

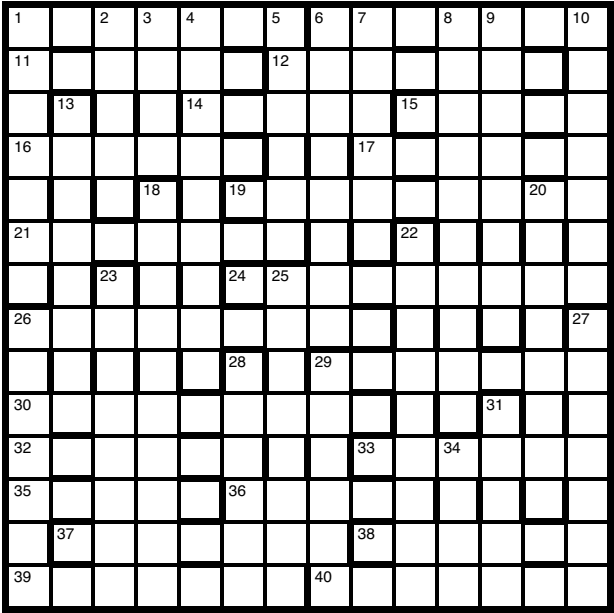
Parts of speech
by Fieldfare

Unclued lights form a progressive set, plus the name of the speaker.

- Across**
- 1 Talk shortly about present-day veg (7, two words)
 - 6 Secure trim accessory (7, two words)
 - 11 Harp on about poor child (6)
 - 12 Sun already, so? It's a feature of India (7)
 - 14 Welshman and Scotsman clash over nymph (5)
 - 15 Console unknown author about chapter (5)
 - 16 Delicate and light, keeping in time (6)
 - 19 Chemical from Chile in unstable radon site (9, two words)
 - 21 Embraces and fondles lasciviously (7)
 - 24 From memory recalled dry poem that sends a message (9, two words)
 - 30 Are out to take most of drink: little finally remains (9)
 - 32 Subordinate joins navy in light meal (6)
 - 33 Walk south with ugly dwarf (6)
 - 35 Fascist leader arrests a European or two (5)
 - 36 In sudden wind, I tilt (5)
 - 37 I feel cold, not half, laid out on this? (7, two words)
 - 38 Set aside extremely rare ring (6)
 - 39 At start of lunch, approves fowl and noodles (7)
 - 40 Like a relative, very countrified, with nothing in place of university (7)

Down

- 2 Hiding power of the ear and eye (5)
- 3 Prickly bush's height in gale reduced (4)



- 5 Alpha male is about to leave friends (6)
- 6 Rocking motion not called for, ordered out of cell (8, three words)
- 7 Foreigner needs help back into lodging (6)
- 8 Seize criminal, fit case for flogging (10)
- 9 Place roughly covered in ointment (8)
- 10 Open ten envelopes containing chemical (7)
- 13 Shoal gets scraped clean, this having adhered? (8)
- 18 Attend plays and fail to cope (10, three words)
- 20 Make fun of detectives I back in law (8)
- 22 Wealthy traveller? Stone me! (9, hyphenated)
- 23 Bird caught in drain (8)
- 26 Pastry rustled when cooked (7)
- 27 Valerian's lobby receiving emails regularly (7, hyphenated)
- 28 Mess up note horn holds (6)
- 34 Salesman round for recovery of goods (4)

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