

It's the Ashes! by Hematical

60 years ago today, Brian Johnston said "It's the Ashes!" as the England XI featured here won them back at The Oval

Across

1 Point taken by both sides, this time only? (3-3)

4 Salesman, first to leave with excellent record, finally substituted (8)

9 Australia to tax coral reef? (5)

10 No-frills airline to occasionally switch (5)

11 Is allowed to be an England player (3)

12 With current flowing westwards, sailor gets in trouble with leaders (10)

13 Pace of returning domestic creatures (4)

15 Where to make final deposit with money returned by England player (8)

16 After exercise, American loony gets a sort of butter (6)

19 England captain not returning to low-quality home (6)

21 Softer mixture in hard shells finally thaws (8)

24 Electronic characters showing birds (4)

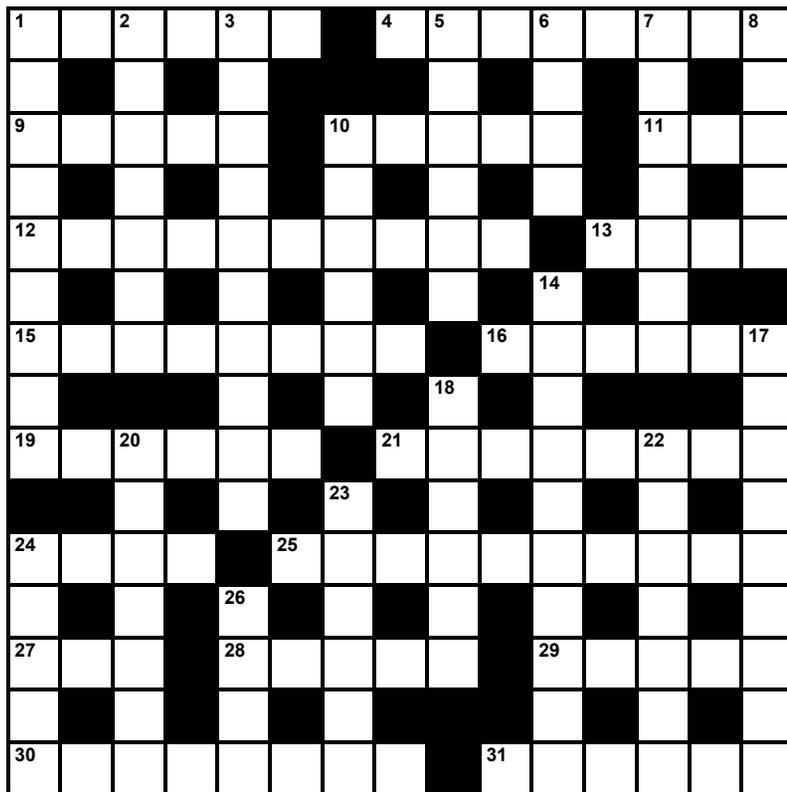
25 Aluminium beast in agricultural estate causing unwarranted panic (5,5)

27 Am I inside the target? (3)

28 Victoria perhaps meeting republican England player (5)

29 Blame reportedly covered in gold (5)

30 Child goes to Great Britain, Ireland and



19 Germany for a lark, perhaps (8)

31 Journalist gets wealthy following England player (6)

Down

1 Get along, then about where fast men hope to land it (2,1,6)

2 Account Hematical ran up for pictures of nudes (7)

3 Awkwardly fell on wood and went in again (8,2)

5 Stands for decapitating rodents (6)

6 England player to defend, but misses first ball (4)

7 Dot's frequent partner working after training with England player (7)

8 Medical man gets informal agreement to be quiet (3,2)

10 Part of wicket old solvers put up for England player (6)

14 Listener called in wine order (as amended) (10)

17 Try to be the same in competitive event (4,5)

18 Where flowers grow very central to England player (6)

20 England player has time to spread manure (7)

22 Hail WI's vigorous language (7)

23 One making a lot of bread holding note for one making a lot of bread (6)

24 Small part of church erected by England player (5)

26 Baby bear gets hold of large iron? (4)