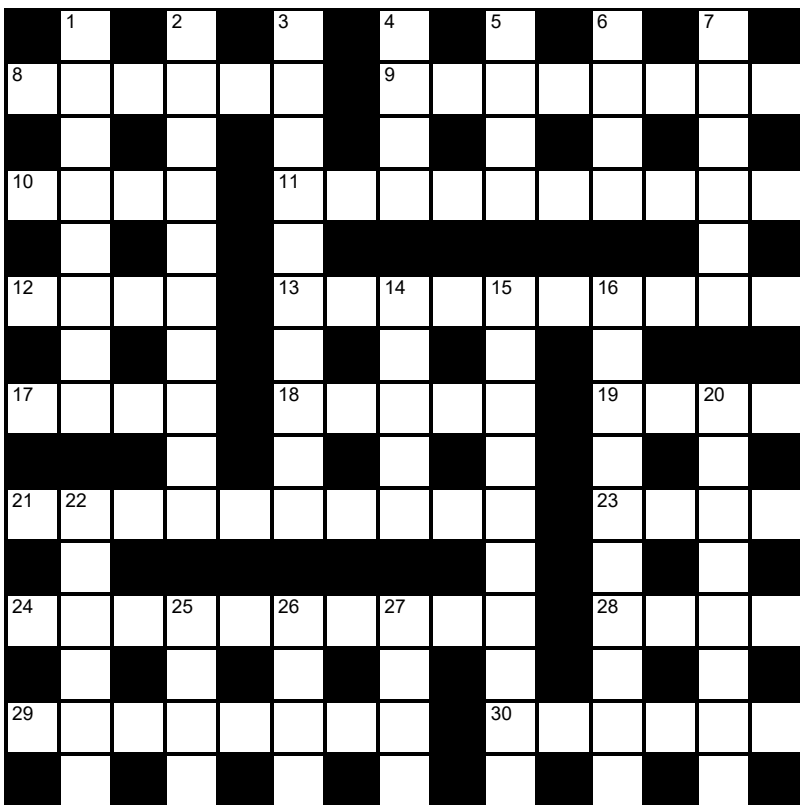


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## ACROSS

- 8 Company at this point is to be consistent (6)  
 9 I weigh up backing cut with pitman? (8)  
 10 Authentic run brewing ale (4)  
 11 Hybrid remains the image of piracy (10)  
 12 Litigation and what ends it for grass? (4)  
 13 Thick mason damaged showerproof skin (10)  
 17 Very embarrassed going about for fuel (4)  
 18 Fleeces four men on board (5)  
 19 Total change needed to make home hose (4)  
 21 Good egg to promise trackies, say (10)  
 23 What alters to become less formal? (4)  
 24 The best scoff about coaster (10)  
 28 Go with term for plant pot (4)  
 29 Tragedy is in dead plant (8)  
 30 Plum summer treat not cold at heart (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Report caught by being too old? (8)  
 2 Wow! Source of oil being popular always (4,1,5)  
 3 These'll set standards as worktop becomes scratched (10)  
 4 Again attempt German river going upstream (4)  
 5 Those at the forefront of trade across rough seas (4)  
 6 Pen life story involving King (4)  
 7 Measure of noise in small residence rises up (6)  
 14 Crowded bar (5)  
 15 Rising mortal sin which requires prompt action? (10)  
 16 Praying should not lead you here (10)  
 20 Outrage about a chap's title — this is emblematic of Ireland (8)  
 22 In favour of suitable return (6)  
 25 Catch son riding horse (4)  
 26 Dull friend struck short by temperature (4)  
 27 Fresh food type daughter ignored (4)

## JOTTER PAD



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