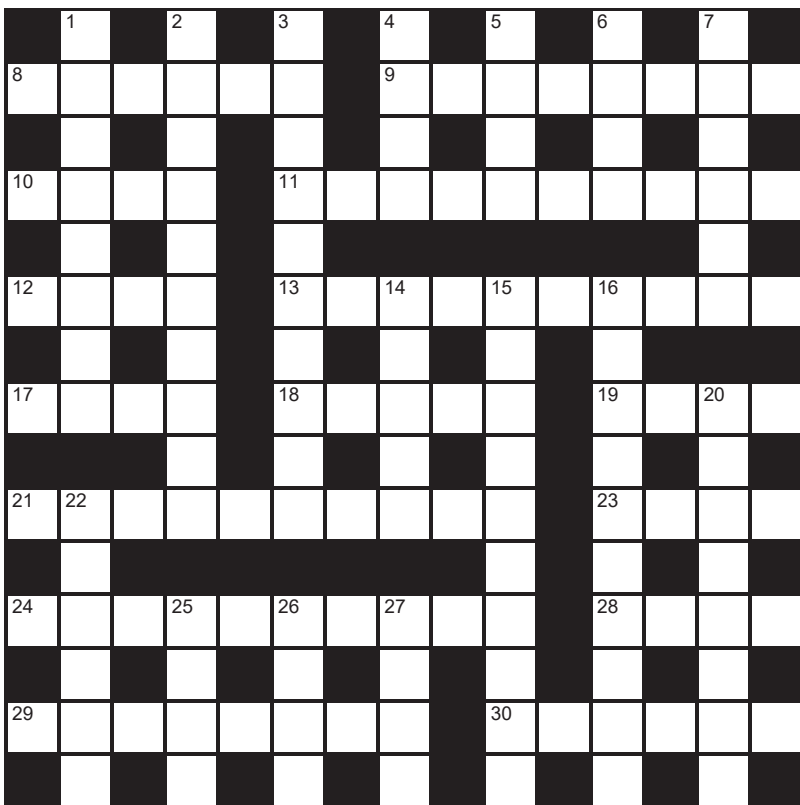


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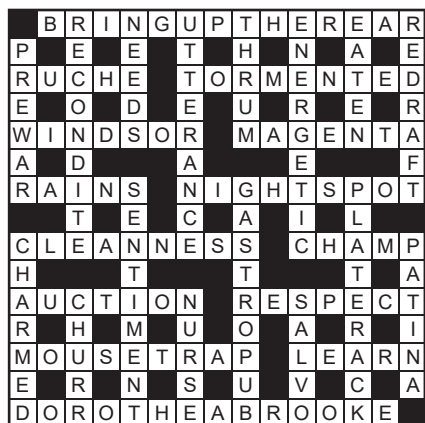
ACROSS

- 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)

Solution 17,985



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