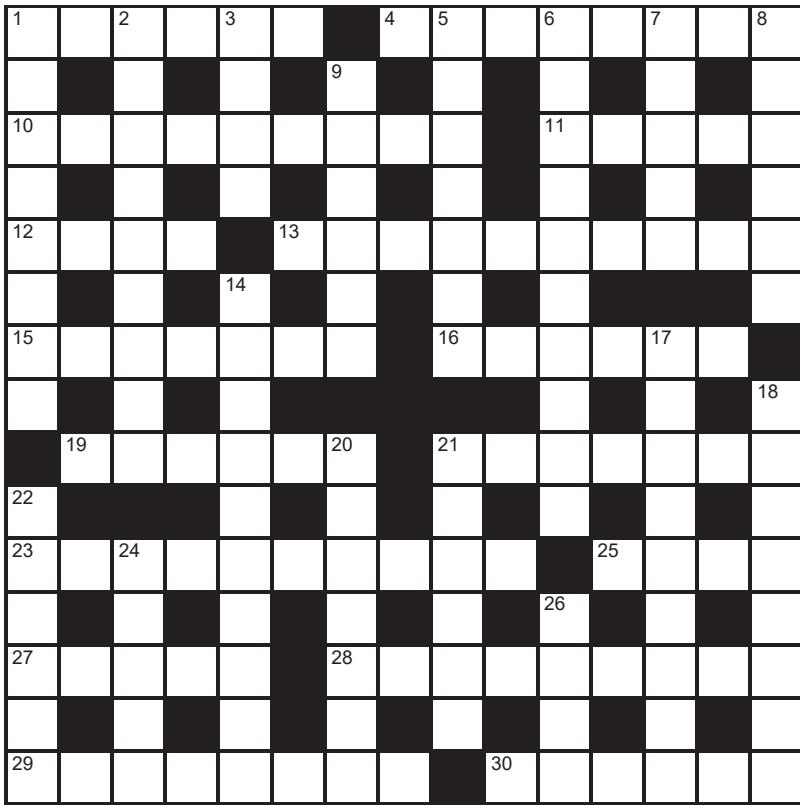


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ACROSS

- Primate of Nigeria's first objective is revolutionary (6)
- Accompanied by physician, Earl and wife retired (8)
- Pick apart detective's cover (9)
- Discovered charm ultimately softens stubborn types (5)
- Declaration of old king's long-serving chancellor (4)
- Berate clan about bread and wine store (10)
- Overtake measure relating to head coverings (7)
- Threaten to go out, say, after golf (6)
- A French star essentially struggled to produce instrumental? (6)
- Spot bishop from Flanders forsaking female (7)
- Drug Andy distributed outside church in Luxembourg, say (5,5)
- Concept middleman oddly ignored (4)
- Stones hit about pursuing love (5)
- Caught in pit, Steerpike mostly lived on dried fruits? (9)
- Detest value placed on administrator (8)
- Sat around island in state of readiness (6)

DOWN

- Horseman stripped knight captured by perverse henchman (8)
- Crooked young lady starts to harangue acclaimed writer (9)
- Open uprising in Canberra jail (4)
- Extremely idiotic diver lying about shipping hazard (7)
- Unconventional uni has time for the arts (10)
- Priest taken in by Catholic artefact (5)
- Hardy country women regularly feast on it (6)
- Part of coast RAF effectively hit with heavy fire (6)
- Kitchen appliance cheapskate initially rejected is under fifty-one pounds (10)
- Free love sired sinners (9)
- Prevented growth obstructing the judge's heart (8)
- Epicurean rogue drunkenly embracing male model (7)
- Supporting bum in arrears (6)
- Pay no heed to Italian gentleman disowning son (6)
- Seaman thanks upstanding European moderate (5)
- Reject physio's conclusion supporting surgeon (4)

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