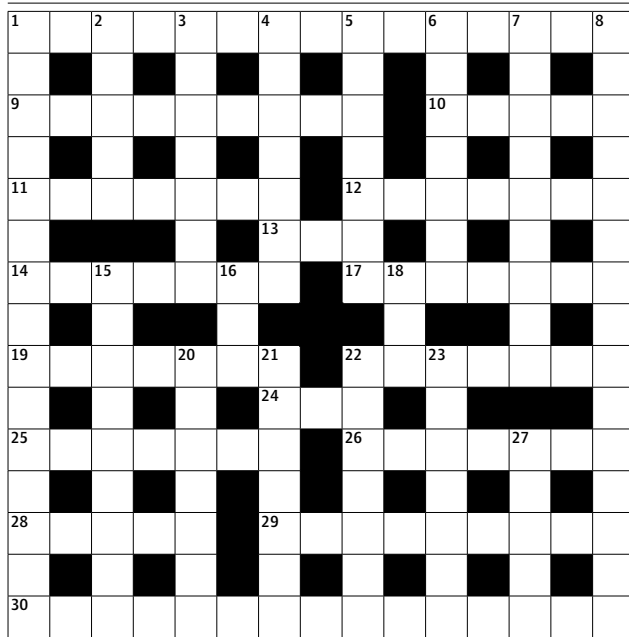


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Across

- 1 Crisis time – my fish supper costs less (3,5,3,4)
- 9 Set meals? (2,7)
- 10 Always after street guide (5)
- 11 English county town loses ring – one by a pottery factory (7)
- 12 Astronomer putting sign on old boat, we're told (7)
- 13 Could be rock and roll (3)
- 14 Prevents progress of some slim pedestrians (7)
- 17 Squealed about tune for drink (7)
- 19 Insects with antenna set askew (7)
- 22 Otherwise expressed – sullied (3-4)
- 24 Beard having a couple of points (3)
- 25 Poor actor's part as expressed on picnic menu (3,4)
- 26 Assembly's advice overheard (7)
- 28 Less than two articles abroad (5)
- 29 Unresting revolutionary – certainly! (9)
- 30 Lag who wouldn't! (7,8)

Down

- 1 Eliot thought she edited novel (2,3,10)
- 2 Prior or Prebendary (5)

- 3 C for "county division" (7)
- 4 Low-cost homes preferred by sailors (7)
- 5 Transfers a shilling to Marks (7)
- 6 Letter from Minneapolis one man left out (7)
- 7 How Father Time surveys chieftains (9)
- 8 King of Arms moving Arnold to nursery (6,3,6)
- 15 From whom injured camper gets aid (9)
- 16 Amphibian with feet under earth (3)
- 18 Fall ill, having bad weather in the East End (3)
- 20 In Latin, I stumble over exercise that's self-absorbed (3,4)
- 21 Top soldiers joined forces and set out (7)
- 22 Almost 2.54cm, bit of iron's on gold tooth (7)
- 23 Types of window allowing smoke to escape (7)
- 27 The Macnabs, say, taking ecstasy. No! (5)

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