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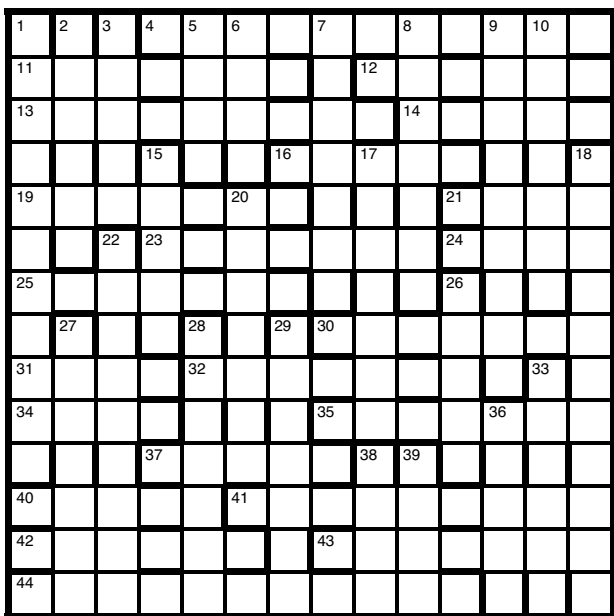
Very large fellow

by Doc

The title wrote three unclued lights (one of two words) with the letter-count (3,8,6,4), whose members are the other unclued lights (two pairs, another of two words and a singleton). Solvers must highlight the singleton's missing moniker hidden in the completed grid.

Across

- 11 Half the beans initially seem superfluous accompanying hot paste with chillis (7)
- 12 Seashore grass blowing back and forth (6)
- 14 Just a moment for A. Lloyd Webber's collaborator (5)
- 16 Less convincing Debussy composition (2,3)
- 19 Poor actor's part as expressed on picnic menu (3,4)
- 23 Leading academic's endless nonsense on fish (7)
- 24 Raw sea-mist outside of hangar (4)
- 25 Figure runs home not quite ahead of coach (7)
- 30 President owns one hot motorbike (7)
- 31 Verse omitted from cover song (4)
- 32 Those with issues to deal with (7)
- 34 Further elements of primordial soup (4)
- 35 Termini re-designed for the time being (7)
- 40 Trembled having small stroke (5)
- 41 More attractive espalier reinstalled around top of hedge (9)
- 43 Like a gas, perhaps, one used as a weapon of war (7)
- 44 Take note before salutes overwhelm elite soldiers (5,6)



Down

- 2 Composer left a trifle (6)
- 3 It shows the spectrum in Capri smithy (5)
- 5 Isaac's son represented in French art with gold base (4)
- 6 Restraining order from gas board (4)
- 7 Double-sided 25 in Sheffield theatre (7)
- 8 Food supplier putting Felix, possibly, before Rex? (7)
- 9 French standard rifle – ammo ordered (9)
- 10 True to life, fine and true (7)
- 15 Ship, possibly a drifter (5)
- 17 Most of the cash placed on 29's hypothetical organism (7)
- 20 The French make clothes wet, it seems – here? (7)
- 22 Between high and low tidemarks – certainly, it's said (9)
- 26 Blackbird from river and lake (5)
- 27 Match-maker? (7)
- 28 Act as an omen when poor Ben Stokes loses two bob (7)

- 33 Article found on board cruise ship following a straight path (6)
- 36 Head of government in control when in office? (5)
- 38 Slip top off in vaulted niche (4)

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