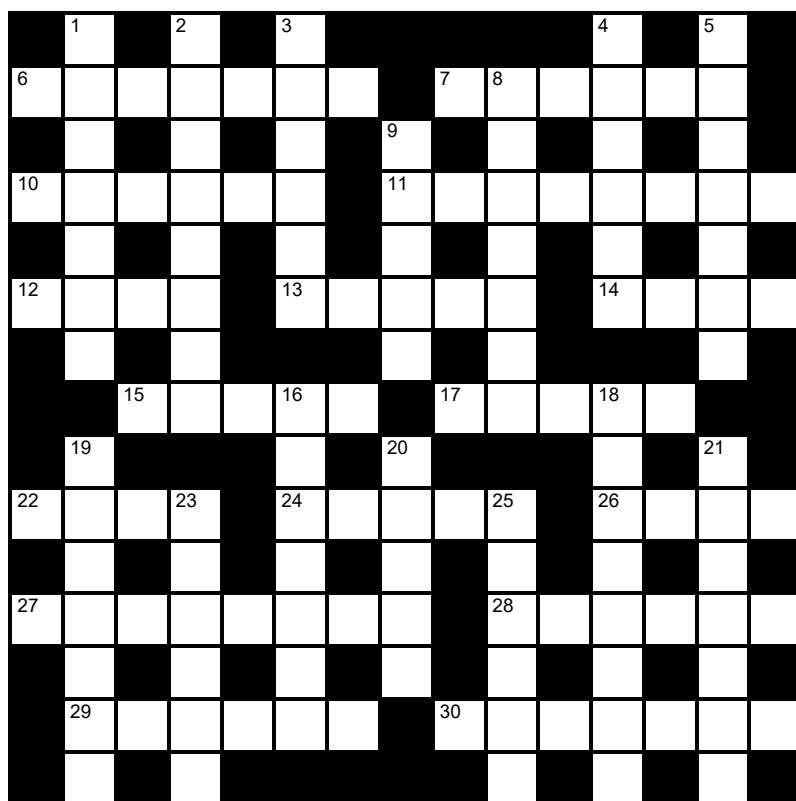


Stripey Horse (5)

This puzzle is dedicated to Hilary and deliberately incorporates as many crosswordese 3 downs as could be fitted into the grid and clues.

**Across**

- 6** Couple of girls; one on each knee (7)
7 English flower festival (6)
10 Madagascan animal disturbed centre (6)
11 Former partner with abundant special things to be imitated (8)
12 Vermin return to play principal role (4)
13 Weird lake, we hear (5)
14 Marsh grass turned over for ruminant mammal (4)
15 Brief spell of activity; unwanted e-mail involving slush principally (5)

- 17** Sound of hesitation about the number (5)
22 Steep-sided flat-topped hill's peculiar seam (4)
24 Garlic condiment in ravioli (no need for revised version) (5)
26 Alas tit consumed wine (4)
27 Day of Wrath passes away, occasionally improbable (4,4)
28 Tender foot regularly felt bad (6)
29 Refuse to acknowledge princess's thing peculiar to her (6)
30 Let bank, by arrangement, cover (7)

Down

- 1** Wildly entraps father and mother (7)
2 Proper ad organised for pungently sweet boiled sweet (4,4)
3 Principally crossword language in clues hopefully easy, filled with stereotypes (6)
4 Sexually potent fellow inherently sanctimonious, dull in understanding (6)
5 Liberate honey maker, one given away for nothing (7)
8 Poetic foot peasant sorted out (7)
9 Could be crossing black and white animal (5)

- 16** Little bird in dispute and squabble (7)
18 Coral snake in heart of Niger gliding away (8)
19 Stretches of time dubious parodies not accepted (7)
20 Lover from Italy's capital (old) (5)
21 Stammering bumble of street-speak (7)
23 Estimate the value of female donkey maybe? (6)
25 African antelope, mischievous creature, a leaping animal primarily (6)