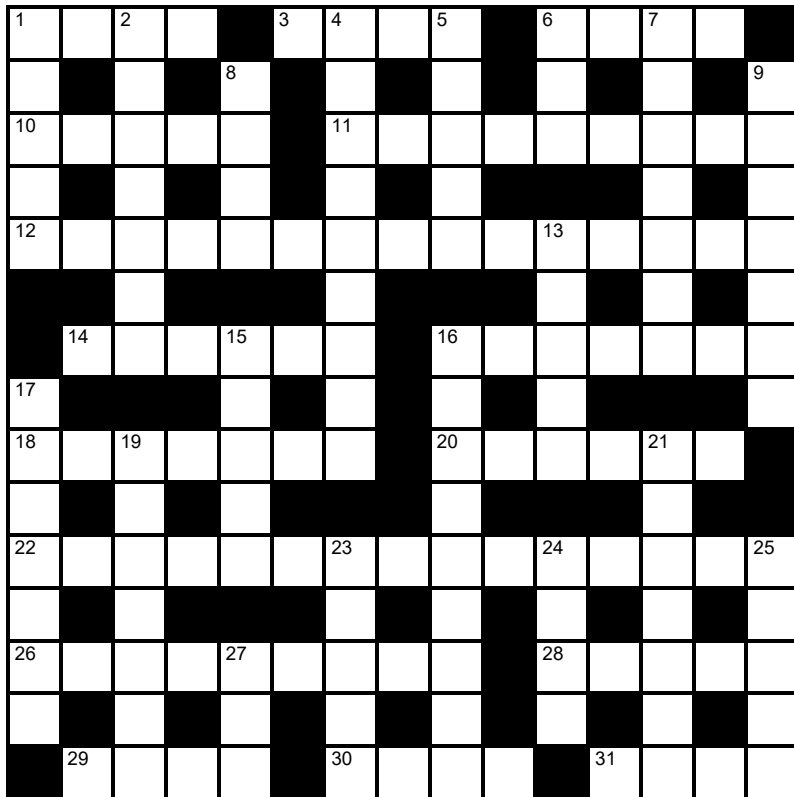


Crossword #27

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Across

- 1 Exercise care after peeling fruit (4)
- 3 Put down computer network before conclusion of synod (4)
- 6 Ecstasy & junk for one in clerical position (4)
- 10 She serves tea cold (5)
- 11 Setter is distressed about some small melancholy (9)
- 12 This orc's troubled Bilbo (say) with a riddle (9,6)
- 14/15/23 Children's song book with romance stanza rhyme scheme doesn't have Dickensian villain (3,3,5,5)
- 16 Leave it, boy, it's going over your head (7)
- 18 It was read to mobs from Olympic city with discretion (4,3)
- 20 Where you'll see Shaker fly, perhaps (6)
- 22 What a Bertie Bassett vending machine does to make a world (2,5,3,5)
- 26 Put an end to, say, German snack food (6,3)
- 28 29 start to research the elephantine character (5)
- 29 Two graduates make a cake (4)
- 30 Dad's plain heartless (4)
- 31 Lou's left front room to get a little fish (4)

Down

- 1 What one does when pantophobic, forgetting terms for cooker rings (5)
- 2 You might find wine in this minute pub, or alcoholics outside (7)
- 4 Off to Saturn, a traveller (9)
- 5 What Juliet did embracing Romeo? Forgot her lines! (5)
- 6 Party time for Mark (3)
- 7 They tried donkeys, including one zebra at first (7)
- 8 Losing heart, Snowy scribbled runes (4)
- 9 Lowers me into caves around midday (7)
- 13 Russ sneakily brought in drug to those who want it (5)
- 15 See 14 Across
- 16 Destroys clothing chain after starting to say "You just can't get the staff" (6,3)
- 17 Reveller lost lad among drunken gladiators (7)
- 19 Cancer treatment of comatose Catholic's removed (7)
- 21 Part of bonce (re brains)! (7)
- 23 See 14 Across
- 24 Regular payments for Rolls? (4)
- 25 More touchy paper's head scratched in lifting altar screen (5)
- 27 Something to drink in Bucharest (3)