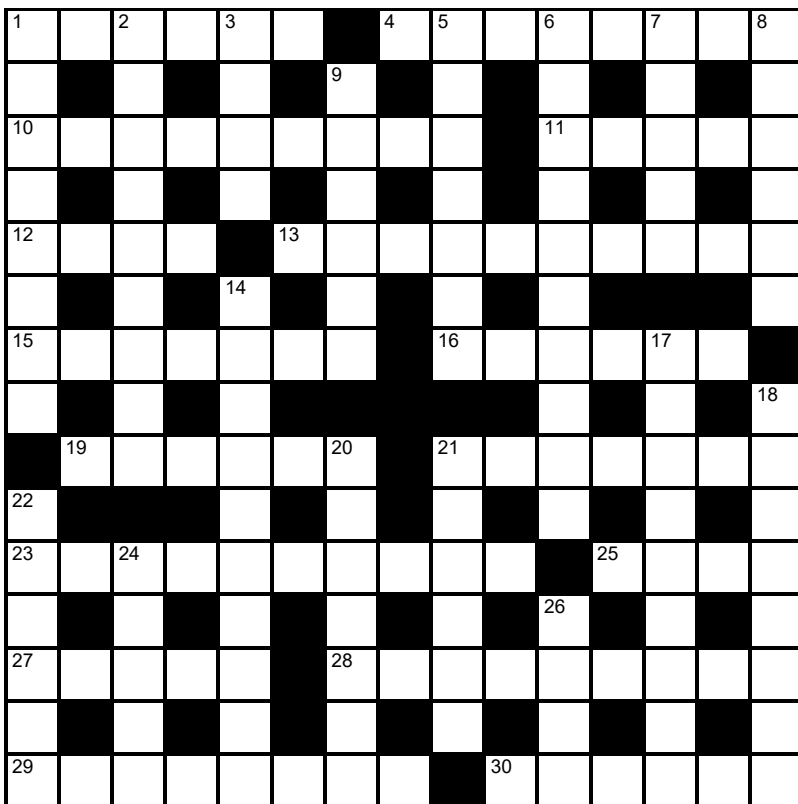


# CROSSWORD No 17,752 by MOO



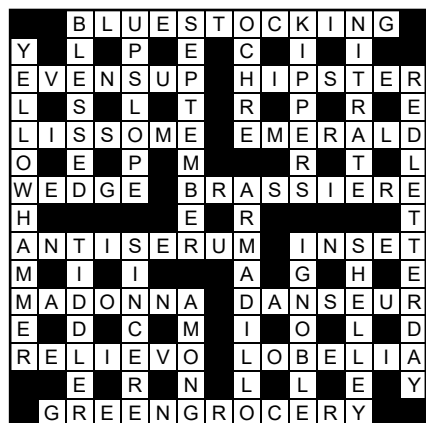
## ACROSS

- 1 Hold up bottle of bubbly taken from case (6)
- 4 Covering for a Pole? (3,5)
- 10 Reason I earn a lot abroad (9)
- 11 Weight of cargo uncertain (5)
- 12 Auntie running to and fro (4)
- 13 Arranged in secret (10)
- 15 Drunken girl making a weapon (7)
- 16 Sportsman with mullet maybe left in annoyance (6)
- 19 Socialist investors bringing in new leader (6)
- 21 Dictator's confidence secured (7)
- 23 Altar boy slyly locking men in science room (10)
- 25 Soppo message left unfinished (4)
- 27 Talk foolishly of father promoting Republican (5)
- 28 Haunting end of homicide case (9)
- 29 Rogue parliamentarian obstructing Sunak endlessly (8)
- 30 Speculate about whistle-blower being lonely (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Book a tough defender (8)
- 2 Engineer home at ten, worn out (4-5)
- 3 School board getting rid of head (4)
- 5 President's daughter getting the blues? (7)
- 6 Obvious evidence new king's no mug (7,3)
- 7 News in Brussels beginning to indicate malaise (5)
- 8 In conclusion strive to entertain (6)
- 9 Singer putting everything in bag upside down (6)
- 14 Become a priest, as underling must? (4,6)
- 17 Old Welsh rite revived (9)
- 18 Supporter of woman held in Arab port terrified at first (8)
- 20 Defiant cry from drunkard at this point (2,5)
- 21 Fish mostly too dry when served up (6)
- 22 A mistake making beer in this way? (4-2)
- 24 Prime minister embodying British retreat (5)
- 26 No escape for you now, amigo (4)

Solution 17,750



## JOTTER PAD



Scan the QR code to access FT crosswords over the last 30 days — cryptic, Polymath, Weekend and Sunday puzzles — or go to [ft.com/crosswordapp](https://ft.com/crosswordapp)