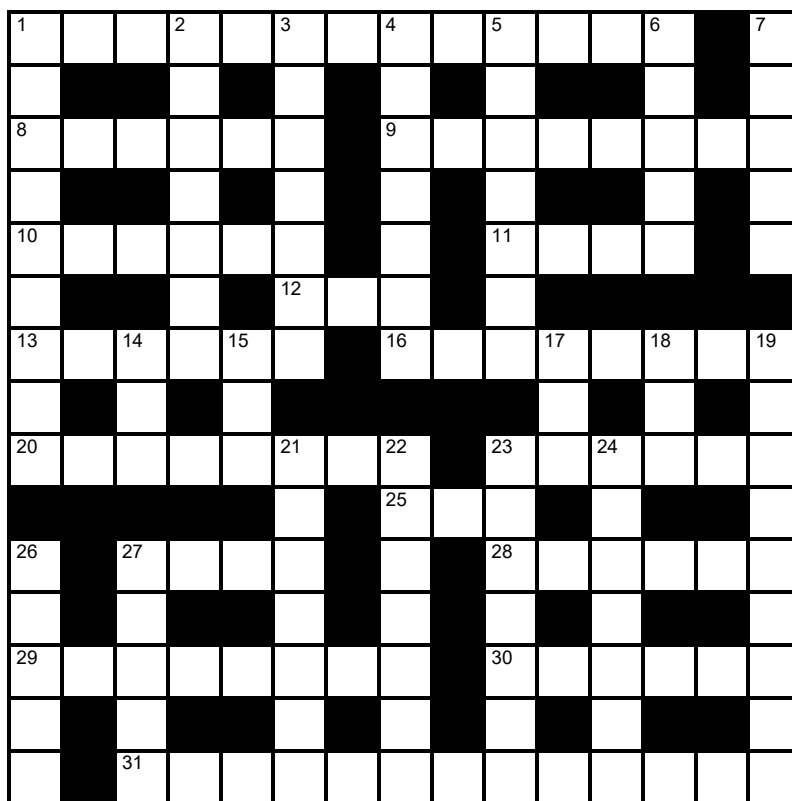


Across

- 1 Oh, fizz dear! Two prepare for Christmas viewing (3,6,2,2)
- 8 Recalls losing sleep over smouldering remains (6)
- 9 Take frustrations out on this grumpy lady with drink (8)
- 10 Crud olfaction has quite a nose! (6)
- 11 Confused Diane expels new notion (4)
- 12 First under navy vessel (3)
- 13 Party's in full swing – it's no good in there! (6)
- 16 Having a laugh playing around start of lecture (8)



- 20 Environment outside initially lousy getting more comfortable (8)
- 23 Involve in late shenanigans (6)
- 25 Cure for bad acting? (3)
- 27 Cause congestion sleeping heavily like this with cold (4)
- 28 Fan missing drink gets ale (6)
- 29 Reserve assessment to keep ones place (8)
- 30 Justification for beheading capital offence (6)
- 31 Fancy chain as on list for Christmas visitor (5,8)

Down

- 1 Roosevelt gets up and ponders (9)
- 2 Sickly and ill – hear this is common over the festive season (4,3)
- 3 Bubbly like a good lemonade (7)
- 4 Tupac's music – sounds for gift presentation? (7)
- 5 Beastly tonic is ok in gin cocktail (7)
- 6 German talks underwear, the animal! (5)
- 7 Merkel gets pedicure from heaven (5)
- 14 On reflection, such a large quantity of wine is lunatic (3)
- 15 Curtail surly address (3)
- 17 Shot in imaginary heart (3)
- 18 Marie heartily backs violent movement (3)
- 19 Time to take five? (4,5)
- 21 Soak in driving rainstorm (7)
- 22 Serving her kindly with savoury snack (7)
- 23 Experimental inspector involved in heinous crime (7)
- 24 Road not ravaged by freak weather (7)
- 26 Sound of thieving bird (5)
- 27 Cruelly scorns, no new affront (5)