## Crossword 2577: Light and dark by Doc

The unclued lights (three of two words, one of which has an apostrophe) are of two kinds.

## Across

- 6 Eat away with genial wraith oddly (4,2)
- 12 Antibiotic disguised in nice pill (10)
- 14 He raises stock for reactor (7)
- 15 Second chapter on king and almost utterly mad literary character (4,6)
- 16 Medic enters to look round for old blunderbuss (7)
- 20 A country's birds (4)
- 22 Intestinal trouble in Crete (7)
- 23 Cheat's disappointment (4)
- 26 Currency of the red or blues distributed (7)
- 30 Runs by Hassett regularly upset old emperor (4)
- 31 Rough cowl on chimney in Portree (7)
- 34 Key that's silver every so often (4)
- 36 *No Dream* arranged like Ansermet's 'Suisse' orchestra (7)
- 38 Secret rivalry at home leading to struggle (2-8)
- 40 Cotton thread left by 34 (5)
- 41 Feeling of extreme anxiety left gunmen wandering (10)
- 42 Rainbow-coloured dress, first seen after I get up (6)
- 43 Tops gran knitted for a number (4-4)

## Down

- 2 Thief jumping Carl and René (8)
- 3 Bit of spinach, fruit and asparagus stem (5)

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- 4 Win a joust southeastern state lost out (7)
- 7 Cereal mixed for arbor vitae (6)
- 8 It sounds like a fish oil (5)
- 9 Small group caught de Falla's hat (13)
- French wine old boy knocked back with extralarge curries (9)
- 17 River in Chester and in Aberdeen (3)
- 18 Spirit lamps Greek characters placed round end of Parthenon (5)
- 27 Several with nothing to hide capsized in river (3)
- 28 South American crane from treacherous mire in salt water (7)
- 29 Frontiersman with individual in support (7)
- 32 Kill off grammar school activities (6)
- 33 Supported DUP, the old leaders having deserted (6)
- 35 Season hasn't begun for Bury (5)
- 37 Passages made by Dutch among islands (5)

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