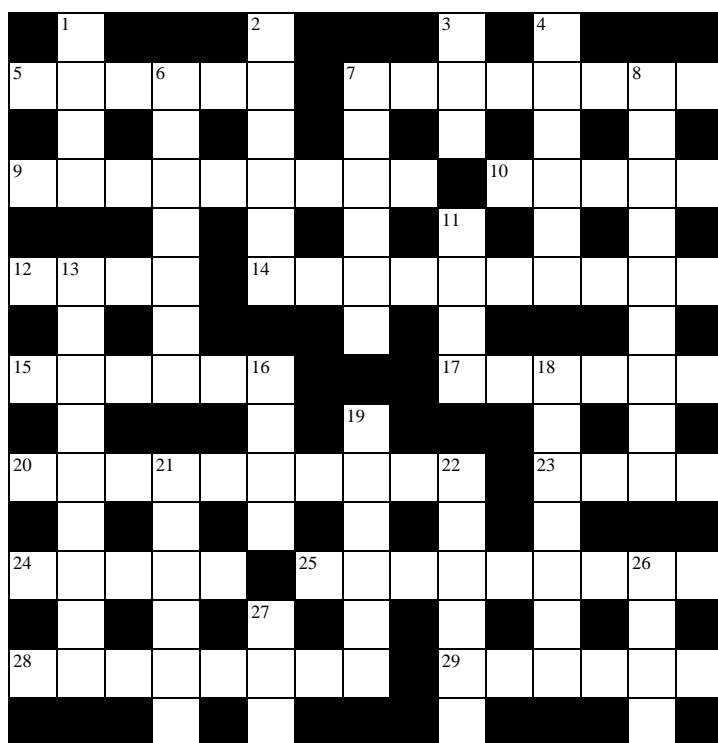


POYNTON U3A CROSSWORD PUZZLE No.21



ACROSS

- 5 Versatile tea leaves - if brewed they make a precious metal! (6)
 7 Sounds like wet weather darling - let's give Santa a ride! (8)
 9 Daily help to cater roughly for personality. (9)
 10 Titled Ottoman in once more - sounds profitable! (5)
 12 Saluki with an exotic bird in hiding. (4)
 14 Twenty sound fed up - could be directors showing the state of play. (10)
 15 Vitamin store for a clergyman. (6)
 17 Rough sea, fit for a carnival. (6)
 20 Saddler? Bah! - rubbish. (10)
 23 Whirlpool emanating from the King Alfred dynasty. (4)
 24 5+10+50 and a musical instrument.(5)
 25 Sounds like a species of ape waiting to wage war. (9)
 28 Access to transport. (8)
 29 Large lady with a marital problem. (6)

DOWN

- 1 Creature initially found in Southport Harbour. (4)
 2 Plant that occurs in a storm. (6)
 3 It's a small bird, whichever way you look at it. (3)
 4 Out of order, I go after a lady in slow movement. (6)
 6 Nail coat, if without royalties would disappear. (7)
 7 Antelope spilled beer - OK! Agreed. (6)
 8 Tiger made to find new ground. (9)
 11 Have a moan about the Sunday roast. (4)
 13 Type of game played at Bletchley? - Yes, but it's spoof. (9)
 16 Maybe on the menu! Otherwise confined to the borders of Prestwick. (4)
 18 Doing some ironing at sundown. (7)
 19 EU Band giving name to European flower. (6)
 21 A lead singer? Who? Oh, of course. (6)
 22 Musical instrument by long established model company. (6)
 26 Animal connected with London Palace. (4)
 27 Note, Greek letter as an animal. (4)