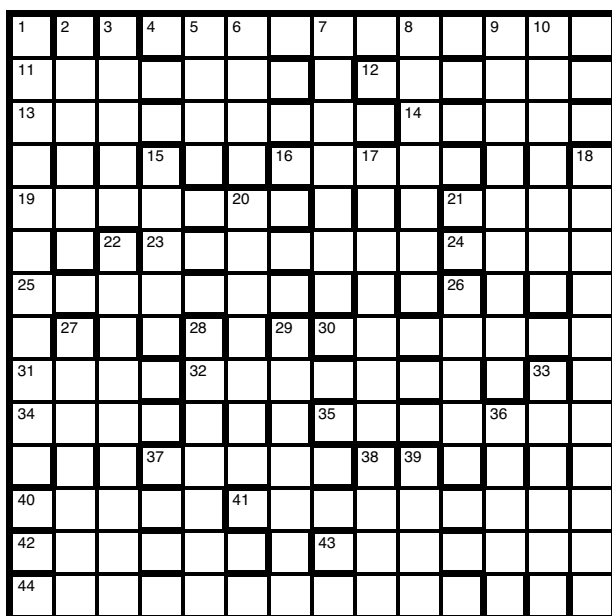


## 2617:

### Enzed scorers

by *Doc*

The 12 thematic unclued lights form the second half of an alphabetical list, one solution finally and another first and last.



#### Across

- 4 Kitty stewed apricots as single snack (6,5)
- 11 Saw English animals (7)
- 13 Around Tyneside  
Freddie New established new credentials (9)
- 21 Forty winks before beginning to exercise back of neck (4)
- 23 Incident is described in poem (7)
- 24 Up to no good, after end of shift (4)
- 25 Disentangle one French theme word here (7)
- 31 Assumed name I omitted, sadly (4)
- 32 Actor just refusing lead on All Saints' Day (7)
- 34 Thank you note for collection of pictures (4)
- 37 Otherwise, one fine century, on reflexion (2,3)
- 41 CONTENTS of overhead locker (5,4)
- 44 Those who cannot read trouble repeats (11)

#### Down

- 1 Eat up and ramble around – thus? (11)
- 2 Works up-river taking ages (6)
- 6 Back story, we hear (4)
- 7 Highest point reached by plane? (7)
- 8 Being separated, copper on the road took the van (7)
- 9 Firmly established daughter involved with Nigerian (9)

- 10 This Jack could be high up in the church! (7)
- 15 Go quietly at a pinch? (5)
- 17 Area of an American football field could be North Korea? (3,4)
- 18 TV personalities ordered steel crates (11)
- 22 Stately home's main room could be all the rage unendingly (5,4)
- 26 Lidell, eminent Home Service announcer, contributing to musical variations (5)
- 27 Santa has a line connected with a contract? (7)
- 28 Fellow is inside – certain it is too much (7)
- 29 Female in play who conquers (7)
- 33 Listen out for Christmas decoration (6)
- 36 Central Asian chiefs at inns (5)
- 38 Test debacle at The Den! (4)
- 39 Bank of Scotland adventurous? Not very (4)

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