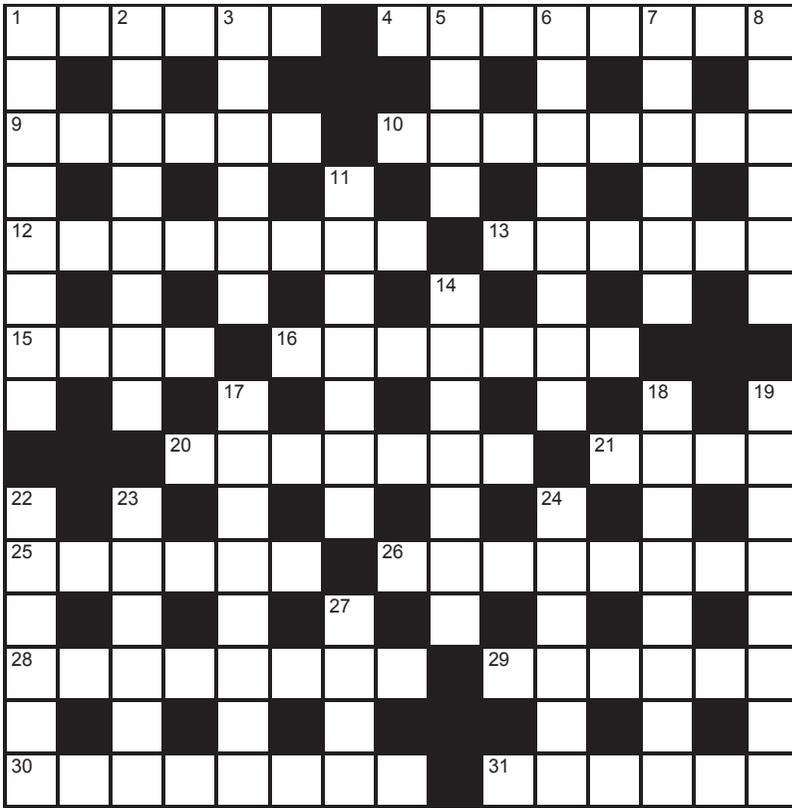


CROSSWORD

No 16,627 Set by VELIA



ACROSS

- 1, 4** Mischief as a result of cocktail served during 1 down 22's work (6,8)
- 9** Read not so esoteric composition (6)
- 10** Useless organ programme to finish by 9 (8)
- 12** Worry when lads race them endlessly (8)
- 13** Sounds like Laurel's averse (6)
- 15** Not far from knight without armour? (4)
- 16** Content posed in some fancy yellow tops (7)
- 20** Suspect soup kitchen lost note – naughty! (7)
- 21** Mineral captured by digital camera (4)
- 25** Fancy a shag? Tory leader is appalled! (6)
- 26** Spiritual leader leaving out charmer (8)
- 28** Don't stop Russian president scratching bottom, look the other way! (4,2,2)
- 29** Two-piece or two wheels, not quite in one (6)
- 30, 31** Do come and try cinema playing Notting Hill? (8,6)

DOWN

- 1, 22** Nice sea song Ken composed in pub for financier (8,6)
- 2** Why prisoner can go free (2,6)
- 3** Lure partner back having ditched Romeo (6)
- 5** The Financial Times note the features that make a product desirable (4)
- 6** Name one provided with happy ending after depression (8)
- 7** Completion for some broken dinghy (6)
- 8, 19** The other sixty vie somehow to secure actual part exchange (6,8)
- 11** Hits to hear at first by Ruby on the radio (7)
- 14** Fail to see Velia's letter (7)
- 17** What for Manuel is not mixed grill (8)
- 18** Amazing Grace finally out for publication (8)
- 19** See 8
- 22** See 1
- 23** Help out gathering material primarily used for humour (6)
- 24** Compiler doing restoration in blue (6)
- 27** Apple mountain (4)

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