

Crossword

2605: Way to go!

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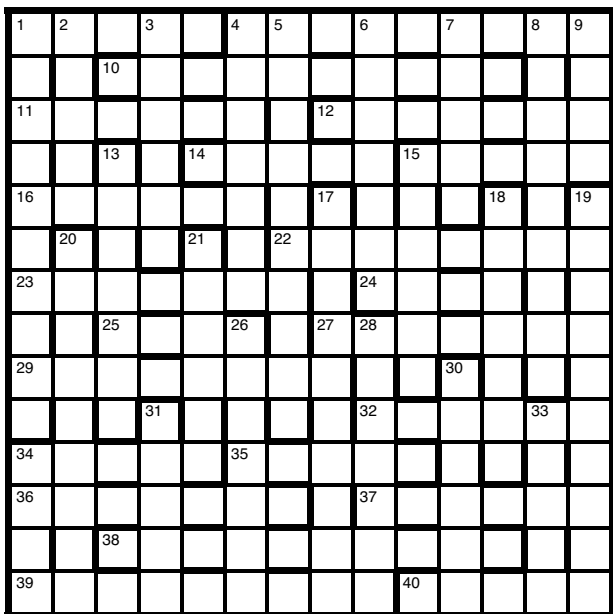
Eight unclued lights can be followed by the same word. Their unchecked letters can be arranged to spell out 'QUALIFY A REVUE'.

Across

- 1 President cut short time in bathroom facility (5)
- 4 Order pie and mash with south-eastern accent (9)
- 10 Tired rut at sports ground (10)
- 11 Manual exercises for old girl (6)
- 12 Small northern men with beards regularly make tiresome bedfellows (7)
- 14 Attempt to grab wings of partridge using two feet (5)
- 16 University dons soon reviewed length of part of speech (6)
- 22 Finally buy spuds – they appear annually (8)
- 23 Husband edges away from jolly terse shouts (7)
- 25 Foot first of bills after one in the morning (4)
- 27 Curve of old stringed instrument at back of modern car (7)
- 29 Tortilla cooked on the shore (8)
- 32 Authorises some nuclear subs (6)
- 34 Lines snorted by really silly person (5)
- 36 Giant African termite beginning to alarm English setters (7)
- 37 Neuter and trim dog for Charlie (6)
- 38 Realised odours tend to disperse (10)
- 39 Fruit supplier left mango's skin in dish (5,4)

Down

- 1 Bald, rich eccentric embracing fashionable invention (10)



- 2 Single girl, exhausted, loves protection from the cold (5)
- 4 Bring up report about independent internet seller (1-6)
- 5 Potato salad? If it can go wrong, it will (7,3)
- 6 Spooner's outlawed witch as an accessory (7)
- 7 Bird ultimately represents the Ireland of poets (5)
- 8 Napkin of King Edward VI seized by dog briefly (9)
- 15 Way to entice a bishop into bed (6)
- 17 Star and goddess take drugs after mild stimulant (10)
- 18 Bones lie under loam and sand initially (7)
- 19 Analysis fools people in centre of Boston (10)
- 20 Jointly put up money for nice can of nuts (9)
- 21 Recall gracious, welcoming city on the rise (6)
- 26 Fuel unrest in Beirut over spy (7)
- 28 Slavic entertainment enthralled Portuguese playwright (7)
- 30 Thief returned to provide new equipment (6)
- 31 Plain useless Nationalist leaving Conwy resort (5)
- 33 About to cross difficult channel on moon (5)

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