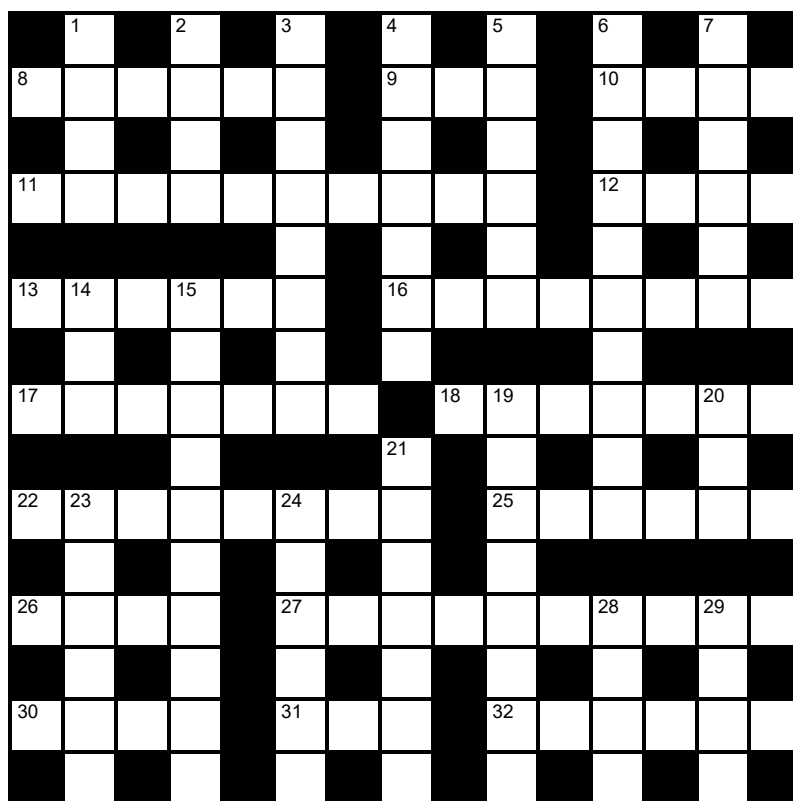


Happy Birthday

Across

- 8 Gautama's American friend died in this year (6)
- 9 Last item on agenda's about snake (3)
- 10 Extreme pain's grating (4)
- 11 Promoted desired VAT reforms (10)
- 12 Struggle to defend cocaine habit (4)
- 13 Decisive moment when state invades Greek island (6)
- 16 Amphibian has to walk nursing broken toe (4,4)
- 17 Record island's poem as part of series (7)
- 18 Stories originally invented about the Spanish rock singer (7)
- 22 Sports equipment seen in rows we hear (8)
- 25 Celebration one's held in part of Whyteleafe station (6)
- 26 History of Shanghai's regularly overlooked (4)
- 27 Main runway? (6,4)
- 30 Liquid I located to make this cola (4)



- 31 Runner very loudly leaves boat (3)
- 32 Oscar wants eggs (6)
- Down**
- 1 Old Glaswegian prisoner drops off pot right away (4)
- 2 Lazy duke occupies French island (4)
- 3 What John did before a meal in ramshackle bedsit (8)
- 4 Agree to house model in unhealthy condition (7)
- 5 Give the French name (6)
- 6 Squaddie has regard for Shamus? (7,3)
- 7 Plant consular agent in American group of spies (6)
- 14 Mountain seen in glacial period rising in uplands (3)
- 15 Crystal files measures in the House (4,6)
- 19 Leave quickly exchanging words with scion (8)
- 20 Innards of muscular animal (3)
- 21 Terrible pain sir - try this (7)
- 23 Fuss involving a soldier's slow movement (6)
- 24 Pour out description of swearing? (6)
- 28 Cross over threshold (4)
- 29 Big Dave, say, visits Channel Islands to get African bread (4)