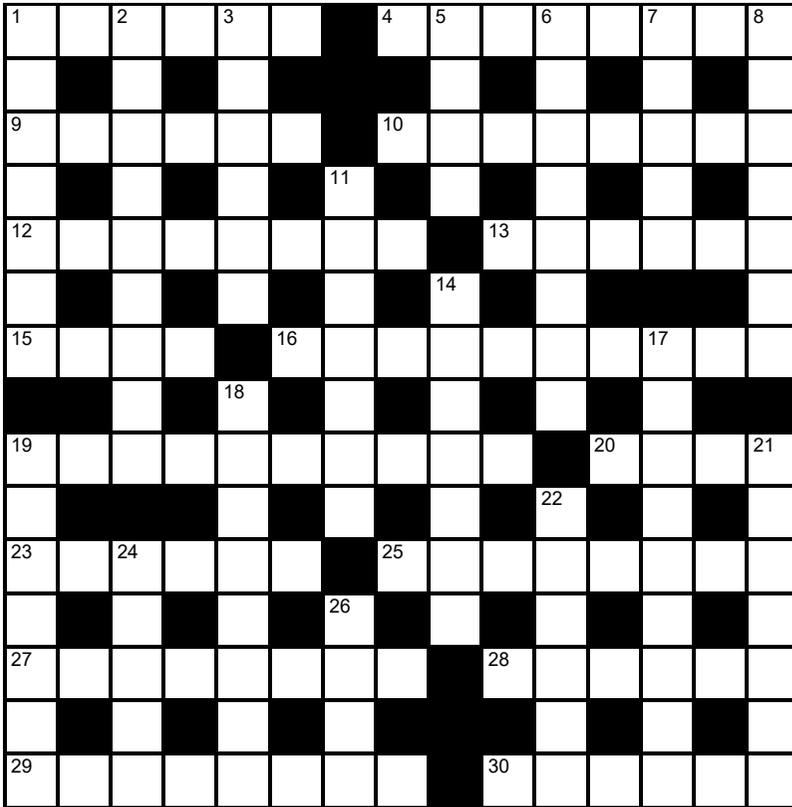


CROSSWORD

No 17,444 Set by STEERPIKE



ACROSS

- 1 Disreputable behaviour of son taking Ecstasy in lounge (6)
- 4 Bet on Germanic invader constituting Spooner's symbol of oppression (8)
- 9 A verse about Portugal being mountainous (6)
- 10 Member of lodge accepting point about huge beast (8)
- 12 Unusual things artist essentially did to disrupt ceremonies (8)
- 13 Gather swimmer regularly avoided inlet by river (6)
- 15 Make slow progress with design (4)
- 16 Came across a child raving about old orderly (10)
- 19 'Brexit not working' claims article? Outrageous! (10)
- 20 Experience slice of life elsewhere (4)
- 23 Joins backing group after college (6)
- 25 Associate beauty with endless sorrow inside (2-6)
- 27 Lines in offensive talk exposed English whistleblower (8)
- 28 Depravity engulfs outskirts of European city (6)
- 29 Special-needs lesson before test about deserts (8)
- 30 Irishman given heroin in Mayo discovered in torpor (6)

DOWN

- 1 Bird box controversy (7)
- 2 Poets are excitedly embracing new language (9)
- 3 Zombie eviscerated ass on top of Highland peak (6)
- 5 Father of man prosecutor detained in early hours (4)
- 6 Mad at UK about maintaining northern capital's traditional spelling (8)
- 7 Past study supports pinko liberal's conclusions (5)
- 8 Nurse starts to rebuke intern lacking in fibre (7)
- 11 Setter, not me unfortunately, gets trophy (7)
- 14 Nothing to sustain hard worker in Sunak's vision (7)
- 17 One gets ticked off hearing European cant (9)
- 18 Argued against judge splitting award with court journalist (8)
- 19 Torquemada foolishly ignoring crackpot's parting line (7)
- 21 Crime of Catholic cardinal overlooked by the French State (7)
- 22 Bishop on record defending university study (4,2)
- 24 Religion primarily surviving in backward country (5)
- 26 Twisted little man put on a jumper (4)

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