

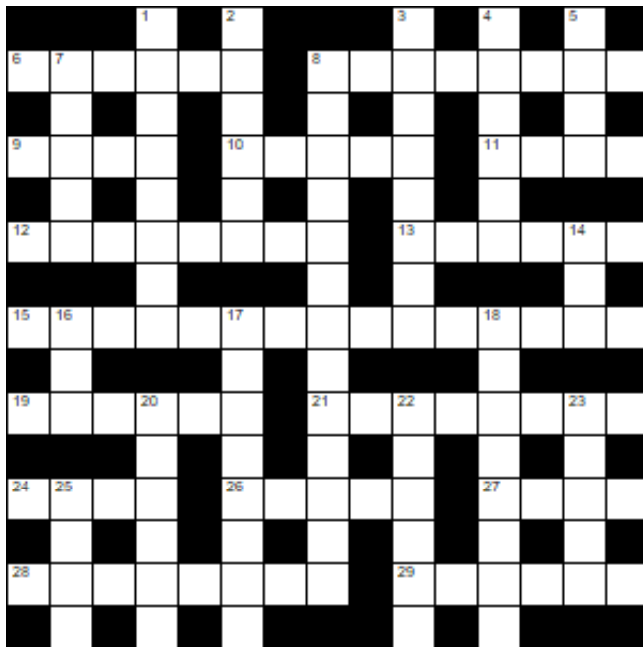
A tribute to Colin Inman as he brings down the curtain on 42 years as FT crossword editor

ACROSS

- 6** Composer of Harlem Shuffle? (6)
8 Model tracks revolutionary experiment covering precipitation (5,3)
9 Push son to leave south coast resort (4)
10 Heading into the wind, be still at sea grappling with Eliot? (3,2)
11 Cycle bell? (4)
12 1st of January: new year, new extremely effete boring Bildungsroman (4,4)
13 Friedrich visiting Gelsenkirchen twice? (6)
15 Tetchy argument about Diderot upset my boss (9,6)
19 Ellen, touring India in retirement, the recipient of a long-distance trunk call (6)
21 E Sussex market town had manufactured sausage casing (8)
24 Staunch bit of glass (4)
26 Plod generally hosts masonic events here (5)
27 Robotic-sounding assistant sent back flower (4)
28 Errand boy to struggle with internet site visit (4,4)
29 Introduction to Lorna Doone sadly goes over my head! (6)

DOWN

- 1** 15 can't be left like this completely in the dark (8)
2 Start to organise demo as way to deliver speech (6)
3 Home ale brewed around Belgium which has been popular since 1896 (2,6)
4 As Danny La Rue appeared following daring transformation? (2,4)
5 Gas firm cancelled by right wing American (4)
7 Greek market: gold stuck in a range (5)
8 Hanna tipsy when getting stuck in to Veuve Clicquot? (3,5,5)
14 Sign Solskjaer putting nought on the end? (3)
16 Regret killing grouse every now and again? (3)
17 Caprice featuring lively reel - a part created by Wagner in Germany? (5,3)
18 One sister, one child, together (2,6)
20 Stupid PM tangling with EU, occasionally blunt about it (6)
22 Governess expected to bring up Ann (3)
23 What's squeezed out of pipes Sherlock emptied in real life? (5)
25 Asian/Indian set meal to take away: one pound (4)



Solution 17,336

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