

Crossword
2730: Herrlines
by Doc

The unclued lights, (when taken as an individual, three pairs and one trio), are of a kind, verifiable in *Chambers* (13th edition).

- Across**
- 10 Father Gold froze thematically (4)
 - 12 Awkward bra stealer can be nicked (10)
 - 14 An indefinitely large number of alcaics – not odd! (3)
 - 15 OK turning west, pulled along and grovelled (8)
 - 19 Two journalists admitting half the article has been blue-pencilled (6)
 - 22 Anger cut short in pursuit of peace (6)
 - 24 Australia’s Khawaja is chap from the States (5)
 - 26 Metal ring for Jamaican musicians (5,4)
 - 27 Cutting grass and tidying up after start of summer (9)
 - 29 In France it is a basket used when playing jai alai (5)
 - 34 Continue to exist and have a specific diet (4,2)
 - 36 ‘I first’ is for such a person (7)
 - 39 Clearly heading towards studying at university? (2,6)
 - 40 Rod’s letter is spoken of (3)
 - 41 Feat of chaps in disgrace (10)
 - 42 Pity it has only four chapters (4)

- Down**
- 2 Rebuilt gantries or frames in fireplaces (4,6)
 - 3 Removing all traces of time to celebrate (7)
 - 4 In the kirk, edgy and annoyed (5)

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- 5 Wild Picts riot, having such involuntary reflex reactions (9)
- 6 Consider end of *Close Encounters* upset (6)
- 7 Spoke of area of Argyll and Bute’s grasslands (5)
- 8 *M*A*S*H* star appearing during formal dances (4)
- 9 Without doubt, you and I will turn round with lady (4,3,5)
- 11 Sweet spinsters and lords and ladies ignored island at sea (3,5)
- 13 Most of the month with one American salad – a tragedy (6,6)
- 16 End of problems on German river (3)
- 21 Like some leaves moving all at once, absorbing energy (10)
- 23 State notes Rector has left diocese (9)
- 25 Hate Tim out with posh French boy (8)
- 28 Match the sink, say (7)
- 32 Hundredweight! (3)
- 33 Parish priest and little girl by vehicle (5)
- 35 Signs round loo (5)

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