

Crossword

2576:

After Eleven

by *Fieldfare*

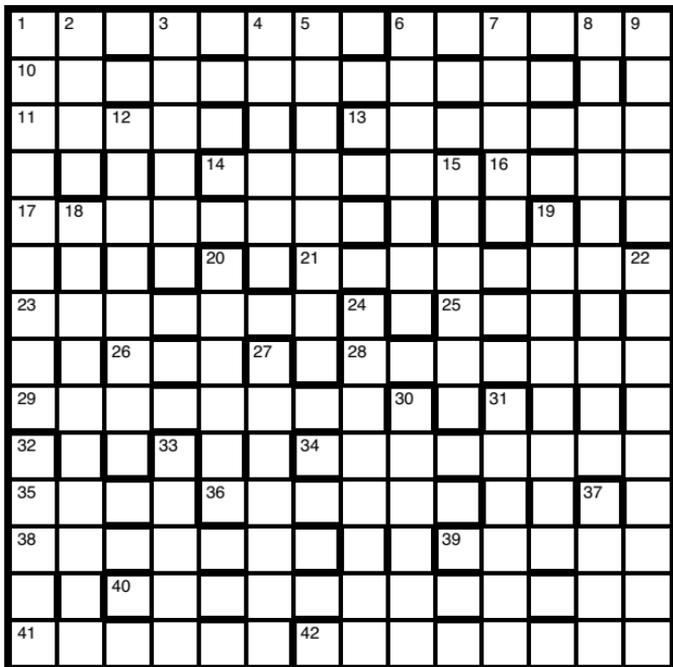
The unclued lights form five pairs, as suggested by the title.

Across

- 6 Fashion blunted by useless needle (6)
- 10 Sister in action in a moving church feast (12)
- 13 Lily and Len backing boss (7)
- 16 Youth turns to another who's idle (4)
- 17 Scarper from unstable ice-sheet (6,2)
- 21 Underclothes hang loosely? Twaddle (8)
- 23 Push in suggestion commonly vulgar (7)
- 25 Caledonian couple unwrapping software (3)
- 26 Being philosophical, making three points (3)
- 29 Goddess briefly so pink (8)
- 34 United to play this piece? (8)
- 36 Asparagus and special fruit (6)
- 38 Love to afford fancy sort of vehicle (3-4)
- 39 Sailor embraces my curves (5)
- 40 Rector in unlit palace possibly unworthy of bishop (12)
- 41 Mount Athos ignoring Thomas's direct speaking (6)
- 42 Cheap writer wearing orangey-brown (8)

Down

- 1 Help companion to visit gentle girl (4-5)
- 2 Pillbox of wrought iron (4)
- 3 In Paisley, pamper one sweeter all round (6)
- 4 Reminders fence regularly covers weeds (6)



- 5 Made a lot of messes I slide on (8)
- 6 Small drop of water in fat (7)
- 8 In country club seek good books, a number without antecedents (10)
- 12 Cereal, part of it for bird (8)
- 15 Great reserves of wisdom? Adept has no answers (6)
- 18 Restraint inhibiting one punch-up (10)
- 19 Political supporter left impression through effectiveness (8)
- 20 Scouts edited the *Guardian* (6)
- 22 Provoking distress of mine very greatly, Norm being away (9)
- 24 Fit to publish? Can be brought to court (8)
- 31 Turning over heart of fire, I got some smoke (6)
- 32 Drug, at first low dose, offered patients awakening (1-4)
- 33 Old foot-soldier trims edible part of nut (5)

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