

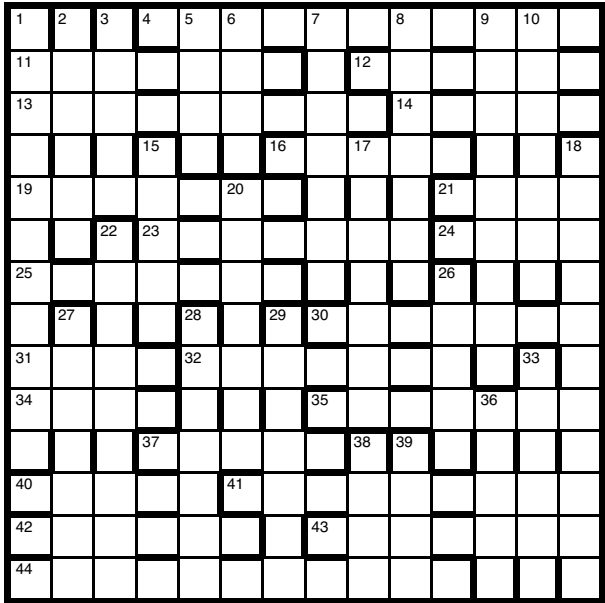
The unclued lights, one of two words, entered individually or as two pairs, are of a kind.

Across

- 4 Media broadcast about 12 that's cheap and practically useless (1,4,1,5)
- 11 Letters being sent to distant branch (7)
- 12 Medium range paintings (6)
- 13 Passing nurse in van (9)
- 14 Join princess having kiss (5)
- 21 Roman numeral from cross against heads of two icons (4)
- 23 Having abandoned shelter, Loch Ness Monster shocked army personnel (3-4)
- 24 A new version of Black Beauty? (4)
- 25 Delight with visit, providing that money, finally (7)
- 30 Sportsman's call angered doctor (2,5)
- 31 Assumed name I omitted, sadly (4)
- 32 On the soapbox, receiving no stars? (7)
- 34 Rattle outside – rattle from inside (4)
- 35 Cooked a cod. It is for Indian bandits (7)
- 41 He painted lines without a permit (9)
- 42 Country fellow's gossip (6)
- 43 Female has lived on illicit liquor (7)

Down

- 1 Some PC parent on the committee (6,5)
- 2 Show of respect is short on the fringes of society (6)



- 3 A frightening beginning (5)
- 5 Some escudos – hush-money (4)
- 6 River emergency – councillor's resigned (4)
- 7 Founder of ski-travel company turning 34 now (4,3)
- 8 Believer in good and ill suggests fighter (7)
- 10 Mournful key member CIA outed (7)
- 17 Country from Central Europe. That's madness! (7)
- 20 Imply there isn't a conflagration (7)
- 27 Austrian skier is heard to cry (7)
- 28 Stop state instruction (7)
- 29 Village on Arran has mall rebuilt (7)
- 33 Art gallery in opposite directions on New York island (6)
- 38 Strike secures hard money in Asia (4)
- 39 Guinness, say, or another tippie on edge of counter (4)

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