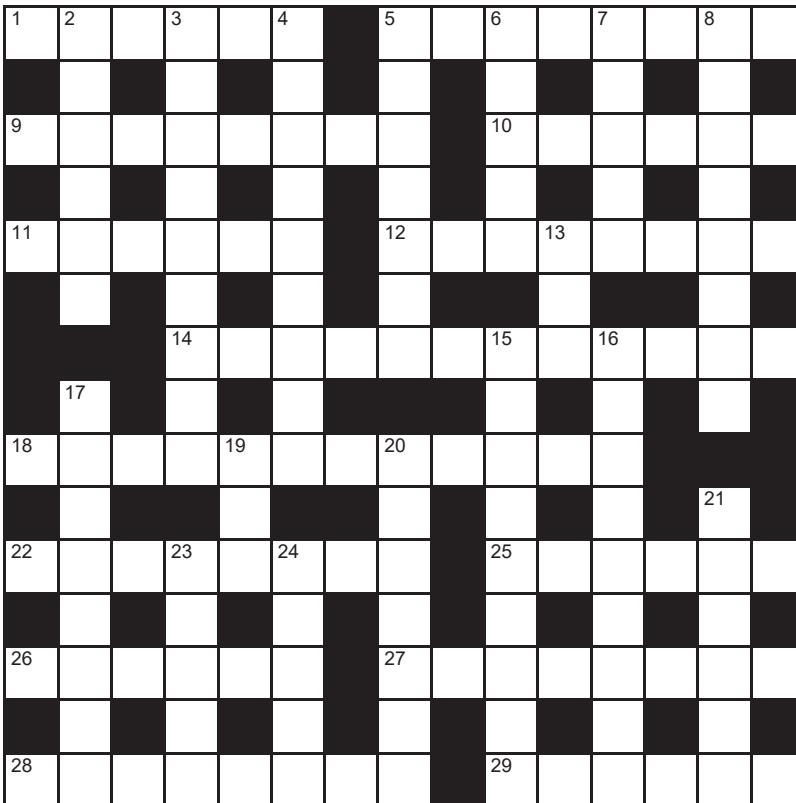


# CROSSWORD No 17,774 by STEERPIKE



Solution 17,773



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## ACROSS

- 1 Crossing lake, South African puts on old jacket (6)
- 5 Clarifies report of unknown number of aircraft (8)
- 9 Biden struggling with a US objective (8)
- 10 Steerpike put back into extremely strenuous exercises (3-3)
- 11 Three articles; one about Olympian (6)
- 12 Indifferent partner receives poem with lover's final letter (8)
- 14 Artistic movement stirred up Islamic rage on Malta (5,7)
- 18 Met concludes detective's frustrated (12)
- 22 State policeman almost revived corpse discovered in city (8)
- 25 Measurements scout is taking in Thailand (6)
- 26 Teacher heard about American entertainment venue (6)
- 27 Shame engulfs ancient city after CIA exposed mass corruption (8)
- 28 It announces visitors from Spooner's brothel in Paris (8)
- 29 Shrink taken aback by heroine's selflessness (6)

## DOWN

- 2 Decorative, gold point on a timepiece's casing (6)
- 3 Hide records containing outrageously dire note (9)
- 4 Some buffoons laugh tacitly? That's offensive! (9)
- 5 On vacation, European medic treated native (7)
- 6 Prop's head regularly placed in unnatural position (5)
- 7 Revise liturgical text having deleted appendix (5)
- 8 Frank upset Timothy, claiming son gets preferential treatment? (8)
- 13 Central characters in novella celebrating gay epoch (3)
- 15 Apple is corrupt holding company controlled by bishops (9)
- 16 Woman attempts to install top of range bugs (9)
- 17 Repeated greeting, introducing heartless Greek character to emperor (8)
- 19 Objective point (3)
- 20 Dog that is left under bridge (7)
- 21 Make declaration about upper-class figure (6)
- 23 Small 21 starts to overtake speeding vehicle (5)
- 24 Pour oil over end of object stuck in bottom (5)

## JOTTER PAD