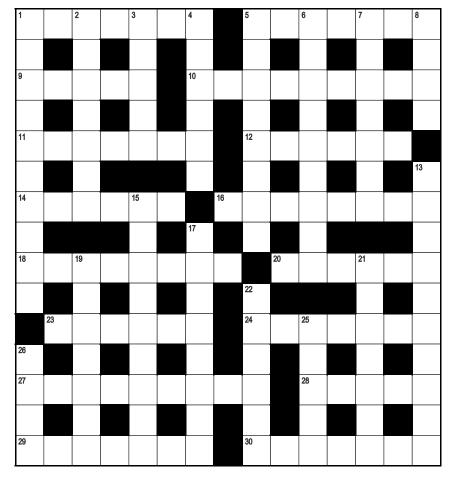
## **Cryptic 2024-08**



## Across:

- 1 Most prestigious emblem's centerpiece set in fancy stone (7)
- 5 Bishop Daniels regularly precedes one very loud constable (7)
- 9 Pull out some crab or tuna? (5)
- 10 Made improvements to study at university? Perfect, if revolutionary (4-5)
- 11 Come between me and companion, crowding yours truly (7)
- 12 Small insect circling head of one that's bald (6)
- 14 Top of swimsuit and a large thong (6)
- 16 Giddy lovers are missing ring it's a setback (8)
- 18 Exerted right, going for member parking without obligation (8)
- 20 Performing Act One immediately (2,4)
- 23 Urgent letter's contents are delicate (6)
- 24 Every other tree's cut by single female. Why? To set things right (7)
- 27 Overwhelmed, Dale hides in bed, eating pizzas, essentially (9)
- 28 Messenger turning tail in a corner (5)
- 29 Offer blessing for runny red nose (7)
- 30 Action stopped by half of finger, whatever that means? (7)

## Down:

- 1 Close calls of northeastern troops losing energy on southern enemies' borders (4,6)
- 2 Benjamin occupied by drive to expand (7)
- 3 Overly dramatic former partner brought up talent (5)
- 4 Joe trades piece of cake for tea that's kind of sweet (6)
- 5 Threw out awful bean dish (8)
- 6 Silent type doesn't react, hiding most of treasure (9)
- 7 Part of design: it essentially lights up (7)
- 8 Get pale bringing up the Medicare fee every so often (4)
- 13 Secret agent capturing Lee, that guy, and a director for one wanting to retire (10)
- 15 Spoil a prize pet with a little bite (9)
- 17 Gang flees from village green, rattled by sound of alarm (8)
- 19 Initially edited manuscript, eagerly nailing down each detail! (7)
- 21 Spooner said, "Blast, nobody's a sharp shooter?" (4,3)
- 22 Ed takes on riding competition without finishing, becoming worn out (6)
- 25 Cold hotel with a furnace primarily full of rubbish (5)
- 26 Expert report of a strong market (4)