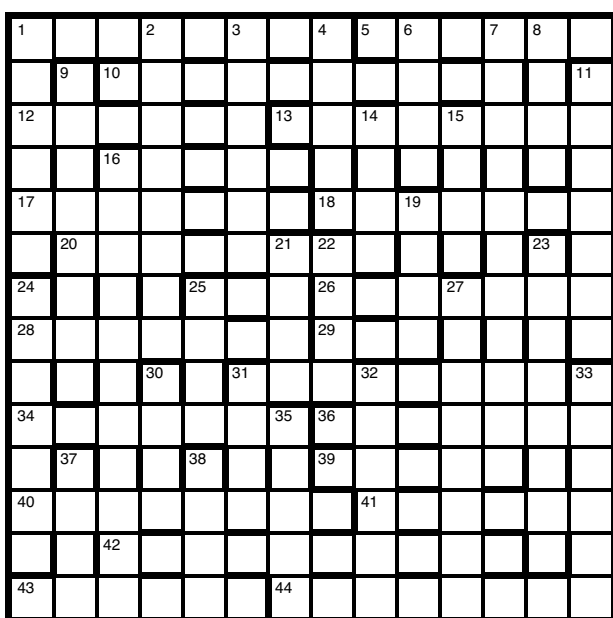


## 2616:

### Atomic scorers

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The thirteen thematic unclued lights form the first half of an alphabetical list. Ignore all accents.



#### Across

- 10 Cut-throat chap's birds (10)
- 13 Behavioural stimulus affected Earl 8 (8)
- 16 Girl in chains? (5)
- 17 Skilfully handled – after a stroke? (7)
- 18 White van going across Indian territory first (7)
- 20 Revised asking price a German rejected for US travelling bag (8)
- 25 Jack starts to play up rudely (3)
- 26 Gold mace is a good omen (7)
- 28 22-0 rout. So divine! (7)
- 29 Little boy at Orkney creek (3)
- 31 Ace pilot crashed – of lyrical bent (8)
- 34 Almost finally having Midwest displayed in these? (7)
- 36 Country's spies holding back two groups of soldiers (7)
- 40 Diners chopped up a tree that is a little stunted (8)
- 41 Confined, managed with nothing accepted (6)
- 42 Going away to Nigeria, possibly, taking motorway (10)
- 44 Completely cancel reorganisation of small university's land (8)

#### Down

- 1 Do Fife varieties succumb to blight? (3,3)
- 2 Speak in a certain way, affecting sea snail (8)

- 3 Western neckties (6)
- 6 Print of part of the landing-gear (4)
- 7 Liquidate suspect Asian assets (11)
- 8 Ruffs' partners, former MP Merlyn, preceding Mogg (4)
- 9 Man supports most of the country that's short of cash (8)
- 14 Fun in longboat (4)
- 16 Let 30 rude characters be freed from controls (11)
- 19 Further elements of primordial soup (4)
- 21 Italian lad decapitated with the bow (4)
- 23 Penitential garment carried by saint, to wit (8)
- 25 More French luxurious fabric is cut (4)
- 27 Select an old character, say, as Lavatch's alter ego (8)
- 31 Half of lesson leading Indian fairy (4)
- 32 Areas of land where motoring association entered the races (6)
- 35 Broken pot in dishwasher drawer (5)
- 38 Old Italian currency raised for caruncle (4)
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