Crossword 2644: Joinery by CheeseCracker

The unclued lights can be joined to form six pairs.

Across

- 6 No intro to US showbiz approach? (7)
- 11 Left earlier than usual in mere sport (4)
- 12 Whiteness of marital bed, only partly (6)
- 14 Again announce gusto outside bar (9)
- 17 Translated phrase, Latin, gets round (7)
- 18 Something stuck in organ? Emergency room taking a call (7)
- Jumble sale with 50% off
 clothing must go first (6)
- 20 Horrid runt regularly scurries to teacher (10)
- 22 Perhaps enough said by Will's back-pedalling fools (5)
- 30 Excellent quip at first counters anxiety (5)
- 33 Calmer yoga changes bone growth? (10)
- 36 Count destroys academics, both saving skin? (6)
- 38 Pair held in check, back in Ascot for later run (7)
- 39 Traffic controller worried about FBI agent? On the contrary (7)
- 42 Pigeon, say, eating nothing has picked up a danger of disease (9)
- 43 Urchin, in the main, engages unnamed works (3,3)
- 44 Son turning to pull bone up (4)
- 45 Gibe briefly reckless about opening in audition (7)

Down

1 Drawn out issue a result of these? (7)

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- 2 New premise initially heralding damage to Spenser (8)
- 3 Relatively broad suit order (6)
- 4 Similar row: dean's angry (9)
- 6 Poet determined to divide potato dish (8)
- 9 Singers with lyres played around retro party (7)
- 10 Handle husband bitten by tailless creature (6)
- 13 Arguably bedridden, go over lines in US (6)
- 15 On and off, rheum upset church rector, man of the cloth? (6)
- 21 Report 1A in lavish display (5,4)
- 23 Worker who might pay tender attention? (6)
- 24 Way of life that's possibly saving me (8)
- 26 Scoundrel choking English author over night attack (8)
- 27 Saints crushed by huge generosity (7)
- 28 One prison drug breaks long stretch? (3,3)
- 31 Change in America concerning resort (6)

- 32 Finished under half of biscuit containing unknown insect (7)
- 35 Black reptile almost lifted nut (6)

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