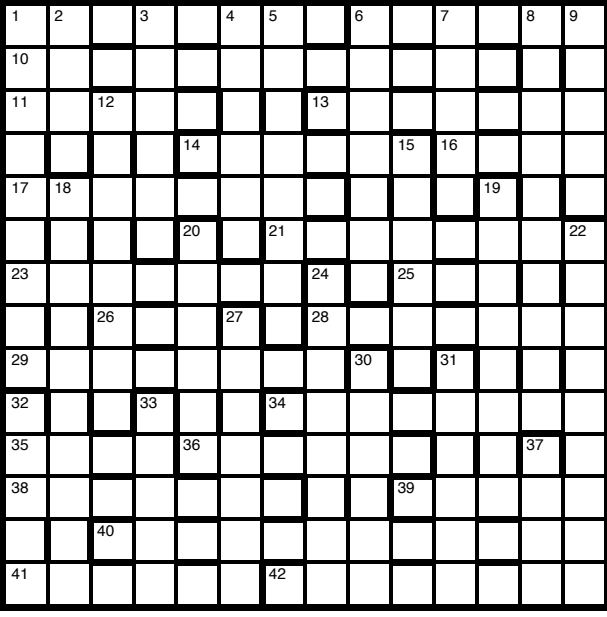


Crossword

2049: A Tale of Two Cities

by Doc

The unclued lights arranged Across and Down (two of two words) are of a kind, individually or as a pair. Two more thematic solutions from 33, and which solvers should highlight, are hidden in the grid. Elsewhere, ignore an acute accent.



Across

- 6 Grand apparition returned. Not half a spirit! (6)
- 10 Green, theoretically with a change of heart, how to spend wisely (12)
- 11 Smoked salmon reported from Scridain and Affric, say (5)
- 14 Offer involving information on engine component (6, two words)
- 16 Old maid accepted illusion (4)
- 21 NUM worker once, now judge (8)
- 23 One meal ordered – not food (7)
- 25 Pub, again needing cases (3)
- 26 England's working age (3)
- 28 Run round Tyneside, with pampered dog round about (7)
- 29 As missiles may fly, direct round Scottish racecourse, we're told (8, two hyphens)
- 35 Ruler not wholly horrified (4)
- 36 Keen about note included in music (6)
- 38 Chide pub brawl before break-in (7)
- 39 Plant from Eastenders' ports (5)
- 40 Import banner, should I be able, to church (12)
- 41 Isolate in Leeds, with daughter out and about (6)
- 42 Amateur having bet, all in a flap (8)

- 3 Popular Archbishop in Bury (6)
- 4 Membrane from moa 25 (6)
- 5 Butterflies at dances (8)
- 6 Dispute profit, for example (7)
- 7 Leading activist hit nothing in battle (5)
- 8 Lousy poems translated with more than one meaning (10)
- 9 In the past, tolerate a bit of excitement in a pub (5)
- 12 Palace employees without time for tour-guides (8)
- 18 Extremely drunk, putting ID number on baking aid (10, two words)
- 20 Artist using most of one colour and another of his (6)
- 22 He keeps things under control doing the ironing again (9)
- 24 Haughtily dismiss roughs rioting very loudly (8, two words)
- 30 Black tailless iguana going up country (6)
- 31 A Catholic raised tax on neckwear (6)
- 32 Composer doing sweet nothing on river (5)
- 33 Standard units thematically down (5)
- 37 Formerly employed in the reception centre (4)

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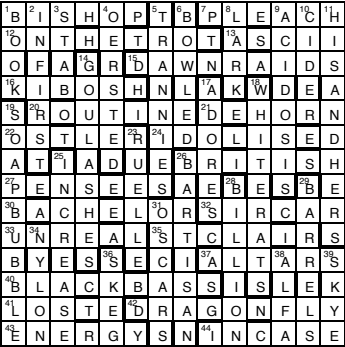
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Down

- 1 Piece of fruit cut and a drop of whisky first (9)
- 2 Computer graphic of church painting (4)



SOLUTION TO 2046: BORN A BARON?

The unclued lights are words abbreviated by B (Across) or b (Down). 40 Across includes the two unclued lights, black and bass. The title consisted one further example of each abbreviation.

First prize A. Fabian, Dunsden, South Oxon
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