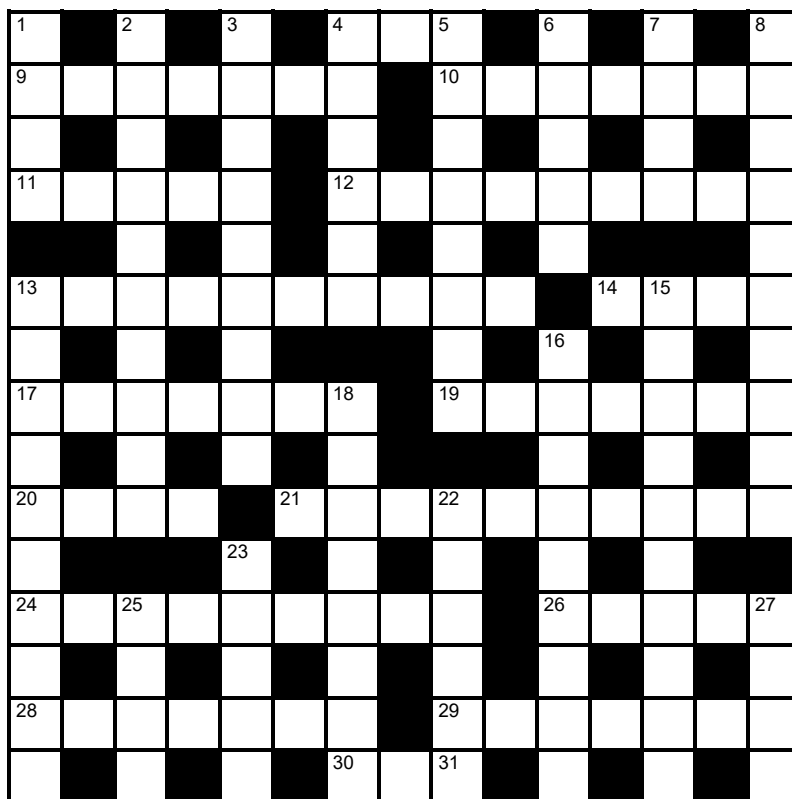


Meeting Points

In twelve clues wordplay ignores one of six two-letter pairs (each pair therefore occurring twice). All other clues (though not some letter counts) are normal. 1 & 6 (across different time zones) and 31 may be considered meeting points. Purists will argue that this preamble and square 1 should both contain a comma.

Across

- 4 With added cocaine, I'm thinking (3)
- 9 Dubai's new numerical puzzle finally in the *Listener's* domain? (7)
- 10 Ronnie and Reggie's very fine travel organisation? (7)
- 11 Please help us habitual drinkers! (5)
- 12 Starts back, but not with Atahualpa among them (4,5)
- 13 Rampant dingo impregnates the whole Biology group (10)
- 14 Something circuitous in logic dismissive of N Circular of old (4)



- 17 Means to spend a day at the Colosseum, having got on (7)
- 19 Whenever drinking ale rounds, hope eventually for this? (7)
- 20 Unpackaged utensils for afternoon refreshment facility (4)
- 21 "No mistake", Dynamo team source admits, not playing club in Transvaal (10)
- 24 Missing mass, soldier enters cathedral without delay (9)

- 26 Musical or poetic legend, but not the last (5)
- 28 How showy quartz/mica rock can be without one (7)
- 29 Perverse tree-hugging aspect to personality, summing up (2,1,4)
- 30 Plant, essentially, needs pruning (3)

Down

- 1 Does business with computer networks, not women (5)
- 2 Reasoned in error new lab's probing poisoned seeds (6,5)

- 3 Afternoon at work, is it, looking over old country? (9)
- 4 Surrender forced in glass houses? (6)
- 5 With a month's holiday, take military leave? (5,3)
- 6 Year on vacation north of a Californian city (5)
- 7 Stars getting in on 2016 Olympic stage? (5)

- 8 Back from Limerick, crossing Irish Sea to *Calais*? Stuff! (10)
- 13 Wails carols about first 60 mins of *Life*? (10)

- 15 *Falcon Crest* broadcast in *Metal Mickey* time? (6,5)
- 16 This way brave chap quits, having lost heart (4,3,3)
- 18 To decontaminate all there, it is installed (8)
- 22 "Willin'" suitor's short snog under the counter (6)
- 23 Democrat perhaps now secure, common perception of Trump? (3,3)
- 25 Left toys in play pen (5)
- 27 Capacity of Nilots to break bread (5)