

ACROSS

- 1 System of letters (8)
- 5 Adroit (4)
- 9 Slacken off (9)
- 10 Word that makes a sentence negative (3)
- 11 Stamp in your passport (4)
- 13 Wealthy industrialist (7)
- 16 Aim, objective (4)
- 18 Minimise, reduce (6)
- 19 Lend a hand (6)
- 21 Loose change (4)
- 23 Walks like a young child (7)
- 25 Longing (4)
- 27 Inner self (3)
- 28 Hair grown between nose and mouth (9)
- 30 Band, scarf (4)
- 31 Quitted the army illegally (8)

DOWN

- 1 Verdi opera set in Egypt (4)
- 2 Blind ____, *Treasure Island* character (3)
- 3 Mitigate, relieve (7)
- 4 WWII German code cracked at Bletchley Park (6)
- 6 Covering for a wound (9)
- 7 Earnest prayer (8)
- 8 Antlered deer (4)
- 12 Stealthy (9)
- 14 Word expressing grief (4)
- 15 Smooth even quality (8)
- 17 On a single occasion (4)
- 20 Reusable spacecraft (7)
- 22 Canny (6)
- 24 Bulge, swelling (4)
- 26 Top schoolteacher (4)
- 29 Barred bed (3)

