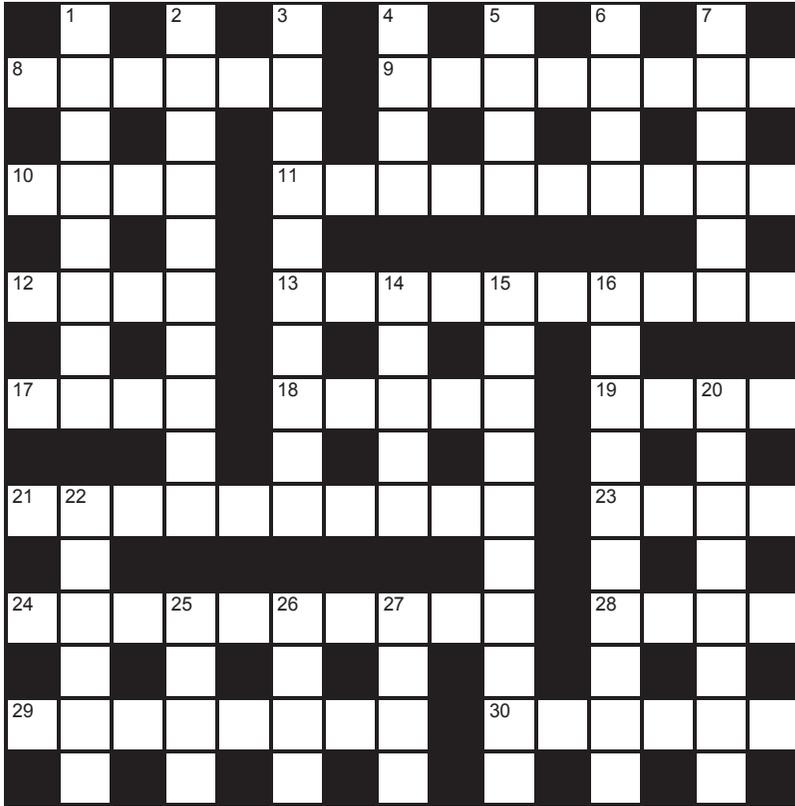


CROSSWORD

No 16,630 Set by JASON



ACROSS

- 8 Who's busy covering conflict in cave? (6)
- 9 This upset true lady (8)
- 10 Cheerful daughter avoiding butter, say (4)
- 11 Shed near Derby, for example, makes you depressed (7,3)
- 12 What's owed by one breaking out? Tons (4)
- 13 Stern, tough old bird that gets you in hot water? (4,6)
- 17 Instrument of early recordings (4)
- 18 Jelly's about flavour being slightly reduced (5)
- 19 Upon which Huck Finn went to shop, fellow admitted (4)
- 21 In leather gal shocked (3,3,4)
- 23 Game is beginning to settle down (4)
- 24 The mark of pirate mix remains (10)
- 28 Romp with high-flying singer (4)
- 29 A negative effect at the end of last month's declining (8)
- 30 Going for work before the sound of bell (6)

DOWN

- 1 Speciality shop absolutely makes distribution (8)
- 2 Relaxed with cryptic setter in secure comfort (4,6)
- 3 Republican sort who leads a dull life – one's often seen pickled (3,7)
- 4 British booze in bound bundle (4)
- 5 Mostly fast to lift those inevitable outcomes of austerity (4)
- 6 Boss who believes he can keep it up (4)
- 7 Thief's opening sack for something and nothing? (6)
- 14 Fruit juice fortified by wine, dad's restorative? (5)
- 15 A not wholly reliable ticket agency can split (6,4)
- 16 Shilly-shallying Tories rule in topsy-turvy fashion (10)
- 20 Disgraceful family doyenne in residence (8)
- 22 Comparatively generous Rector surrounded by drink (6)
- 25 Short chap filing hard copy (4)
- 26 Force barrel price up (4)
- 27 Out to lunch? Turn bowl over (4)

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