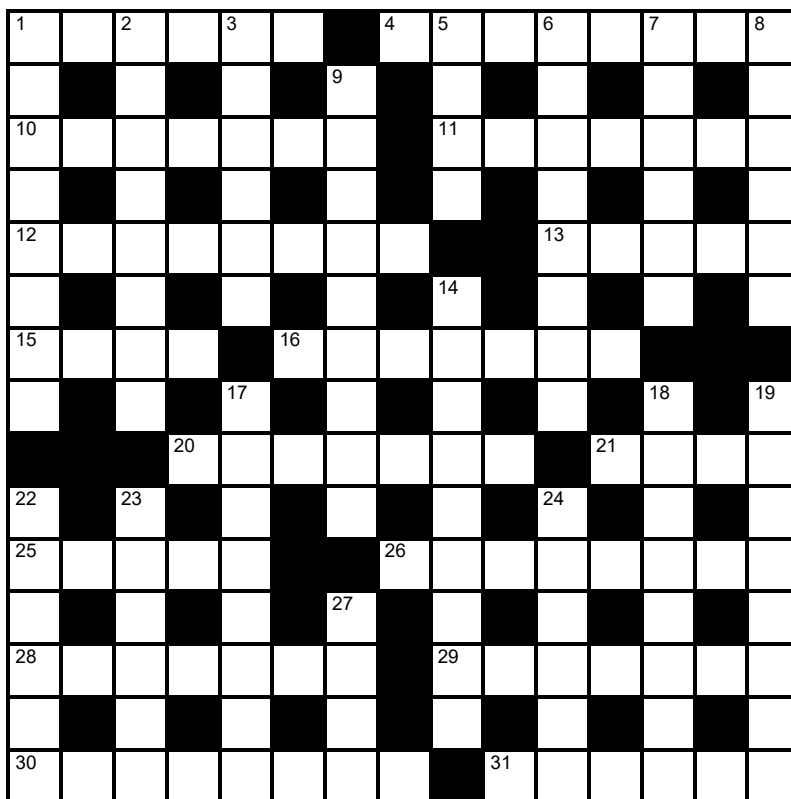


*Once 13 of the clues are solved, you will have disproved a well-known, and topical, aphorism.*

**Across**

- 1 B on two wheels, small car gets to King's Cross quickly (6)
- 4 Smudged, rubs less for capital (8)
- 10 What you might have if you're happy with musical Mr Kelly? (3,4)
- 11 B who represented fall of Icarus - initially birdlike, regret attaching to sticky substance (7)
- 12 He overdoes it in Rudge riots with novel's end (8)
- 13 B who pioneered new style in short architecture (5)
- 15 Reset a reader by subtracting? (4)
- 16 B who had subjects polled freely about start of organisation (7)

- 20 Creative B has starters of veal and yoghurt with cook on vacation (3,4)
- 21 B who's contributed to sombre lyrics? (4)
- 25 Double refusal to reverse about one may lead to tears? (5)
- 26 Blamed as work of extremist B (8)
- 28 Turner - or art to blur (7)
- 29 The beginnings of renegotiation has EU backtrack - call off deal (7)
- 30 Is sent in confused, insubstantial state (8)



- 31 Set table fit for King - B King (6)

**Down**

- 1 Tobacco-holder initially seen in treacherous art images not as it seems according to this B (8)
- 2 B top diplomat gives up around capital of Yugoslavia (8)
- 3 Shows respect, smooth backing taking note (6)
- 5 Takes in for observation (4)
- 6 Cunning to take rich one in, so as to tug at heartstrings (8)
- 7 They cut outlying

parts to change genders, not neuter (6)

- 8 B has soap-making process - firstly scrub over yourself around flushed lav (6)
- 9 Put to confused Dane, Scot or Brit with these? (9)
- 14 Mars or Milky Way, maybe, use these after period (5,4)
- 17 Against one no trump opener by East, North B who produced suits (3,5)
- 18 After shot from pistol, Ovetts leaps in front in false start (8)
- 19 Let Miss splurge

and take on small mass - she's lost the most? (8)

- 22 B detective - root out with private investigator involved (6)
- 23 Colour in illustrated B (6)
- 24 Go head over heels after knights enter King Charles' home ... (6)
- 27 ... swift to remove King's head, or to chop off other body part (4)