

Alchemi 169 *by Alchemi*

The wordplay in eight clues ignores herbs and other leaves used in cooking

Across

7 Show displeasure as small animal reaches final end (5)

8 Country fellow has excellent returns (9)

10 Artist returning chairman's digger with scales (9)

11 15s get time to replace 500 books (5)

12 Auction includes early Victorian medicinal preparation (5)

13 Scaring off alien blocking a sort of do (9)

15 Blade severing artist's head (7)

18 Goat-antelope is following actor in company (7)

21 Perform an aria while moving very fast (9)

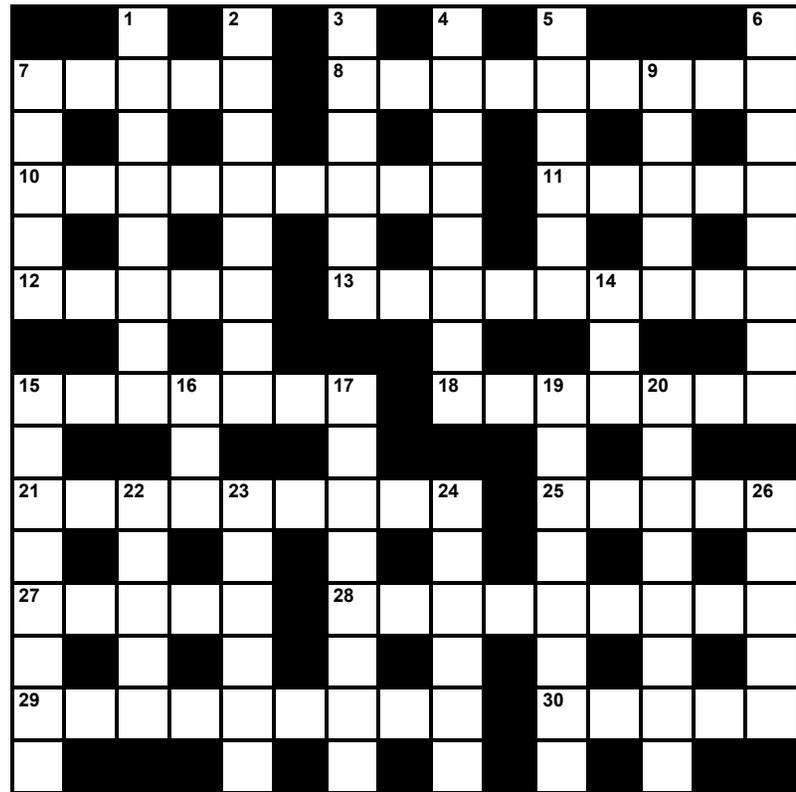
25 Gunmen leave wine-flasks in diners (5)

27 Comment piece following the line ran with no trouble at all (5)

28 Game no good with no backing (9)

29 Painting it pains me to put in church is one showing Egyptian royal characters (9)

30 Raptor decapitated dog (5)



Down

1 Either sex associate with official authorisation (8)

2 Club's move forward blocked by Liberal (8)

3 Walked slowly as American doctor directed (6)

4 Alchemi cannot resist offering such tripe in crosswords? (8)

5 Movie worker books into Alton Towers attraction, possibly to get a lift (6)

6 Corridors of power on a ship (8)

7 Exchanges begin several feet up (5)

9 Some Meissen I'm bidding for clouds (5)

14/16 It's not typical of us to gossip (6)

15 I see a dome (8)

16 See 14

17 Grand taxi comes up to follow long line of cars (8)

19 Records Bulgarians centrally (8)

20 Kills volunteers, say, up behind the flats (8)

22 Don't bother with meal's starter for speed (5)

23 Left-winger to fight Cabinet minister's case (3,3)

24 Tagged mysterious device (6)

26 Because the church supports adultery? (5)