21 What may prevent new arrival 14 Special quality of number ten.

conservative departed voluntarily supported by clubs perhaps (8)

fine player (1-6)

country (6)

bottom (4)

to gust eerily (6)

flan? (6)

17 Fuel anger between female

and group of elders, say (8)

18 Upstanding rugby lad interrupts to help old fogey (8)

19 Ensemble's quiet ballad

22 Extreme characters with

business degree traversing one

23 Which French cook trimmed

24 Wind up North, in time, starts

27 Genuine sort of college, top to

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ACROSS	DOWN	1		2		3			4	5		6		7	8
1 Twig seen in roof at home (6)	1 On the house account,														
4 Musical device left within	American spies baked produce	9							10						
reach, when son leaves (8) 9 Clergyman's long stick catches	(8) 2 Pop album's tremulous singer							11							
vermin (6) 10 Pupils supposedly can't	capturing hearts (8) 3 Research institute erected in	12									13				
stomach this old Liberal boring class non-stop (8) 12 Tailed journalist's work vehicle	twelve months, as expected (2,4) 5 Sheltered hindmost to check									14					\neg
		15					16								
somewhere in Midwest (8)	6 Constant money needed					17								18	19
13 Weather office that ruminates about particular shower (6)	around Venice on vacation, resort famously steep (8)				20								21		
15 Couple's printing unit	7 Regret housing fashionable	22		23								24			
following modern technology (4) 16 Prison food's not filling,	daughter that's insolvent (6) 8 Insubstantial meal at Greek's	25							26						
needing much fluid (7)	all discounted by half (6)							27							
20 Type of item that's worn with fly down (3-4)	11 Announcer's signalling in train? (7)	28									29				



parking wrong (4)

and fish (4.4)

(2.6)

airfield (6)

25 A hairstyle, just one length,

26 Private place to visit with line,

that jeweller exhibits? (6)

28 Past chilled bar, central

29 Promised land, European

30 Brief story smoker recalled

about City function (8)

character receives an abandoned

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