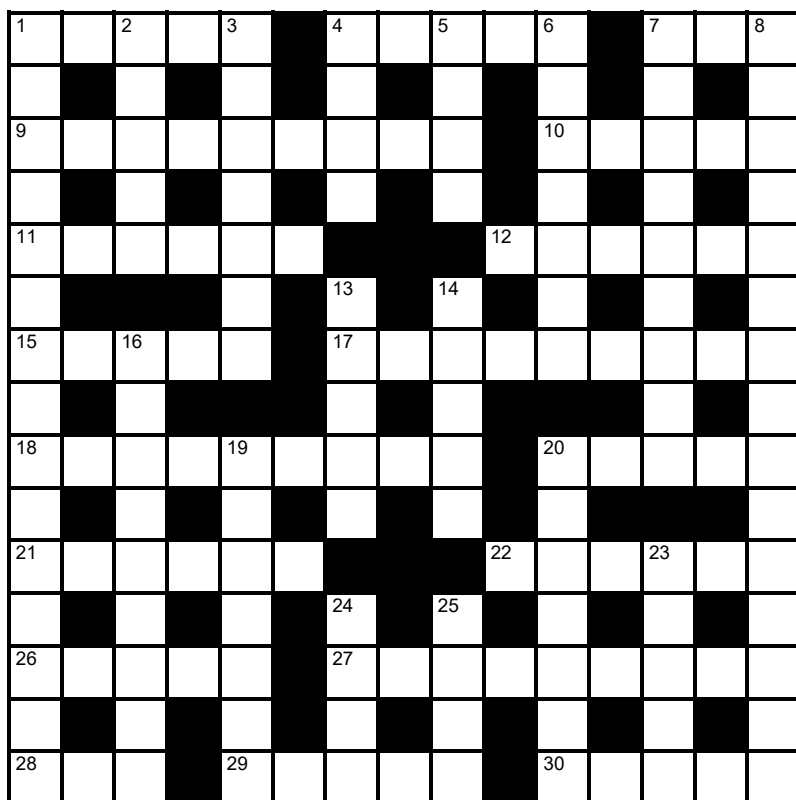


Crossword #18



Across

- 1 Invisible presence of German legion (5)
- 4 Topic for discussion is the middle east (5)
- 7 Smoke pipe without energy – it'll make you feverish (3)
- 9 Offensive cackle, say, being covered in messy snot (9)
- 10 Patriarch is about to welcome alcoholics (5)
- 11 Start to cheer in accordance with 1a (6)
- 12 Brand has trouble accepting upstart Israelite (6)
- 15 Had sat in the southeast to get protection from the sun (5)
- 17 Healthy 1 of 5 embraces Republican clown (9)
- 18 U-boats end up going from Swindon to Reading, say (9)
- 20 Made dice from copper layer (5)
- 21 Heartless Spengler captured this green 1a (6)
- 22 Film tense dipsomaniac (6)
- 26 Angry buccaneer beheaded (5)
- 27 Cockney's clue for 'dog' (6,3)
- 28 Farm animal found in tree, it's said (3)
- 29 Government agent's crap in Slovakia (5)
- 30 Out of practice stalwart's heading off (5)

Down

- 1 County council at first urges hoteliers to get organised (15)
- 2 90s band's disc unchanged (5)
- 3 Swingers get high on this (7)
- 4 Cato, Gaius seen in this? The opposite (4)
- 5 Chow backpedals, half cut (4)
- 6 English copper, crudely – one writer of crap fanfic? (7)
- 7 Light for one shooting showy onion (9)
- 8 1a 4a? (9,6)
- 13 Spirit of Yorkshire port, reportedly (5)
- 14 George the First did sudokus at first – they're in these (5)
- 16 Take the rest of the season to arrange a tea set – about four (9)
- 19 They make beers with copper last and whirlpool first (7)
- 20 Room for a dictionary, if more than one? (7)
- 23 Props vulgar expression of disaffection with Britain up (5)
- 24 Capital invested in Barbados lottery (4)
- 25 Corner a number in a satisfactory condition (4)