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A puzzle to mark the FT Weekend festival in London

ACROSS DOWN

- 8** Noble perhaps to strangle old Italian poet (7)

10 Song about endless division in state (7)

11 Journal something to fuel the fire? (3)

12 Villain pounds comedian (7)

13 Finding energy in a can, dined at home (3,2)

14 Rich Tea provided in westbound service area (5)

15 Nominally commits oneself to work? (5,2)

16 Bury Football Club seen in Milan (5)

19 In which no axe cut yet if so ordered? (4,2,9)

22 Tons eaten by female deer and fawns? (5)

23 I had one of the ears of an ass (7)

25 Former politician, Conservative member, initially Green (5)

27 University student and no-good teacher in sacred site (5)

29 Happy to return ring on greeting Quixote? (7)

30 Friar Tuck embodies cunning (3)

31 Huge mountain woman tempted others (7)

32 Deathless seabird entering wild lea (7)
- 1** Criticises business degree in final semester primarily (8)

2 Spots food in dining room — no starter provided (6)

3 Shout outside with actor (9)

4 Cold periods in prisons (5)

5 Dessert, one with butter, is in belly that needs reduction (8)

6 Politician in rule excluding British sailors? (4)

7 Critic back around New York, heading north (6)

9 Dining out with worker up in arms (9)

17 Halt rot in corrupt sporting event (9)

18 Very pleased — glowing in fact (9)

20 Wonderful news about alumnus who was poorly hidden? (8)

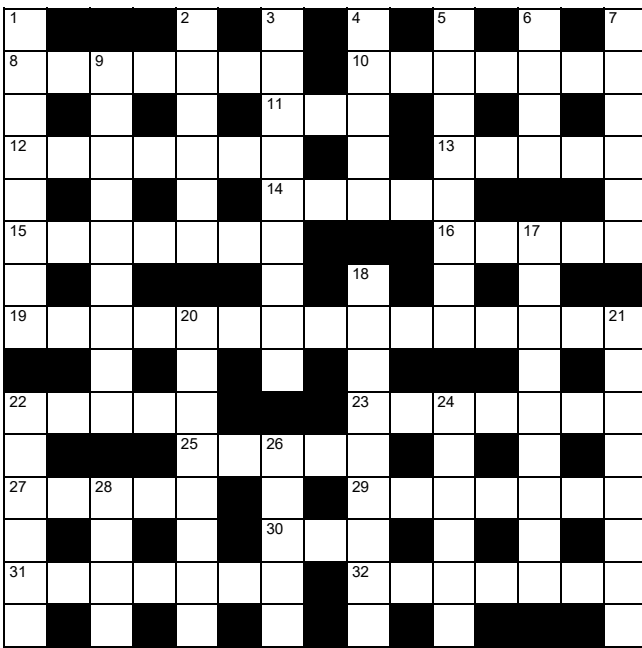
21 Henry in Collins worked with author (8)

22 Journalist in act, incredibly cute (6)

24 Popular exploit for sure (6)

26 Returned books are an inspiration (5)

28 Addict taken in because relapsed (4)



Solution 18,148

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