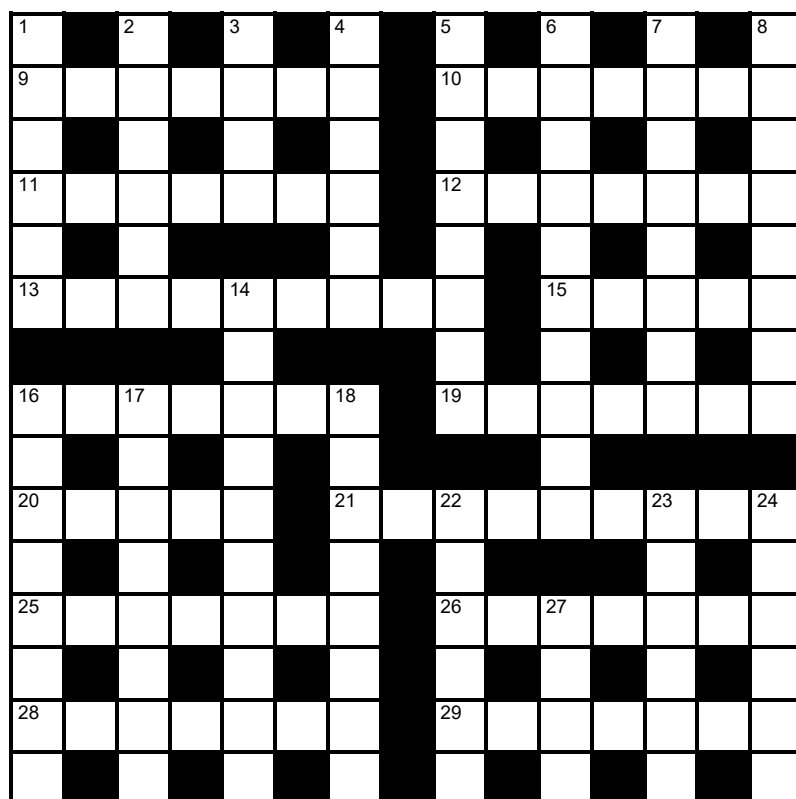


Highfliers

11 solutions are also birds.



Across

- 9 English reason for acting arousing intense feeling (7)
- 10 Meadow with fine mature foliage (7)
- 11 Abandoned doctrine - principles of socialists (7)
- 12 Most of urban area welcoming Hindi for international soldier (7)
- 13 Granny with old time measurement, a very small one (9)
- 15 Underground worker's inferior in importance, we're told (5)
- 16 Losing line, making dull flags for street decoration (7)
- 19 French stars; performing old elites (7)
- 20 Fast-moving author of *Gulliver's Travels* (5)
- 21 Blithely at first

wandering, gathering
blackberries (9)

- 25 Ridiculous alibi
about tax not
essentially settled
having two
imaginary lines (7)
- 26 Brings about party,
manages with
inadequate means
(5,2)
- 28 Reading desk the
French court
ultimately use for
condemnation (7)
- 29 Upheavals of fit of
illness puncturing
periods of good
fortune (7)

Down

- 1 King Arthur's
magician
manipulating 15ac
with skill finally (6)
- 2 Intellectual US
fellow, very loud
and fashionable (6)
- 3 Fruit of Wiki being
revamped (4)

- 4 US institute of higher education supporting female recluse (6)
- 5 Be involving male servant in bruise resulting from blow (5,3)
- 6 Intricately bombard adopting leaders of industry's up-to-date medical radiation apparatus (6,4)
- 7 Vivid red colour of part of scratchcard in a lottery (8)
- 8 New beginnings of skills after pause for relaxation (8)
- 14 Preserved from deterioration ocean, thanks in the end occasionally (10)
- 16 Sport of ignoble social gathering for dancing (8)
- 17 Annoying thing is involved in subtle difference in opinion (8)

- 18 Talking unintelligibly about big bang including drivel ultimately (8)
- 22 Protective clothing when love, in France involves bit of rough-and-tumble (6)
- 23 Protect against contingency in foremost of Shetland's historical land area (6)
- 24 Good old feast producing bellyache (6)
- 27 Little furry animal with energy for a lightweight plaything (4)