

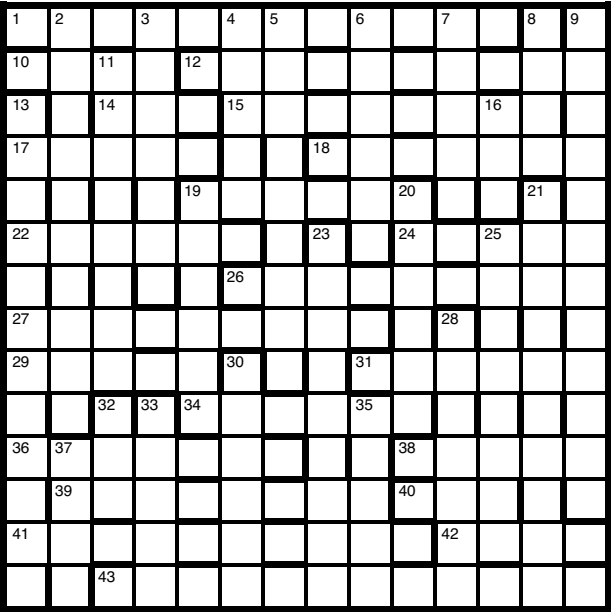
Crossword

2564:

Sea monster

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Five unclued lights are descriptions of another (four words), from another, by another (two words). Elsewhere, ignore one accent.



Across

- 10 Player and wrestler oddly changing places (4)
- 12 May take home case of oriental hemp product (10)
- 14 Regularly fooled veteran (3)
- 15 Prince's press officer holding drink (8)
- 17 Mounts horse with complaints (5)
- 18 Quite lost, female runs in synthetic fabric (7)
- 19 State probes spies in high places (6)
- 22 Violent wind dislodging section of valve (6)
- 24 Two cobblers turned back in gateway (5)
- 27 Suppresses strong inclinations (9)
- 29 Astronomer Ryle going topless behind house (5)
- 31 Mowed a wild tract of grassland (6)
- 34 Timeless secrets swapped in corner (6)
- 39 Associate with horsey female, knocking back too much liqueur (8)
- 40 Varsity is fun, if short of females (3)
- 41 Impatient bookworms ultimately irritate librarian, they fear (3-7)
- 42 Frolic heartlessly in prison (4)
- 43 One after another, charge nurses quieten invalid (12)

Down

- 2 One embarrassing stench beginning to irk poor tailor (10)

- 3 Mostly lie about with fat idler (7)
- 4 Cook possesses extremely attractive old hob (5)
- 5 Belgian painter by Hermitage entrance (9)
- 6 Setter flees eruption of fearsome volcanic islands (6)
- 7 Man perhaps following a passageway (5)
- 9 At first skier wasn't gainly, slipping on slope (12)
- 16 Drunk in Thurso tavern (3)
- 19 Lug around Senior Service and Ecstasy – it's lucrative (6)
- 20 Poles race for money (6)
- 21 Support for key performer? (5,5)
- 23 Scoffed excessively at one, ever rude (9)
- 25 African territory once ungovernable, so I heard (8)
- 28 Spice Girl sang head off with alto (7)
- 30 Network broadcasting barbecues (not BBC) (6)
- 32 Strange, dowdy female shedding clothes (3)
- 33 Gawp at son, up and about (5)

- 37 Artist, initially nervous, turned sound off (4)

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