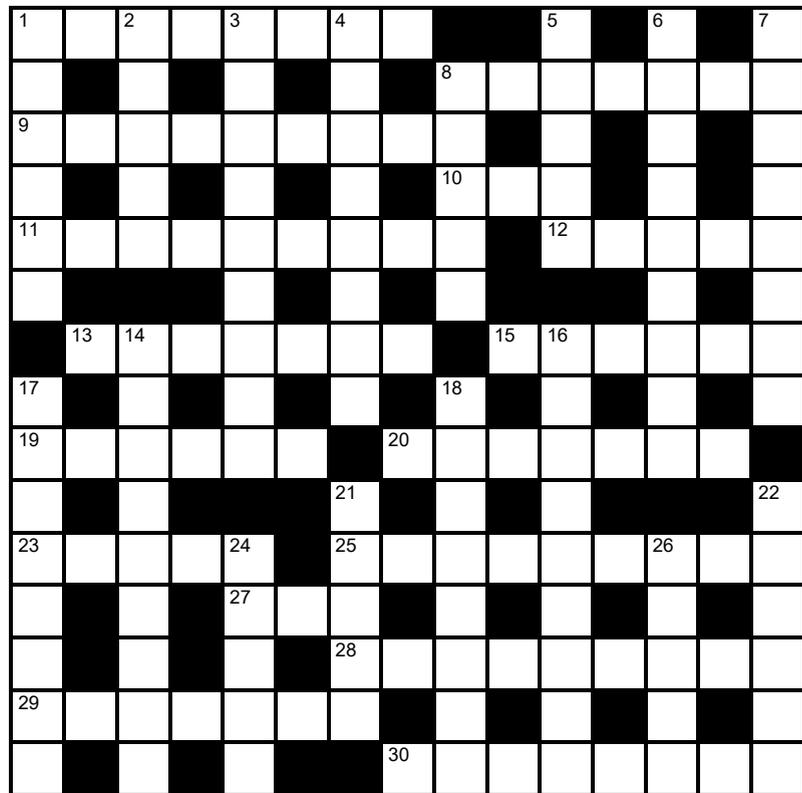


Across

- 1 Lupin? It's weed. Once half is cut - on reflection it could be lupin (8)
- 8 High and dry? Silver bullet offers solution (7)
- 9 Brian rails endlessly, unfortunate for someone who values silence (9)
- 10 Setter is informal young woman (3)
- 11 Spot on place where you don't want one (2,3,4)
- 12 Can reduce sex by a third - still promiscuous (5)
- 13 It's made of flour or flower (7)



- 15 Well-built with neat even spread (6)
- 19 "Tool" is derogatory comment when someone has cut line (6)
- 20 One must be home by sunrise (5 a.m.) before people inside rouse - early starters (7)
- 23 Heron relocated to foreign river (5)
- 25 Reportedly impoverished and struggling artist produced these works (9)
- 27 Risk indicators include something slippy underfoot (3)

- 28 Tree-hugger put gnarled oak before arable cultivation (5,4)
- 29 Mrs Simpson besieged at seaside destination (7)
- 30 Put foreign money in bank just a moment ago (8)

Down

- 1 Pattern of goodness overcoming evil (6)
- 2 Beet has bravo for Cyborg (5)
- 3 Drunk her brown ale without any resistance as a stiffener (9)
- 4 Dial stopped temporarily? (4,4)

- 5 Twitter troll has change of heart (5)
- 6 This underdog makes a lot of noise (9)
- 7 Strange chaps drain tankards for remnants (8)
- 8 Financial backer gives penniless Peter leg up (5)

- 14 Middle England drones on about Eastenders? (9)
- 16 U R but not "you are"? (5-4)
- 17 Cyberspace pseudonym a champion blogger ends up going by: "Cryptic Sue" (8)

- 18 Confusingly, both air and e.g. car (8)
- 21 Based in Home Counties, regressive political party drops leader - dope (5)
- 22 Place for butt scratching - hotel off the beaten track (6)
- 24 Drugs influence student's work (5)
- 26 That is result of crash diets (2,3)