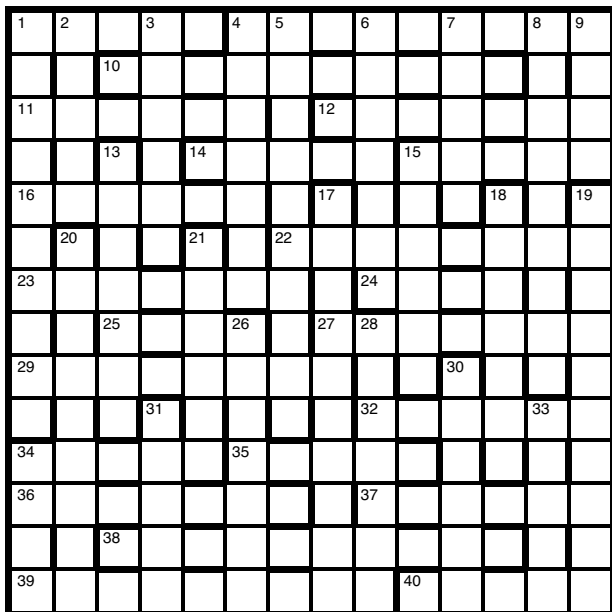


Eternal youth

by *Fieldfare*

Unclued lights name an authoress (two lights), her hero (two lights), his group (one light, two words), and its members (mostly human).



Across

- 4 Stimulant gets lad near to collapse at home (9)
- 10 FBI agents after government department: time to clean up files (10)
- 14 In mill channel pressure rose suddenly (5)
- 15 Labourer present: success! (5)
- 16 Makes up clothes I put on (6)
- 23 Heinous mistakes, not using outside help (2-5)
- 24 Close down early, but not entirely (4)
- 25 Idea spread by first person more than once (4)
- 29 Lambs he's butchered here? (8)
- 32 A lad shortly adopts novel defiant posture, so armed (6)
- 34 Reported killed in small valley (5)
- 35 Beer at pub, first of a sequence (5)
- 36 Praise God in holy book with back-to-back articles (7)
- 37 Call for attention behind the old unfinished tombs (6)
- 39 Having physio, cry, pummelled in a vice (9)
- 40 Moving round to the front, very much erect (2,3)

Down

- 1 Caiaphas, for example, as school chaplain? (4,6)
- 2 Heath in Spain on one of the Costas (5)
- 3 Ruling chap following route not in error (6)
- 4 Stops to wipe marks from part of chair (7)
- 5 Father full of evil menaces, with steely look (10)
- 6 Top volume reflecting fury, say (7)
- 7 Wild grain eaten by some (5)
- 8 Line on chart shows Arab so ill, getting worse (9)
- 9 Hooter's sound I missed (4)
- 15 Jersey imports extremely marketable fruit (6)
- 17 Up platforms offering a sea view? (5,5)
- 18 Air must circulate in vestibules (7)
- 19 One bum sadly perished, now freed from the flesh? (10)
- 20 In collection, article on non-eastern religious studies (9)
- 26 Woman of energy, slim, to court regularly (7)
- 28 Swallowing a pint, entirely unsuitably (7)
- 30 Refuse to recognise one's caught by this type of clue (6)

- 31 State what I say to secure a husband (5)
- 34 King, head of state? Ditch shortly (4)

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