

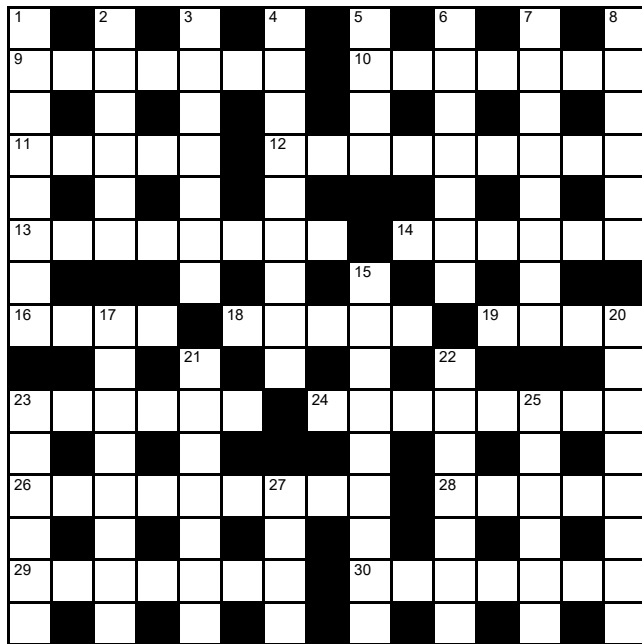
A cryptic puzzle themed on one particular country. The name of the country should be inserted at 14 across. Work out the name of the country by solving the *asterisked clues, all undefined. Their solutions have some relevance to the country, such as its places, famous people, culture and language

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- 9** * Working group patrolling area (7)
10 * Comedian's act making Romeo quiet (7)
11 * Record a name (5)
12 * Delicate element in a poem? (9)
13 * Note connection between Switzerland and Norway (8)
14 * [See setter notes] (6)
16 * Part of dump, ostensibly (4)
18 * Joel, perhaps, defending hospital (5)
19 * Bachelor determined to leave place of retreat (4)
23 * Arts institution largely kept in readiness? (6)
24 * Star Wars character followed by northern US car pioneer (8)
26 * Risky meme is broadcast (4,5)
28 * Feature in a cartoon one book overlooked (5)
29 * Band gripping Howard, maybe (7)
30 * Different being in square endlessly (7)

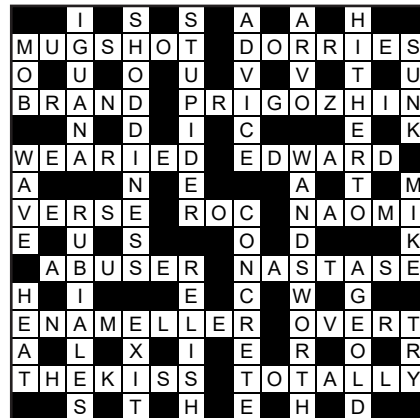
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- 1** Dupe's top sort of paper (8)
2 Experienced figure in part of rally, right? (6)
3 Rushed into French holiday home for hard stuff? (7)
4 Files revised in middle of day, characterising one fully capable? (2,5,2)
5 British magistrate, say, has compressed file (4)
6 Greek character and mate penning this at odd points regarding a union? (7)
7 Navigational skills shown by international set in part of a book (8)
8 Deep collar found in October, thankfully (6)
15 Liberating general is hazardous (9)
17 Old locomotive workers surrounding rear of train, very impressive types (8)
20 Viewing again remit regularly held by varied Greens (8)
21 Neil, possibly, in baseball field (7)
22 Taken out of play around November or given a rebuff? (7)
23 Group of engineers carrying books away from a usual workplace? (6)



- 25** Chuck over very large estimate initially having roundish projections? (6)
27 Posh school raised celebrity (4)

Solution No 17 Set by Buccaneer



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