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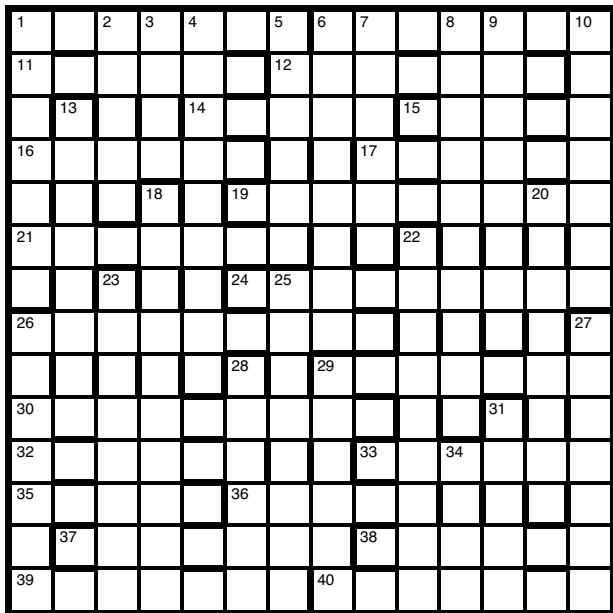
Seven unclued lights are connected by an eighth. Elsewhere, ignore one acute accent and one apostrophe.

Across

- 1 British bishop packing pickles in hampers (7)
- 6 Creep made dull mates all shed clothes (7)
- 11 Jack and John, married and flourishing (6)
- 12 Brings out daywear oddly shunned by male models (7)
- 14 Some retired relatives of great importance (5)
- 16 Touches sunglasses (6)
- 17 Setter in grip of muted mental boredom (6)
- 19 Idleness of boozier receiving benefit repelled Brussels bureaucrats (9)
- 24 Hot desert air is most wearisome (9)
- 26 Type of soup that's geek's finest, according to Spooner (5,4)
- 30 An editor's rewritten lines (9)
- 32 Lock up shack beset by crime (4,2)
- 33 Advise hosts about rabbit colony (6)
- 35 Dapper husband in Welsh town (5)
- 37 Plant in middle of lanes by M1 (7)
- 38 Starts to appreciate typical family's kind of diet (6)
- 39 Ring fellow back before drowsing (7)
- 40 Skill of small and large oarsmen (7)

Down

- 1 Kneeler gets hit (7)
- 2 Complaint from notable atheists (5)



- 4 Crazy volte-face's leaving Conservative agape (4,5)
- 5 Roman coin turned up, small and shiny (6)
- 6 Understand lottery article upset prize winners (8)
- 8 Boiled eels discomposed composer (3,7)
- 9 Smeared eccentric Etonian duke (8)
- 10 Perhaps fire Attlee after change of leader (7)
- 13 More discriminating companion loves gent full of energy (8)
- 18 Not recognised, I attend mud wrestling (10)
- 20 Extremely clever nurses invite busy person for drink (4,4)
- 22 Sparkling day boozing heartily on Greek island (9)
- 23 Grandad excitedly embracing university student about to receive degree (8)
- 25 Support band repair guitars, perhaps (8)
- 27 Boy made out with most unpleasant athlete (7)
- 28 Shot clergyman, by the sound of it (6)
- 29 Pushes off sheets (6)
- 34 King regularly lacks in spirit (4)

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