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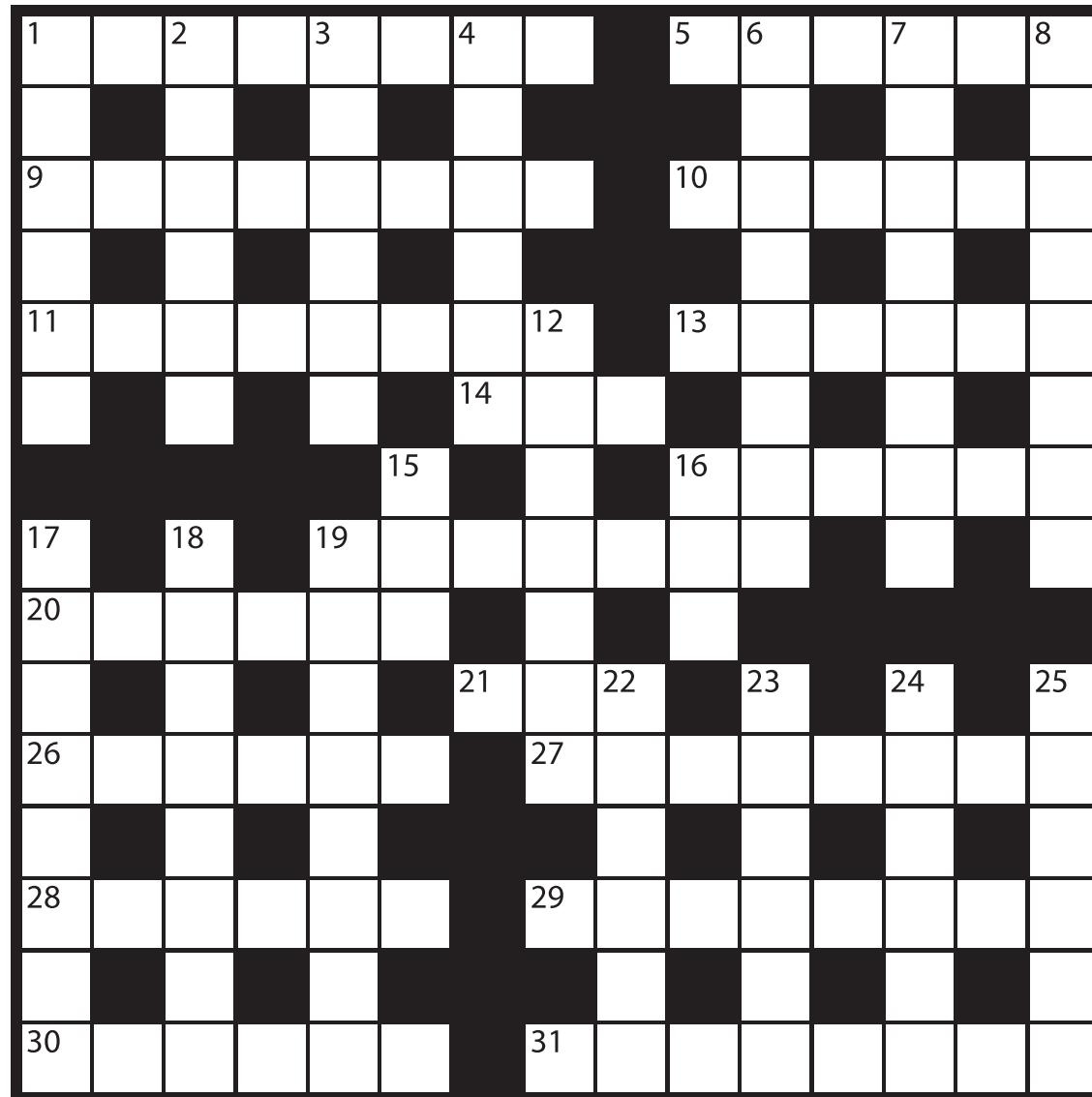
- 1 Propelling pencil frames Order of Merit service (8)
- 5 How European Community (with oil company backing) sees Scotland (6)
- 9 Modest vehicle required by National Union of Railwaymen? (8)
- 10 What a pony cost? (6)
- 11 Took food including a raspberry first cut up with a fork (8)
- 13 American fuel when refined is serviceable (6)
- 14 Did Redgrave and Pinsent quarrel? (3)
- 16 Butcher's good with blade (6)
- 19 Make thorough search in base for syndicate (7)
- 20 Wave makes you sick in front of ship (6)
- 21 Monarch closes English border (3)
- 26 After 1st of October Bute's turned dull (6)
- 27 He'd give orders and agree National Service trainees initially should be trained (8)
- 28 Cocktail mixed always in tumblers as instructed originally (3,3)
- 29 Regulations require emission figures for instance about truck (8)
- 30 Representative for the French. Barrier? (6)
- 31 Condemns Ulster sides in ugly scenes (8)

DOWN

- 1 Bottle for artist in bistro (6)
- 2 Men with rhubarb almost regularly spread this (6)
- 3 Letter: mean man starts and glib chap ends one (6)
- 4 Doctor that's neither one thing nor another (6)
- 6 One only has reversed raincoat over negligee (8)
- 7 Filling envelopes for taxidermist's practice (8)
- 8 Book tax editor praised (8)
- 12 Images four will be in court for (7)
- 15 This is the way Welsh plant seed (3)
- 16 Beast shot by gun (3)
- 17 Ban moral changes? That's not customary (8)

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- 18 Removal of leather top in piece of furniture (8)
- 19 Loyal Conservative converted Sturgeon supporters over time (8)
- 22 Spirit encountered and let out (6)
- 23 Marbles eastern ruler set up (6)
- 24 Cricketer (inclusively) hit repeatedly (6)
- 25 Arrest in street is after Assizes ends (6)