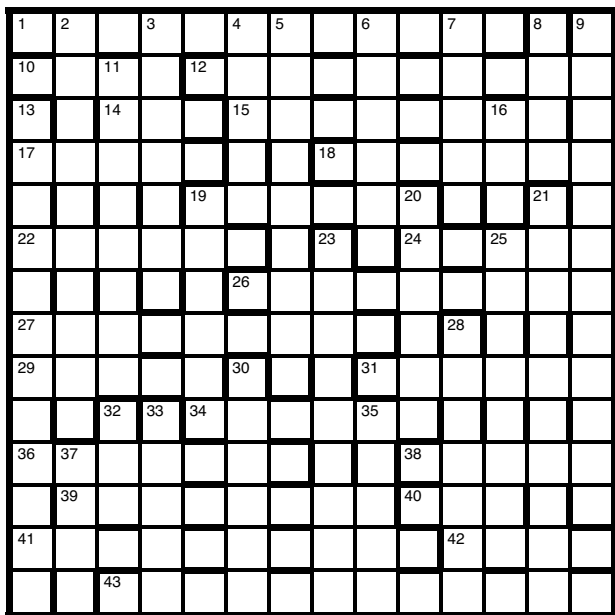


### Exchanges

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The unclued lights (including a pair, one word of which has to be read in reverse) are each somehow related to one other. Two grid entries are of two words and one (jocular) entry has four words and includes an apostrophe.



#### Across

- 10 Where lines meet new lines (4)  
 12 Payment to landlord as the Earth moved? (6,4)  
 14 Regular replay for City (3)  
 17 Awfully eager to acquiesce (5)  
 18 Aussie fish for swell at 40 (3,4)  
 19 Former EU President, 27, sadly lost sou (6)  
 22 The lad's steed regularly expressed disapproval (6)  
 24 It's criminal that the clergyman's lost his head (5)  
 27 Not to be sniffed at? (9)  
 29 Baseless Japanese martial arts instructor's opinion (5)  
 36 Wrong about three Rs and one I (2,5)  
 38 Cox for Hereford, perhaps? (5)  
 40 Badger and horse (3)  
 41 Moles get over these borders (10)  
 42 With which to catch more than one perch (4)  
 43 So there. Asked about Australian bush (6,3-3)

#### Down

- 2 Rambling around down and dingle (4-6)  
 3 Sign occupying river swimmer (7)  
 4 Emerge as a problem among the Pharisees (5)

- 5 Atoll cultivated for cereal (5,4)  
 6 Targets for hockey players (6)  
 7 Heath in Spain on one of the Costas (5)  
 8 Some exonerated for big lie (4)  
 9 Proceed falteringly and work in partnership on set up (4,3,5)  
 19 Wishes one to leave sought-after home (3,3)  
 21 Fluffed a recording: edits needed (10)  
 23 Missing can inside, but not drinking (9)  
 28 It has replaced the acre (7)  
 30 Hard work during middle of week for principal dancer (6)  
 32 Supporting member? (3)  
 33 Somerset town where silver is removed from French cheese (5)  
 35 Some Chilean desolation found here? (5)  
 37 Bread accepted for older relation (4)

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