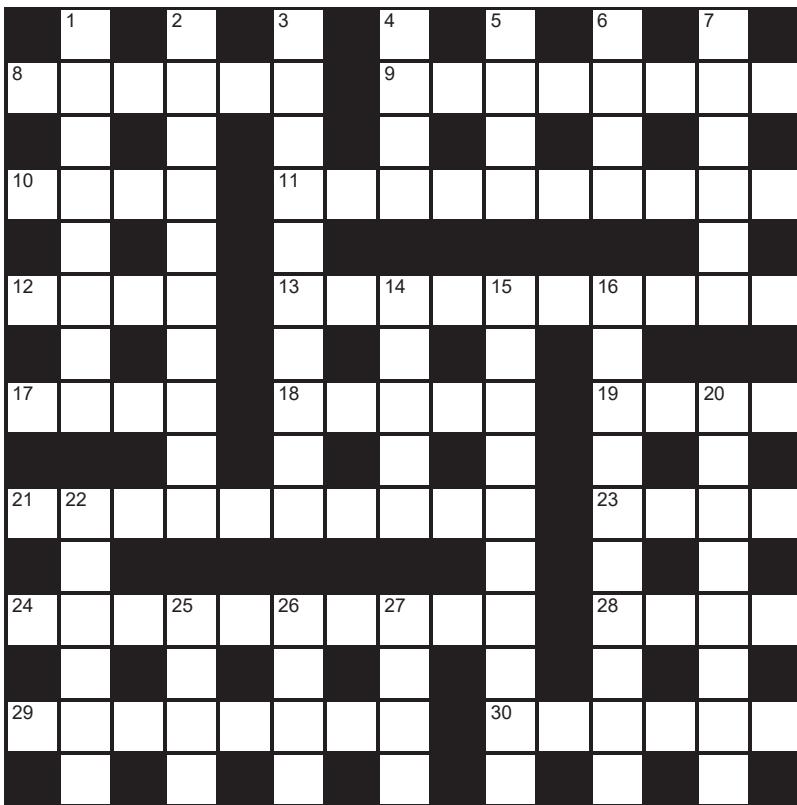
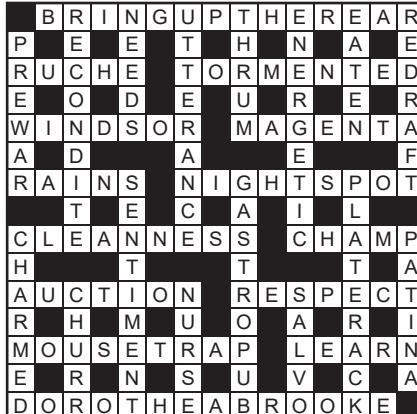


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ACROSS

- 8 A decanter finally seen in buffet? (6)
- 9 Old calligrapher's speciality is decorative stuff with gaps (8)
- 10 Parent in Paris? Nothing better (4)
- 11 Afterthought from working pit stops councillor getting caught (10)
- 12 Rolling back welcome mat you'll see a hidden note (4)
- 13 Calm as others ruled, by the sound of it (10)
- 17 Slight mumble (4)
- 18 Busy female leaving brew (2,3)
- 19 One of a random trio with English book (4)
- 21 Pace nervously around cold plateau — it's the done thing (10)
- 23 Manipulate kind master at the front (4)
- 24 Sneaky herder with phone causes a diversion (3,7)
- 28 Study Yard's reject (4)
- 29 Feel liar is upset by it? (4,4)
- 30 Head girl to outwit wide-open defender? (6)

DOWN

- 1 Cheerio and be healthy (8)
- 2 People swear about nowt in York perhaps (10)
- 3 Type of oil causing sparkle on a coin (10)
- 4 Many auctioneers put these up (4)
- 5 Bachelor, for example, beginning to shun requests (4)
- 6 Jug we found in English river (4)
- 7 Iced French fruit left out (6)
- 14 Bit of satire? Question bores little brother, say (5)
- 15 Right, I'm green and, eg, somehow coming out again (2-8)
- 16 Close buddy accepting one date to turn the heat on (10)
- 20 Parent to hang about for loaf (8)
- 22 Pretty cute (6)
- 25 Hot drink is healthy (4)
- 26 Control and rule one in Germany (4)
- 27 Goat I start to breed with old mate (4)

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