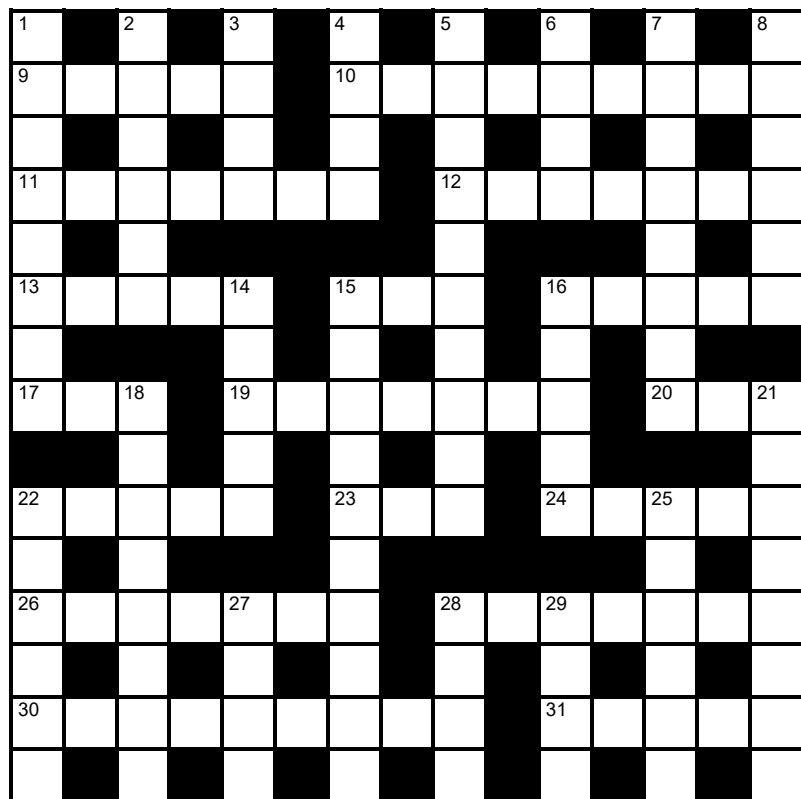


A Birthday Puzzle

Across

- 9 Article removed from lewd relative (5)
- 10 Each naval deployment results in barrage (9)
- 11 One under canvas or many in flats? (7)
- 12 Sauce is returned by sullen traveller (7)
- 13 A chaplain enters church store (5)
- 15 Worried by the bottom line we hear (3)
- 16 Leasehold enfranchisement in year's gone by - quite the reverse (5)

- 17 Special constable holds a bag (3)
- 19 Wines' temperature is most important (7)
- 20 Jolly representation of Hindu deity - not half (3)
- 22 Axe article about sacred tree (5)
- 23 Key report of the bottom line (3)
- 24 All express disapproval with note (5)
- 26 Forces drug carriers to swallow small bit of crack (7)



- 28 Briefly set out west coast company's social security payments (7)
- 30 Bird's sentimental courtship account (9)
- 31 Laundry device right by Yorkshire river (5)

Down

- 1 Young men hold up extravagant bottoms (8)
- 2 Venerated element involved in type of architecture (6)
- 3 Check on a member of... (4)
- 4 ... US police unit returning whips (4)
- 5 Match lit up

- 6 Courier carries a dish from India (4)
- 7 Authorise destruction of picture postcard without support perhaps (8)
- 8 Guards old farmers (6)
- 14 This year's top line women leaving power (5)
- 15 Poetical description of drunken sea captain (10)
- 16 Supermarket's change of heart about group (5)

- 18 Weapon has symbol on front (8)
- 21 Attack Arabia in recording *Ticket to ride* (8)
- 22 Practically prize position princes purged (6)
- 25 Holding broken tureen (6)
- 27 Piece of all-in-one floor covering (4)
- 28 Outstanding example of singer (4)
- 29 Stop Charlie bringing up seafood (4)