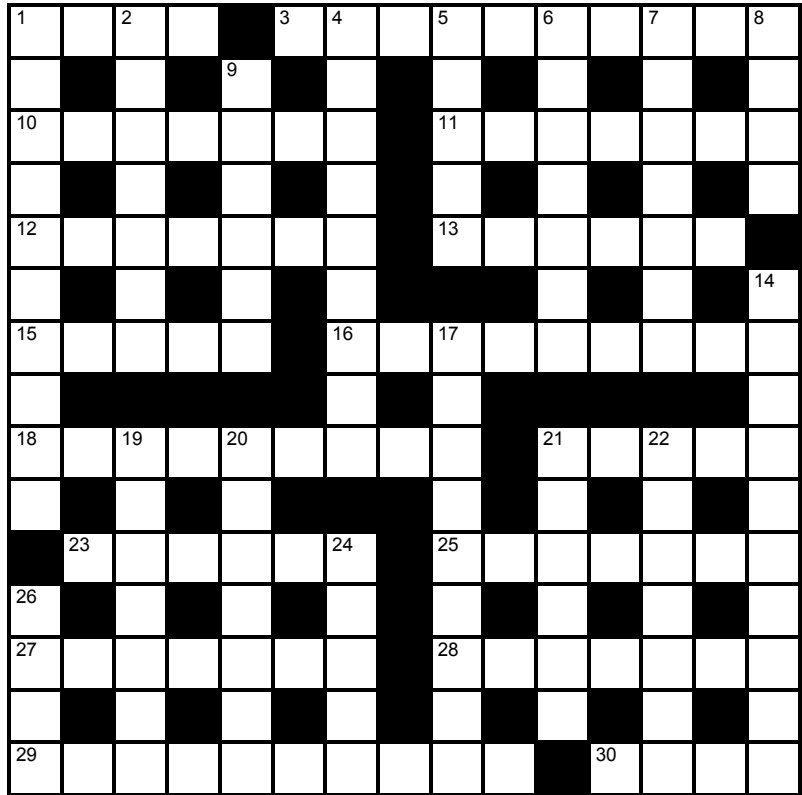


Across

- 1 Dig around far end of slate quarry (4)
- 3 It's characteristic of boys to conceal quiet pee in water (5,5)
- 10 Female wannabe badly mixed-up and orientationally discontented (7)
- 11 Tube's improving but not right around historic city (7)
- 12 In job-centre a clerk offers intolerable sentimentality (7)
- 13 Two men preempt news of aged relative's record award (6)
- 15 Topless young ladies - Jenny and Charlie? (5)
- 16/26 Child support line subjected to cut (9,4)
- 18 John Le Carré for one's bursting - use my pond! (9)
- 21 Summit conference to begin tackling one subject ... (5)
- 23 ... where questions may be asked of those who've already departed (6)
- 25 Deprived leading lady's view regularly ignored by director (7)
- 27 Character of gas



- 28 Tinseltown's foremost award has bad smell with the French concluding it's a lottery (7)
- 29 Correspond and link up with Morecambe? (2,8)
- 30 Unguarded spots (4)
- Down**
- 1 Top MP is all freaked out by visible indications of power (5,5)
- 2 Constant ambition's toned down ... (7)
- 4 ... that's just the
- 5 Villainous heavyweight fighter's touring Britain, staging a comeback (2,3)
- 6 Flyposting? (7)
- 7 Old Scotsman's floored by drug runner in Washington (7)
- 8 Got a load of colour up round top of ears (4)
- 9 A graduate copper's one you can count on (6)
- 14 Multiple killer's held back at resort (5,5)
- 17 Bimbos set out to get spots obliterated (4,5)
- 19 Look at you, old-fashioned wearing unfamiliar label (7)
- 20 Dingy Scottish church from where host was rescued (7)
- 21 Old are upset over university scholar's distressing experience (6)
- 22 Sweet dancer (7)
- 24 Settle on climax that's painful (5)
- 26 See 16 Across