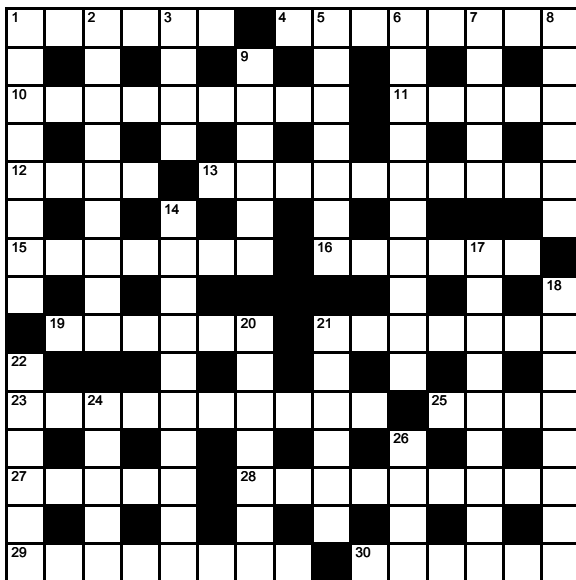


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- 1 Ignore the ring-road, maybe (6)
- 4 Bird predicting bad weather at dawn? (8)
- 10 So, some fought here for emperor (9)
- 11 Best eastern roof cover goes west (5)
- 12 Spirit starts to ebb long after nightfall (4)
- 13 Well looked-after, as HM's guest here? (2,4,4)
- 15 Shylock type grabs power – so does he! (7)
- 16 Long drought (6)
- 19 Old lovers joined in annual motor race (2,4)
- 21,23 Fantastic Indian owner called Rocky (5-2-10)
- 25 German numbers game novice should avoid (4)
- 27 Star with a 30 and possibly a 50 (5)
- 28 I must talk rubbish – hard to do for a man! (5-4)
- 29 Not looking forward to daughter at university? (8)
- 30 Dodgy business causing noise pollution (6)

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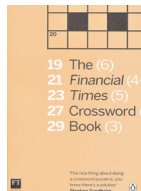
- 1 Flower that lacks colour, initially, like 17 (6,2)
- 2 Sort of short ear trumpet, not fully developed (9)
- 3 Sound of an Indian hunt (4)
- 5 Level of competition to get in Open University (4,3)
- 6 Career “ceiling” fixed by Department of Transport (5,5)
- 7 First person to uphold a liberal defence (5)
- 8 Minor adjustments take time – weeks, we hear (6)
- 9 Rather like a native of Oklahoma (6)
- 14 Shocked to take in sappers in battledress? (10)
- 17 Flatter course, say (5,4)
- 18 Where skilful potter should get richer (2,6)
- 20 Single brother almost became king (7)
- 21 Registers of uncultivated plants? (6)
- 22 Wound made by identical English sword, finally (6)
- 24 Jog naked around midnight (5)
- 26 Great singer takes up most of sofa (4)

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