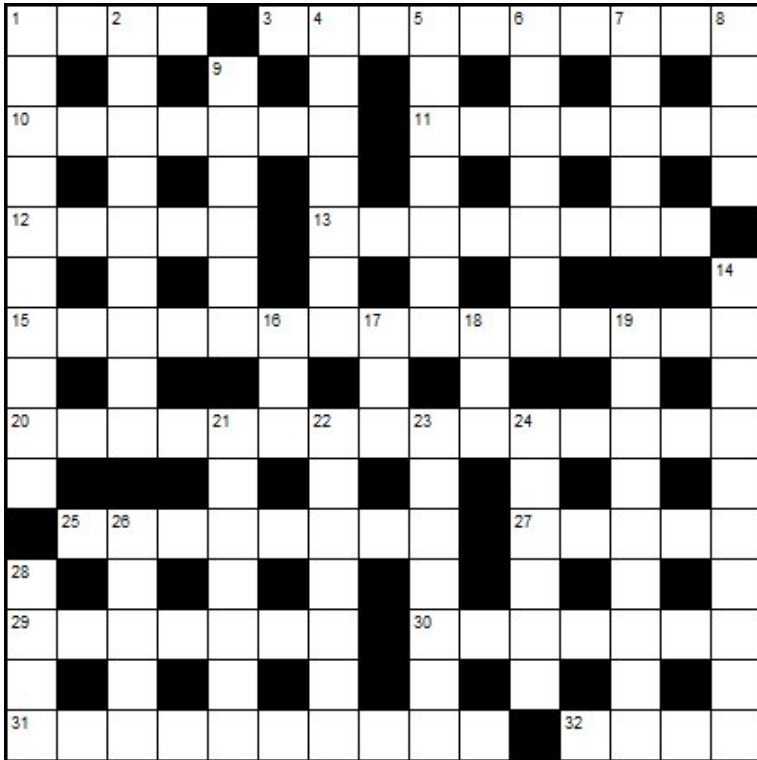


# Puzzle by Lohengrin

I'm bound to be well-disposed towards setters with Wagnerian pseudonyms, but absolutely no favouritism was needed here! Lohengrin's puzzle is beautifully clued, with some excellent ideas all executed with fairness. 31 across is brilliant.



## ACROSS

- 1 Start to fondle naked bird and finish in the sack (4)
- 3 Steal clean run to get carried along? (10)
- 10 Put straight oar into lake (7)
- 11 Drop support for swimmer (7)
- 12 Portion of pakora – it accompanies Indian dip (5)
- 13 Cancelled yearly review with light adult content removed (8)
- 15 Title of song drove managerial reforms (4,3,8)
- 20 Triathlon for kids? (5,6,4)
- 25 Perhaps skill of Arab Director greases wheels (8)
- 27 Train or bus? (5)
- 29 English politician expands borders in race storm (7)
- 30 Those behind bars almost steaming drunk (7)
- 31 But this produces bout! (6, 4)
- 32 Smooth sushi ingredient from the east (4)

## DOWN

- 1 Cleaner employed on board? (10)
- 2 One fetches tree river washed up (9)
- 4 Man oddly tired around a slip of a lass (7)
- 5 IS flees African country following training for one in borders (7)
- 6 Wee roach, primarily? (7)
- 7 Run away writer leaving girl (5)
- 8 See Mae West every so often (4)
- 9 Could this lead to a drama at sea? (6)
- 14 Kinky red heels on German chaps (10)
- 16 Navy girls frequently making love (3)
- 17 Stick up! (3)

- 18 Cereal of yesteryear (3)
- 19 Mineral research facility in atomic plant (9)
- 21 The back of the back of Outer Mongolia? (7)
- 22 One demands precise alternative (7)
- 23 Broadcast grand race in classic style (7)
- 24 Desert rain covering part of London . . . (6)
- 26 . . . make tracks in The King's Road (5)
- 28 Origins of small toe's ugly bruising (4)