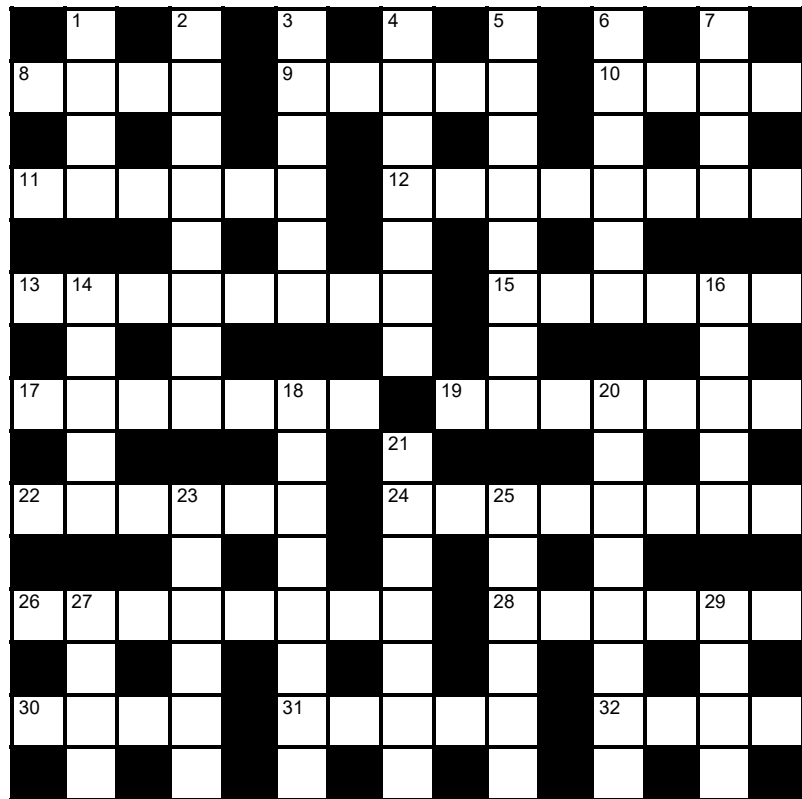


Across

- 8 Disapproving expression used at first for very short skirt (4)
- 9 Hard material sung by church group with husband absent (5)
- 10 Cunning ruse for drug addict (4)
- 11 British ultimately go teetotal before the Fench drinking bout (6)
- 12 Flower present between start of spring and fall (8)
- 13 Accepted as normal to be stationary on a trunk road (8)
- 15 A second class route overseas (6)
- 17 Primarily safeguard and enclose children's play place (7)
- 19 South African custom for traditionally barbecued meat dish (7)
- 22 Restrained frolicking cheats (6)
- 24 One copper after another with honour essentially awarded; it's said to be cool (8)
- 26 Redesigned rum label creating protective cover (8)
- 28 Way to erase spell of card playing (6)
- 30 Not completely bring to a standstill coalition (4)



- 31 Section of directory's right-hand page (5)
- 32 Sudden forward movement of Dutch branch of learning (4)
- 5 Problematic otalgia maybe for starter in this malignant tumour (8)
- 6 Poet's separate star rising blood-coloured (6)
- 7 Illustrious person found among the Romans (4)
- 14 Temperature and outbreak of spots? Nonsense! (5)
- 16 America's bird rises with hint of appetite for one eastern group of plants (5)
- 18 D-day invasion of Normandy concluded with an expression of surprise (8)
- 20 Bigshot's considerable torso (8)
- 21 Screechy noise of caught rodent in school (7)
- 23 Neat special Royal Ulster Constabulary base (6)
- 25 Crikey! Lecturer in circle of police (6)
- 27 Extract small measure and a thousand of them (4)
- 29 Noble almost beheaded with no end of ceremony (4)

Down

- 1 Bouncing currency unit (4)
- 2 Tightly-closed large cask braced up (8)
- 3 Complaint of haywire maze supporting European Community (6)
- 4 Furiously cursed a vigorous campaign for change (7)