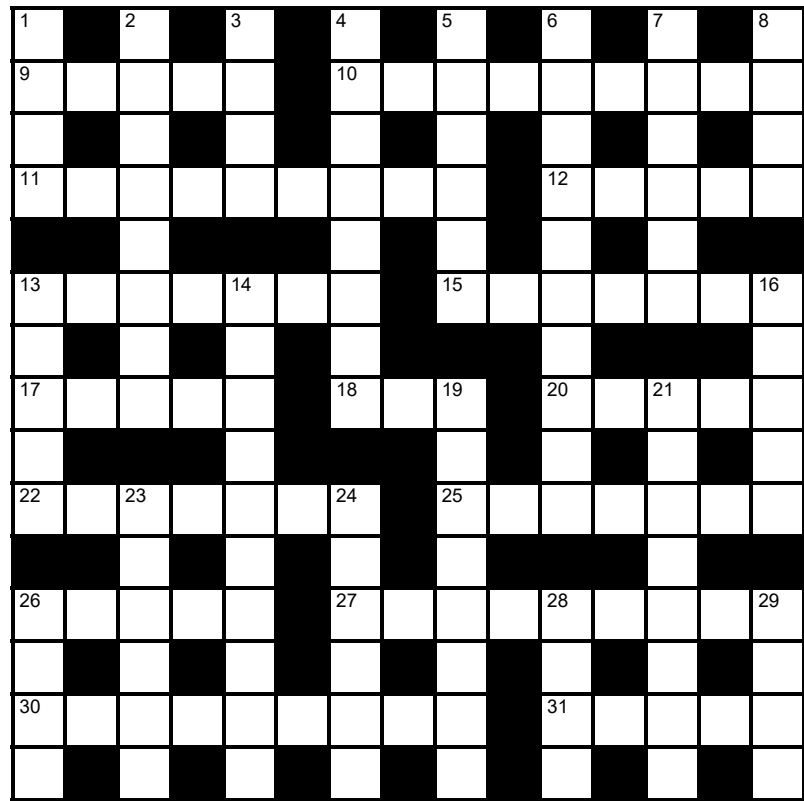


Across

- 9 Bury's centre-back becomes completely motionless (5)
- 10 I lead riot, could become leader (9)
- 11 Those people call the setter quiet and elaborate (9)
- 12 Alternate cover with Royal Mail, it's a painful experience (5)
- 13 Some dream as seducers gathered (7)
- 15 This only works if you believe set reading material OK to be ignored (7)
- 17 Now creep a little across to the right (5)
- 18 Really disheartened by 'e' in Whiskey? (3)



- 20 I appreciate that holding stuff back leads to change (5)
- 22 Prepare for another use of chopped cold celery (7)
- 25 Give the right name (7)
- 26 Fish regularly seen in the star map (5)
- 27 Food store moving outside of British economy (9)
- 30 Recipe to make tame pie filling (9)
- 31 Write up core piece of judicial reasoning (5)

Down

- 1/13/26 Repeatedly a feature of each of setter's better attempts? (4,5,4)

- 2 Something to make notes on? (8)
- 3 Raised behind - and the rest! (2,2)
- 4 Something evocative of America is lost in what's left after division (8)
- 5 Piece of game bird cleft in twain by butcher perhaps (6)
- 6 Relaxed regulation finally about discussion over network (10)
- 7 Furious diatribe, expressing invective and bile primarily? (6)
- 8/16/29 Compliment attempt to stop someone choking? (4,2,3,4)
- 13 See 1

- 14 Fight between broadcaster and former head of state is building (10)
- 16 See 8
- 19 Turning 9 yet getting to an age... (8)
- 21 ... while a life's beginning, difficult to accept help at first (8)
- 23 Observation of something rarely seen in speech - giving credit where it's due (6)
- 24 Earl opted to exchange the last two rings (6)
- 26 See 1
- 28 Letting slip I'm hurt, afraid to scream (4)
- 29 See 8