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Thirty sevens by Fire

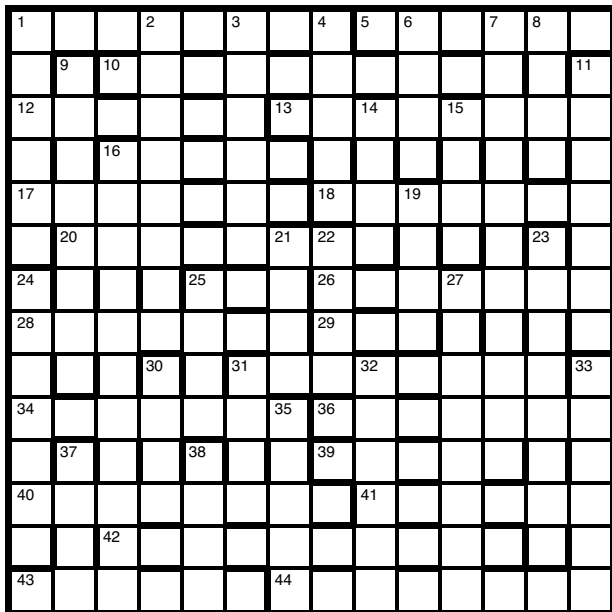
The unclued lights have an award-winning feature in common.

Across

- 5 Webcam perhaps covering temporary accommodation (6)
- 10 With Head absent, our teachers brewed liqueur (10)
- 12 Start to grumble and show contempt, returning cabbage and sprouts (6)
- 16 Virginia starts to gripe about loss of nerve (5)
- 17 French film-maker returns in time to shake things up (7)
- 20 Views wild rhinos surrounding empty zoo (8)
- 25 Women's popular victory (3)
- 26 Hero sat awkwardly in proximity (7)
- 28 Can start to see city in outline (7)
- 29 Hail one empty vehicle (3)
- 31 Run profit-making facility for outside users (8)
- 34 Distinctive qualities of musical about revolutionary (7)
- 36 Stretched out and gently massaged around top of hamstrings (7)
- 39 I make a claim over small matter (5)
- 40 Hey! Start to lower yearly interest – it's necessary for some artists (3,5)
- 41 Film a story with new section (6)
- 42 Use old slang in New York area (4,6)

Down

- 1 Show surprising gains on left (6)
- 2 Sunbathe at resort hosting Noel Coward and Harold Pinter? (8)



- 3 Tumbled quartzes, without question fake (6)
- 4 Endless to-do over small whisky measures (5)
- 6 Car starts to accelerate up to Oldham (4)
- 7 Mixes palette, then joins in a few events (11)
- 8 Changed gear, covering up hem (4)
- 11 Fool moved in, getting approvals (7)
- 14 Puts in stitches, we hear (4)
- 15 It's reported I have a place in Scotland (4)
- 16 Victor and I look over eccentric colonel's instrument (11)
- 19 Virginia creeper covers particular area (4)
- 21 Stone axes in use formerly (4)
- 22 Ordered and can, at last, tuck in (4)
- 25 Are living in the past? (4)
- 27 Confident genius creatively absorbing article (8)
- 30 Angel Delight, perhaps with fruit (4)
- 31 First pieces of embroidery tidied up in sewing case (4)
- 32 Teresa leaves sandwiches for marketing again (6)

- 33 Goodness! Nothing wrong in protein (6)
- 35 Could be a boom in martinis on ice! (5)
- 37 Look to the audience for support (4)
- 38 Weather reporter is self-important sounding (4)

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