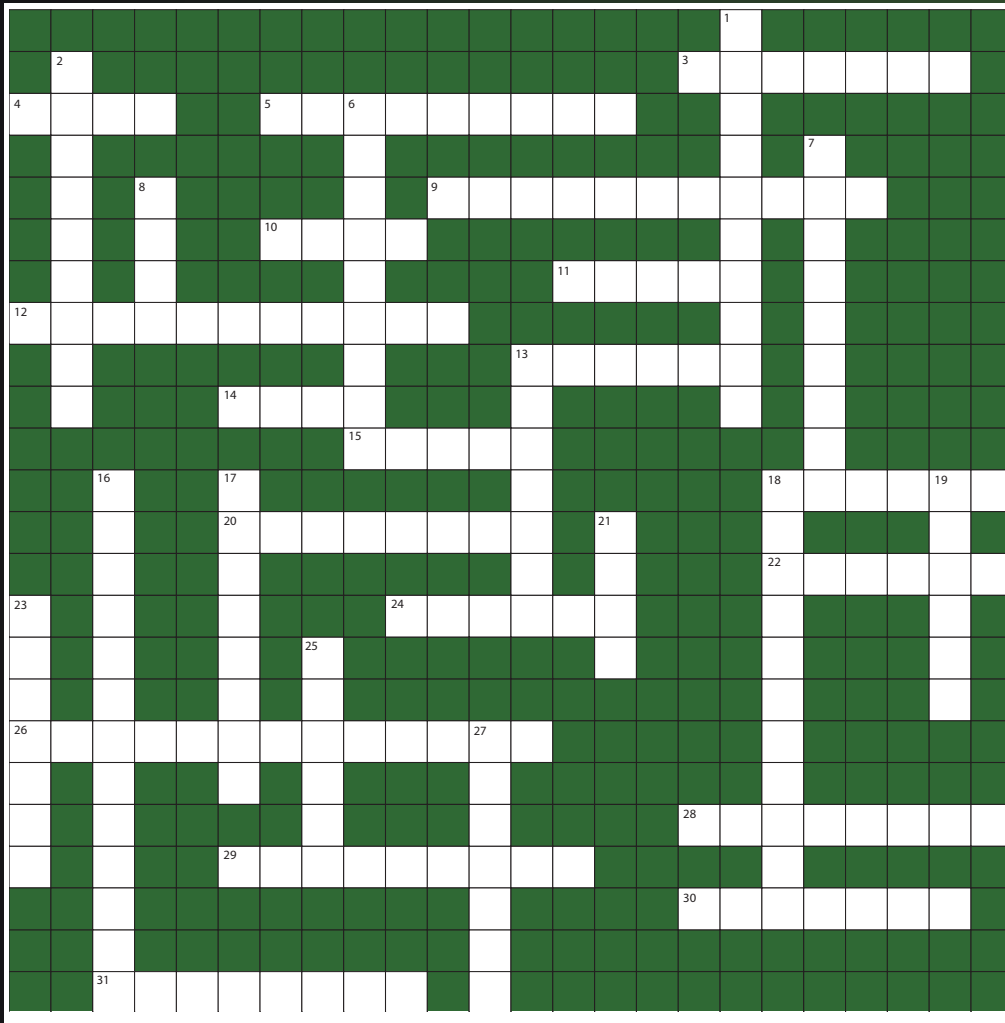


The 'Head-Skimmer' Crossword 2024 BY DICK BYRNE



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It's that time of the year again when Dick Byrne tests our mental mettle with his Head-Skimmer Crossword. As always, it's no picnic, so you'll need to watch out for all the classic crossword clue tricks to get over the finish line! All completed entries will be entered into a draw to win €100 cash. All entries must be submitted by the 31st of January 2025. If you don't want to cut up your magazine, you can either send us a clear copy or scan, or download the crossword from www.irishvintagescene.ie. Good luck!

Clues Across

3. Cross the river with the young fella to pull your wagon. (7)
4. Listen, the Latins say. It's sure to overtake you. (4)
5. I slave with former president and taoiseach about engine type. (4, 5)
9. Imposers con about one of the strokes out of four. (11)
10. Big Italian company made small cars in Amalfi at the coast. (4)
11. A sign you don't want to see if you're a bit jarred in Mullingar, darn it. (5)
12. Trust Bridie about this crucial engine bit. (11)
13. E.T. has left street ok? Could knock you out. (6)
14. 13 across could follow this couple of couples. (4)
15. Votes last inside a force of nature they say. (5)
18. Romeo joined the wench to get that nut to turn. (6)
20. Without this there is no smoke. Like 9 across, another 13 across. (8)
22. People say that this is everything. If you get it wrong, you're stuck. (6)
24. Revolutionary put on rag to help get 15 across going. (6)
26. Andrew got into car tiff, calling a chocolate soldier official. (7, 6)
28. Lyre in DC doesn't play much music but it is round in groups of four and sometimes more. (8)
29. Rita Aiken is mixed up about an essential part of our lives and a petrol engine's. (3, 6)
30. Dumbed for driving truck inside. (7)
31. Vote for and get old police into power to help 24 across 15 across. (8)

Clues Down

1. Hitler built it for the people. (10)
2. A mixture of first post office and mile with hub produced an old Yankee brand. (9)
6. Tardy ants twisted to help my vintage Buick to get going and stay going. (9)
7. For a vital part of the whole ignition, first mix first north east route with second. (9)
8. This apartment may stop you going if your tyres or battery match it. (4)
13. There is a debate as to whether the content of Outspan Nero or 18 across came first. (7)
16. Dave's Hoover dropped E so leave together with it and breathe. (8, 5)
17. On yer motorbike this mermaid's appendage may attract attention. (8)
18. Mixed up CEO told ware to stop you getting hot under your bonnet. (11)
19. Consult a big man in Rome for this old saloon. (6)
21. A bee perusing flowers makes a motoring sound. (4)
23. It is a crime to add assault to this essential motoring component. (7)
25. Three quarters of town went to public house for a pull. (6)
27. Former girlfriend has to understand beginnings and breathe out. (7)