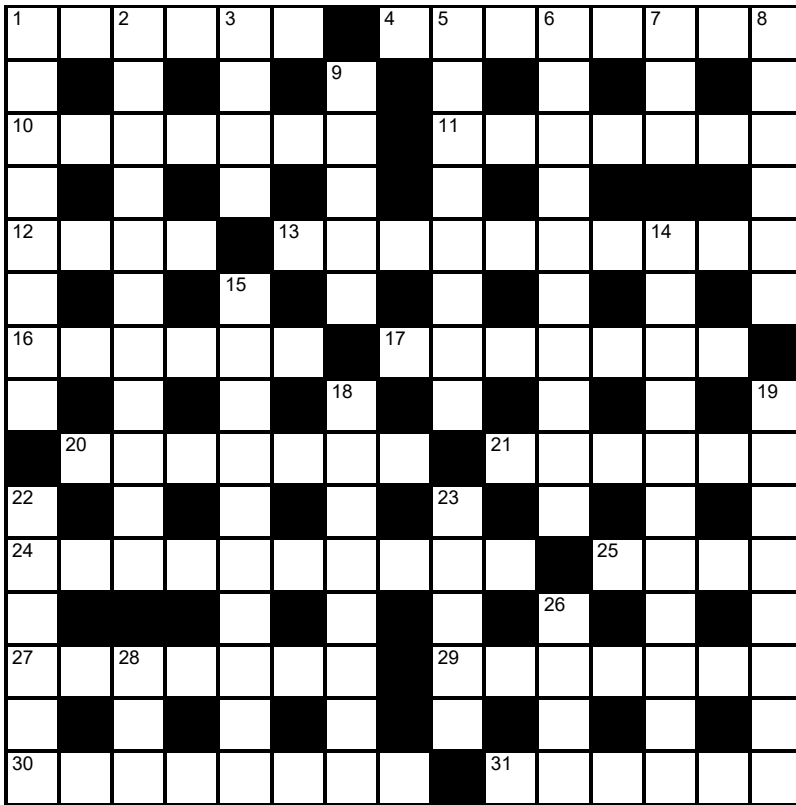


CROSSWORD

No 17,528 Set by GAFF



An anniversary puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Finally hear express in the distance (6)
- 4 Leaves receptacle in small coach (8)
- 10 Defence supremo (7)
- 11 A figurehead leaves OFWAT struggling with foul discharge (7)
- 12 Cloak and dagger to plumb loose ends (4)
- 13 Plum quota of gold for fanatic (10)
- 16 Catch criminal parent (6)
- 17 Dirt covering French woman's ring (7)
- 20 CAD magazine (7)
- 21 Lightbulb lit, he's content and happy (6)
- 24 Herb produced by AI at 1 across (6,4)
- 25 Split cost of housing (4)
- 27 Stirred unfinished tortoise dish (7)
- 29 Awful sound receives award (7)
- 30 Dress for action and title honour (8)
- 31 Starts half-term in woe (6)

DOWN

- 1 Paid to grass about charge (8)
- 2 Kind business leader covered in speckles provides doorstep deliveries (11)
- 3 Perfectly topless ermine (2,1,1)
- 5 Customer caught in retrograde kind of arse-covering (8)
- 6 Clouds of talcum you finally mixed with oil (10)
- 7 Line-up reveals initial score (3)
- 8 Jam ladies between redheads and engineers to make new connections (6)
- 9 Could be jade, extremely well-cut (5)
- 14 Surgeon often found in acting circles? (11)
- 15 Endless void permeates hostile child-minder (10)
- 18 Management born to make characters bold (7,1)
- 19 It's down to woman's underachievement (8)
- 22/26 Book company to host a white hot barbecue outside (6,4)
- 23 Treat badly-grown bananas (5)
- 26 See 22
- 28 Starts settling into residential address (3)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,527

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