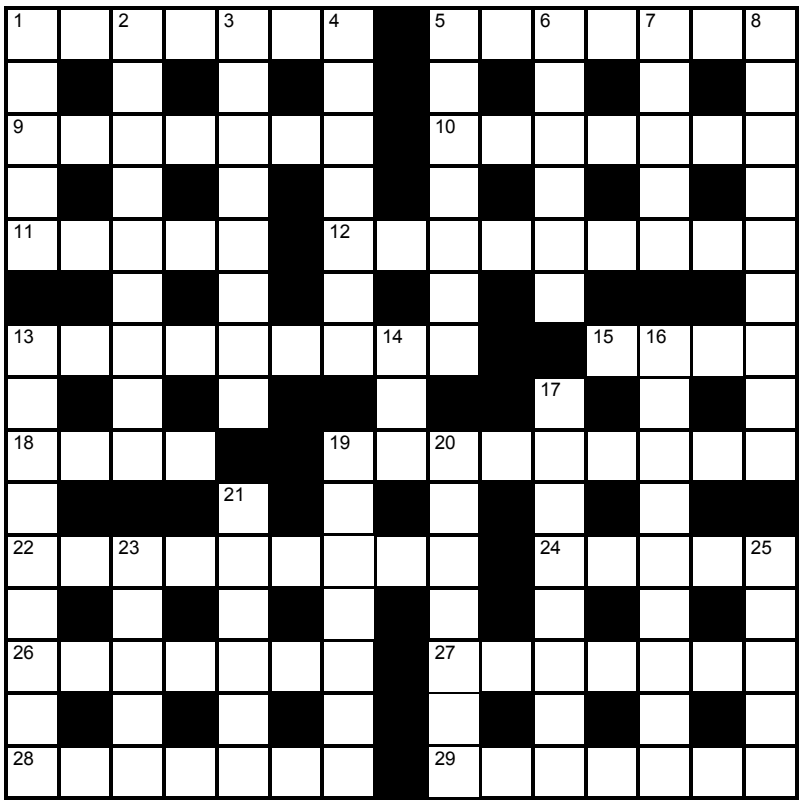
NTSPP - 271 by Chalicea

More Than One Could Chew

Eleven solutions have the same three-letter word at the beginning, in the middle or at the end. Those three letters are not clued in the wordplay.



Across

1 Small marsh bird; aquatic flier (7)

5 Macho in newly-shaped punky hairstyle (7)

9 Little songbirds; choice items (7)

10 Underdone Welsh delicacy? (7)

11 Participant in snow sport, maybe riskiest when it's sadly lacking (5)

12 He and I strangely occupied (9)

13 In trouble, gang reuse lubricating pump (9)

15 Formerly concealed content (4)

18 At ninety degrees starts experiencing abnormally scorching temperatures (4)

19 Resents cunning debuggers (9)

22 Boston's restaurant for light meals; proletariat bizarrely rejecting it! (9, 2 words)

24 Light door lock, primarily located at church (5)

26 Data unit, roughly two pounds (7)

27 Celebrity's devotees blow cool air on foremost of clueless, loud, uninformed buffs (7, 2 words)

28 Exceptionally rare judge (7)

29 Publicly present one-time partner with word used as friendly greeting (7)

Down

1 Uses teeth to cut into shells of eggs (5)

2 Shabby condition of tasteless clothes in heartless sales after closure of store (9)

3 Subtly resisted lady in charge of newspaper (8)

4 Sent wandering on local meadow, home-making for 1ac and 13dn (7)

5 Spoil the lower jaw - what the saints did? (7, 2 words)

6 Not far off having flavour of medicinal plants, including touch of estragon (6)

7 Copper measure (length of an arm) (5)

8 Sends note about eminence (9)

13 Bird's a large kebab we're told! (9, 2 words)

14 Put to some purpose profit derived from property (3)

16 Decapitated chevalier with weapon in place of evening entertainment (9)

17 Renounced midday meal, packed one, prepared in advance in Perth (8, 2 words)

19 First stage of spacecraft with launching-pad principally replacing old support mechanism (7)

20 Blunder about Irish mammal (7)

21 Tip off drearily dull timid person (6)

23 Spontaneous remark about bald one? (2-3)

25 Sound expressing surprise custom (5)