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ACROSS

1 Debut studio album by The Police released in 1978 (9,6)

9 Relating to government revenues, especially taxes (6)

10 A string of plants with yellow centred flowers threaded by stems (5,5)

11 Relating to a period of time neither very soon nor very far into the future (6-4)

13 Organ of the body that filters blood (6)

14 A small ornamental case for holding needles and other articles (4)

15 Author of 1945 novel *Brideshead Revisited* (6,5)

18 Waylon ___, personal assistant of Mr Burns in The Simpsons (8)

19 To treat warmly strangers, often in order to gain advantage (4-4)

21 Gymnastics apparatus with curved handgrips, used to swing the body (6,5)

23 Sergeant ___, detective in Wilkie Collins' 1868 novel *The Moonstone* (4)

25 Describing food smelling or tasting unpleasant due to staleness (6)

27 TV game show presented by Greg Davies and Alex Horne (10)

28 Body dedicated to the welfare of dogs founded in 1873 (6,4)

30 ___ condenser, laboratory piece named after a German chemist (6)

31 Team GB runner who won gold in the women's 800 metres at the 2024 Olympics (5,10)

DOWN

1 South African politician after whom Johannesburg's airport is named (6,5)

2 An artist whose work strives to appeal to the sense of touch (9)

3 Self-confidence or assurance (6)

4 A thing that fails to work properly or is otherwise unsatisfactory (3)

5 Those who study movements of the earth connected with earthquakes (13)

6 A breed of cat with a ticking pattern on its coat (10)

7 Painting by John Everett Millais depicting a heroine fallen in a river (7)

8 European river that has the Lorelei rock on its eastern bank (5)

12 Singer/songwriter noted for his 1979 song *Oliver's Army* (5,8)

16 The act of bending the knees in worship or reverence (11)

17 Musical based on Thornton Wilder's farce *The Merchant of Yonkers* (5,5)

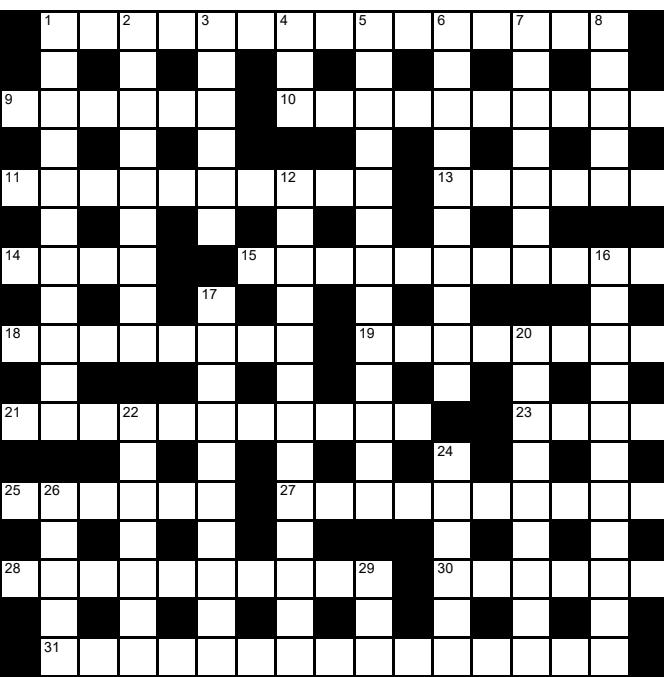
20 Those who sell items door-to-door or from a stall (9)

22 Ancient Greek city that was Agamemnon's capital (7)

24 Pieces of coloured glass or enamel used in mosaics (6)

26 Smart ___, informal term for a tiresome type claiming cleverness (5)

29 A harmful microorganism, typically a bacterium (3)



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