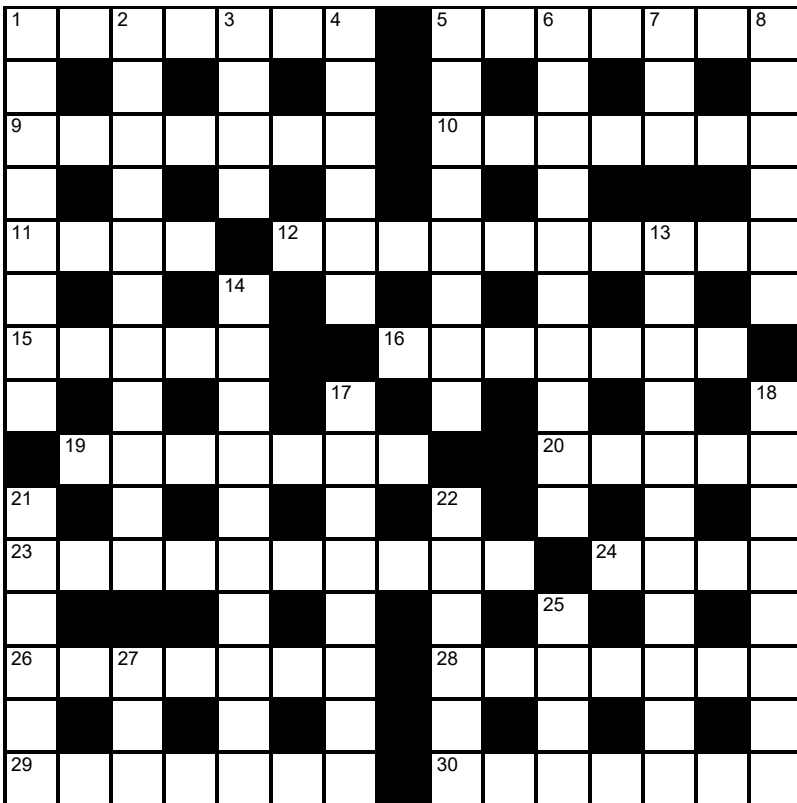


# CROSSWORD No 17,773 by GAFF



## A festive puzzle

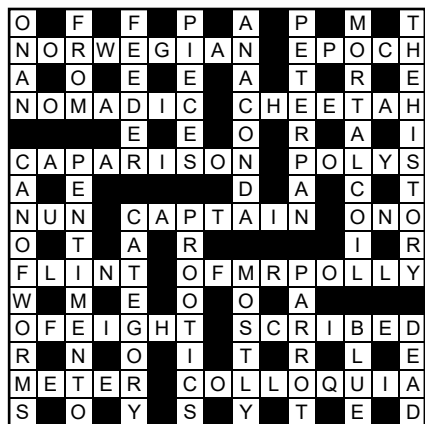
### ACROSS

- 1 Stories support conclusions (7)
- 5 Criminal selling monument (7)
- 9 Repairing hospital damaged in gale (7)
- 10 Give second opinion concerning disciple around midnight (7)
- 11 A little bit of character (4)
- 12 Leading on bill for roof insulation (10)
- 15 Brief sampling of retro coin machine (5)
- 16 Roman general with a hold on his father (7)
- 19 What will be risky contracts (7)
- 20 Inexperienced politician (5)
- 23 Supporter of aspiration for department to follow animal unknown by man (6,4)
- 24 Starts to bring examiners to a test (4)
- 26 Where patrons pay to see flats? (7)
- 28 Expected to be astonished about small island (7)
- 29 Today, were we out-manoeuvered a long time ago? (4,3)
- 30 Revolutionary leaves Rome revealing guilty conscience (7)

### DOWN

- 1 So-called tea cake owned up to being pretentious (3-2-3)
- 2 Place underground beneath cut-glass weight in abbey (11)
- 3 Could be filed under clout (4)
- 4 Impression of a number of soldiers in retreat (6)
- 5 Level a gibe at Prime Minister, for example (8)
- 6 With terribly jingoistic cheers, itches to be left out of celebrations (10)
- 7 Regularly misused benchmark of clarity (3)
- 8 Dead rose for middle-aged to clean bed (6)
- 13 One who executes simple men terribly protected (11)
- 14 Demo CD tune was off, so made a record (10)
- 17 He left The Beatles after playing with restraint (4,4)
- 18 Remove seat without back, suddenly a problem (8)
- 21 Valuable plant with hairy edges (6)
- 22 Top amusements are immoral (6)
- 25 Producer of fresh asparagus tips with cases of rheumatism (4)
- 27 When one may arrive with letter (3)

Solution 17,772



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