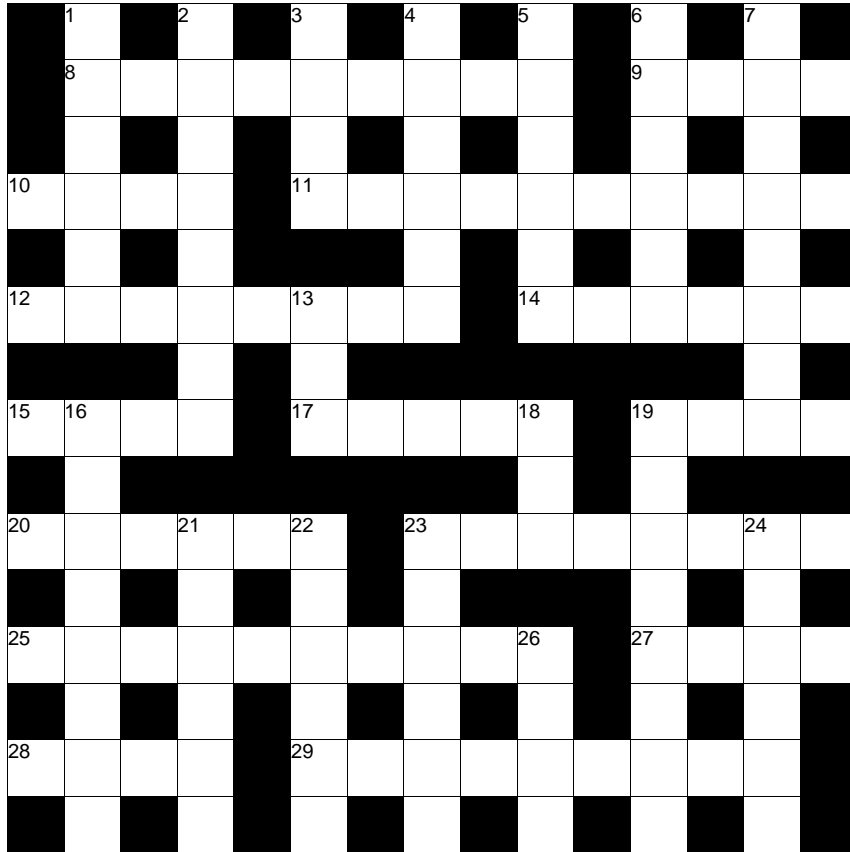


Anagrammatic Crossword #1

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ACROSS

8. If I finish this crossword, I get a prize! (9)
9. It's always nice to see a duck on the pond (4)
10. Vultures will feed voraciously on any abandoned carcass (4)
11. Female parakeets can be trained to kiss boys lightly on the cheek (6,4)
12. You may see an egret at times in English estuaries (5,3)
14. 'Chicken' was a game I played as a teenager (6)
15. Twitchers like a large tally of species on their lists (4)
17. The Norwegian Blue: if caged up, it pines for the fjords (5)
19. Good ornithologists will listen as well as watch (4)
20. When swallows fly South, shrill calls are heard no more (6)
23. Some flocks roost in large numbers in winter (8)
25. Hummingbirds are eccentric travellers making epic journeys (6,4)
27. A tawny may hoot occasionally during the day (4)
28. Goldcrests are spectacular little garden visitors (4)

29. An enthusiast will let on if he spots a rare migrant (6,3)

DOWN

1. Rising and unrefined, we hear angry outcry (6)
2. Not busy in the Autumn? Get skydiving! (4,4)
3. Old rags provide flamboyant cross-dressing (4)
4. Notice French king taking time to be skillful (6)
5. Half of fleet's stuck in congestion - it's left to drift (6)
6. Pelt down when one's in Germany, taking part in winter sport (6)
7. Party first, then skirt around Caribbean island (8)
13. Light touch to cut a thread (3)
16. Edit first article, genuine but intangible (8)
18. Leaf through English author's early letters (3)
19. One charged with picking the team, re-assigning roles, etc. (8)
21. Kept secret to a great extent (6)
22. Such a call is not welcome at any stage (6)
23. Early retirement in Spain? (6)
24. A piece of pasta or bean (6)
26. Nothing East of this river (4)