Crossword 15,566 Set by Gaff

An anniversary puzzle

ACROSS

1. Grab-bag mostly packed with nutrition first (6)
4. Most outstanding rates get adjusted (8)
10. Successfully negotiate what one gets for fixing nails (6,3)
11. See 19
12. Reverse into crocodile pool (4)
13. Played worst in sort of mint Lycra, perhaps (10)
15. A lot of factory is only half working (7)
16. Back staff keeping 100% of the money (6)
19, 11. Speaking of how to drum excitedly (4,2,5)
21. Fair target for shy person (7)
23. Middle England furious about first lady exerting influence (10)
25. Lies about flight’s destination, maybe (4)
27. Roast? Yes and no (5)
28. Four kings start to abuse charters (9)
29. References unfinished dissertation about a Biblical city (8)
30. Cross at being taken in by trophy bride (6)

DOWN

1. Passover – when pulpit lament centres on my oath (2,4,2)
2. Being slightly car-mad, I’ll opt for small armoured one (9)
3. Short cut for hands (4)
5. Turned in tradition, turned in revolutionary (7)
6. Environmentally operated a time-piece from Russian city bar (5,5)
7. River full of a lot of mud and discharge (5)
8. Fancy this mid-thirties garment? (1-5)
9. Slip up in supplement to bill on opening night (6)
14. Black singer captures wanderers’ hearts in fairy tale (10)
17. In a river, heartless Nelson has what he needs to weigh anchor (9)
18. Lid with stye’s treated artificially (8)
20. Tomcat maybe one having scraps (7)
21. Subject of legendary royal waves (6)
22. Burning the 4 Gospels helps terrorist leaders (6)
24. Second in command boards wrong express (5)
26. Degree next to minute (4)

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