

Crossword

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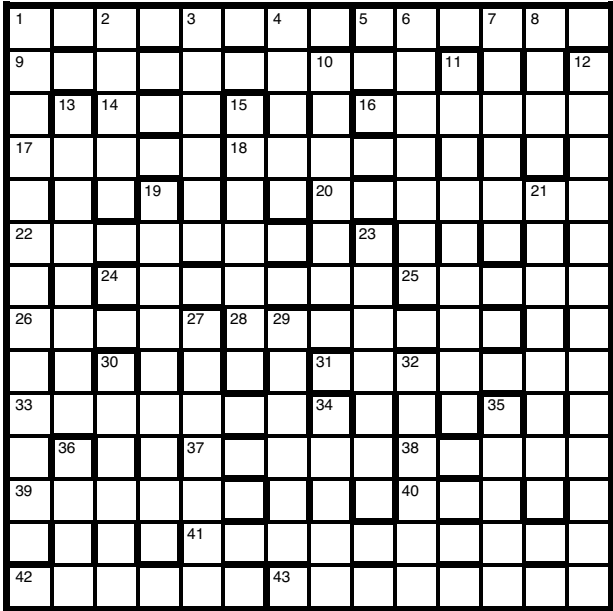
Eight unclued entries are of a kind. Their unchecked letters can be rearranged to spell out 'A DISBELIEVING GAUL COULD ACT'.

Across

- 1 Protecting bats utterly absorbs adult (8)
- 5 Kind of frightening when blowing top (6)
- 14 Guy ignoring both sides of family (3)
- 16 Endorse leaders of alternative fuel company (6)
- 17 Radium finally corroded two bones (5)
- 20 Tell of knight advancing in rank and energy (7)
- 22 Channel Islands and Reims manufactured helmet trimmings (7)
- 24 Regard cycling as threat (7)
- 25 Blacklegs that you shouldn't pick? (5)
- 26 Masses collapse, heading to the finish (5)
- 31 Light stake held in both hands by Newton (7)
- 33 I barter bananas for hot snack (7)
- 37 In favour of blocking vacuously smug child (5)
- 38 Sons sell beer (5)
- 39 University dons play records belonging to us (2,4)
- 40 Brief tiff in Tunbridge Wells? (3)
- 41 Criminal of masculine aspect (10)
- 42 Perhaps hearing one is martial arts instructor (6)

Down

- 1 Compound of fish and old rice stirred over heat at first (13)



- 2 Curses retired Yankee coming later than expected (5)
 - 3 Unstable, curt lad with bad temper (6)
 - 4 Some fear a vengeful bird (5)
 - 6 Idiot holding American airmen up is concerning (2,3,2)
 - 7 International business supported by anonymous islander (6)
 - 10 Articulate student lyricist (6)
 - 11 I react badly after a very loud sound (9)
 - 12 Man's posterior excited apes (13)
 - 15 One welcoming mischievous chaos (7)
 - 19 Husband and daughter in Pompeii developed alternative community (9)
 - 23 Head of Academy taken in by ridiculous gender craze (7)
 - 27 Incorporate non-flyer's form of transport retrospectively (7)
 - 29 Castro de-banked almost all of the stars (6)
 - 32 Port detected in nana's sauce (6)
 - 34 Fashionable and extremely economical place to stay (5)
 - 35 Fur covering middle of Asian animal (5)
 - 36 Fool runs out of fruit (4)
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