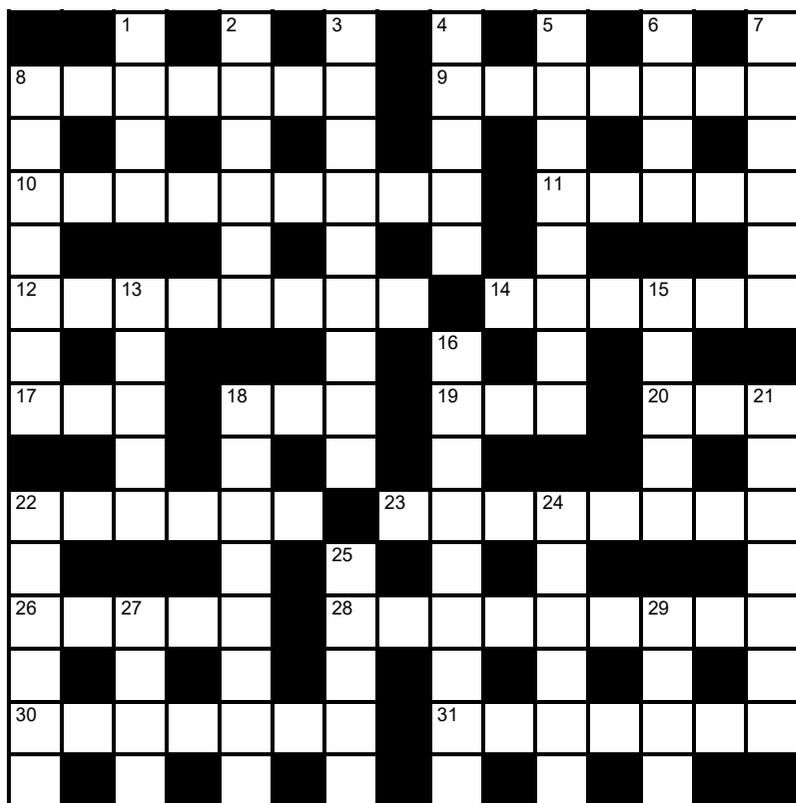


Puzzle #16



Across

- 8 He ladles rather quietly inside (7)
- 9 After tea, read about absurd behaviour (7)
- 10 Ancient or shattered pot, perhaps (9)
- 11 Uncovered heads of departments eating kale and nuts on the way back (5)
- 12 Matched peer with blinking light (8)
- 14 A large drink for the stuntman (6)
- 17 Excellent run of notes... (3)
- 18 ...plus part of the glissando (3)
- 19 Drunk came down and started a fire (3)
- 20 Turned up with new groaner (3)
- 22 Dreadful din he'd drawn a veil over (6)
- 23 Romeo slipped into doric building or gallery (8)
- 26 Unthinking worker to steal from books (5)
- 28 Head office gets Nokia 3310, perhaps, without bitterness – or something that sounds much the same (9)
- 30 Honest sight is one of those things (7)
- 31 Retreat of Greek character going north-north-east by railway (7)

Down

- 1 My new toe complaint (4)
- 2 Involve machine learning in fast cycling (6)

- 3 Circular kitchen appliance said to help make fizzy pop (9)
- 4 Chill society nurse (5)
- 5 Involved with con, substitute Atari for Mac (8)
- 6 Cut crashing bores out of horseback ride (4)
- 7 Want the French to supply darning gear (6)
- 8 To get ahead, look round University College Cork, then head to Dublin (7)
- 13 Starving government agent following a Parisian (5)
- 15 One beginning to perspire in bed (a two-footer) (5)
- 16 Totally, you'll find me absorbed in bits of scripture – I might have a plot here! (9)
- 18 Opening part composed about English flower (8)
- 21 Preschool health worker heads to Ripon, Yorks. (7)
- 22 That girl's retriever brought up some tea (6)
- 24 He'll sell part of hospital and feel contrite (6)
- 25 Subject of article on your setter (5)
- 27 Droplet of harmful drug ingested (4)
- 29 Sign indicating a hen party? (4)