

# Crossword

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## Out of place

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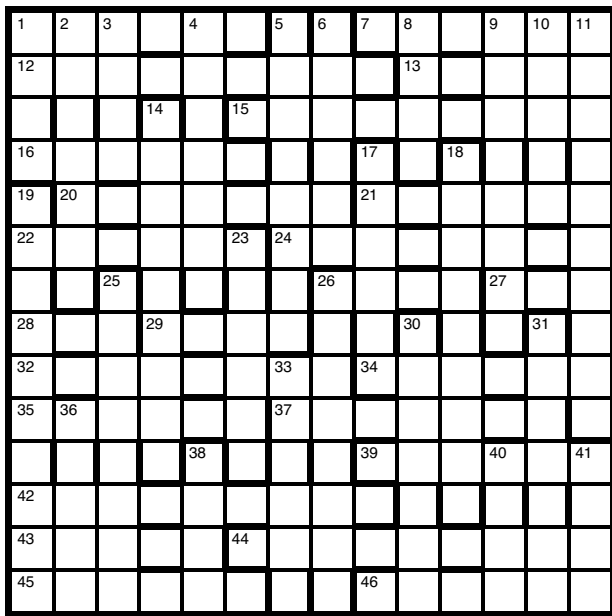
Five unclued Across lights are of a kind and are out of place as the five unclued Down lights.

### Across

- 1 Thinly scattered food chain outside of Stevenage (6)
- 7 Place in complete shade (6)
- 13 Multitude of fishes on sandbank (5)
- 15 Fruit ain't green when squeezed (9)
- 20 Fruit and nut salad ordered, without dressing, to start with (7)
- 21 Paper money returned for eating apple (6)
- 22 Barrow-boy arranged escort (6)
- 24 Chatty comedian arrives next to new canal (4,4)
- 26 Old solver is second person in the OT (4)
- 27 Neeson regularly appearing in Keanu's role (3)
- 28 In short, especially. Yes, please – just a little! (3)
- 29 Cheated by many an individual (4)
- 34 Reason why I have taken on the vehicle check (6)
- 35 *Neighbours* character coming in late, resentfully (6)
- 37 Engineers' strong desire to rise again (7)
- 39 Aerial transport heard in the prairies (6)
- 42 Nuts are nicest part of flowers (9)
- 44 Adding first coat of plaster. What a performance! (9)
- 45 Ageless old cricketer never hooks (6)

### Down

- 1 Regularly sold one sour fruit (4)
- 2 Average building also created shade (7)



- 3 Deep blue of Mediterranean 'iles' (4)
- 4 Second nature, out for a stroll (7)
- 5 Languish and gets a tan at sea (8)
- 8 Employed, but exploited (4)
- 11 Conductors choose right verses (10)
- 14 Top quality speaker's remorse was slow to shift (4-5)
- 19 Favourable reception of resignation (10)
- 23 Primitive Methodist is a noisy Scottish musician (6)
- 25 Passage from unfinished steeple overlooking Norfolk town (8)
- 26 Building for chaps, in principle (8)
- 30 Certainly not a constituent part of Little Rock! (7)
- 31 Time for ironing? (7)
- 33 Bacchanalia getting court gaiters regularly dropped (6)
- 36 River at the pass (5)
- 38 Disheartened troglodytes in the capital of Calvados (4)

- 40 Bones from Troy not categorised at first (4)
- 41 Wistful exclamation when view is reduced (4)

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