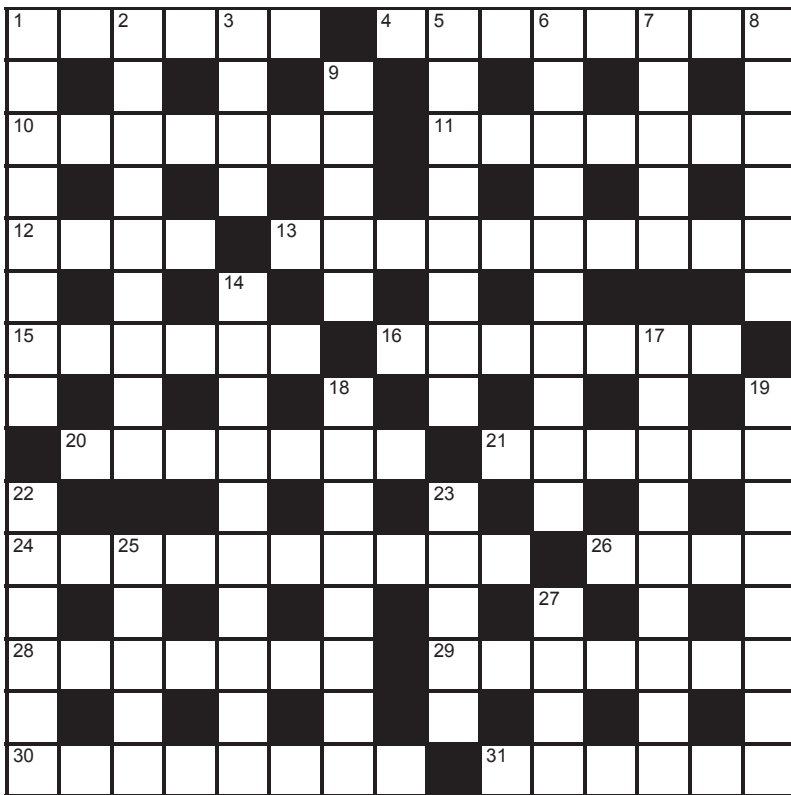


CROSSWORD

No 17,095 Set by ALBERICH



ACROSS

- 1 Married woman shows animosity (6)
- 4 One's held back by a stout grating (8)
- 10 Out of gas, grateful for a quantity of it (7)
- 11 Weapon caused injury to young woman (7)
- 12 One in bar may have one for it? (4)
- 13 Woman who suffered capital loss in Lebanon, beaten by fluctuating yen (4,6)
- 15 Start as home counties solicitor (3,3)
- 16 Officer without company is beset by depression (7)
- 20 Runs into shy university teacher in London borough (7)
- 21 Supply outstanding artwork (6)
- 24 Generous Alberich awkwardly accepts thanks (10)
- 26 French bread? (4)
- 28 Sick joke finally gets girl banned (7)
- 29 Southern climate's not hot – so wear this? (7)
- 30 Old lady faces adversity, ignoring the odds – most impressive (8)
- 31 Cheese's said to give one wind (6)

DOWN

- 1 Ordered risotto after introduction to Minnie Driver (8)
- 2 City thrashed Real, having engaged new players (9)
- 3 Caught university fellows with blow (4)
- 5 He will have education to a degree (8)
- 6 Scientist whose study involves moon, star and heart of asteroid? (10)
- 7 I am taking a long time to create public persona (5)
- 8 Religious ascetic from German city beginning to evangelise (6)
- 9 Frank's lacking a point (5)
- 14 Improvised explanation of unfair trial? (4-6)
- 17 Content of letter must follow quite ridiculous protocol (9)
- 18 Company moves fast across lake in rowing boats (8)
- 19 Naturally I must escape from ferocious bats (2,6)
- 22 Timeless longing to find old Chinese text (1,5)
- 23 Rich, even when penniless? (5)
- 25 Somewhat irrational loathing for Scottish town (5)
- 27 A drop in rent (4)

NEIL SHEPHERD, crossword compiler Alberich in the FT and Klingsor in the Independent, died after a short illness in April. He was 59.

He moved from the UK to live in Prague in 2010 and in the past few years had developed a very comprehensive website *Alberichcrosswords*, which published crosswords by aspirant setters and gave a wide range of advice on everything to do with the cryptic crossword, as well as mentioning his second passion, the music of Richard Wagner. Many compilers have paid tribute to the help he provided.

Alberich's first FT puzzle appeared in 2008 and we reprint here his second from October that year.