CROSSWORD
No 16,886 Set by ALBERICH

ACROSS
1 Lad on estate perhaps shows bottle (6)
4 Sick boss swallows remedy and hides (8)
10 Host is firm – Nancy’s mum must keep quiet (7)
11 For instance blocks roads going to the West Country (7)
12 Head back with a member of school? (4)
13 Oscar replaces article in flat for one westerner (10)
16 Popular favourites around part of Wellington? (6)
17 So to speak, take the shine off pleasure? (7)
20 Staunch Democrat candidate finally elected (7)
21 Hound’s tooth (6)
24 Where Scrabble players find characters having a lively night out? (2,3,5)
25 Predict some heated objections when making U-tun (4)
27 On vacation, Vince is trapped by a storm? Typical (7)
29 Over the phone, local authority offers advice (7)
30 A surprisingly decent love story (8)
31 Penny meets film actor (6)

DOWN
1 Male turned up drunk, carrying a screwdriver? (8)
2 With modern clothing, short skirt’s suggestive (11)
3 Warning: women only! (4)
5 Dog is brought round in basket (8)
6 Complete idiot, boring clot (10)
7 Regularly trying to find doctor (3)
8 Thus see nurses left alone (6)
9 Scrub up from sauce boat (5)
14 Free kick, a shot securing victory with unknown scorer (11)
15 Ben heard of riots in advance (10)
18 Part of Temple Bar I’m missing (8)
19 Ring merchant, maybe to ridicule keeping healthy (8)
22 Change Aston Villa’s final composition (6)
23 Get female to eat out (5)
26 Part of ship’s outer covering (4)
28 A looker? Yes, we’re told (3)

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WIFESWAPPING
BEAABOE
OUTTURNDOLEOUT
UFSUYNR
QUIETUSLAMBADA
USUOETN
ETHOSUNHARNESS
TICEG
GAZUMPINGVEXER
AGONTIME
RÖDDAYJARRAHSS
NMBOATS
INSULINCouldbede
IENKAADD
KNOCKEDSILLY