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An appropriate pair of letters is omitted from the wordplay in all across clues

Across

1 Live around pub with a compass-holder (8)

5 Timers sanction taking turns with poison gas (6)

10 Towards the beginning, obviously (7)

11 "Something to chew" in old English is obscure (7)

12 Swallows huge amounts of applause (6)

13 Controlled one's horse, being laid-back (8)

14 What not do do before June at a scout bash (4,1,5)

16 Hint from backward political grouping (4)

18 Family article (4)

20 One with coat on's perplexed by one with no respect for tradition (10)

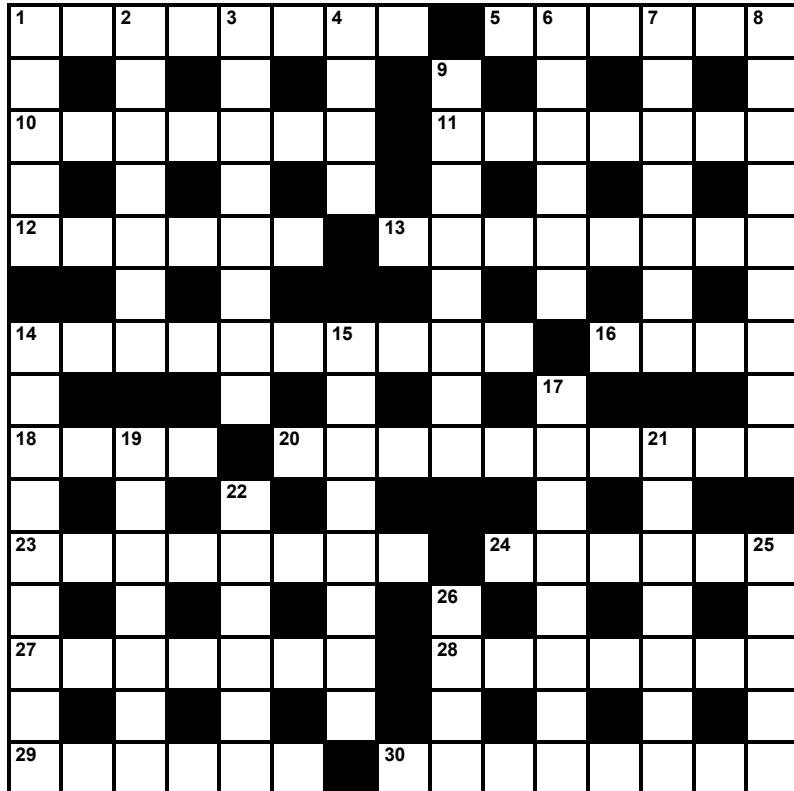
23 Be much better than someone publicly admitted to be a fool (8)

24 It gives forecasts from alternative hospital department (6)

27 Make different knots with cross hairs (7)

28 Quick way to get down costs hollowed out by treatment centres (7)

29 Centres character that's backwards (6)



30 2 who are afraid of the soup dragon (8)

Down

1 Male swan climbing on top of male Nazi (5)

2 Delve unevenly into topless joints and sewers (7)

3 After arm-twisting, setter meets emperor in Indian city (8)

4 Old songs of what chicken does (4)

6 Area where the pub has electricity (6)

7 How to reach the French underground? (7)

8 Saint leaves and finishes on time, being most reliable (9)

9 Runner to fail at point which shows complete commitment (2,6)

14 Young Conservative group get into empty vehicle with working accelerator (9)

15 Hair on household animal standing up in fixed formation (8)

17 Having no rights at all, clergyman is held in

contempt - that's a stinger! (8)

19 Changeable when French director is caught (7)

21 Farm body has herb in long-term store (7)

22 Carole Lombard initially ready to play darts for a hat (6)

25 Stops failing to start and gets less difficult (5)

26 System destroying coal (4)