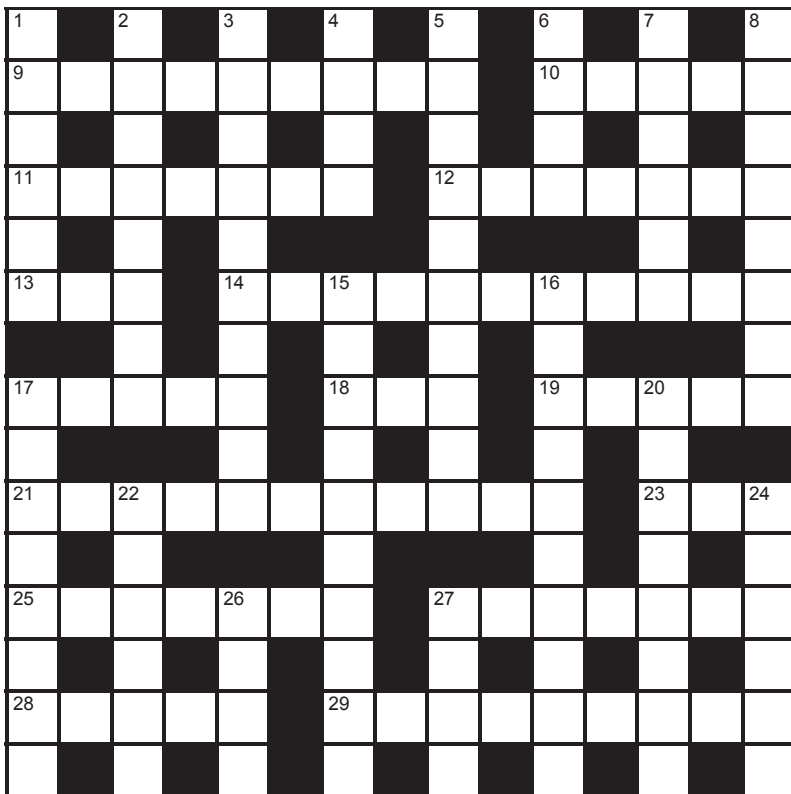


# CROSSWORD

No 17,149 Set by SLEUTH



## ACROSS

- 9 Lofty group of nuns has difficult assignment (4,5)
- 10 Man ironically greeted when touring area with a tropical fruit (5)
- 11 Chap carrying voguish quartet from Rome in people carrier (7)
- 12 Apparent area of religious significance with noted dynasty (7)
- 13 Pioneering female is drawn for the most part (3)
- 14 Top film star gained ally at work after embracing director (7,4)
- 17 On a regular basis, Roman's first location for finding water (5)
- 18 Sound mildly disapproving of bend in motorcycle event (3)
- 19 Old story about very limited Greek product (5)
- 21 US actress ruined the mood largely? That's uncomfortably true (5,2,4)
- 23 Select for audience film (3)
- 25 Lead place for retreat in recently formed company (5-2)
- 27 Old king's one objection to fish (7)
- 28 Feature in a church newspaper (5)
- 29 Rock band most hear mistakenly around middle of gig (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Obstruct major route in Sweden yet to be built (6)
- 2 Fighter shunning society is defamatory about battle site (8)
- 3 Recover chapter introducing novels ace composed (10)
- 4 Some sedentary ex-PM (4)
- 5 Cook top citrous food from a deli? (10)
- 6 American hotel visitors not half getting fever (4)
- 7 Impression from a malleable element in Pennsylvania (6)
- 8 Excitedly log a grey medieval church ornament (8)
- 15 Legal case supported by place with a new strategy (6,4)
- 16 See golf shot played with tee at end flying off? Indication of fear, maybe (10)
- 17 Event in grounds (8)
- 20 Where one might find boozing with large drinks accompaniment virtually open to view? (2,6)
- 22 One's first line of goods has something with zest? (6)
- 24 Hear Yankee describing a memorable song? (6)
- 26 Fail abysmally in military vehicle (4)
- 27 Wound the feelings of English actor (4)

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