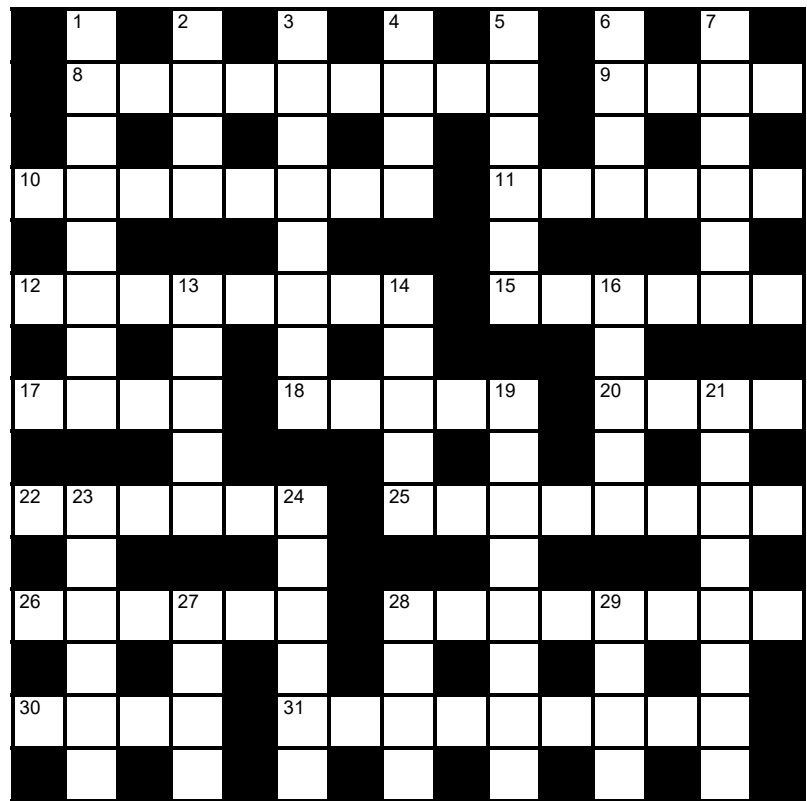


Across

- 8 Page one is about what moles get up to (9)
- 9 Knocked back extract of aphrodisiacal berry (4)
- 10 Delicate situation in France, when host's thrown *Monsieur* out (8)
- 11 Every year Rudolph pulls this trick, saving time (6)
- 12 Reform appeals to us - at heart, Farage is Conservative lad anyhow (8)
- 15 Running around wearing paper skirts (6)
- 17 Head first in soup, turning bowl over (4)
- 18 Abandon King, stuck in coach going the wrong way (5)



- 20 Poor quality raincoat discarded by one of Will's heroes (4)
- 22 Either side of road, ground hits 5 degrees (6)
- 25 Expert support nurses covering on gynae ward (female) (8)
- 26 Smooth skinned, wearing wraparound headdress (6)
- 28 She had her missing husband's bust fashioned from recycled material (8)
- 30 Ratty, perhaps truly unpleasant when one's become old (4)
- 31 Cover uniform in exotic oil - from this? (9)

Down

- 1 Waspish insect that's cherished around the middle of July (8)

- 2 Frank certainly not letting leader down (4)
- 3 Not a chance son will take notice at present (8)
- 4 Filthy ditches close to muck heaps (4)
- 5 Bishop's left to sanctify English queen of minor importance (6)
- 6 It could be curly to begin with, kinky after lacquering ends (4)
- 7 Greek urn lost, except for base (6)
- 13 One's sent in to target slow bowler that's dismissed opening pair (5)
- 14 Band split after series of songs devoid of energy (5)
- 16 Bum's diameter? Shut up about it! (5)
- 19 Ballyhoo over upper-class thrash regularly held in support of fallen women? (8)
- 21 Wild swimming in Crete inferior to France (8)
- 23 Hospital tight, rejecting new ground-breaking device (6)
- 24 Doc's colleague removes covering from around youngster's head (6)
- 27 Tip: take off mark for a wrong answer (4)
- 28 Stylish establishment sprinkled Tizer with no end of caviare (4)
- 29 Cut fries up, obscuring essential character (4)