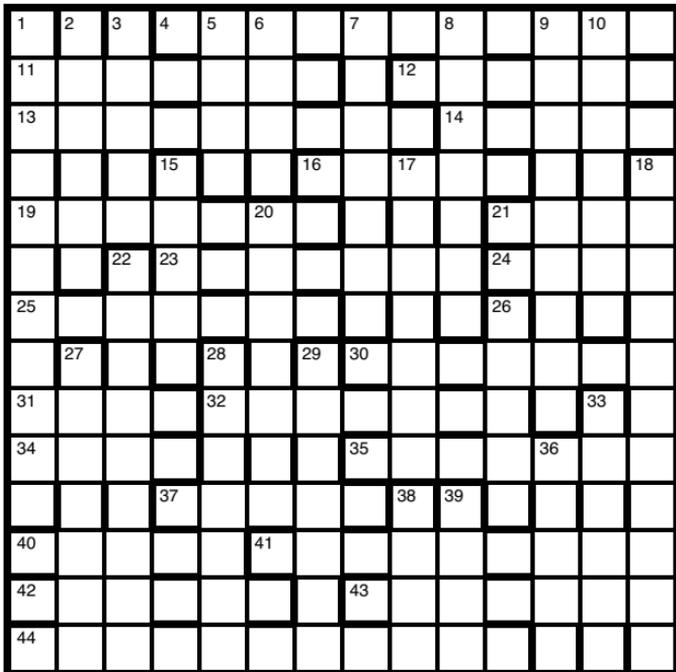


Crossword

2700: Tracking far north

by Doc

The unclued lights are of a kind on line.



Across

- 4 PC and Noddy seen in trouble. This is so sad (11)
 13 Hospital employees tell stories (9)
 14 Grand test for Himalayan goat (5)
 19 Curious way to row (7)
 23 Keys to Welsh steam engine that is small (7)
 24 Unfinished detailed examination of breeding establishment (4)
 25 Tailleur at play, regularly and in an attentive manner (7)
 30 Honoured, but lost a touch of dignity for a while (3,4)
 31 Dull English and US coin (4)
 32 Inform of a reward, we hear (7)
 34 Otherwise, either of two girls I deserted (4)
 35 Hebrew girl just a bit harassed – just a bit (7)
 37 Peaceful girl, alluring one, topless, at end of promenade (5)
 42 United recovered before surrendering lead (6)
 43 The direct opposite of poetry's presentation (7)
 44 Quick way to British journalism? (5,6)

Down

- 2 Carefully choose material for minister (6)
 3 Artificial fishing fly is one left on German article (5)
 5 Nobleman nearly at the centre (4)
 6 Young herring is rejected for £1/0/1 (4)

- 7 Put on too much make-up, composer admitted (7)
 8 Hedgerow flower is the same and could be gorse! (3,4)
 9 On-air rant about the start of *Under Milk Wood*, say (9)
 10 Stuff about Northern Ireland University's head case (7)
 17 Canoe re-designed on island – one amongst many? (7)
 18 Not open, being short-staffed (11)
 26 Archie didn't regularly reveal banker in Germany (5)
 27 Gusher to ensure there's no friction (3,4)
 28 It would not provide cover from the rain! (7)
 29 Brief trip away – make it last longer (4,3)
 36 Around second half of year, put up rents (5)
 38 Four points for far from modern slave (4)
 39 Waxworks? (4)

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