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## A Puzzle by Coot

### Sorry I can't be with you ...

#### Across

1 That man's following set habits (7)

5 What's grassy salad? The epitome of bad luck (4,3)

9 Note way to break any opposition (9)

10 Relative boils no potatoes? (5)

11 Contribution from London Oratory benefactor (5)

12 Show objection including by recoiling at youngster's language (4,4)

15 Illustrious scientist taking American railroad west (5)

17 Frequent praise? Not bad! (9)

19 Leaving end of piste, irate skier's crude and offensive (3,6)

20 What's fabricated at home for longer sleep? (3-2)

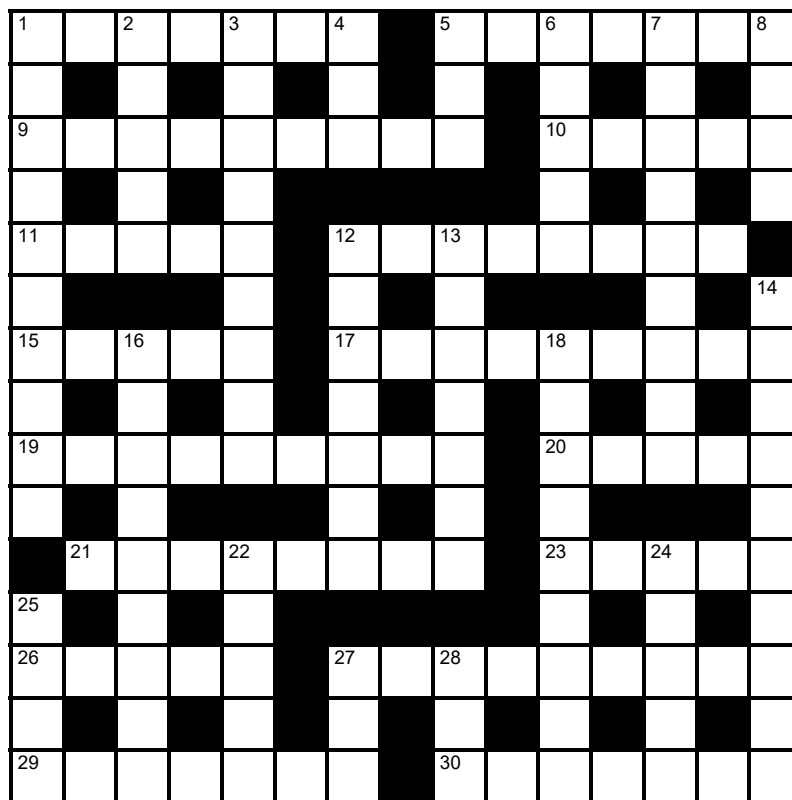
21 Special guys felling willow, maybe for T20 batsmen? (8)

23 Football owners dropping peripheral characters as sanction (5)

26 Nothing sinful about fruit (5)

27 Frustrate partner when game is lost (9)

29 Date front of restored country church (7)



30 Call about a well-equipped vehicle, base for food outlet (7)

6 Intimidate 10's partner with glimpse of dagger (5)

16 Be 4th in the table? (9)

18 One with loads of energy, in the main ... (3,6)

22 ... a lot of energy when nervous is common (5)

24 Take off cast student placed over bottom of thigh (5)

25 Long journey to Hull from Upminster (4)

27 Sign in botanic garden read out (3)

28 You'll find it within fencing (3)

#### Down

1 Forceful interrupting argument against any fizzy wine (10)

2 One plastered across paper frequently (5)

3 Worked up message on mobile references ... (9)

4 ... extremely tense boozier (3)

5 Hesitant aboard posh yacht (3)

7 Start a diet now? It depends on where you are (5,4)

8 Audible system that's enjoyed by arachnophobic girl (4)

12 Born in Serengeti, elephant initially receives fitting name (7)

13 Those laying down case of transparent drinks bottles (7)

14 Extremely small, go into cities with support (5-5)