

# Crossword

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## Spelled out by *Fieldfare*

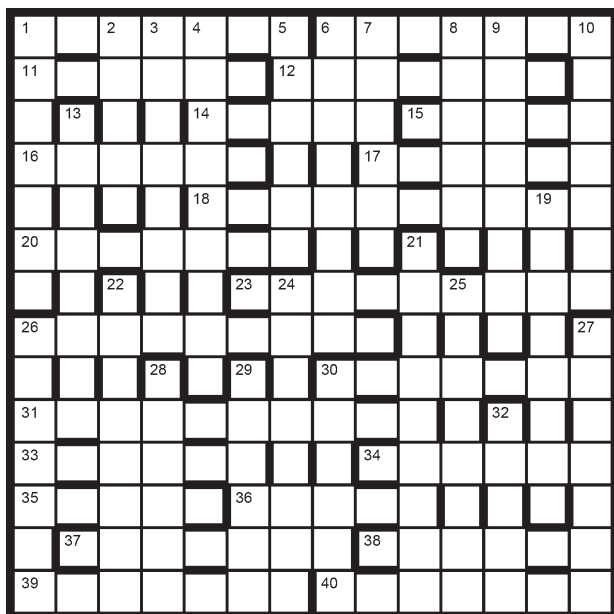
Unclued lights (one of two words, the others paired) at length have something in common.

### Across

- 1 Faced bombs near end of life (7)
- 11 Museum spending pounds to acquire English works (6)
- 12 European body said to be a biblical tribe (7)
- 14 Losing sides destroy poetic inspiration (5)
- 15 First person on chimney reaching heavens (5)
- 16 Shrewd to hide roubles in crevice (6)
- 17 Mum unfortunately sent back spicy paste (6)
- 18 In which to deliver good wine? (7,3)
- 20 Given day off, study papers for research (7)
- 23 In sleeper perhaps women used to wear these (9)
- 26 Pristine yellow filling cryptically suggests having green edges (4-5)
- 30 Land collapsing into sea (7)
- 33 People's offering party refused (6)
- 36 Ace, one taking a bow, stripped for dressing (5)
- 37 What goes straight into the trash: slipper with hole in the back (7)
- 38 Huge duck, bony (6)
- 39 One entitled to send back fish and meat dish (7)

### Down

- 1 Very revolutionary, dividing our ticket (7)
- 3 Greeting character, not a remarkable incident once (8)



- 5 Adjust engine, taking effort to the limits through slippery hill (6)
- 6 Struggle to speak at first, then talk non-stop (8)
- 8 Assistant takes advantage of breaks (6)
- 9 Left one engine off-centre and sluggish (8)
- 13 Neutral tone of mild sarcasm holding work up (4-4)
- 19 A Midlander once, one moving from another country (8)
- 21 Tense, modifying this rite for unorthodox believer (9)
- 22 Siesta ruined by live insects (8)
- 24 Cherish sinner: he reforms (8)
- 25 I wish tour halved, for no other reason than ... (2,4,2)
- 26 Admit caught in sticky stuff in limo (4,3)
- 27 Rue damage; no room for panic (7)
- 28 Seaside town is stifling (2,4)
- 29 Get out a spike, sunk in the middle part of hand (6)
- 30 Let us book in alternation each Greek island (6)
- 32 Some overcrowded city visited by ambassador (5)

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