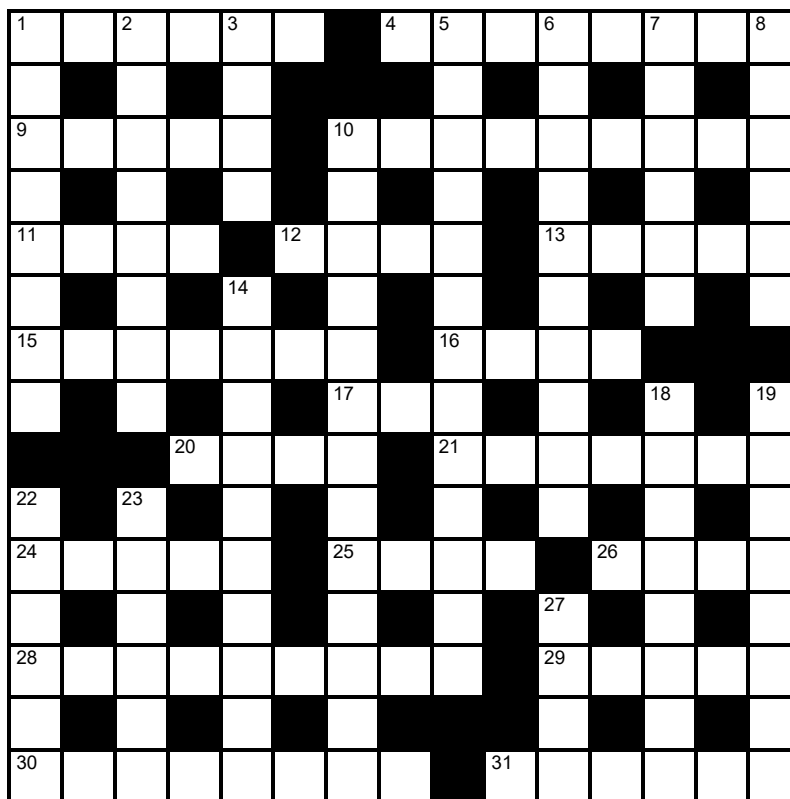


Across

- 1 28 across, perhaps, in the centre of it all in 10 down? (6)
- 4 Correct a conservative minister (8)
- 9 Overcome some ecstasy (5)
- 10 Surveyor who races vans precariously (9)
- 11 Shoe part at the back (4)
- 12 Fit back-space (4)
- 13 Spread defaced shoot (5)
- 15 Sell paintings back to French fellow I contacted initially (7)



- 16 Resign from finance department (4)
- 17 Light clamour (3)
- 20 Politician surrounded male member (4)
- 21 Perform nearby now (7)
- 24 Story of boxer who was put before the British Institute (5)
- 25 Fix on your finger (4)
- 26 Trace a cat (4)
- 28 Mistress recounts a massage (9)
- 29 A single off your own bat (5)

- 30 Dearth of pastry is appalling (8)
- 31 Hell, the French interrupt! (6)

- 7 Sailor posted miles away (6)
- 8 Raunchy sod, Yankee (6)

- 27 Beware, it's a man thing! (4)

Down

- 1 Used for cooking spicy muffin (8)
- 2 No more Dead Irish eg, abroad (8)
- 3 Drawn back in? Never! (4)
- 5 Nice not to carp on, but perhaps use this instead of "rebellion" for 'extinction'? (13)
- 6 A cross in German and complete (10)

- 10 Rugby Referee's instructions: "Dare to embrace, then lie down" (6,4,3)
- 14 Combines feast I fail to digest (10)
- 18 Perfect reading before work (8)
- 19 Beat bald Saint in race (8)
- 22 Dips lip over top of soup (6)
- 23 Lie at first under limp ankle bone (5) (6)