

# CROSSWORD 18,238 by GUY

## ACROSS

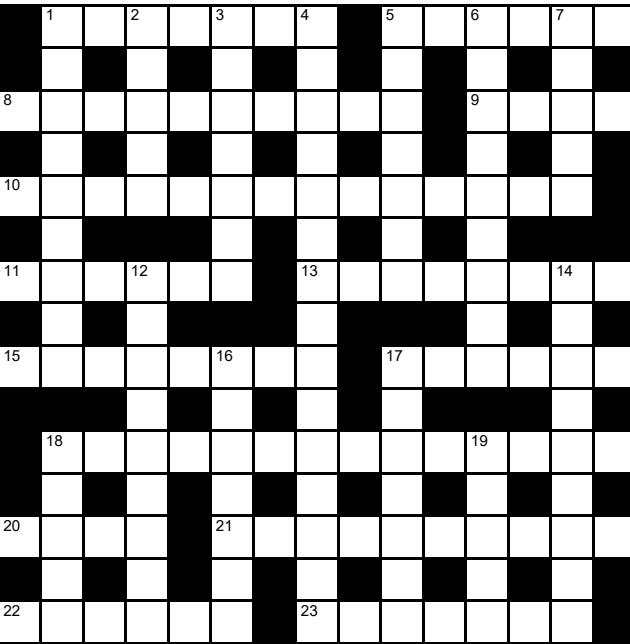
- 1 Dad's chant helping at football? (7)
- 5 Swiss girl at altitude called out greeting to campers (2-2-2)
- 8 Brit on Mars struggling to have many ideas (10)
- 9 Orderly area inside court barrier (4)
- 10 Trump emptied fake tan bottles - spoon's beginning to stir things up (6,8)
- 11 Aristocratic idiot given guidance (6)
- 13 Four squeezed into corporal's Fiesta (8)
- 15 Pedestrian's first person Detective Inspector Brown picked up (8)
- 17 Utter fool has broken marbles (6)
- 18 Coiffed crimefighters from Lancashire swapped hair products (8,6)
- 20 Flightless bird of legend, tiny one hears (4)
- 21 Someone on a trip apparently walked around California in circle (5,5)
- 22 Information Age classes for biologists (6)
- 23 Screen underworld drama (7)



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## DOWN

- 1 Monster standing in wood spiked rodent (9)
- 2 Second row finding it difficult to move (5)
- 3 Rather snide at parties (7)
- 4 Country led by old king rather than almost intelligent president (6,9)
- 5 Troll biting heads off mice and squirrels, 1 Down's relative? (7)
- 6 Clock-maker adjusted dial on end (9)
- 7 Noodles, nuts or beans in sailor's can? (5)
- 12 Large lady in opera dies horribly, rejected (4,5)
- 14 Big arms worse in painting, perhaps Hockney's last? (9)
- 16 Musical instrument in case secured by screw as missing odd bits (7)
- 17 Knack of walking on water working less with age (3,4)
- 18 Conservative leader in Kuwait returned battery, say (5)
- 19 Twisted round, did telephone line knot? (5)



Solution 18,232

W	E	D	H	P	D
H	O	N	E	Y	D
E	W				H
I	A	S	R	R	C
T	E	M	P	T	S
E	E	O	F	L	I
C	A	L	Y	G	H
A	L	Y	P	S	
H	I	R	E	E	A
R	O	S	S	A	
I	L	S	C	A	R
S	P	I	N	A	
T	P	N	I	A	O
M	A	D	I	A	B
A	O	M	E	T	S
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