

ARENA

Across

1 Painting ring piece (2,3)

4 Drink? Sip orange mixture or sling (9)

9 Not in part of South Downs (3)

10 Beastly gun-slinger (3)

11 Odd basket-cases take out swelling (7)

12 Complain bitterly about 24 (4)

13 Wave ta ta to Pierre and send him back to France (10)

15 Delia got over being troubled (5)

16 Spoke badly about dearest Mum, being heartless (9)

17 He designs painting containing hectic animation (9)

21 She left Sheridan going back to rock bottom (5)

23 It's furry, as in carpet-weaving (7,3)

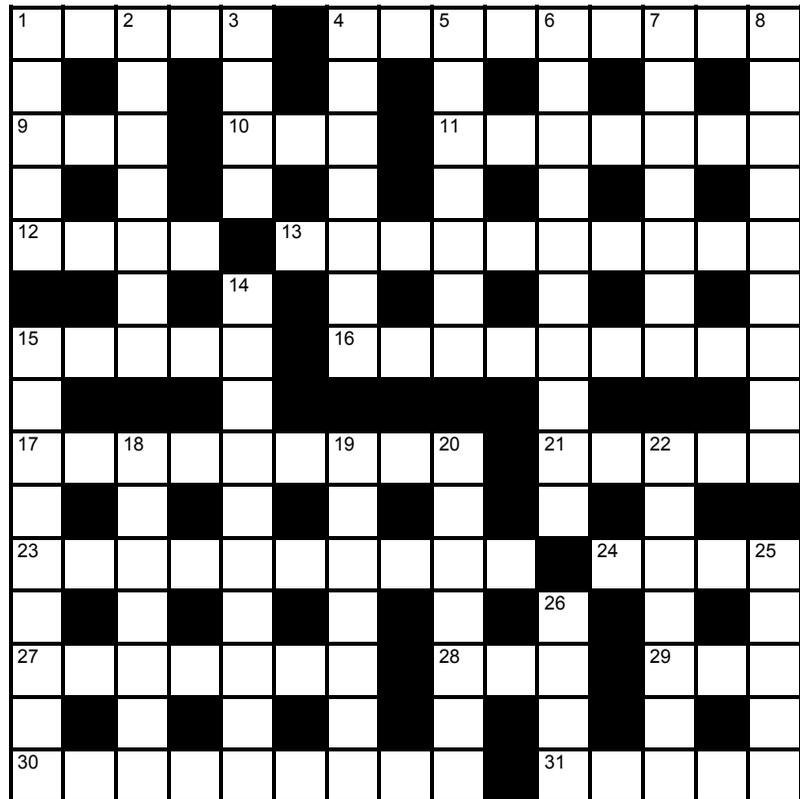
24 Den left with a strain (4)

27 Latin copper terribly mad (7)

28 Stout associate is 26 (3)

29 Finally you order earthen pot (3)

30 Skiers at end of Olympics become stars (9)



31 Carp about Christmas rose mistress pulled out (5)

Down

1 Oxygen has grim smell (5)

2 Santa chilly inside high-rise accommodation (7)

3 Sara left the battle to get old dress (4)

4 They're sometimes seen flying as cures work (7)

5 Falls over in bar, again legless (7)

6 A Nazi circle have right men, though initially they're a mixed bag (10)

7 One pair performing outside (4-3)

8 "This man is soft", said the TV soap star (4,5)

14 Martin dies in agony, like nightingale did (10)

15 Oddly, perpetual calendar not returned without a band (1,8)

18 Right, one in bed goes on ahead, perhaps (7)

19 Venus endlessly plays with such infertile types (7)

20 They may get in hot water for drinking (3,4)

22 Count upset

archducal type leaving church (7)

25 Spread in Lutheran church? (5)

26 Fatso left roast beef, swilling the drink (4)