

Crossword

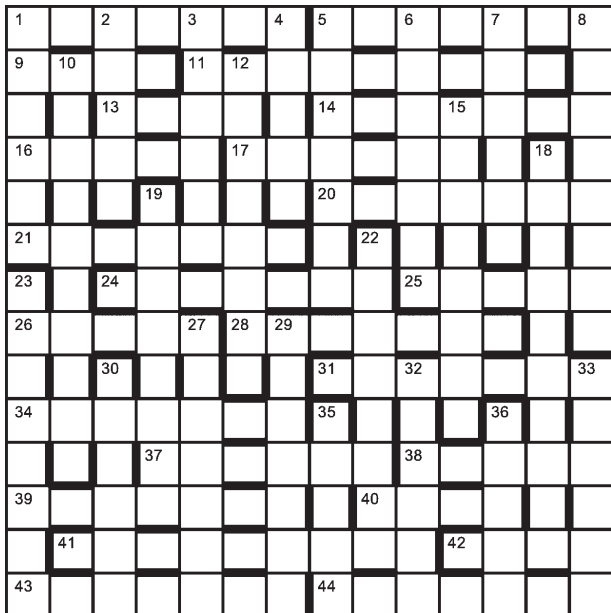
2677: What's in a name?

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Unchecked and mutually cross-checking letters in 14 unclued lights spell out PEEP – THE SPECTATOR CHARACTERS RECREATE REST. One such light is hyphenated and another comprises two words.

Across

- 1 Bundle of stuff needing time (7)
- 5 Dubious party assumes American power (7)
- 9 Church, with Old English exterior, from which arrows are launched (4)
- 13 Impressive collection of maths and physics constants (4)
- 14 Long-lost beast is such, or a fake (7)
- 16 Letters delivered for Badger (5)
- 17 Cold bottle of milk overturned – it's irresistible to kitty (6)
- 20 Mediterranean restaurant worker sent back outside state (7)
- 21 Least cautious female interrupts returning emperor (7)
- 25 Fight animals from the rear, having run away (3-2)
- 26 Sage Henry also known as Mike (5)
- 31 Knows Shakespearean wife too much, the rogue (7)
- 34 Poets regularly greeting tragic hero (7)
- 37 In haste, I cooked fish (6)
- 38 Top score from captain almost netting record (5)
- 39 Omit wet slips for 2D (3-4)
- 40 Mark's unlimited awards (4)
- 42 Low blow, primarily by fool (4)



- 43 Idyllic valley before extremely short storm (7)
- 44 Male tutees playing old bagpipes (7)

Down

- 3 Expert bags prize individually (6)
- 4 Raise small advance payment for vessels (5)
- 6 Struggles right inside Cornish resort (7)
- 7 Poirot intermittently absent after key date (6)
- 10 Alone, catch wriggling creature thought to be extinct (10)
- 12 Familiarise new scout in cycling coat (8)
- 18 Mad scientist injected with heroin laughing uncontrollably (2,8)
- 22 Painter overseen for review (8)
- 27 Singaporeans maybe mentioned depression (7)
- 30 Silent mum upset dispute (6)
- 32 Diplomacy originally shown about bottom in nether regions (6)
- 35 Spell in section of Church Army (5)

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