

Crossword

2635: Brilliant

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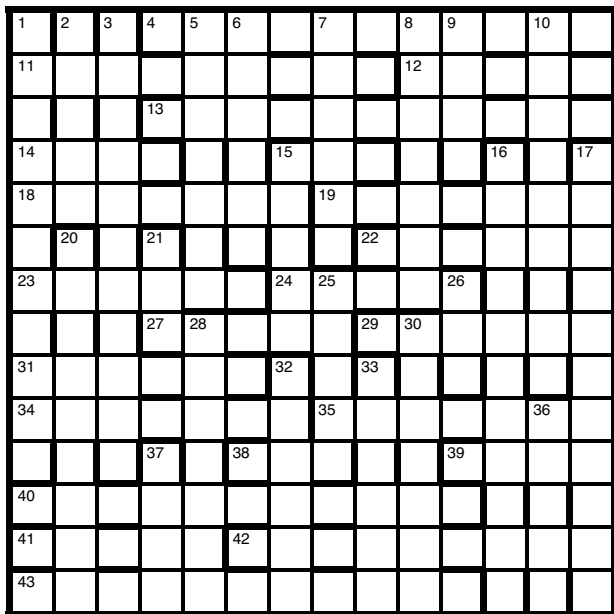
The unclued entries (three of two words, two of three words, one of one word) each complete a phrase starting with the same first word.

Across

- 11 Move left to right in washing plants (9)
12 Bird of prey? (5)
14 Mischief-maker's restrained in hearing (4)
15 Worry Camilla on a regular basis (3)
18 Bone breaking seal's coat of antimony (7)
19 Lady chess champion bitten by snakes (7)
22 Edrich perhaps pens a note for Strauss? (6)
23 It'll project language dividing France and Spain (6)
24 Mosquito agrees to wipe out two hundred (5)
27 Gascoigne avoiding his first yellow (5)
29 Failing to digest a fizzy drink, say (6)
31 Fiats in deals without new tyres initially (6)
34 One involved in stocktake who's making minimal noise (7)
35 Eastern European becomes fashionable in Lancashire? (7)
38 Menial character (3)
39 Rascals used to calculate bridge score (4)
41 Three notes, one of them backing another (5)
42 Preacher sporting purple tie (9)

Down

- 2 Sailor needs bottle, one in the habit of leadership? (5)
3 Land so far grabbed by idiot in a foreign office (7,4)



- 5 Being a director in Scottish broadcasting eats up time (7)
6 Acre overrun by revolting little animals (6)
7 Spirit one is consuming in Champagne? (6)
8 Doctor co-wrote Milton's Buttercup (4-3)
9 Be revolted by soprano leaving in hurry (4)
10 Born and died in El Salvador's poverty (9)
15 What's found in good area in the drink? (5)
16 British Library unexpectedly emphasise rude words (11)
20 His Excellency's upset with crucial colony (9)
21 Two articles making collection of gossip (3)
25 Heath's not the PM to abandon superpower (5)
26 Make material repairs, so they say (3)
28 Wind up I came across with vehicle on moon (7)
30 McColgan's trick: runner blocking bend (7)
32 A king getting badly hurt? (6)

- 33 Hamlet, or 'the Prince', in play (6)
36 Sprinter's greatest asset is illegal stimulant (5)
37 Cause trouble in prison (4)

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