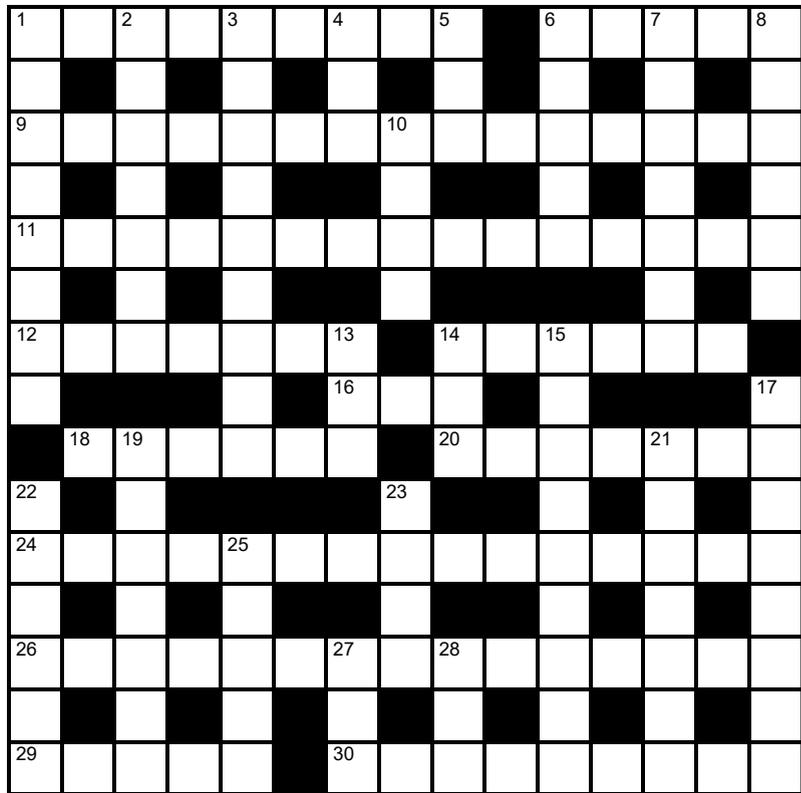


Across

- 1 Laugh very loudly cutting piece of cake for bird (9)
- 6 See through deception: there's one in the clue... (5)
- 9 ...there's one in the clue, but not in polite conversation (1,4,6,4)
- 11 Of all the single digit numbers, this is 9 (4,3,3,5)
- 12 US state where William resided 1981-82 (7)
- 14 "*Masses are ultimately absorbed by trifles,*" say pretentious types (6)
- 16 Breast reduction gets negative reaction (3)
- 18 *Times* cryptic by foremost of setters could be fan-bloody-tastic (6)
- 20 Simon said call him repeatedly; Garfunkel rejected nonsense lyrics (3-2-2)
- 24 *The Telegraph* crossword is often positioned so poorly (5,3,7)
- 26 Get first prize in the WI fair covering iconic song (6,2,3,4)
- 29 "Lispy" duck? That's just silly (5)



- 30 Person proposing to Iron Man is potty (9)
- 8 Fresh air sounds like something naturist would enjoy (6)
- 10 Take care where you write your answer (4)
- 13 Husband's middle reverting to six-pack (3)
- 14 See 5
- 15 Egyptian river rising and engulfing a poor Egyptian town (2,7)
- 17 Next to Newfoundland, this breed is more manageable size (8)
- 19 Heard Bernie legged it with ill-gotten gains (4,3)
- 21 He doesn't believe what he is told, not entirely (7)
- 22 Doubt I could be moved to make a better offer (6)
- 23 Student, eruditely answering numerous starters for 10 (4)
- 25 Spitting cobra in Yosemite, camouflaged (5)
- 27 Trendy new pub (3)
- 28 Cricket umpire holding belly in (3)

Down

- 1 Tea without milk or sugar for clergyman (8)
- 2 Excited to get employment in a bar (7)
- 3 Reportedly Rupert's grandparents or other ancestors (9)
- 4 Oddly, niece is born in Nice (3)
- 5/14 Betty's soapdish! (6)
- 6 Pinky-orange colour produced by final flicker in ember (5)
- 7 Under fifty, dare