

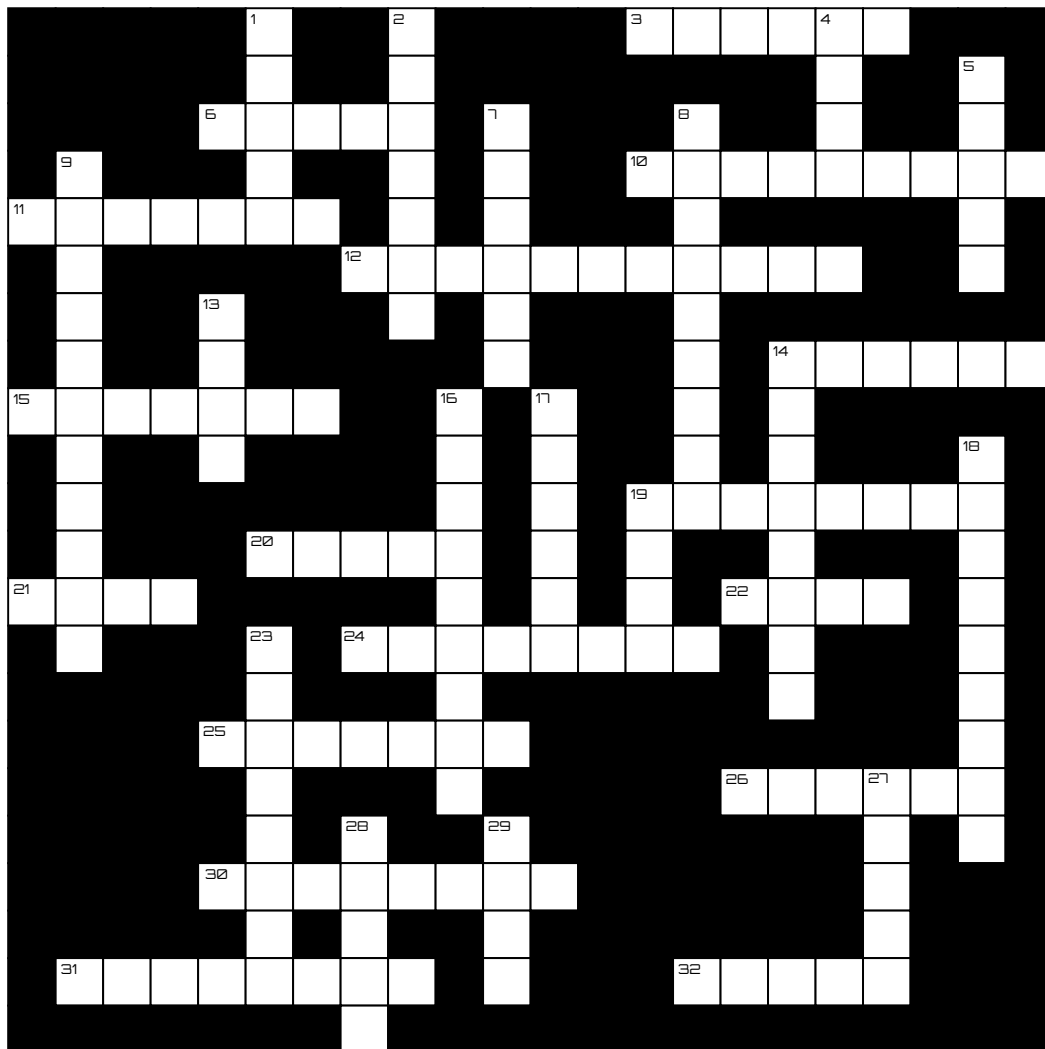
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The 'Head-Skimmer' Crossword 2020

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Once again, this year Dick Byrne is back with his aptly-titled Head-Skimmer Crossword. As always, you'll have to be firing on all cylinders to find all the clues to this one, and all completed entries will be entered into a draw to win €100 cash. All entries must be submitted by the 31st of January. If you don't want to cut up your magazine you can either send us a clear photocopy or scan, or download the crossword from www.irishvintagescene.ie. Good luck!

CLUES ACROSS

3. If a bolt got stripped, there would be a dearth about after **16 Down**. (6)
6. Military man larger than the moggie behind **17 Down**. (5)
10. Open-topped bus of yore sounds like cleaning lady before an AIB. (9)
11. 4x4 behind **7 Down**. A nice big classic car. (7)
12. Logistic device for spreading HT to **13 Down**. Is about dirtier tubs. (11)
14. Citroen estate hunting in Africa. (6)
15. Lute nearly drops ley in confusion, but it is French. (7)
19. Shakes all over before **22 Across**, to be found in old T. (8)
20. Ford V8 airman. (5)
21. Flog about hot hatch. (4)
22. Alfresco illustration contains the high-tension device. (4)
24. Auxiliary transport in the bad old days before tender truck. (8)
25. Italian classic in a jitterbug at tinpot dances. (7)
26. Old-time Nissan sauntered about, missing Ree. (6)
30. Des Diley goes about driving in style behind **18 Down**. (8)
31. An old English cardinal's car. Yellows about east. (8)
32. Regulate the flow as ale gathers a couple of old fives. (5)

CLUES DOWN

1. Little French car that sounded like a tragic English princess. (5)
2. Air corps loses its parking. Another name for a pirate but this one was a Ford. (7)
4. Cereal farmer hides Italian classic. (4)
5. Nippon maker of nifty fifty, ninety and accord. (5)
7. British car manufacturer from crazy nits and lauds without LSD. (6)
8. French word for heater equals English word for professional driver. (9)
9. Hi on the sigh could give heart problems or just HT. (4,7)
13. Gulp about the sparkler. (4)
14. Dodgy plastic symbol of Ireland probably collectable now, not real pop. (8)
16. What it's worth without sat is hanging by **3 Across**. (9)
17. Sir Romantic gave up his antic and reversed into classic marque. (6)
18. RR, MG, Aston around before **30 Across** go to make old British classic. (9)
19. Circular redundant windbag on modern wheels. (4)
23. Daphne picked up an old Limerick registration for French princess with her power behind made by **15 Across**. (8)
27. Royal Spa revisited holds the emergency wheel. (5)
28. German eagle FWD was leader bout losing east. (5)
29. Crazy Zen Buddha was early motor maker when it lost its dudah. (4)