Across

1. She was made a Dame when she recently broke the record for sailing single-handed around the world (5,9)
7. County where you will find the Vale of the White Horse (11)
10. One of our most popular carols, ***The Holly And The ...*** (3)
11. French heroine burned at the stake by the English in 1431, Joan of ... (3)
12. ***Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*** won the Booker Prize for Irish author Roddy ... (5)
13. Town on the north coast of Norfolk, once known as Shipden (6)
14. Flanders and Swann performed a song about this animal, "The g-nicest work of g-nature in the zoo" (3)
15. Born in Canada as Carl Henty-Dodd, he was better known as Radio Caroline DJ and television celebrity, Simon ... (3)
16. Stage surname of the drummer with The Beatles (5)
18. ***The Saint***, aka Simon Templar, was played by ... Moore (5)
19. Result of the second one-day cricket match between England and South Africa in early February (3)
20. A young newt (3)
21. A writ of protection against unlawful imprisonment is known as Habeas ... (6)
22. A quarter of a chain - also known as a rod or a pole (5)
24. The pointed end part of a fountain pen (3)
28. ***Panorama*** presenter who died in 2000, Sir Robin ... (3)
29. Prison where Oscar Wilde was incarcerated for two years - during that time he wrote ***The Ballad Of ...*** (7,4)
31. When they landed at Clifden in Ireland on June 15, 1919, this couple had made the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic (6,3,5)

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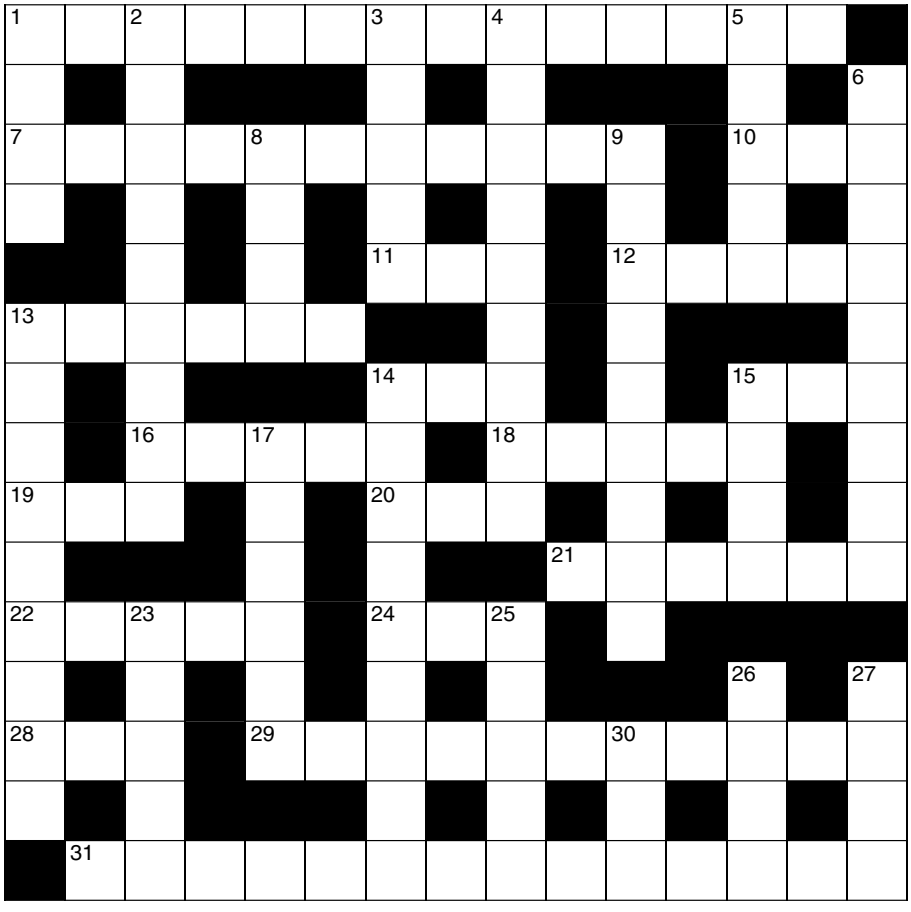
1. School attended by both Prince William and Prince Harry (4)
2. Captain of Bolton Wanderers and scorer of both goals in the 1958 FA Cup Final against Manchester United, Nat ... (9)
3. Dirk Bogarde starred as Simon Sparrow alongside Brigitte Bardot in the 1955 movie, ***Doctor ...*** (2,3)
4. Place where the troops of Henry V routed the French in 1415 (9)
5. The Mitford sister who struck up an unusual friendship with Adolf Hitler (5)
6. Historic seaside resort in Dorset where you will find 'The Cobb' (4,5)
8. MCC President in 2002-03 was lyricist Sir Tim ... (4)
9. ***Yes, Prime Minister*** saw James Hacker elevated to the premier political post in the land. He was played by Paul ... (9)
13. Many-legged beastie we find in the garden (9)
14. The smallest of London's Royal Parks (5,4)
15. Channel 4's cult comedy series about Globelink News TV, ***... The Dead Donkey*** (4)
17. Legendary king who pulled the sword from the stone (6)
23. The R of RSPCA (5)
25. Monty Python's biblical epic, ***The Life Of ...*** (5)
26. Character played by Frank Finlay when the National Theatre's production of ***Othello*** was filmed in 1965 (4)
27. ***Talking Heads*** was a series of monologues originally written for television by ... Bennett (4)
30. Shortened form of the British colony that guards the entrance to the Mediterranean (3)