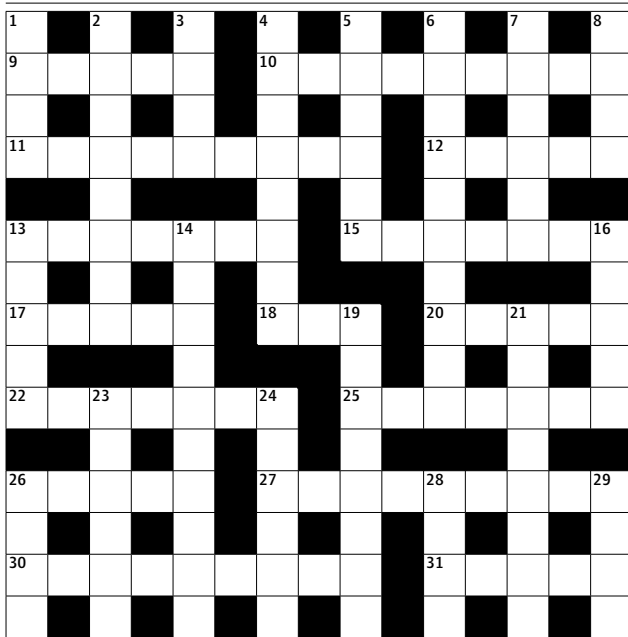


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Across

- 9 Primarily horticultural border (5)
- 10 Rock group standing round without question (6,3)
- 11 Musician from Thailand with funny Biblical rock (9)
- 12 You may get a lift from this van in Rome – stick around! (5)
- 13 Undesirable correspondent in rock group plans for comeback (7)
- 15 Bad food queen swallows right for dog? (7)
- 17 Up to no good, luting merily (5)
- 18 Jazz fan chants unevenly (3)
- 20 Bowie, say, printing material backing heavy metal (5)
- 22 Streamers in Cork to welcome loon back (7)
- 25 Fleshy part of nobleman with honour (7)
- 26 What knockers do, given pinch in tops of satiny elastic (5)
- 27 Two ducks with nice leg cooked in ancient period (9)
- 30 Sent more compasses about ship (9)
- 31 Newton follows star Greek mathematician (5)

Down

- 1 Teatime conversation (4)
- 2 Officer in a tuxedo heartlessly upset worker (8)
- 3 Gander to make noise like a chick (4)
- 4 Mysterious coteries in disguise (8)

- 5 Unoriginal commenter's standard twaddle (6)
- 6 One cuckoo – tailless cuckoo – finds way into Brazil? (10)
- 7 Queen observed king must eat crow (6)
- 8 Opponent of conflict runs out of English port (4)
- 13 Short, fat person bowled instead of tail-ender in team (5)
- 14 Philosopher espied larks about to get insects (10)
- 16 Old magistrate to turn up with heart of steel (5)
- 19 What performer doesn't want to get lead in Scorsese film? (3,5)
- 21 My! Tories messing up a form of equality (8)
- 23 Scot from the South notices Greek maidens (6)
- 24 Government to incite complaint (6)
- 26 Aussie runner's small and pale (4)
- 28 WWI enemy destroying British missile launch site (4)
- 29 Irish flower found through the internet (4)

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