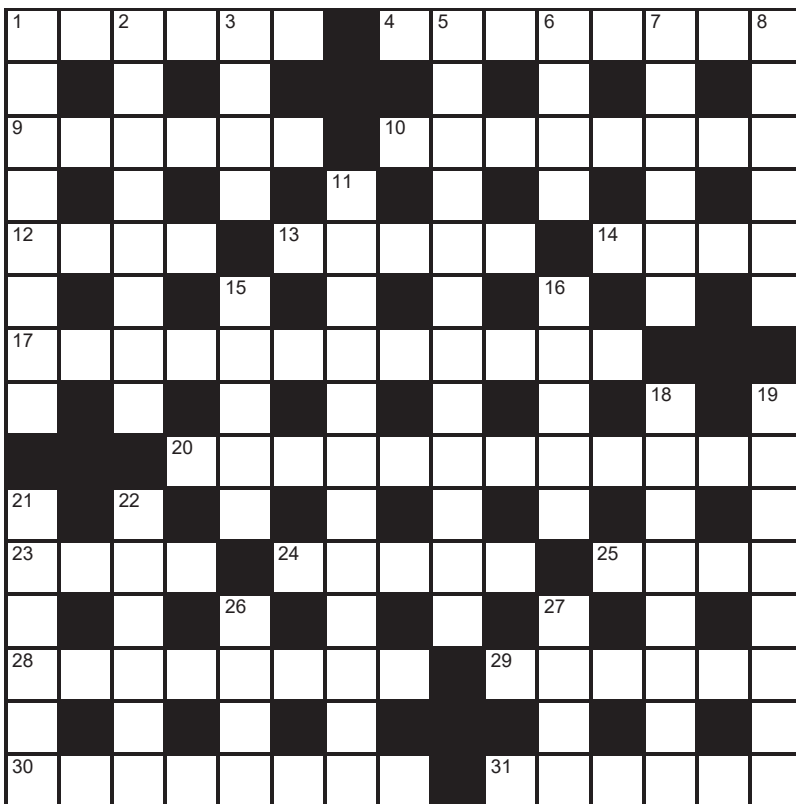


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ACROSS

- 1 Fancy finding green around the gills in fish (6)
- 4 One recently gone into earth off the beaten path (8)
- 9 Live-in babysitter in a cheerful mood (2,4)
- 10 Fin unusually weightless on a plane (2,6)
- 12 Small beer imbibed by Neanderthal fellow (4)
- 13 Maestro with large pants (5)
- 14 Joint in between kids passed around (4)
- 17 So in Thailand, when cooked — it's pad Thai! (8,4)
- 20 Kitchen liquid in goblet I leave out (9,3)
- 23 Play instrument backwards (4)
- 24 Walk four weeks and three days (5)
- 25 Royal title unchanged on reflection? (4)
- 28 Futuristic health resort, people ultimately confined to prison (5-3)
- 29 Old residence back on sale recently (2,4)
- 30 One may fancy track for old farmers (8)
- 31 Legate trained small bird (6)

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Dance round tree, indecently exposed (8)
- 2 Rude little devil, Eliot, unfortunately (8)
- 3 Nest where I fed tailless bird (4)
- 5 Number joining party, meal made? (4,3,5)
- 6 Veg out, lots of lovely leeks, primarily (4)
- 7 Model eating stew... (6)
- 8 ...stew in salmagundi, therefore (6)
- 11 One's gran, real drunken lady who lunches (6,6)
- 15 Old Dutch saves kiss for dog (5)
- 16 Song sheet initially in hand (5)
- 18 Article in short that's OK (3,2,3)
- 19 Prize busybody, most porky (8)
- 21 Clear miss in evacuation of Germany (6)
- 22 Country located in Vietnam, on a corner (6)
- 26 A jewel lifted, magnificent (4)
- 27 On holiday, a king of Mercia (4)



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