

Word building

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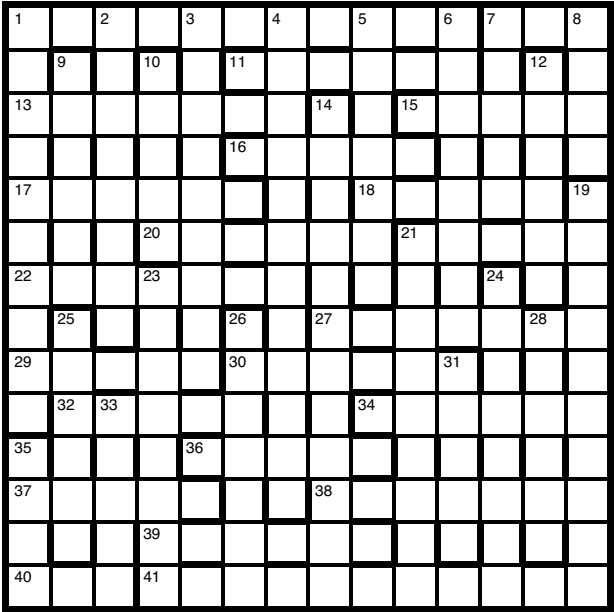
The unclued lights can be arranged to grow from 3 to 11 letters in length, each being an anagram of its predecessor and an extra letter.

Across

- 7 Equipment for Bell, Athey and Trescothick initially (3)
- 13 Male folk star's alarming words (7)
- 15 Pipe valley running through Britain (5)
- 16 Reportedly remained stolid (5)
- 17 Middle of emails edited (6)
- 18 Nameless President has time on the loo (5)
- 20 Brainboxes managed to infiltrate spy agency (6)
- 21 Thorpe, terrified somewhat of safe-cracker (5)
- 22 Doddery, maybe, when dancing in Aviemore? (7)
- 29 Hanging back in disarray (5)
- 30 English earl touring alps negotiated pass (6)
- 32 Blood carrier, a kind heading off on ambulance initially (5)
- 34 The North Star gets cut in form of cant or slang (6)
- 36 Blemish beautiful cereals boxes (5)
- 38 African who gets the stick, having rushed around (7)
- 39 Area occupied by some flustered foreigners (6)
- 41 She played Amy for Sam in 1971 with Sarandon and Clooney (5,6)

Down

- 1 Collapsed mine with folly marks final tribute (2,8)



- 4 Tracing sleep maybe, and where to find it? (7,5)
- 5 Fundamentalist army replace subhuman's head with time (7)
- 6 Second passenger aircraft making a lot of noise (8)
- 7 Born to make fun of drug incentive (5)
- 9 Latin law primarily explaining Middle Eastern linguistic unit (6)
- 10 Elementary book academy faithfully reproduced (5)
- 12 Chinwag with Blue. I left (6)
- 14 Random advice doled out for PM (5,7)
- 21 Priest's crime taking time in clerical residence (9)
- 23 Fifty folk with a wage are beginners (8)
- 24 Pirate state with a Durer composition (8)
- 25 Amateur in neckwear raised uproar (6)
- 26 The Navy's firmest supporters (3,4)
- 28 Attack the entranceway? (6)
- 31 Animal making dash, getting trapped ultimately (5)
- 33 Musicians content to leave Egypt after 31 days (5)
- 35 Pinochet drops pint here? (4)

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