

**ACROSS**

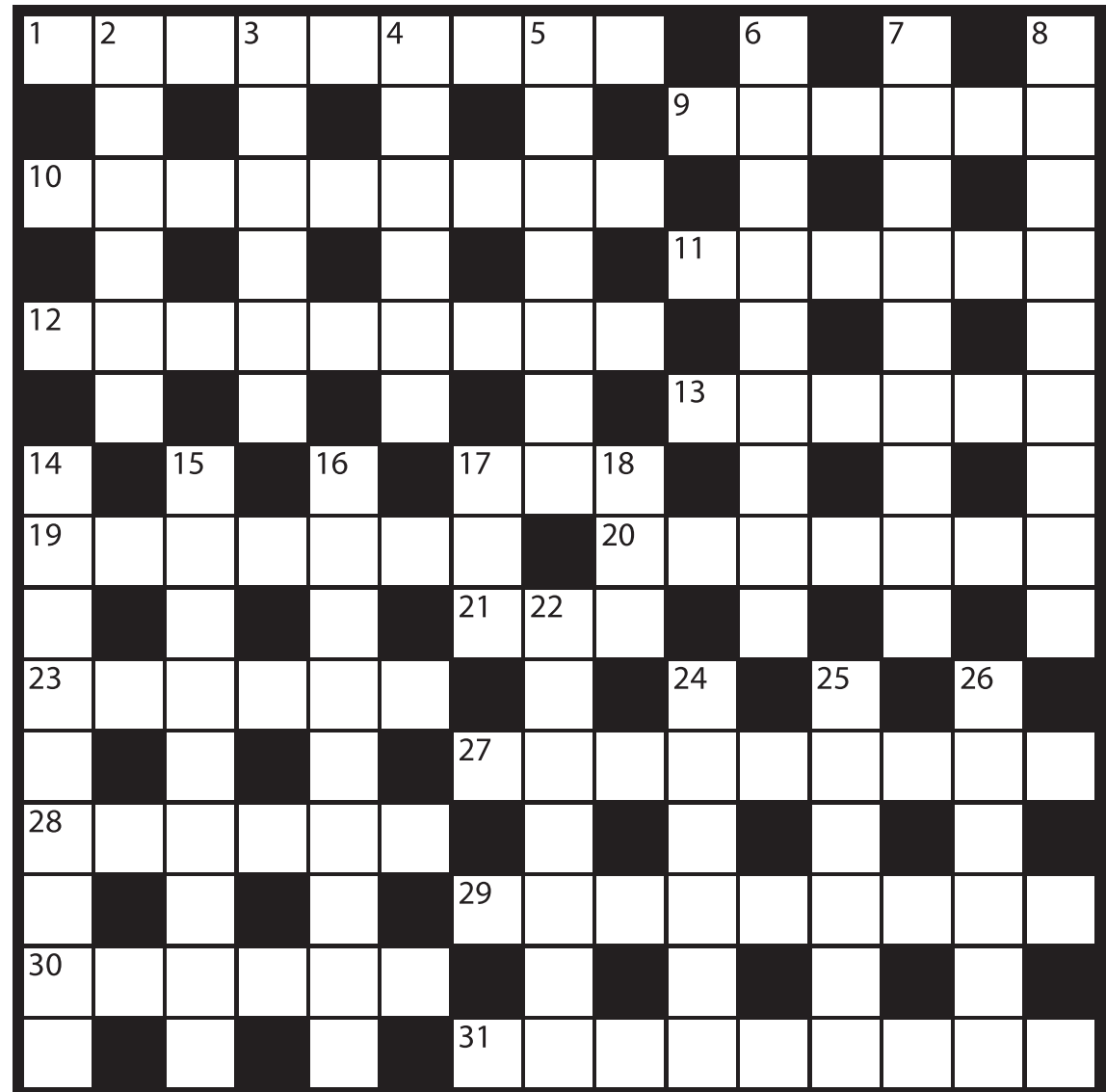
- 1 He directs piles of rot towards second-class work unit (9)  
 9 Deity's bird was consumed outside (6)  
 10 Former premier's satisfied with his weight (9)  
 11 Use to excess some balls at the party (6)  
 12 One journeying with composer, left in steep retreat (9)  
 13 Unions dispersed - into one! (6)  
 17 A ship of fools? No, just the one (3)  
 19 Breaks 16 with Frenchman and goes loveless (7)  
 20 Come before and quietly go back (7)  
 21 Snoop purposefully, rubbishing your leaders (3)  
 23 Paid attention to male journalists - two of them (6)  
 27 Assesses land properties I'm infiltrating (9)  
 28 A storm brewing on Scottish island (6)  
 29 I deal with trio, confounding the leader (9)  
 30 Express remorse about prison junction (6)  
 31 Number of events organised and witnessed pointlessly (9)

**DOWN**

- 2 Meagre attempt at pursuing friend (6)  
 3 Plant of hidden diversity (6)  
 4 Courage is excessive in 5 colour - not acceptable! (6)  
 5 Goodman's leaving aliens to club (7)  
 6 Foreign port with vast range of potential (9)  
 7 Down with the newspapers in action (9)  
 8 Repudiated a figure of speech, about to be in a rush (9)  
 14 Many players use torches, traditionally in part (9)  
 15 Heckle and bury the game with school exercise (9)

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- 16 A cry - in Scotland - accepts fellows in accord (9)  
 17 It's poisonous and slithery, prowling for starters (3)  
 18 Catch sight of Scottish flower, missing the point (3)  
 22 It's left to live around 13 source (7)  
 24 Large partner ignited story, lacking article (6)  
 25 Vehicle decay gains incentive (6)  
 26 Could be open seed in bun (6)