

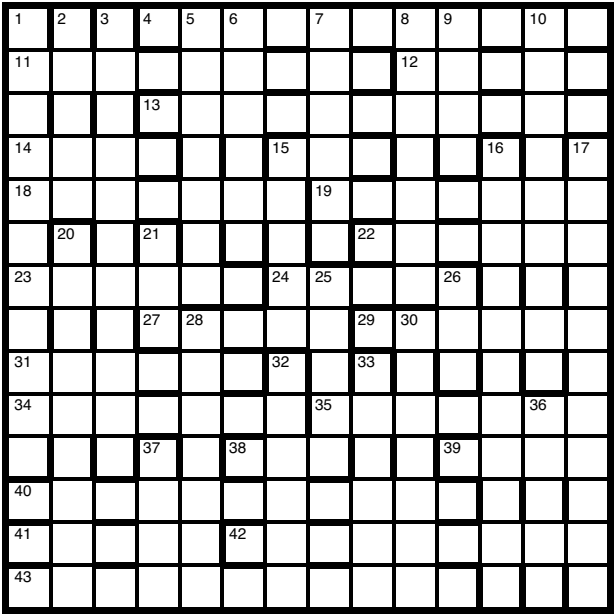
Crossword

2728: Friends
and relations
by Fire

Eight unclued solutions, including a pair, are of a kind.

- Across**
- 11 Most excellent expert admitting: ‘Everyone can be beaten!’ (9)
- 12 Left centre of Kyoto for coastal city (5)
- 13 Game playing isn’t tenable (5,6)
- 14 My elderly grandma always danced the leads (4)
- 18 Dish of noodles King and I tucked into (7)
- 19 Recalled old letter about a minute charm (7)
- 23 Rowing over a piece of jewellery (6)
- 24 Dramatic hurricane masks sound of birds (5)
- 27 Turned up old brooch (5)
- 29 Famous sisters of Eleanor, possibly having lots of tea? (6)
- 31 In a sly manner, crook left yard (6)
- 34 Occasion to eat, eat! (7)
- 35 I’d made ornate small crowns (7)
- 38 I said yes! (3)
- 39 Essentially free and in control (4)
- 40 Alarmist anger comes in chaos before resistance (11)
- 42 Environmental credentials of inexperienced Head (9)
- 43 Lovers’ special little means of expression (11)

- Down**
- 1 Pretend to be pirate with some nausea initially at sea (11)
- 3 Aluminium foil in caramel apple-pie (3-8)



- 5 Mark is heartbroken having lost leads in two boat races outright (7)
- 7 You and I in sleigh, veered off course (6)
- 8 Outside broadcast of piano recital – parts 1 and 2 (4-3)
- 9 1/4 ton horse (4)
- 10 Alien coming down then returning, having adopted quite bad manners (9)
- 15 Held up in eco resort (2,3)
- 16 Worked for nothing restoring unloved tree (11)
- 17 Simplicity in painting without directions (11)
- 20 Animal treated with sincere respect was accorded boundless movement (6,3)
- 21 So ill, reportedly (3)
- 25 Many people abhor deceitful content (5)
- 28 Food? In general, I’m enthusiastic (7)
- 30 Interim ruler getting taste of authority causes a reaction (7)
- 36 Poorly lit back street in the centre (5)
- 37 Cheese, salt, water: no end to provision (4)

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