

# Crossword 16,987 Set by Gaff

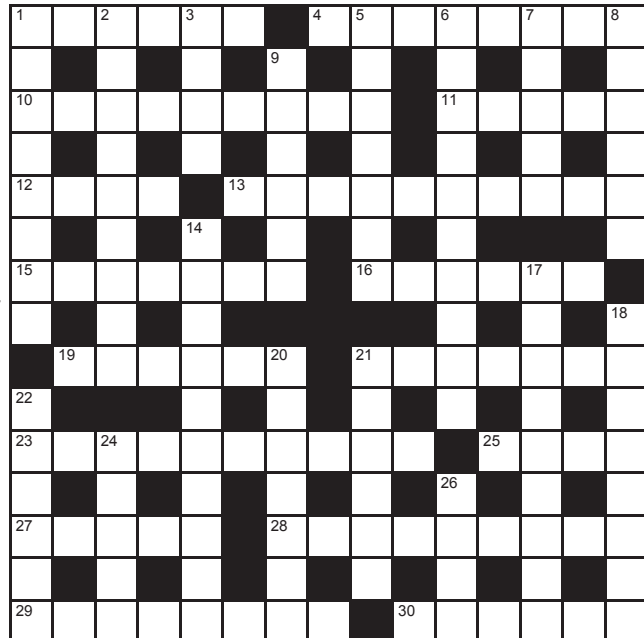
## An anniversary puzzle

### ACROSS

- 1 Everything in plant is sickly (6)
- 4 Moon's typical list of contents (8)
- 10 Spark, for example, was hot, as user ordered (9)
- 11 Con artist oddly found outside (5)
- 12 Rail disasters affirm dishonesty of leaders (4)
- 13 Kind of live appliance returned fast time (10)
- 15 Loses heart if not dark (7)
- 16 Philosopher from the east with hot spice (6)
- 19 Held by novel crochet fastening (6)
- 21 Leaves woman's luggage at finishing line (7)
- 23 Ruins rather date pyramids (10)
- 25 Part with cap taken in protest (4)
- 27 Inexperienced solver no good to start with (5)
- 28 "Go away from Reaganomics" ordered citizens (9)
- 29 Force squash to flower (8)
- 30 She has room in vest at either end (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Romantic-feeling song (8)
- 2 Invitation to trip that's select and varied (4,5)
- 3 Instrument geobotanist turned up (4)
- 5 Growth of sailors' tax (7)
- 6 Sailormen cavorting with female being other-worldly (4,2,4)
- 7 Bar room (5)
- 8 Old German song missing the start creates curiosity (6)
- 9 Resistance holds bridgehead in winds (6)
- 14 All spirits left out after spiritual leader's transformations (3,7)
- 17 Well connected rock group? (5,4)
- 18 Letter about first animal stimulus (8)
- 20 Frank gets strain outside (4-3)
- 21 Leads injured horse across finishing line (6)
- 22 Defer settling for a football team's modest ambition (4,2)
- 24 Suspension structure with pieces of rust removed (5)
- 26 Heard dog's greeting (4)



Solution 16,986



Christmas crossword

