

1	P	A	R	A	B	O	L	A		5	C	A	S	T	R	O
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9	S	T	R	A	W	M	A	N		10	P	R	I	N	C	E
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12	U	P	T	H	E	A	N	T	E		13	P	L	A	I	D
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17	S		18											E		A
19	C	O	R	B	E	T	T			21	R	U	D	E		
	O		I		E		R							22		23
24	W	O	G	A	N			25	E	X	C	E	S	S	I	V
	L		I		B		K			K		Q		L		T
27	I	N	N	E	E	D			28	S	M	O	U	L	D	E
	N		A		L						A		A		E	
29	G	E	L	A	T	O			30	S	N	O	W	D	R	O

The six solutions* are celebrities who died in 2016. They now push up daisies.

Across

- 1 Graphic portrayal of unknown unknown (8)
PARABOLA – $(y=) x^2$ [unknown unknown] is a parabola when graphed
- 5 Half of cartel take on a good man and end up with nothing (6)
*CASTRO** - *CAR* [half of cartel] + *ST* [good man] inside + *O* [end up with nothing]
- 9 Small time fellow adopts crude fallacy (8)
STRAWMAN – *S* [small] + *T* [time] + *MAN* [fellow] with *RAW* [crude] inside
- 10 Claw back to second place (6)
*PRINCE** - *PINCER* with the *R* shifted
- 12 Escalate before ambassador has European worker put out (2, 3, 4)
UP THE ANTE – *HE* [Ambassador] with *E* [European] + *ANT* [worker] + *UPT* [put out] at the start
- 13 Pattern discerned from reverse **radial** parameterisation (5)
PLAID – hidden backwards in the clue
- 14 “*Crikey*, England lacking alternatives here” (4)
EGAD – the alternative letters in England
- 16 Goes to heaven having nicked a pair of Isla’s bloomers (7)
DAISIES – *DIES* [go to heaven] + *A* + *IS* [half of Isla] inside
- 19 Off the booze after church hosted ball (7)
*CORBETT** - *CE* [church] + *ORB* [ball] inside + *TT* [off the booze, teetotal]
- 21 Primitive beginnings of rebel uprising displeases emperor (4)
RUDE - first letters of each word
- 24 Took gold, taking silver back (5)
*WOGAN** - *WON* [took gold] + *AG* [silver] backwards inside
- 25 Rampant electronic sex vices are a bit much (9)
EXCESSIVE - anagram of *E* [electronic] + *SEX VICES*
- 27 With children at the front, it featured 24 (2, 4)
IN NEED – ‘Children in Need’ was presented by Terry Wogan
- 28 Dour, with not one smile, indicates rage inside (8)
SMOULDER – anagram of *DOUR* + *SMLE*
- 29 Ale got brewed for dessert (6)
GELATO - anagram of *ALE* + *GOT*
- 30 Violently drowns work of nature (8)
SNOWDROPS – anagram of *DROWNS* + *OP* [work]

Down

- 1 Either way look the same without hard exercise (4-2)
PUSH-UP – PUSH-UP [exercise] without H [hard] is a palindrome
- 2 One-off art has one in line (6)
RARITY – ART + I [one] in RY [railway line]
- 3 A personal affliction? You and I both have one (5)
BOWIE - BO [personal affliction] + WE [you and I] + I [one] inside*
- 4 Well-studied field rendered half useless (7)
LEARNED- LEA [field] + anagram of REND [half rendered]
- 6 Feverish Aphrodite wasted away (9)
ATROPHIED- anagram of APHRODITE
- 7 Country beat a Nazi senseless (9)
TANZANIA – TAN [beat] + anagram of A NAZI
- 8 Do without old poetry, it's bad for you (8)
OVERDOSE- DO with O [old] + VERSE [poetry] around it
- 11 At the beginning of 1630 (4)
SEED- daises [16] and snowdrop [30] begin as a seed
- 15 A common punishment for doing nothing constructive (9)
GREENBELT- GREEN [a common] + BELT [a punishment]
- 17 David's weapon has farm animal looking unhappy (8)
SCOWLING- SLING [David's weapon in bible] with COW inside
- 18 Old liar smuggles alcohol but switches sides first (8)
ORIGINAL- O [old] + RIAL [liar with l and r switched] + GIN inside
- 20 A journey to the sun, maybe? (4)
TREK- reference to Star [sun] Trek
- 21 Royal Infantry vessel carrying two thousand (7)
RICKMAN- RI [royal infantry] + CAN [vessel] + K[thousand] + M[thousand]*
- 22 Communist rule - one for all – beginning to rise up (6)
WILDER- RED [communist] + LAW [rule] then I instead of A [one for all] written backwards*
- 23 Explode after triple explosion (3, 3)
LET RIP- anagram of TRIPLE
- 26 A proverb hides question for Native American woman (5)
SQUAW- SAW [proverb] + QU [question] inside

