

The unclued Across lights (including a pair) are of a kind and the unclued Down lights can be preceded by another (associated) word.

Across

- 1 To obtain acknowledgement, order direct (6)
- 13 Love making fuss about ... (5)
- 15 ... drink in *The Wheatsheaf* in encampment (5,4)
- 21 Coolness of pal stoned by wild mob (6)
- 22 Put up elsewhere, Spooner's man phoned (2-4)
- 26 Perform some chorus in *Gerontius*? (4)
- 27 Noise from Paddington (3)
- 28 Article of faith explained (3)
- 29 Drop live commercial (4)
- 32 A French pair separate (8)
- 34 Petrol rating at once refined (6)
- 35 Imagine state getting centrally heated (6)
- 37 Stamp – one unused pair included (7)
- 39 1 amongst 27 absolutely exhausted (4,2)
- 42 Overwhelm unfashionable figure (9)
- 43 Fruit from the East in some basil guacamole (5)
- 45 Marsh – Yes! – tetchy somewhat extremely retiring (6)
- 46 Marsh terrapins from Merseyside rise out, oddly (6)

Down

- 1 Clique's after-school organisation (4)
- 2 Said no to rubbish at end of road (7)

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- 3 Time is up – give out (4)
  - 4 Imply there isn't a conflagration (7)
  - 5 Holiday talked of at one's home – it causes friction (5,3)
  - 6 Capital where Tobago crashes (6)
  - 8 Could be a club's racing programme (4)
  - 9 Tool-shed demolished for climbers' needs (8)
  - 11 Two little boys capture rosaceous plant (4,6)
  - 14 A mast to be reconstructed for the *Mississippi Queen* (9)
  - 17 Endless loose change in round gaming premises (6)
  - 18 Airport's initial illumination for landing (9)
  - 19 Wild August riot is unwarranted (10)
  - 25 Lectern reconstructed at start of year, just a few weeks ago (8)
  - 26 Check battery as source of medical therapy (4,4)
  - 30 Mate coming in before midday, ASAP? (7)
  - 31 Not too late to check blood group in lining of membranes (7)
  - 33 Member having expenses rejected at first is flexible (6)
  - 41 Three birds and moths (4)
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