

CROSSWORD

All the Across and two Down solutions lack a thematic definition

ACROSS

- 1 Mother gets the bird (6)
- 4 Against embracing member in decline (8)
- **9** Vane turning round right and left (6)
- 10 Leading Crufts trainer? (8)
- 12 Drink heartily, eating bap (8) 13, 15 Six kings by Thames in
- spate (6,4)
- **16** Azed is troubled by lisping girl (5,5)
- **19** Partners circling base shack with opponent (5,5)
- 20 Rice monkey (4)
- **23, 25** To prejudice gangster's girl in home (6.8)
- 27 From Shetland (8)
- **28** Flinch, holding power (6)
- 29 Poor Anne's red (8)
- **30** Hemingway cycling with bird in Home Counties (6)

DOWN

- 1 Detailed, small summary (7)
- 2 Endless tome, novel composed about rector (9)
- **3** Group once more no kidding! (6)
- **5** An hour of sport, apparently, on river (4)

- **6** Fraction of log about Satanism (8)
- 7 Workman started fire again, upset (5)
- **8** Hank worried about strange old African leader (7)
- 11 Ostentatious agent holding cato'-nine-tails (7)
- 14 Important epoch compared with 1 down? (3-4)
- **17** Wild painter accepting measure, getting cross (2,1,6)
- 18 Hero's appeal to shrub (8)
- **19** The devil rises, expressing surprise at girl (7)
- 21 This US trainee has time for computer network (7)
- 22 A soldier in bed. Quite the opposite (6)
- 24 Some fibre added for money (5)
- 26 Worn-out horse is a gem (4)

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