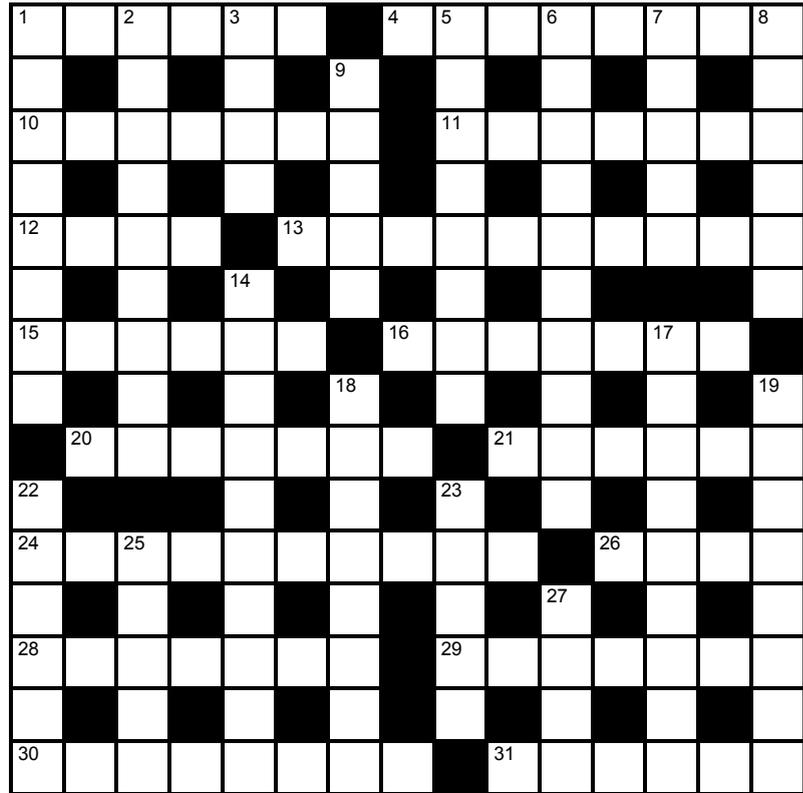


Those at 1a 25d in 8d 31a say 9d 1d and look forward to 27d on the 20a 26a

Across

- 1 Couple cover heartless scoundrel with cheese (6)
- 4 Stop pound dropping with bank's gearing mechanism (8)
- 10 It can be found in ravioli or apricot tagine (7)
- 11 Insect has to work hard carrying bread back (4,3)
- 12 Talk into substituting hearts for clubs in trick (4)
- 13 Flier swooped balletically over dry lake (7,3)



- 15 Mail arrives containing memorandum of understanding (6)
- 16 Terrible to-do about Sandhurst lackey (7)
- 20 Nothing in East Coast city is bad (7)
- 21 Start of basketball game results in warning (3-3)
- 24 Moloch's ram sacrificed for mistress (10)
- 26 Stage animals making a comeback (4)
- 28 Important rugby agents visiting Sri Lanka (7)

- 29 Poor actor parting company is a goat (7)
- 30 Invigorate doughboy in serene setting (8)
- 31 Deductions from wages pinched by five Europeans in Italian city (6)

Down

- 1 Reportedly bed old American actress for anniversary (8)
- 2 Inadequate flow of blood - one ends up nursing awful ache (9)
- 3 Barbarian scored his goal! (4)

- 5 Demand leaders of Italian government go in sacrifice (8)
- 6 Question the French over small amount of cereal? (10)
- 7 Leaders of Egham Residents Association take opium as a source of inspiration (5)
- 8 Thallium found in low-fat peanuts (6)
- 9 Bohemian leaves India for America with a smile? (5)
- 14 Shooting with bren-gun, I go amok (10)

- 17 With stronger reason, a castle on independent island is invaded by soldiers (1,8)
- 18 Encouragement to raise hat during court proceedings (8)
- 19 Unconventional pose struck with headless stiff (3-5)
- 22 Spirit drunk by tipsy chef (6)
- 23 Helpful person with a stretcher? (5)
- 25 Call home (5)
- 27 Anglicans eat a vitamin tablet (4)