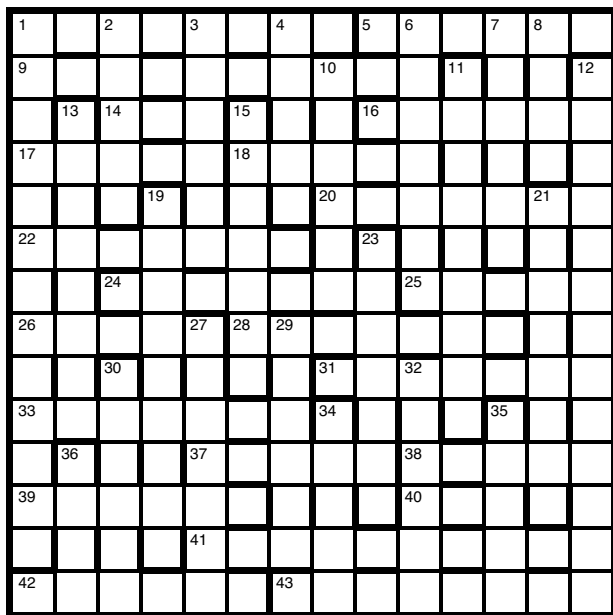


Crossword

2673: All Saints

by Doc

The unclued lights form four trios each associated with one of four theme words which solvers must discover and which do not appear in the grid. The 27 unchecked letters of these unclued lights for the wholly irrelevant comment: SO, DOC, CHARM EVELYN, GIRL FROM BBC.



Across

- 9 Political meeting providing currency on top of 14 (10)
- 14 Peak with a lake and parking (3)
- 16 A pick-me-up has taken away the stress (6)
- 18 Sidewinder, say, in the sun, almost bare (5)
- 20 Venue of an Italian music festival troubled moaners (7)
- 22 Rained and snowed, note, in Leeds sadly (7)
- 25 Extremely sorrowful, one has to leave county (5)
- 26 Customers filling in forms – re-submitted when returned (5)
- 33 Robin, say, is dependent (7)
- 38 Street round excellent ancient Greek walkways (5)
- 40 A question of manner on barrow (3)
- 41 Swing a cosh around, displaying one's best qualities (10)
- 42 Papal letters bishop cut back (6)
- 43 Small cut-outs showing bargain on animals for home (8)

Down

- 1 Dizzy singer, having to dine with sappers, lords it over all (6,7)
- 2 Portrayed as haggard (5)

- 3 Rogue priest has what the corps should have (6)
- 4 Change edition that contains pieces? (5)
- 6 Holds the flag when a bike race comes to a finish (7)
- 7 Destitute overnight accommodation upriver (2,4)
- 8 Tops of Egyptian pyramids in colour film (4)
- 10 Some teams aimed to overturn the bad atmosphere (6)
- 11 To lecture about a lord's historic hearing (5-4)
- 12 Trumpet signals below city house – those at a depth? (4-9)
- 13 Come together for company drinks at church (8)
- 15 Values French art by sportsmen, we're told (7)
- 19 Singular omission from violent aggression for US statesmen (9)
- 23 Takes in cool and hot drinks (7)
- 27 Sesame crackers one's fed to cat (7)
- 29 Wholly at home, child given love (2,4)
- 30 Plastic cover for her hat? (6)
- 32 Motorway and another's highest point – accident! (6)

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