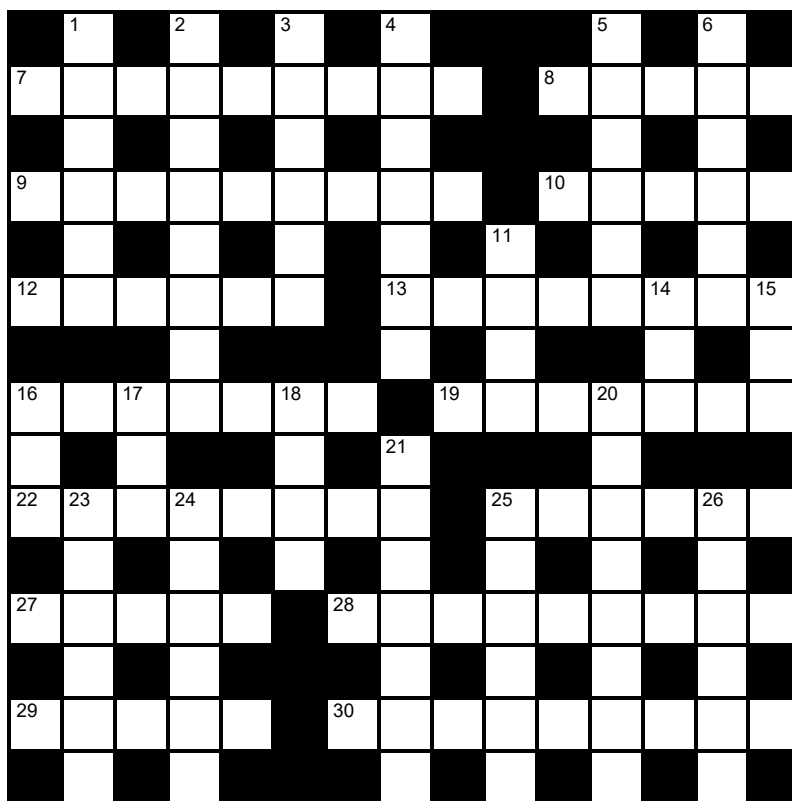


**Across**

- 7 That man sadly welcomed a year in the mountains (9)
- 8 Wifeless? Sort of Queen Gwen's type (5)
- 9 Worry was stemmed after seat's secured for everyone taking a crash course? (6,3)
- 10 The King succeeded this guy essentially (5)
- 12 The revolution campaigned for this city (6)
- 13 Broke down any leads! (8)
- 16 Saw for cutting, perhaps? (7)
- 19 Wounded in Japan united against Marxist adherent (7)

- 22 Ruined cavalier; one atop another? (8)
- 25 A decaf blend - it's showy without much substance (6)
- 27 King's conclusion; to be sick in a castle? The opposite with this! (5)
- 28 Burning, turning, and killing - the work of Morgana? (9)
- 29 Lancelot used a bit of this to help forget (5)
- 30 "Be!x? Crazy!" - Souped-up hater of kibitzers (9)



**Down**

- 1 Female soldier returned safe as the first to leave in 2007? (6)
- 2 As Karpov was beaten this man took his place (8)
- 3 A knight standing by a king, or a girl standing by a boy (6)
- 4 Lady took the heart of foward knight? (7)
- 5 Watch Carlsen trying to secure the result (6)
- 6 Pie, or it's cooler (6)
- 11 Knight chasing foot soldier (4)

- 14 Whirling river is what's often seen with Gawain (3)
- 15 Dishonoured man lost his footing (3)
- 16 Narrowly defeat by one in dominoes (3)
- 17 Blade said to inspire fear (3)
- 18 French bank split up a while ago (4)
- 20 Peacekeepers keep constant watch on the Strip (8)
- 21 Oscar (51st) contender (7)
- 23 Implant? Deeply egotistical - not really organic or therapeutic, for starters (6)

- 24 The Knights of the Round Table, perhaps, caught student on a quest losing their way (6)
- 25 Nothing left against Merlin? (6)
- 26 Knight stopped by an English flower (6)