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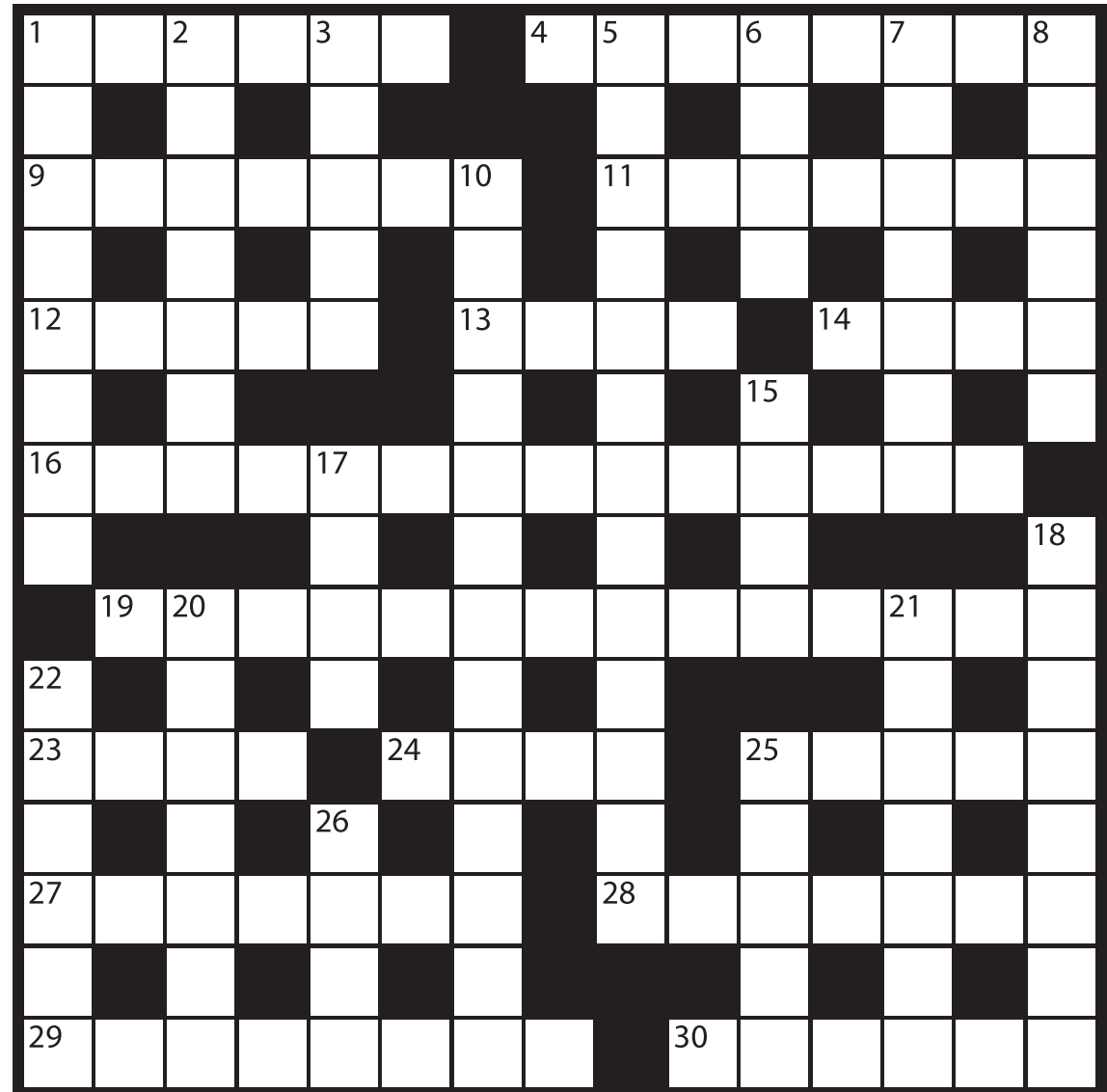
- 1 Sharpe's carefully-crafted expression (6)
- 4 Candidate pairs off with female relative on the phone (8)
- 9 As drunk as a novice bobby getting some work! (7)
- 11 Fortunate to be fewer in place of retirement (7)
- 12 Tune's in the bag (5)
- 13 Fear a restaurant will hide this type of steak (4)
- 14 Pink Floyd's work on barrier (4)
- 16 Andrew's going crazy after trade for ticket-issuers (7,7)
- 19 Ignore lies when I leave retail outlets (8,6)
- 23 Gent returns books very loudly (4)
- 24 Flabbergasted at holding so much ice (4)
- 25 Enough of politician being steeped in drink (5)
- 27 Plain dish with a bun in the middle (7)
- 28 Spins and decays holding a note (7)
- 29 Exercises for newspapers covering drink? (5-3)
- 30 Pious extremists capture ill-bred puritans (6)

DOWN

- 1 Commendations given dual treatment in the mines (8)
- 2 Enjoy a dollop of Maori cottage cheese (7)
- 3 Sentimental Bond, say, taking banker back (5)
- 5 This 13 creature is brainier - get discombobulated (8,5)
- 6 Decorates cake for church service, originally after one (4)
- 7 Avoid a black spot (7)
- 8 A baby might be let off, drinking rum (6)
- 10 It can get flyer grounded! (9,4)
- 15 Sub might need italics, partly (4)

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- 17 Confront cafe arrangement (4)
- 18 Appraises idiots with specs, oddly (8)
- 20 Exaggerate popular festival starting with the dead (7)
- 21 Said place in a rush (7)
- 22 Increase pace at university (4-2)
- 25 Out of bed and right to chase wine (5)
- 26 Intelligence from all quarters (4)