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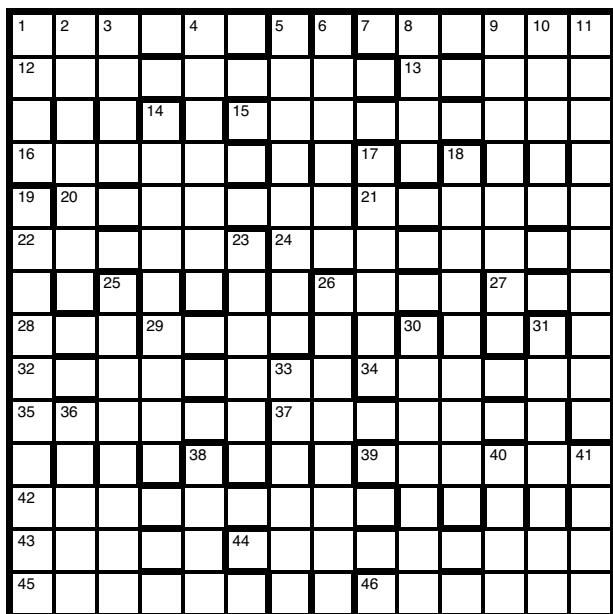
Up in arms

by Fire

The unclued lights are of a kind, verifiable in *Brewer*.

Across

- 7 Recurring tea dance (3-3)
 12 Following sound of artillery, I curtail call to official (9)
 13 Steer clear of a hole (5)
 15 Make the most of session in recruitment event (4,5)
 16 Effect of high dose (6)
 20 One stood up and pointed (7)
 21 Support that man, 'e's a bit of a giggle (3-3)
 22 Catch chickens circling round yours truly (6)
 24 Returning to minister's house, discovered cat hiding in furniture (8)
 26 Ghanaian capital's a bit overpriced, IMHO! (4)
 27 Greek characters portrayed in paperback (3)
 28 Start of Antony's quiet destruction of Cleopatra? (3)
 29 Fabricates loud complaint (4)
 32 Iodine, oxygen, nickel and sulphur put in river to remove minerals (8)
 34 Picture man dancing in road (6)
 37 Mike replaces Times in fast train for Victoria, say (7)
 39 Leaders of American delegation visiting capitals of Ireland, Scotland and England, give tips (6)
 43 A buff American's island (5)
 44 Peacekeepers wow Head of State, liberating port? (9)
 45 Late starts for political demonstrations (3-3)
 46 Extremely fierce first year is looking for a fight (6)



Down

- 1 Colour of apple crumble (4)
 3 Workers rubbish? Not to begin with (4)
 5 Polar explorer in charge goes back on board clippers (8)
 8 Heat rod regularly to make tough (4)
 10 Joint complaint? Cut out whiskey! (5)
 11 Getting stuck into last bits of bread sauce (10)
 14 Pen small Dickensian character – Crimple (9)
 17 Come to a stop about start of tea time (6)
 18 I'm back with bishop and vicar in diocese, making a note (9)
 19 Is found on the wing, playing Real Madrid (3,7)
 23 Brothers' clothing – hot and slightly small (6)
 25 I record middle of duet after recording closing words (8)
 26 Quarter fruit, remove spike, add touch of cinnamon and drop of yoghurt (8)
 36 Organs protected by outer intercostals (5)
 38 Rearrange interior of farm building for husks of grain (4)
 40 Murdoch elevated personal assistant (4)
 41 Nervous, hollow-eyed, gutless chap (4)
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