

The Courteous Cryptic #1 by anto, @sarhanis on Twitter

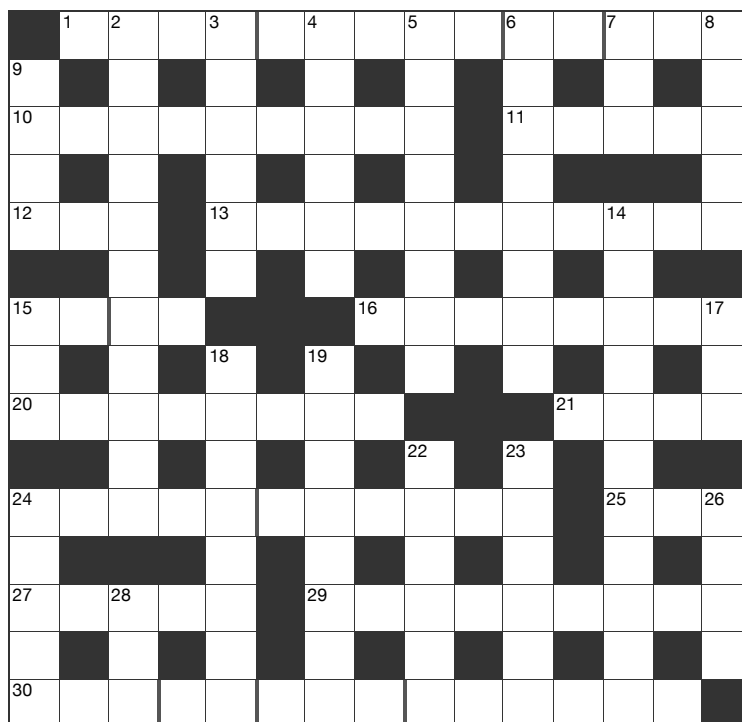
Difficulty: a solid workout

ACROSS

- 1 Be superior and do as this clue does? (4,5,2,3)
 10 Stats organisation to swindle the Swiss refugee (9)
 11 Auditor couriered bouquet (5)
 12 Australian runner's dash up first (3)
 13 Look guilty as Lawrence puts forward playing in mini car (11)
 15 See 30 across
 16 Outrageous shortfall snuffs out mischievous craic (8)
 20 Effervescently decent New York habit (8)
 21 Tops Tania is about to wear out (4)
 24 Navy gangster's newspaper address (5,6)
 25 Encourage inspiring gee-up course (3)
 27 A foreign national freedom movement overturns smart measure (5)
 29 Fanciful wise guys drenched by rainy squalls (9)
 30,15 How to solve this clue in this crossword, fundamentally? (3,2,3,6,2,2)

DOWN

- 2 Heedlessness about fiancé-cousin headlessness (11)
 3 Sexual tremor after space-filling love (6)
 4 Clothing stench cube (6)
 5 Six claret mix straight up (8)
 6 Urge inclusions to can court (8)
 7 A modern PC-version gun (3)
 8 Flexible, intrinsically useful IT help (5)
 9 Lion locks manacle without season-ending injury (4)
 14 Singing cardinal follows out-of-tune chair and has a go at Islands in the Stream? (11)
 15 A single breakfast regular contradicts Chinese wisdom (3)
 17 General cover (3)
 18 Delimited string got behind new German particle (8)
 19 Bon is high Hebrew for a kind of terrier (8)
 22 Smear sleep with astringently ugly brush heads (6)
 23 Foremost spy soundly fooled authoritarian (6)
 24 Low-grade lithium no good for affair (5)
 26 Cheer on unknown, highly-rated Spanish master (4)
 28 Serial Darwinian turned social worker (3)



ABOUT THE COURTEOUS CRYPTIC

- The underlined words in the clues are all indicators or instructions.
- Any word without an underline is a definition, synonym, abbreviation, linking word or fodder for an indicator or instruction.
- The thicker lines in the grid are for the word breaks in the answers and because this crossword is ever so courteous.

Poetrics #2

Difficulty: breezy

Sonnet 138 is a classic Shakespearean sonnet. The lines are end-rhymed iambic pentameter, which means lines of ten syllables with alternating stress (five iambs) whose ends rhyme according to the following pattern:

da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM
 When **my** love **swears** that **she** is **made** of **truth**

ABAB CDCD EFEF GG
 Rhymed are, e.g., *young* and *tongue* in lines 5 and 7

With this information, you should be able to fill in the sonnet's blanks from the selections in the left column.

SELECTIONS

- changing course (2,1)
- the eye of heaven (1,1,1,2)
- sometime declines (2,2)
- a date (1,1)
- eternal summer (3,2)
- eyes can see (1,1,1)
- eternal lines to time (3,1,1,1)
- lives this (1,1)
- more lovely (1,2)
- lose possession (1,3)
- buds of May (1,1,1)
- in his shade (1,1,1)

Note: the bracketed numbers are the syllable count

SONNET 18 BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

- 1 Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
 Thou art _____ and more temperate.
 Rough winds do shake the darling _____,
 And summer's lease hath all too short _____.
- 5 Sometime too hot _____ shines,
 And often is his gold complexion dimmed;
 And every fair from fair _____,
 By chance, or nature's _____, untrimmed;
- 9 But thy _____ shall not fade,
 Nor _____ of that fair thou ow'st,
 Nor shall death brag thou wand'rest _____,
 When in _____ thou grow'st.
- 13 So long as men can breathe, or _____,
 So long _____, and this gives life to thee.