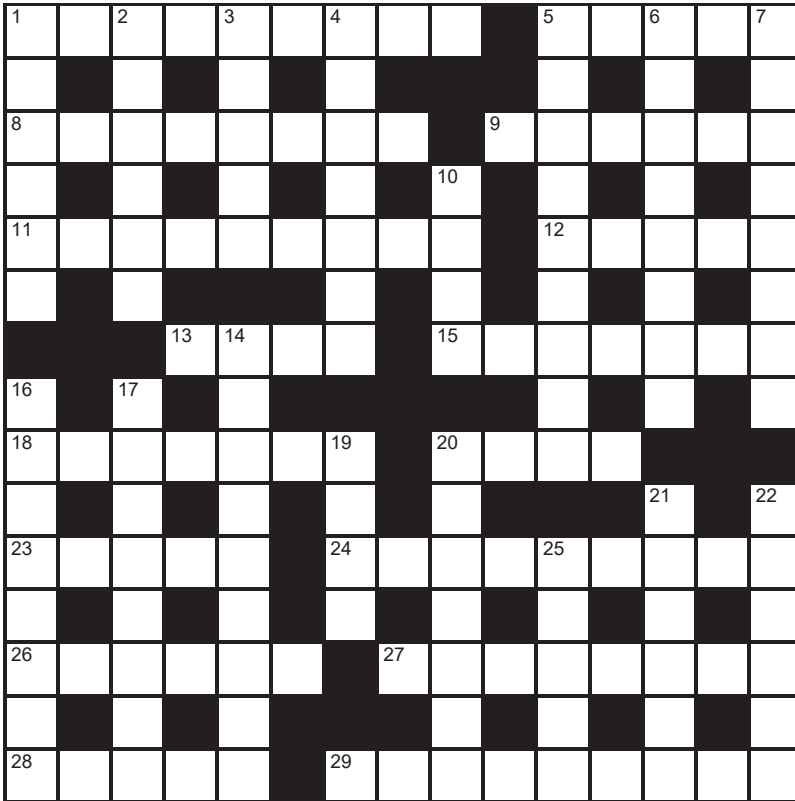


CROSSWORD

No 17,209 Set by GAFF



An anniversary puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Straw exchanged during day following transatlantic trades (9)
 5 Should start to listen to unscrupulous lender (5)
 8 Tragically misreads guns (4,4)
 9 Come close to heading off weak resolution (6)
 11 Finally publishes file describing Conservative plot (9)
 12 Listen to correct record (5)
 13 Murdoch could be a bit of a looker (4)
 15 Call following spot of infiltration (7)
 18 Drunk working inside with darkness coming (7)
 20 Flat-earthers value enthusiastic new starters (4)
 23 Girl brought back in air-ambulance (5)
 24 Mix a bit of pilau rice with hint of kidneys (9)
 26 Pants from touch in osculation (6)
 27 The writing's on the wall for vandals (8)
 28 Upset at setting part of play in field (5)
 29 Composer has problem with fringe benefits but not detailed effigy (9)
- ### DOWN
- 1 Most sage stew is cooked (6)
 2 Include in request for help for losers (6)
 3 Tired don starts yawning (5)
 4 Body of marines in formation (7)
 5 A place to cry man occupies in pain (9)
 6 Idle fellow admitted following a statesman (8)
 7 No trace of pepper in Greek deep-fried dish (8)
 10 Streams old film in Japanese, subtitled initially (4)
 14 Fix part involving degree of bother (9)
 16 Tolerates organs (8)
 17 Stimulate terrible singer in mid-week (8)
 19 Award for direction of *Titanic* (4)
 20 Penguin salesman in capital retired (7)
 21, 22 Club suit is not working as a tactic (6,6)
 25 Plays loudly in orgies regularly (5)

JOTTER PAD

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