingly got this (8,3)
 - 5 Honourably discharged people; troubled dons removed from perverse modernities (7)
 - 7 Storehouses of French earthenware containers (6)
 - 8 Saw once posh car encased in lead (7)
 - 9 Partly lost one's body firmness (4)
 - 10 Bird call, essentially loud and unknown on English lake (4,5)
 - 15 Scrap surprisingly brief in pets' welfare group (5)
 - 16 Deviously stole clip-on stringed instruments' bridges (11)
 - 20 More lavish surroundings taking in revenue administrator (9)
 - 21 Being units of measurement (3)
 - 25 Things beyond hope of recovery, no good for experts (5)
 - 28 Blackball boundlessly better lab equipment (7)
 - 30 Team regularly reported undistinguished board (7)
 - 36 In the Big Apple now and then banning butter (5)
 - 37 Frustrated exclamations over wearing footwear (4)
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