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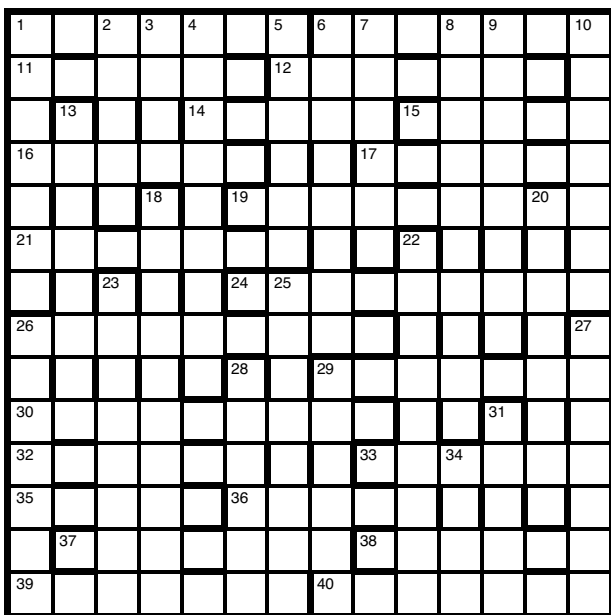
To start off the New Year, the unclued lights (one of two words) share a common feature.

Across

- 11 A female, for example, talked of items for discussion (6)
- 14 It happened during the 70s (5)
- 15 Regularly reveal art of great wordsmith (5)
- 16 Our Fraser getting hold of 111 (6)
- 17 Article aboard cruise ship following a straight path (6)
- 19 Domestic flight (9)
- 21 Turned up with artist's surveillance devices (7)
- 24 Combining well with competitor in shelter (9)
- 26 Heartless judge misread translated tales of woe (9)
- 29 Worried Australian ran away to historical East European area (7)
- 30 Those of the same calling (9)
- 32 Develop a link with old clay (6)
- 33 At first, awfully naughty, greedy little boy could be obtuse (6)
- 35 Praise old flame's ring endlessly (5)
- 36 Lowdown on the team's spirits (5)
- 37 Check on heartbeat (7)
- 38 Raptor circles its dinner? (6)
- 39 Wimps swap their first three bridge partners just the same (7)
- 40 Lowers old manor houses, we're told (7)

Down

- 2 City in Ulster changing sides recently (5)



- 3 Stops happening what curlers play (4)
- 4 Degas and Miro adapted Chinese characters (9)
- 5 Fires and parachutes to safety (6)
- 7 Proboscis worker left one afternoon (6)
- 8 Money raised by cop for formal wear (4,6)
- 9 Shabby party clothes with news boss (3-5)
- 10 Request directions before outing? (7)
- 13 Former president washed up on time (2,6)
- 18 Crimson first lady prunes blossoms again (10)
- 20 Watchman dispatched, off-line (8)
- 23 Plugs foreign word in foreign prose (8)
- 25 Offensive nature of order on headland (8)
- 29 Listed as erudite, but heartless (6)
- 31 Butt contralto who's caught WI batsman (5)
- 34 Grappler on and off revealing width of fish-hook (4)

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