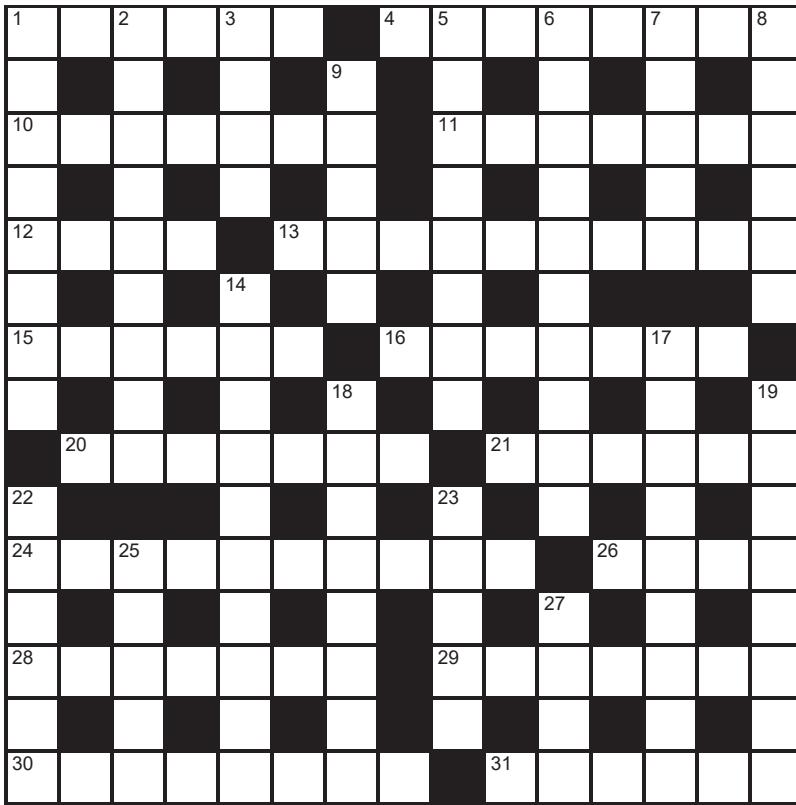


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ACROSS

- 1 Starmer at last fit to contain British mob (6)
- 4 Obscenity cases send well-doers spinning (to some extent) (8)
- 10 Contralto driving out tenor in extreme anger (7)
- 11 Miss possibly every boring interminable semester (7)
- 12 Idiot party games (4)
- 13 We heard Iris briefly barking — like a dog? (4-6)
- 15 Medical condition in space covered by dictionary article (6)
- 16 Special constable collars slatterns? (7)
- 20 Cunning tips from successful rowers? (7)
- 21 Illusory experience relating to rays reflected on recycled jade (4,2)
- 24 Mellow country club promises to pay after call cut short (10)
- 26 Not enough energy for difficult stage (4)
- 28 Enjoying success after success at the time of joining A-list (2,14)
- 29 Native engaged in blazing row needlessly (7)
- 30 Boat put back fish by water's edge (8)
- 31 Shelter suppresses sign of female occupant (6)

DOWN

- 1 Artist in doctor's surgery under the weather to a little extent (8)
- 2 Think again: divorcée's beginning to wear second ring (4-5)
- 3 Bridge course cut short (4)
- 5 Settle Parisian between Norway and Switzerland (8)
- 6 'My behaviour's OTT' — Cleopatra or Titania? (5,5)
- 7 Number three in order (5)
- 8 Walk like a zebra, not softly, with tail raised (6)
- 9 Apathetic assembly about to assume power (5)
- 14 Our Simon's struggling with unbounded love that's all-consuming (10)
- 17 Parts in French play opening on 1st September (9)
- 18 Delighted to find personnel outwardly cultivated (8)
- 19 American president's first penetrating impression excited state (8)
- 22 Second half of chronicle set aside for publisher to make good (6)
- 23 Slug discovered secure plant (5)
- 25 Ancient Greek soldiers working shifts (5)
- 27 Fit reason to do away with king (4)

JOTTER PAD