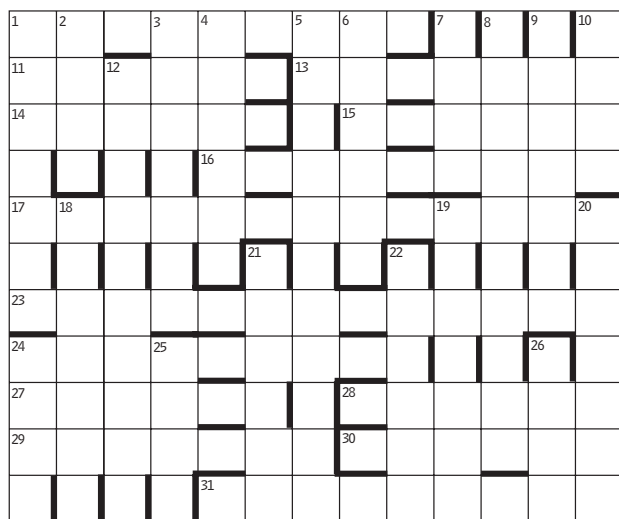


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ACROSS

- 1 Pounds distributed: 59? Could be (9)
- 11 News broadcasters *en*— were of use to French writers once? (6)
- 13 Installed in car, say, a boon possibly on road (7)
- 14 Light-hearted film from Monaco, set in space (6)
- 15 Bird returns, clutching part of her underwear — and shades (6)
- 16 Twinkling gays? They're often in evidence at kirk funerals (9)
- 17 Plates set out with tortoni, something Khoikhoi relish (13, 2 words)
- 23 Rock publicity stunt, right? Later featured in web location (13)
- 24 Tug (using old-fashioned power) a US hamlet reconditioned (9)
- 27 Eye's caught by small room missing last wall bracket (6)
- 28 Local hillside circled by vehicle eventually (6)
- 29 Shorebird, English, first to last showing no sign of age? (7)
- 30 Head of showbiz gang? That's you, right now (6)
- 31 They move with tides (tend first going astray) (9)

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w**Across** 10, (p)union; 12, cf. stag; 13, ref. illegal bowling in cricket & Percy T., former TV gardener; 14, Eric (Pickles, Tory politician) + k; 17, eu (Fr. = had) + roseat (e); 21, c in anag.; 29, y (obs.) in mall; 31, comp. anag.; 32, rein float; 33, comp. anag.; 34, lay in pact; 35, ewe in anag.; see etym. at trivia.

Down 1, mutes sarifat; 3, G in cit(y); 4, i.e. 'tick it'; 5, anag. less w; 7, cf. sand iron; 11, c a in pen; 16, h in e.g. racer (rev.); 22, ref. T. Motown; 23, E nelis (rev.); 25, P in anag. + n; ref. Cinderella; 30, your (t).

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DOWN

- 1 Owlsh cry, making short work of literature exercise in school (7)
- 2 Bulldog accompanies one to forage for food locally (4)
- 3 Not old, dodgy ticker stopped early? Feature of lynching (7)
- 4 Entry passage deserted, room's cluttered (6)
- 5 Group, myself included, about to swear, showing right to be in court (11, 2 words)
- 6 Place for students brought up revolutionary, hardened (6)
- 7 Anatomical parts? There's a lump on one (4)
- 8 Rendered lustful, I learn with cads, dissolve (10)
- 9 Deploying this initially, police range in it? (7)
- 10 Love of the French yields such lyrical efforts (4)
- *12 In an indecent manner (10)
- 18 Strong creature that, but old one, stressed finally (7)
- 19 Local? Slope round — it's to do with classification system (7)
- 20 Nice summer drawn in, cut short, is wavering (7)
- 21 Hals represented current monarch to give a stony face (6)
- 22 One's shot small part with actor / model in it (6)
- 24 Sea — free? It makes surface seem tidied up (4)
- 25 What a baby needs in one of the later months (not now) (4)
- 26 What happens when name's forgotten? Ask! (4)