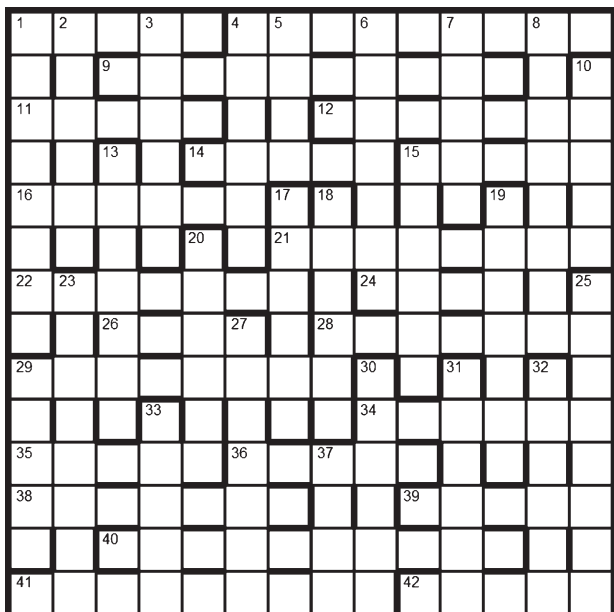


Crossword

2646 : Too many (In memoriam)

by Doc

The unclued lights (two of two words) comprise two celebrity pairs which are represented by a singleton, two pairs (one 'In memoriam') and a trio of lights .



Across

- 1 Slices top of sausage in front of dogs (5)
- 4 Traffic police with amphetamine found by small wood, reportedly (5,4)
- 9 City's main Mr Big busted importing heroin (10)
- 11 A nobleman cut down one Oriental bean (5)
- 12 Nimbleness of US soldier in Italy, wandering (7)
- 15 Initial investigation into family line on isle (5)
- 16 Soprano left BBC football pundit for judge (6)
- 21 Gallows rebuilt by small prankster (3-5)
- 22 Have a rest around new lido (3,4)
- 24 Bleaching vat for either Labour leader (4)
- 28 It's obtained from conifer (3,4)
- 34 Dried fruit exists in wet weather (6)
- 35 Cheer up! It's not an afternoon custom (5)
- 36 Bird gettin' dressed (5)
- 39 Little Sparrow consuming large rice dish (5)
- 40 Spend a penny twice before chase for US trombonist (3,3,4)
- 41 Earth scientist will stop by gully (9)
- 42 Dirk passed by deserted Roman rampart (5)

Down

- 1 Ocean's the pits for conch (8)

- 4 Streaks, like a dirty campaigner (6)
- 5 Hairs on nut (4)
- 6 White's opposite where soldiers may be dipped (3-4)
- 7 Eastern potentate from half the state (5)
- 13 Saint's commemoration may end with a revision (4,3)
- 15 Bangladeshi cricket team is good among the ranks (6)
- 17 Confused the son, but is truthful (6)
- 19 Make whoopee cushion first to provoke a reaction (7)
- 20 Young nun is as white as the driven snow, it seems (6)
- 23 Provide light on chimney in single row (8)
- 27 Makes legal monetary plans yielding key arguments (7)
- 29 Church notices small pieces of computing paper (5)
- 32 Outburst, as I got stuck in traffic (6)
- 33 Posed, having sunbathed topless? (5)
- 37 Extras at start of *Bullet*. For sure (4)

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