

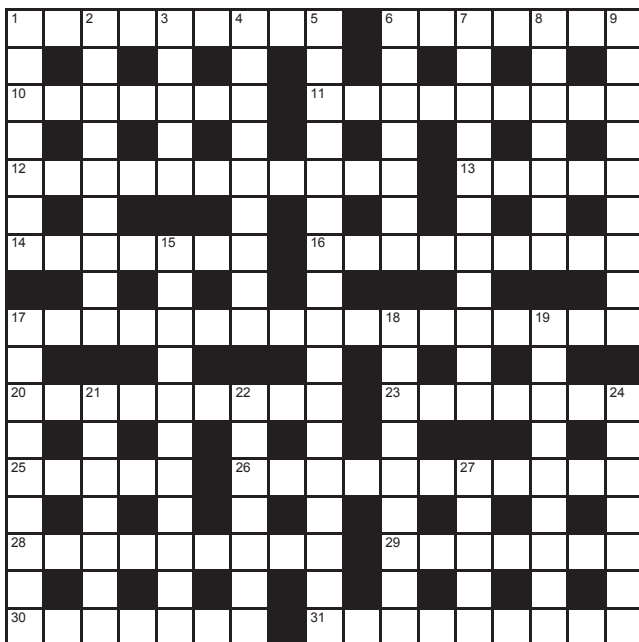
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ACROSS

- 1 Tall marsh plant of the genus *Hippuris* (5,4)
- 6 Extinct species of elephant of the Pleistocene age (7)
- 10 The enclosing wall of the chest (7)
- 11 A vegetable oil used in Indian cookery (9)
- 12 City in central Bangladesh, on the Ganges delta (11)
- 13 Member of the German tribe that settled in Northumbria, Mercia, and East Anglia during the fifth century (5)
- 14 Willie, actor, cartoonist, and broadcaster (1937-96) (7)
- 16 Play or film reproducing real events and characters (9)
- 17 Song introduced by Bing Crosby in the 1936 film of the same name (7,4,6)
- 20 South African township (9)
- 23 A plant that grows on waste ground (7)
- 25 Edward, US dramatist whose play *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* opened on Broadway in 1962 (5)
- 26 The brilliant points of sunlight that appear briefly around the moon, just before and after a total eclipse (6,5)
- 28 Member of a Germanic people who established their power in Italy in 493 (9)
- 29 Thomas Gray, for example (7)
- 30 Salman, 1981 Booker Prize winner with *Midnight's Children* (7)
- 31 Singer (1930-85), born Terence Edward Parsons in Shoreditch, London (4,5)

DOWN

- 1 A series of US space probes launched in 1962-77 to investigate the planets Venus, Mars, and Mercury (7)
- 2 ----- Hare, actor who appeared in many of the Aldwych farces (9)
- 3 ----- anteater, another name for pangolin (5)
- 4 Mountain range in Italy (9)
- 5 H.G. Wells novel (4,3,2,8)
- 6 Small Asian deer (7)
- 7 One of the fairies in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (11)
- 8 The technical name for earache (7)
- 9 William, English publisher (1863-1920) (9)
- 15 Arthur, hanged for his part in the Cato Street Conspiracy (11)
- 17 Woman's hairstyle in which the hair is turned back off the forehead in a roll (9)
- 18 The gold platform covering the Ark of the Covenant and regarded as the throne of God (5,4)
- 19 The way in which leaves are arranged in the bud (9)
- 21 North American creeping plant of the heath family (7)
- 22 English bandleader (1896-1971) (7)
- 24 Kingdom in southern Africa, a member of the Commonwealth (7)
- 27 Julian, English classical guitarist and lutenist (5)



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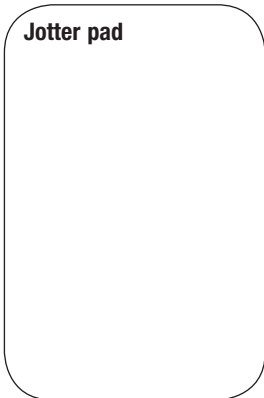
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