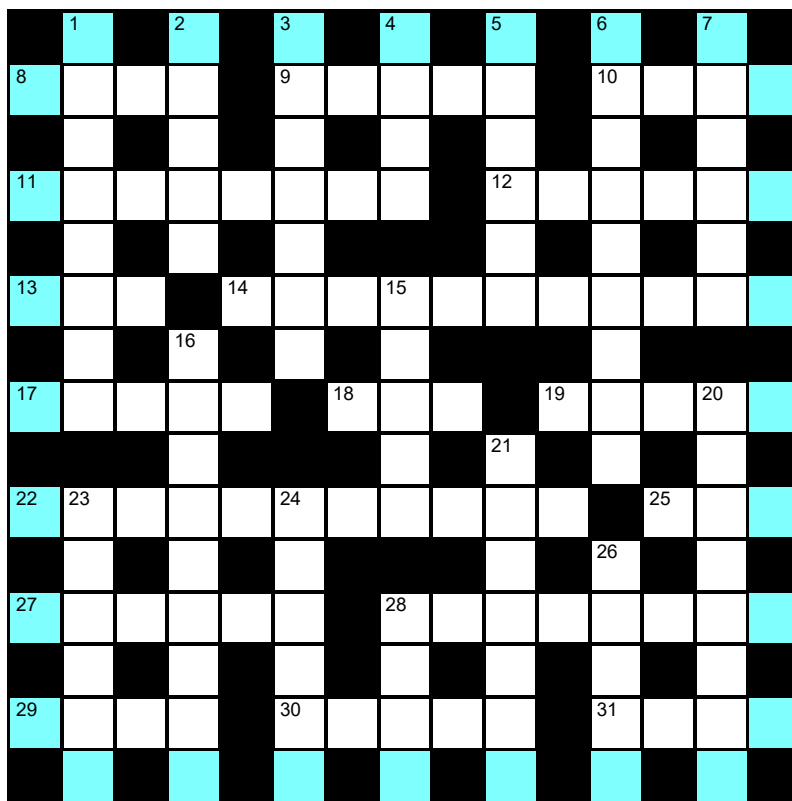


If I had all the money I'd spent on drink ...

English as tuppence, changing yet changeless as canal-water, nestling in green nowhere (dot dot dot). A family maxim can be found around the border of the completed puzzle.

Across

- 8 French bird sheds golden tail in river (4)
- 9 Rebel central to 'Feudal still, reactionary 16 End' (5)
- 10 A call of Bacchic frenzy in Brexiteer's cry for attention? (4)
- 11 The rest without a musical instrument (8)
- 12 Admiral's port found in New Zealand (6)
- 13 Apt to cycle to source of beer (3)
- 14 An unlikely occurrence is, no matter what (2,3,6)
- 17 At the beginning, *Old Scrotum* carried a retainer for this award (5)
- 18 An Ade Edmondson character on the radio is our hero (3)
- 19 Start of *Nice'n'Tidy's* capitalisation after breaking iron mostly (5)
- 22 Idled in quiet kitchen, according to Spooner (11)
- 25/30 Roadworks sign maybe recorded as '25 opening umbrellas 30' by 18 (3,5)
- 27 Hood in Montreal is 'good and



- 3 Religious recluse before a small child (7)
- 4 It's fine if Scotch mist seen in Edmund's rule (4)
- 5 *Encota's* inebriated without delay (2,4)
- 6 Happiness is person after source of drink (4-5)
- 7 Leave the computer and behold the swelling below (3,3)
- 15 Deceitful lady heartlessly on gin, sozzled (5)
- 16 See 2
- 20 *Listener* drunk is to enthusiastically support a cause again (2-6)
- 21 Big car trouble in Mexican market (7)
- 23 *Gorilla* maybe contains revolutionary ego's high point (6)
- 24 Arrested amateur in DC city (6)
- 26 Rhyming Jack's holding up covers (5)
- 28 Regularly called on Johnny Dankworth's wife, informally (4)
- 28 Appropriate to follow Cockney's say so to ignore a seaside tree (4-4)
- 29 Dry - wine perhaps - is second to none (4)
- 30 See 25
- 31 Further allusion occasionally (4)

Down

- 1 Drunk associated briefly with mean person (5,3)
- 2/16 In general, one of our hero's alter egos in her war nylons all squiffy (5,9)